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## **European Academic Forum of the Jean Monnet Chair**

### **»Pluralism, Contestation and National Elections in the EU: The Case of Poland«**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

you are cordially invited to the 17th European Academic Forum organised by the Jean Monnet Chair of the New University, dedicated to Pluralism, Contestation and National Elections in the EU - the Case of Poland.

Thursday, 19 October 2023

15:00 – 16:30 (CET)

Zoom

On 15 of October the people of Poland are invited to participate in the general parliamentary election to elect the Sejm and the Senate. In the eyes of many, this time around the election is decisive as it will either cement the existing ruling coalition led by PiS or importantly reverse the country's political direction under the guidance of the present opposition. The outcome of the Polish election is, however, going to be important not only for Poland and its people, but it will inevitably reverberate all around the EU. For many years now, Poland has been, along Hungary, heavily criticized as a member state which has engaged in violations of the basic precepts of the rule of law and democracy. The outcome of the election therefore might also determine the quality of the overall standards of constitutional democracy in the EU for the years to come.

Against this backdrop, this European Academic Forum will discuss the following issues: What is at the heart of the political dispute in Poland?; How bad is the rule of law and democracy crisis in Poland?; What does this election result hold for Poland's and EU's future?

We will be joined by four distinguished speakers:

**Prof. Adam Bodnar, former Ombudsman and candidate in the Senate election (TBC)**

**Prof. Adam Czarnota, Rector, Riga Graduate School of Law**

**Prof. Anna Śledzińska-Simon, University of Wrocław**

**Prof. Anna Wojciuk, University of Warsaw**

Please confirm your attendance at the forum no later than October 16,2023: [HERE](#).

With best wishes,  
prof. dr. Matej Avbelj  
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