

From the Return to Europe Framework to the EU-Scepticism. Polish Debate on the European Identity and Values?

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The main assumptions of the project are the historicization of Euroscepticism including a wide range of "Eurosceptic" attitudes and the identification of ideas instrumentalized in the debate. The aim is to mark actors (individual, collective and institutional) active in the debate and to contextualize their statements (media, financial support, political networks). However, the key issue will be identifying historical references (ideas, myths, and symbols), such as Polish messianism, Polonia Antemurale Christianitatis, or "Betrayal of the West".

One of the research questions is how the various stages of the process of Poland's integration with the European Union influenced the change of attitudes and to what extent this was connected to the set of values promoted by the EU as an element of the European identity. The hypothesis about the key role of the experience of foreign domination, which influenced the strengthening of the attitude of reluctance towards any attempts to interfere in internal affairs, will be verified.

The important issue will be also the question of how the challenge of creating a narrative about the shared European past has been an impetus for the development of Eurosceptic attitudes. Therefore, the analysis of the debate on the House of European History (Brussels) and the Museum of the Second World War in Poland permanent is considered.

