

Next Left Focus Group meeting

Warsaw, Poland

11th – 13th May 2023

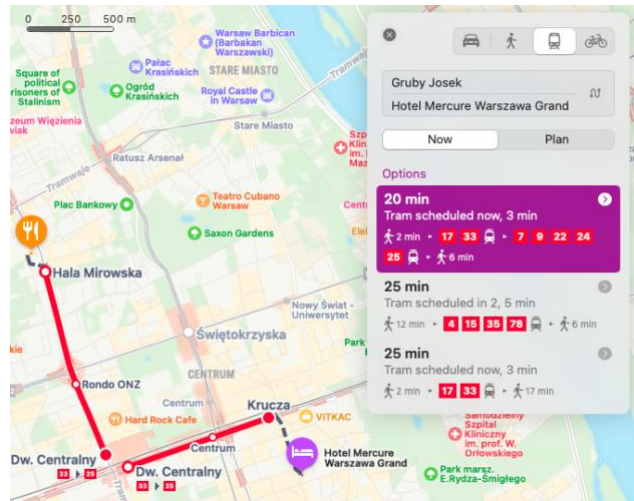
Agenda

Thursday 11th May

@Gruby Josek Restaurant

20h00

Welcome dinner



Friday 12th May

@Mercure Grand Hotel

9h00-9h10

Welcome

Maria Maltschnig, Director, Karl-Renner Institut

Ania Skrzypek, Director for Research and Training, FEPS

Bartosz Machalica, Board Member of Centrum Ignacego Daszyńskiego (CID)

9h10-10h30

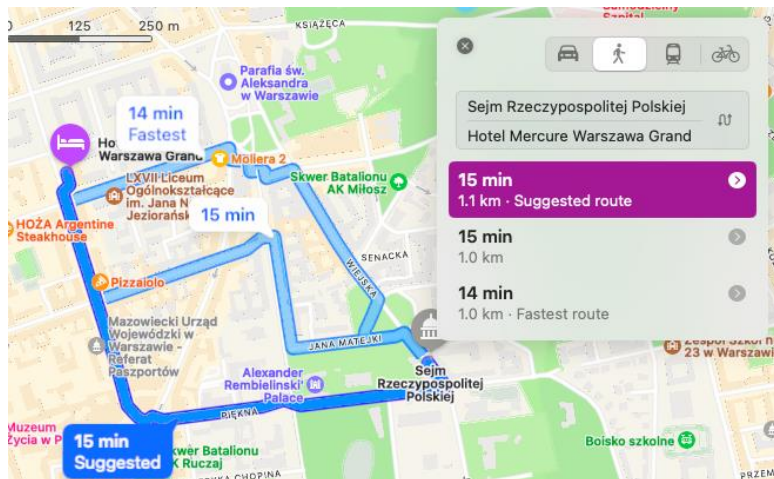
Polls in Poland today

with Marcin Duma, CEO of IBRIS (Institute for Social and Market Research)

10h30-12h30

Focus Group meeting – working session

Lunch will be made available during the working session



@Mercure Grand Hotel

@Sejm

13h00-14h30 Meeting with
Krzysztof Gawkowski, PhD, MP, Chair
of Nowa Lewica Parliamentary Club
and Paulina Piechna-Wieckiewicz,
Chief of Nowa Lewica Parliamentary
Office
Meeting with Karolina Ziolo-Puzuk,
PhD, Deputy Chief of the Senate
Chancellery

15h30-16h00	Coffee break
16h00-17h00	Meeting with Barbara Nowacka, MP, Chair of Inicjatywa Polska
17h00-18h00	Poland, EU and the Rule of Law dispute By Jowanka Jakubek-Lalik, Associate Professor, Law Faculty, University of Warsaw
18h00-19h00	Meeting with Adrian Zandberg, PhD, Leader of Razem Party

A bus will pick up the group from the hotel lobby to go to the restaurant. As this is a collective transport, please be on time

@ "Gastronomja" in Browary

20h00

Dinner

With confirmed participations of MP Andrzej Szejna (PES Vice President, Vice President Nowa Lewica), Sebastian Gajewski (Professor, Judge of Tribunal of State, CID), Bartosz Machalica (CID), MP Maciej Gdula (Co-Chair of the Programmatic Committee, Nowa Lewica), MP Katarzyna Kotula (also PES Women Board member), Paulina Piechna (Vice President Nowa Lewica, Chief of Nowa Lewica Parliamentary Office), Max Brändle (Director, FES Warsaw), Benedicla Lassi (Secretary General of SI).

