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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Faculty of Political Science and Administration of the Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz cordially invites you to the international conference entitled „Utopias and dystopias in the face of contemporary social fears and hopes”.

The success of the first conference on the indicated issues, which was held at our university in 2020 and had a nationwide character, encouraged us to open up to the whole world. We are convinced that this will contribute to establishing lasting and creative relations, which in turn will allow us to better know and understand the phenomena designated by the title of the conference.

The importance of studying utopias and dystopias can be seen both through the prism of political projects that brought development and integration around the idea of a common Europe, but also such ideologies that caused a lot of death and poverty, such as Nazism or „Putinism”. The study of this type of manifestations of thought has the dimension of not only purely abstract considerations, but also practical and anticipatory ones. There is always a probability that what remains a utopian and/or dystopian project for a fraction will gain enough adherents and a high enough level of social support to turn out to be an effective tool in the struggle for power or influencing decision-making processes. Thanks to this conference, we want to integrate the community of researchers of the above-mentioned issues in order to stimulate the exchange of thoughts, experiences and research results, which will allow for faster development of this type of research.

On behalf of the Faculty community

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### | DAY 1 | JUNE 1 | THURSDAY |

09:00 – 10:30	Registration of participants
11:00 – 12:00	Ceremonial opening of the conference
	PLENARY SESSIONS – <i>Anxiety, challenges and social hopes as sources of utopian and dystopian thinking</i> – keynote speakers
12:00 – 13:30	PART 1 (6 speeches)
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 16:00	PART 2 (6 speeches)
16:00 – 17:00	Discussion and summary
18:30 – 20:00	A walk around the city of Bydgoszcz and visiting the exhibition in the Park of Culture / Rother’s Mills
20:00 – 23:00	Evening dinner (in a restaurant with an artistic performance – acoustic recital of one of the leading stars of Polish popular music)

### | DAY 2 | JUNE 2 | FRIDAY |

	<b>DELIBERATIONS IN THEMATIC SESSIONS</b> (three sessions conducted in parallel)
09:00 – 12:15	PART 1
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 12:15	Discussion
	1. <u>PANEL SESSION</u> <i>Between apocalyptic alarmism and techno-optimistic denialism. Utopias and dystopias in the face of climate change and environmental crisis</i>
	2. <u>PANEL SESSION</u> <i>Social hopes and fears as a source of utopian and dystopian social movements</i>
	3. <u>PANEL SESSION</u> <i>War as a temptation and inspiration for utopian and dystopian thinking.</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 16:45	PART 2:
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
16:15 – 16:45	Discussion
	4. <u>PANEL SESSION</u> <i>Technology as the Realization of Social Hopes and Fears</i>
	5. <u>PANEL SESSION</u> <i>The political system as an embodiment of utopian and dystopian political thought</i>
	6. <u>PANEL SESSION</u> <i>Utopias and dystopias and the value of moderation in politics and social life.</i>
16:45 – 17:45	OFFICIAL SUMMARY AND CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE