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Are Honoured to Invite You to an International Scientific Conference

**“Covid-19 in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)- Lessons Learned and Pandemic
Preparedness – Five Years Later”**

Venue: Lublin Conference Centre, Poland

Date: 2-3 October, 2025

Language of the Conference: English

Hybrid conference. The conference will be hybrid that will run fully in-person and fully virtually.

Introduction to the Conference Topic

Legacy of Covid-19: The Covid-19 pandemic had a significant, multidimensional impact, which occurred in different manner in each society. The most important legacy is introduction

of the number of limits to the direct contacts between people in order to limit the spread of virus. The number of other challenging dilemmas has however been open, which are still highly debated by scholars and practitioners, but also in the public. It seems that the consequences of the phenomenon will occur in societies over a longer period of time, and they should be explored and the results should serve as the lesson learned for the next health emergencies.

Pandemic treaty (PT) - towards a global response to the future health emergencies: WHO MS have agreed to a global process to negotiate and draft an agreement under WHO Constitution to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response. Setting out plans for a PT in early 2021, world leaders described it as a legacy to protect next generations. In May 2025, the World Health Assembly formally adopted a historic international pandemic agreement, concluding more than three years of intense negotiations. The PT aims to strengthen global prevention, preparedness, and response (PPR) for future health emergencies. Conference will focus on the national approaches to the PT, deepening the scientific discussion on the issue of global response to the future health emergencies and supporting WHO policies.

The main challenge remains how to deal with a plethora of national approaches both epidemiological, but also legal put in place to protect human rights in the cases of emergency.

Participants of the conference are invited to address two main questions:

- 1) national responses to the consequences of pandemic in the post-Covid-19 period in different life spheres and national solutions for the new potential emergency situation, and
- 2) national responses to the PT, and how joint, harmonised response to the new potential emergency situation could be achieved, according to the scientific community.

The conference will result in a thematic issue of a scientific journal.

Organisation

Conference Scientific Committee:

Katarzyna Miaskowska-Daszkiewicz (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland), Marta Sjenicic (Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia), Sofija Nikolic Popadic (Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia), Marko Milenkovic (Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia), Igor Milinkovic (University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina), Andre den Exter (Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands), Denard Veshi (University of New York, Tirana, Albania), Martin Rusnak (Trnava University, Slovakia), Suzana Kraljic (University of Maribor, Slovenia), Claudia Seitz (Private University in the Principality of Liechtenstein), Małgorzata Ganczar (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland), Michał Domagała (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland), Alceste Santuari (University of Bologna), Sławomir Fundowicz (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland).

Call for Abstracts

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **30 July 2025**. You will be informed on the abstract acceptance by 15 August 2025.

Abstracts (app. 500 words) should be sent to the Chair of the Scientific Committee: katarzyna.miaskowska-daszkiewicz@kul.pl.

Please indicate in the abstract your preliminary preference regarding the form of participation in the conference: in person or remotely.

A short CV should be attached on additional page.

The abstracts will be subjected to a peer review process by the Conference's Scientific Committee.

Those who are selected are expected to present their paper at the Conference.

The presentation time will be 15 minutes.

There is no conference fee.

Registration

Deadline for registration for the conference and for declaration on the form of participation: online or on-site is 1 September 2025.

Potential topics:

- 1) Follow up of the responses of governments and health systems to crisis;
- 2) National pandemic preparedness measures;
- 3) National PT implementation strategies in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)
- 4) Prioritization in medicine and vaccination allocation in times of pandemics;
- 5) New balance of the right to health vs/ or in line with other human rights;
- 6) New measures to enhance position of vulnerable groups in emergency situations;
- 7) Public health challenges, public reaction and the role of the media.
- 8) Economic and other measures in emergency situations.
- 9) Other topics related to the consequences of the pandemic crisis
- 10) The balance between state sovereignty and international legal obligations
- 11) Legal, political, and ethical challenges in implementing the WHO Pandemic Treaty