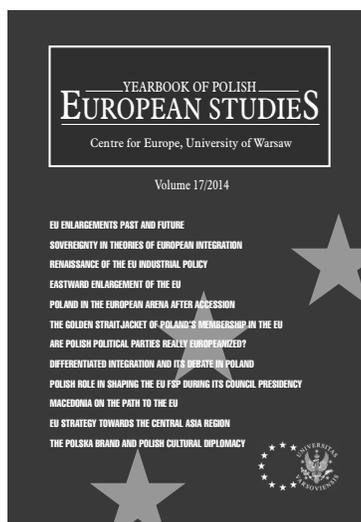


YPES VOLUME 19/2016 CALL FOR PAPERS



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We are looking for contributions devoted to issues surrounding:

THE MIGRATION CRISIS IN THE EU

The declaration of German Chancellor Angela Merkel – taking an open stance on migration and making it clear she viewed assistance to immigrants as a humanitarian obligation – added fuel to the flames of the so-called ‘migration crisis’. Questions and problems concerning how the EU and national governments could and should respond to the flow of hundreds of thousands of migrants, either heading to the EU or already present within its borders, has become a hotbed of division between the EU states in debates in Brussels and beyond.

In a time of multiple crises, the EU approach to migrants has become one of its toughest challenges, and is certain to remain one of the most difficult questions to be dealt with in the future. In its factual dimension the catastrophic and appalling data are widely known from every-day media reports. For example, in 2015 over one million migrants and asylum seekers reached the EU through the Mediterranean route.

More than 3,700 people died or went missing in the same period. At the same time, over 130,000 people have made the crossing since the start of 2016.¹ Over 80 percent of those undertaking the dangerous journey, via either the Aegean Sea to the Greek border or the Mediterranean Sea to Italian frontiers originate from countries such as Syria, Eritrea, Somalia, Afghanistan, and Iraq, where war, attacks on civilians, general violence, and repressive governments make their lives impossible, causing the risky, life-endangering escape route to the EU appear as the only way to survive.

But the challenge goes deeper than just these drastic facts. The thousands of migrants entering the EU and its member states force us to explore a number of organisational, institutional, legal, economic, social, and cultural aspects – both at the level of the European Union as an international organisation and at the level of its member states, who openly disagree on the methods, measures and strategies for resolving the crisis. The amount of issues at stake and the dynamics within these developments, political scenarios, and both internal and external circumstances make it a crucial and timely topic for scholarly examination and academic and practical analyses. The migration crisis raises an extraordinarily wide array of issues, and we aim to explore them in the upcoming volume of our journal.

We are looking, for example, for texts examining:

- How are the EU and the member states affected by the migration crisis in terms of its political, economic, legal and socio-cultural aspects, and are there other aspects relevant to understanding this phenomenon?
- What is the approach to the problem of migration of the individual member states and the EU institutions (i.e. the politicians in the EP, the European Commission, the permanent President of the European Council, the Presidency, and the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy)?
- What transformations are taking place in EU policy, administration and governance in view of the migration crisis?
- What new legal developments are contained in the responses to the situation of migrants in the EU and/or other challenges associated with the migration crisis, e.g. border controls and the very existence of the Schengen area, and anti-terrorist measures?
- What are the challenges for the protection of human rights in the EU context as well as in national constitutional systems?

¹ Regarding data, see e.g. Human Rights Watch, at <https://www.hrw.org/tag/europes-migration-crisis>.

- How have new policies and new directions in national politics (e.g. stricter security rules, closure of borders and fence-building, discrimination practices) been developed, enhanced or accelerated?
- How has the migration crisis been presented in various national media outlets?
- What stances do various political and societal actors (e.g. political parties, social movements, NGOs) take to explain the origins, mechanisms and solutions to the migration crisis?
- Brexit vs. the migration crisis: what is their mutual impact?

In all cases we strongly encourage the contributors to offer comparative analyses and explain the relevant theoretical, conceptual and methodological aspects of their proposed papers.

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