



Optics of Schuman's Thought

Monthly Bulletin published by Institute of Schuman's Thought presents four important current topics from the perspective of Schuman's Thought. First topic relates to a cyclical work arranged by the Institute of Schuman's Thought, second one touch an important issue for Poland, third one presents a significant problem in Europe, and forth one shed the light on current events, problems, and issues from the perspective of 2000 years of the Christian Heritage.

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I. A cyclical work conducted by Institute of Schuman's Thought

Christmas Eve Without Borders

It is an excellent opportunity to spend the first or second day of Christmas with someone from abroad online or direct by hosting him to home. It also involves building relationships between Poles and foreigners, visiting, studying, or working at that time in Poland. All foreigners are invited to Christmas Eve Without Borders organized by Institute of Schuman' Thought, regardless of their country of origin, religion, or property status. Over the last few years, several thousand people already have participated in Christmas Eve Without Borders. Looking at the challenges of recent times, we can see that foreigners need some institutional help and, above all, an open heart of other people. The initiative of Christmas Eve Without Borders was attended by, among others, as well students from China, Vietnam, India, Uganda, Ethiopia, the Middle East, Gaza, Ukraine, Turkey, Netherlands, Spain, and the United States. Thanks to these meetings, Poles can also learn more about the guests. We have encountered situations that international students thanking for this an unusual experience decide to invite us with the revisit to their homeland. All above talk us into keeping on this tradition based on the Christian message. Christmas Eve without Borders allows exchanging the diversity of cultures, customs, national, regional, local, and ethnic traditions. This is Europe's great wealth and strength. With all their specificity, the peoples of Europe are the gift to each other. This diversity should be carefully protected, supported, and developed. The united Europe will not be created overnight and not without obstacles. **More to be find under:** https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/integration-practice/christmas-eve-without-borders-wigilia-bez-granic_en; <https://wigiliabezgranic.com/strona-glowna/>

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II. An important issue for Poland

EU Climate Package will cost Poland 527 bn Euro, what may destroy Polish economy

According to the Bank Pekao, European Climate Package will generate high cost for Poland. Yearly nominal value of polish GDP will equal the cost of climate protection and energy transition. Poland cannot afford it, says Mr. Zbigniew Ziobro, the leader of Solidarna Polska and Minister of Justice. "Fit for 55" increases the goals of CO2 reduction from 40% to 55%. Difference of 15 percentage points will cost ca. 190 bn. Euro more. The new package might theoretically generate new money for Poland from special climate funds. It can be up to 220 bn Euro. However, the total cost is 527 bn. Euro, therefore 300 bn. Euro is to be paid from Polish own resources, what is unlikely to arrange in such a short time frame. Moreover – no one guarantees that Brussels will pay Poland this 220 bn Euro. Brussels is famous for punishing Poland for its reforms. Brussels try to impose in Poland rules for abortion, judges, migration, and constitutional order and is blackmailing Poland with freeze of funds if Poland will do

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otherwise. If Poland is forced to conduct energy transition, the assistance from EU funds is crucial. If funds are stopped, the industry will be forced to use coal. Brussels wants us to increase our dependence of foreign sources of energy. This dilemma shows fundamental misunderstanding of Schuman and Adenauer principles of European Community. Poland is aware that such a treatment is not fair. Everybody in Europe sees that democratic deficits are present in many Western EU states. For example, opposition party in Germany – AfD has not yet been granted the vice president of the Lower Chamber of Parliament. The demonstrators were treated with brutal force in the Netherlands several weeks ago and in France president diminishes those citizens who dare to have different opinion on the vaccines. At the same time Hungary and Poland are usually showed in the negative light in mainstream media. Standards are different for different countries. This is not in our opinion Europe, which was building by Schuman. **More to be find under:** <https://notesfrompoland.com/2022/01/12/eu-climate-goals-to-cost-poland-e530-billion-by-2030-report/>

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III. A significant problem in Europe

Gas and nuclear energy treated as a “green” source

EU Commission wants to review its policy and recognize nuclear and natural gas as “green”. The executive arm of the EU wants to make it easier for financial markets to decide what is a sustainable investment. As such, it is putting forward a green classification system, or taxonomy, aimed at making sustainable investing more transparent. This categorization has been sharply criticized by many states. Why natural gas was included to the clean energy sources and why coal not. Both are hydrocarbons and both belong to the fossils. Moreover, natural gas is in hands of Russia. Moscow has hostile plans towards the Ukraine and Central European states. It is time to consider this issue in the spirit of Robert Schuman. We want and should promote the clean use of coal and to promote new technologies which reduce pollution of coal use. This is in the interest of European industry. **More to be find under:** <https://schumansgroup.org/bulletin/>

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IV. Recent events in the light of Christian Heritage of 2000 years

Fundamentals of the Europe are shaking

It could be perceived in so many European countries today that diminishing European culture and attempting to replace it with superficial construction resembling the Tower of Babel lead to – it should be stated that sadly – a situation where the Community of European Nations shakes in foundations, and we Europeans become strangers to each other and feel isolated in our own home. If we do not turn back to Christian culture, it is rather no doubt, that it will be replaced by other culture alien to Europe. We have respect for it, but it disrespects what we value the most – personal freedom, a great gift from God for those who believe in Him and a great value for those who do not believe. Despite all differences among us in Europe we share recognition for freedom as a fundamental thing. It could also be a gift for people from other cultures who intend to stay in Europe for life but fully respect its heritage, culture, and tradition. *“Democracy in Europe will be Christian, or it will not be. An anti-Christian democracy would be a parody which would sink into tyranny or into anarchy. The democrat’s position can be defined as follows: he will not accept that the State systematically ignores religion or that it opposes it with hostility or contempt. Without being-unjust or self-damaging the State cannot ignore the extraordinary effectiveness of religious inspiration in the practice of civic duty and in protecting people against forces of social disintegration which are at work everywhere” (Robert Schuman).* **More to be find under:** <http://imschuman.com/deklaracja-schumana-2017/>

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