Saturday 13th May

@Foksal 3/5, Warsaw

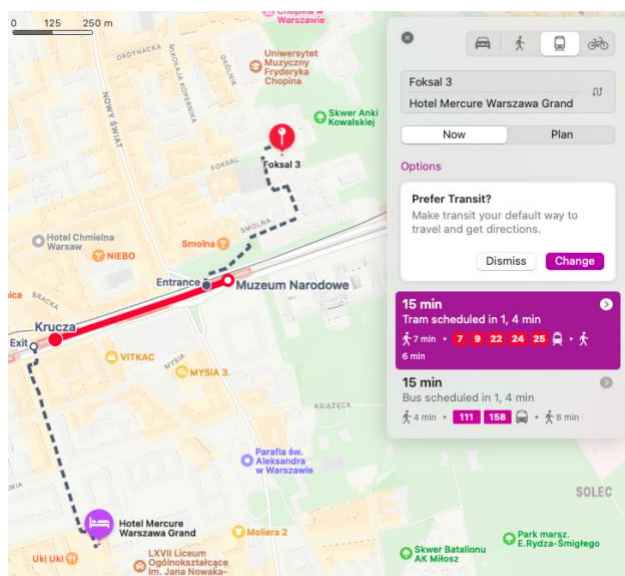
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Registration

10:00

Welcome

Ireneusz Bil, Director of „Amicus Europae” Foundation (and FEPS Scientific Council Member)
Sławomir Wiatr, Inicjator Forum Postępu „Edukacja-Kultura-Polityka”



10.10

Keynote speeches

Aleksander Kwaśniewski, President of Poland (1995-2005) Chair of the Council of „Amicus Europae” Foundation
Maria João Rodrigues, President of FEPS

10:30

The Left ahead of the elections

Robert Biedroń, Co-Chair of Nowa Lewica
Wojciech Konieczny, Chair of the Council of Polish Socialist Party

Waldemar Witkowski, Chair of Unia Pracy
Adrian Zandberg, Co-Chair of Razem

Moderation: Anna Skrzypek, Director of FEPS

11:40 Coffee Break

12:00 (Green) Welfare state

Krzysztof Gawkowski, Chair of the Parliamentary Club, Nowa Lewica

Jadwiga Klata, Ruch Solidarności Klimatycznej

Andreas Schieder, Chair of SPÖ in the EP and of the Next Left Research Programme

Marcelina Zawisza, First Vice President of the Parliamentary Club of Nowa Lewica
Lewica Razem

Moderation: Mikołaj Gumulski, Ruch Solidarności Klimatycznej

Bartosz Rydliński, CID

13:10-13:50 Lunch break

13:50 Discussion Groups

PANEL 1: Economy of doughnut and limit to growth

Maciej Gdula, MP, Nowa Lewica

Daria Gosek-Popiołek, MP, Lewica Razem

Dominika Lasota, Incjatywa „Wschód”

Przemysław Sadura, Krytyka Polityczna

Marcin Wroński, Stowarzyszenie Spójnik

Moderation: Michał Sutowski, Krytyka Polityczna

PANEL 2: Progressive media and their condition in Poland – state of play and future perspectives

Zuzanna Dąbrowska „Rzeczpospolita”

Tadeusz Klementewicz, Warsaw University

Piotr Kuszneruk, Editor „Trybuna”

Paulina Matysiak, MP, Lewica Razem, Stowarzyszenie Spójnik

Moderation: Michał Piękoś, Dziennik „Trybuna”

PANEL 3: Let's talk: women, church and necessary changes in Poland

Anita Kucharska-Dziedzic, MP, Nowa Lewica

Paweł Sękowski, Kuźnica Association
Danuta Waniek, Towarzystwo Kultury Świeckiej
Joanna Wicha, Association Spójnik, Lewica Razem

