

KAS Online Seminars on Central Europe

## Invitation

# Two Sides of the same Coin? Tensions in European Identity

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**16. September / 23. September /  
30. September 2021**

**Online Seminars**



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## **Two Sides of the Same Coin?**

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What does it even mean to be European? To identify as and feel like a European? Many young people and university students, who grew up only knowing the European Union, would answer this questions differently than older generations. That is why we would like to invite young people from all over Central Europe to discuss those important topics with us.

The construct of european identity is neither written down nor set in stone. It also includes cleavages and lines of conflict. Many countries have joined the european community since the signing of the Maastricht treaty 30 years ago. The union did benefit from this diversity, but it also opened up room for potential sources of conflict.

Polarizing viewpoints on the immigration issue for example have distressed the relations between eastern and western member states of the EU. The heated debate on economic issues between the south and the north have also shaped the european discourse since the debt crisis. And lastly, there is a dissent between central and smaller countries regarding the question of further european integration. We would like to discuss those urgent topics joined as european neighbors. Most importantly, we would like to learn about the perspectives of young people all from Central Europe on this matters.

The discussion panels are a preparatory event for the KAS Summer School, which will take place in Dresden (September 2022). All attendees will be invited!

Best regards,

Dr. Joachim Klose,  
Head of the KAS regional office for Saxony

## Content

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Thursday,  
16/09/21 **North versus South - The economic issue and how to overcome it**

5.30 p.m. **Keynote**

Sebastian Płóciennik  
*Economist & Head of the Weimar Triangle Programme*

Lucio Baccaro  
*Director of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies*

6.15 p.m. **Group Discussion**

7.00 p.m. **End**

Thursday,  
23/09/21 **East versus West - The immigration issue and how to overcome it**

5.30 p.m. **Keynote**

Gerald Knaus  
*Co-Founder of the European Stability Initiative (ESI)*

Zoltán Kiszelly  
*Political Scientist at Századvég Political School*

6.00 p.m. **Group Discussion**

7.00 p.m. **End**

Thursday,  
30/09/21 **Centre versus Periphery - The issue of further integration and how to overcome it**

5.30 p.m. **Keynote**

Ján Figel'  
*Former European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport*

Jérôme Quéré  
*General Delegate, Mouvement Européen France*

6.15 p.m. **Group Discussion**

7.00 p.m. **End**

## Place of Event

Online seminars using Zoom

## Organization

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## Concept

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## Application

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