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Conferences of the Polish Economic Society

"Social Market Economy" Conference Series

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For more than three decades, the "Social Market Economy" seminar and conference series has provided an important forum for academic reflection on this distinctive model of economic governance, including its historical development, contemporary relevance, and practical application in Poland and Europe.

The concept of the social market economy (SME), deeply rooted in the tradition of German ordoliberalism, is based on combining market mechanisms with the principle of social responsibility on the part of the state and citizens. Its objective is to reconcile economic efficiency with social justice. The model has strong institutional and legal foundations at both the national and European levels. In Poland, the social market economy is enshrined in Article 20 of the Constitution of the Republic of Poland as the basis of the country's socio-economic system. At the European Union level, it was formally recognized as one of the objectives of EU economic and social policy in the Treaty of Lisbon, which entered into force in 2009.

The conferences and seminars organized within this series provide a platform for in-depth academic, expert, and civic debate, bringing together representatives of academia, public institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and the business community. They facilitate the exchange of views on contemporary socio-economic challenges and encourage reflection



on the role of the social market economy in shaping responsible and sustainable public policy grounded in humanistic, democratic, and solidarity-based values.

In the context of global crises, growing inequalities, and digital transformation, the social market economy remains relevant as a framework capable of addressing the challenges of the 21st century by combining economic development with social inclusion, stability, and sustainability.

The academic seminars and conferences in the "Social Market Economy" series are organized by the Polish Economic Society in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Office in Poland and Krakow University of Economics. The meetings serve as a major venue for discussion of the contemporary relevance of the social market economy in the Polish and European contexts.

For more information, see: https://pte.pl/wydarzenia/seminaria--naukowe-sgr.

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"Evolution of Economic Sciences" Conference Series

ENE III Ogólnopolska Konferencja pt. „Ewolucja nauk ekonomicznych"

The "Evolution of Economic Sciences" (Ewolucja Nauk Ekonomicznych, ENE) conference series provides a platform for systematic reflection on the development, methodological foundations, and future directions of the economic sciences. The series brings together representatives of different fields and disciplines within the economic sciences, as well as researchers working at the intersection of economics and other academic disciplines.

The series was initiated in 2018 with the conference "Evolution of Economic Sciences: Unity and Diversity, Relations with Other Sciences, Classification Issues" (ENE I), held in Warsaw at the Staszic Palace. The conference explored fundamental questions concerning the identity and internal diversity of the economic sciences, their relationships with other disciplines, and the classification of academic fields. Representatives of six committees of the Polish Academy of Sciences participated, covering economics, finance, organization and management, statistics and econometrics, demography, and labor and social policy. The conference resulted in an edited volume published by the Polish Academy of Sciences in 2019.

The second edition, ENE II, "Evolution of Economic Sciences: Economics and the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Need for Current Adjustments or a Paradigm Shift?", was held in Warsaw on November 22, 2022. The conference addressed the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for economic research, including potential modifications or revisions of established paradigms, analytical approaches, and research methods. The papers presented at the conference were subsequently published in a jointly authored monograph by the Polish Economic Society in 2023.

The third edition, ENE III, entitled "Economic Sciences in Times of Civilizational Transformation: Positive, Normative and Prognostic Dimensions," is scheduled for November 18, 2026. The conference focuses on the implications of profound civilizational transformations for the development of the economic sciences, with particular attention to three complementary dimensions: positive analysis, concerned with the explanation and interpretation of economic phenomena; normative analysis, involving values, objectives, and policy choices; and prognostic analysis, focused on the anticipation of future economic and socio-economic developments.

The ENE III conference is organized by the Polish Economic Society (PTE), the Institute of Economic Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences (INE PAN), and the Committee of Economic Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences (KNE PAN). The co-organizing institutions include the Committee of Financial Sciences, the Committee of Organization and Management Sciences, the Committee of Statistics and Econometrics, the Committee of Demographic Sciences, the Committee of Labor and Social Policy, and the "Poland 2000 Plus" Forecasting Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

The successive editions of the ENE series demonstrate the continuing need for interdisciplinary and critical reflection on the evolution of the economic sciences in response to major structural changes and crises. The series also provides an opportunity to examine whether contemporary challenges require adjustments within established analytical frameworks or more fundamental changes in economic paradigms and research practices.

For more information, see: https://www.pte.pl/wydarzenia/konferencje-pteh.

Conference “Policy mix for a turbulent time”

On October 6, 2022, a conference titled “Policy mix for a turbulent time” was held, co-organized by the Polish Economic Society and the Polish Economic Institute. The event was also made possible through cooperation with national economic associations from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Hungary. Beyond its academic significance, the event marked a major step toward strengthening the Polish Economic Society’s cooperation with its international partners.

For more information, see: https://pte.pl/aktualnosci/posty/miedzynarodowa-konferencja-naukowa-policy-mix-for-a-turbulent-time.