Moderation: **Wiktoria Aleksandra Barańska**, Association Spójnik

15:00-15:20 Coffee break

15:20 Discussion groups

PANEL 1: The future of the retirements' system in Poland – challenges and proposals for reforms

Sebastian Gajewski, CID
Katarzyna Kotula, MP, Nowa Lewica
Piotr Ostrowski, Chair of OPZZ trade unions
Janina Petelczyc, Main School of Commerce

Moderation: **Sebastian Koćwin**, Vice President of OPZZ

PANEL 2: Progressive foreign policy of the EU and the war in Ukraine

Ireneusz Bil, Fundacja „Amicus Europae”
Agnieszka Bryc, Mikołaj Kopernik University in Torun
Kai-Olaf Lang, Fundacja Nauka i Polityka (SWP)
Marek Rutka, MP, Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Group for rebuilding of Ukraine,
Nowa Lewica

Comment: **Robert Smoleń**, Scientific Foundation of Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski, Res Humana

Moderation: **Barbara Szelewa**, FES Warsaw

PANEL 3: The programmatic choices for social democracy in the tough times (book launch)

Comment: **Andreas Schieder**, Head of the Austrian Delegation, Member of the European Parliament

Patrick Diamond, Queen Mary University

Eunice Goes, Richmond University
Anna Paczeński, Wrocław University

Felix Butzlaff, Economics University Vienna

Moderation: **Maria Maltschnig**, Director, Karl-Renner Institut

16:30 Closing

The translation between Polish and English will be secured for all the debates taking place in the plenary room

Participants

Next Left Focus Group members 2023 cycle

1. **Anna PACZESNIAK**, Professor of Political Science at the *University of Wrocław*
2. **Brian SHAEV**, Lecturer, Institute for History, *Leiden University*
3. **Carlo D'IPPOLITI**, Professor, Department of Statistical Sciences, *Sapienza University*
4. **Dimitris TSAROUHAS**, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, Bilkent University, Adjunct Professor, *George Washington University (excused)*
5. **Elinor ODEBERG**, Chief Economist, *Arena Idé*
6. **Eunice GOES**, Professor of Politics at *Richmond University, The American International University in London*
7. **Felix BUTZLAFF**, Political scientist, post-doc researcher at the Institute for Social Change and Sustainability (IGN) at the *Vienna University of Economics and Business*
8. **Jane GINGRICH**, Professor, Social Policy Department of Social Policy and Intervention, *University of Oxford (excused)*
9. **Juliana CHEURI**, Dr, IDHEAP, University of Lausanne
10. **Kaisa VATANEN**, Head of Policy and Planning, *Social Democratic Party of Finland*
11. **Konstantin VOSSING**, Senior Lecturer, Department of International Politics, *University of London*
12. **Marius OSTROWSKI**, Dr, Research Fellow, European University Institute
13. **Patrick DIAMOND**, Professor of Public Policy, *Queen Mary University of London*
14. **Tomas PETRICEK**, Director, *Progresivní analytické centrum*, Researcher, *Institute of International Relations Prague*

Steering committee & organisers

1. **Andreas SCHIEDER**, Head of Delegation, Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group, Chair of the Next Left Research Program, Austria
2. **Ania SKRZYPEK**, Director for Research and Training, FEPS, Poland/EU
3. **Maria MALTSCHNIG**, Director, Karl-Renner Institut, Austria
4. **Céline GUEDES**, Project Officer, FEPS, Portugal/EU
5. **Gerhard MARCHL**, European Affairs, Karl-Renner Institut, Austria
6. **Elena GIL**, Coordinator for Training, FEPS, Spain

Participants

1. **Benedicta LASI**, Secretary General, Socialist International
2. **Max BRÄNDLE**, Director, FES Warsaw
3. **MP Andrzej SZEJNA**, PES Vice President, Vice President Nowa Lewica
4. **Sebastian GAJEWSKI**, Professor, Judge of Tribunal of State, CID
5. **Bartosz MACHALICA**, CID
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