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European Academic Forum of the Jean Monnet Chair

“Is East Central Europe especially predisposed towards illiberalism?”

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Tuesday, 17 September 2024

12:00–13:30 (CET)

Mestni trg 23, Ljubljana

you are cordially invited to the **27th European Academic Forum** organised by the Jean Monnet Chair of the New University, dedicated to

“Is East Central Europe especially predisposed towards illiberalism?”

Matej Avbelj will host two prominent speakers:

Ivan Kalmar, University of Toronto and the author of [White but not Quite: Central Europe's Illiberal Revolt](#).

Leon Marc, Ambassador and the author of [Illiberal Europe: Eastern Europe from the Fall of the Berlin Wall to the War in Ukraine](#).

To effectively discuss the concept of illiberalism, we must consider whether it is truly rooted in Central and Eastern Europe, or if a different perspective is required—one less influenced by the potential biases of the older Western EU member states. This reevaluation will allow us to better understand the challenges faced by CEE countries and, consequently, develop more appropriate theoretical and practical responses to the ongoing crises of democracy and rule of law within the EU.

Please confirm your attendance at the forum no later than September 13, 2024 [HERE](#).

With best wishes,

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