



## The Academic Forum of the New University: The Conference on the Future of Europe: Prospects, Ambitions and Pitfalls

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the New University,

Wednesday, 17 March 2021, at 16:30 (CET)

Zoom application

you are cordially invited to the Academic Forum of the New University dedicated to "**The Conference on the Future of Europe: Prospects, Ambitions and Pitfalls**". The Forum will be organised within the framework of the research project "Integral Theory of the Future of the European Union", which is supported by the Slovenian Research Agency.

The long awaited Conference on the Future of Europe is scheduled to be formally launched on 9 May, 2021, in Strasbourg. This will mark a culmination of national and supranational ambitions to provide a new political, perhaps even a constitutional, impetus for the development of the EU in the future. But while certain political, as well as academic, ambitions might be high, the political reality could be much more constraining. What are then the prospects for the future of EU potentially resulting out of the announced Conference? Will the latter help the Union to make another historical step forward or are we to remain stuck in the status quo of political incrementalism, moving from one crisis into another as they tend to continuously emerge?

It is to these questions of prospects, ambitions and pitfalls of the Conference on the Future of Europe that the answers will be sought by a panel of distinguished speakers:

- prof. Elaine Fahey, City, University of London,
- **prof. Federico Fabbrini,** Dublin City University,
- **prof. Tomasz Koncewicz,** University of Gdansk.

The event, <u>chaired by prof. Matej Avbelj</u>, will be held in English and will take place on Wednesday, 17 March 2021, at 16:30 (CET) via Zoom application.

We kindly ask you to confirm your attendance no later than Tuesday, **16 March 2021** at e-mail address: **pr@nova-uni.si.** 

On the day of the event you will receive a link to a Zoom meeting.

Yours sincerely,

prof. dr. Matej Avbelj rector of New University

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