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Let's Agree on Poland: Political Salon with Maciej Kisilowski

The Institute for Human Sciences is delighted to announce the relaunch of our Political Salon event series, initiated in 2004 in cooperation with *Die Presse*. The opening event of the new series will take place on **9 December 2025** in the IWM Library. As a first guest, we welcome Maciej Kisilowski, associate professor at CEU and a 2025-2026 Europe's Futures fellow at the IWM.



Our featured guest for this inaugural session is **Maciej Kisilowski**, associate professor of law and strategy at the Central European University and a 2025–2026 Europe's Futures Fellow. Kisilowski has been at the forefront of a cross-ideological initiative to develop a constitutional reform proposal for Poland, and he argues that the path forward lies in a jurisdictional compromise—one made possible when liberals adopt a “supply-side” understanding of populism.

Drawing on his first-hand experience, he will discuss Poland's political fragmentation, its economic “miracle” and the forces behind it, prospects for consensus-building, and the country's evolving role in shaping European security policy. As Poland assumes an increasingly important role on Europe's political, economic, and security scene, understanding the country's deepening internal rift between the liberal center and the conservative right has become essential. With revolutionary conservatism offering a strategically intentional challenge to liberal democracy and electoral

dynamics oscillating between the two camps, the question of where meaningful compromise can be found is more urgent than ever.

The **Political Salons** were launched in 2004 in cooperation with *Die Presse* as a platform for open and informed debate. Each Salon features an in-depth conversation with a distinguished guest, guided by renowned interlocutors: **Christian Ultsch** (*Die Presse*) as a moderator; **Andreas Treichl** (ERSTE Foundation) adding economic and political insight; and **Ivan Krastev** (IWM Albert Hirschman Permanent Fellow) offering a political science perspective.

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Save the date:

Political Salon with Maciej Kisilowski

Date: 9 December 2025, 18:00

Location: IWM, Spittelauer Lände 3, 1090 Vienna

For more information and a registration link, please click [here](#).

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