The Department of Regional and Global Studies, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw, in cooperation with the NSZZ Solidarność UW Trade Union Commission and the University of Opole, invites to participate in the Seminar:

**Fraternity in International Relations: Concept and its Implementation in the Contemporary World**

be held on **November 20, 2024, 3:00-6:00 PM**,

in hybrid mode,

at the seat of the NSZZ Solidarność UW Trade Union Commission

(building of the Office of Social Affairs at Mały Dziedziniec, Krakowskie Przedmieście 24)

The seminar is associated with the research project directed by Joanna Kulska and Anna M. Solarz, titled "Fraternity as an Overlooked Element of (Global) Politics". More about the project below.

Seminar Program:

**3.00-3.15 PM Introduction to the Project and Seminar (Prof. Joanna Kulska and Dr. Anna M. Solarz)**

**3.15-4.25 PM Part 1 Religious or secular roots of the concept of "brotherhood" in the modern world**

In the modern interpretation of fraternity, both secular and religious elements intertwine to define its essence. Which has been more influential? Could fraternity be viewed as a postsecular notion, given that it integrates both secular and spiritual aspects? Historically, the Gospel and the social teachings of the Catholic Church have been pivotal in shaping the idea of fraternity. Does it have the capacity to continue influencing the notion of fraternity in contemporary international relations?

Discussion with the participation of:

- **Prof. Michał Gierycz** (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University)

- **Dr. Michael Roseneck** (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt am Main)

- **Prof. Joanna Kulska** (University of Opole)

- **Dr. Anna M. Solarz** (University of Warsaw)

Moderation of this part of the seminar – Prof. J. Kulska and Dr. A.M. Solarz

**4.25-4.30 PM short break**

**4.30-6.00 PM Part 2 Brotherhood in times of war and armed conflicts**

What purposes does the idea of brotherhood serve in difficult times of tension and armed conflict? Does it serve to overcome antagonisms and build peace? Is it an ideology used to justify conquests or an empty phrase that does not stand for real support for the "brothers"? How does the idea of brotherhood fit into the Russian-Ukrainian war? Is it present in the ongoing wars in the Middle East and in what form?

Discussion with the participation of:

- **Prof. Alicja Curanović** (University of Warsaw)

- **Dr. Iullia Korniichuk** (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)

- **Prof. Māra Kiope** (Latvia University, Lateran Pontifical University in Rome) and **Prof.Inese Runce** (Latvia University)*,* both are conducting research within the framework of Latvian National Research Program Project *Cutting-edge knowledge and solutions to study demographic and migration processes for the development of Latvian and European society;* the grant Nr.VPP-LETONIKA-2021/4-0002

- **Ph.D. Candidate Paulina Warsza** (University of Warsaw)

Moderation of this part of the seminar – Prof. A. Curanović

The seminar is scheduled to take place in a hybrid format. Owing to the limited seating at the Commission's headquarters and the option for online participation, those interested in attending the seminar should reach out to Dr. Anna Solarz via email: [asolarz@uw.edu.pl](mailto:asolarz@uw.edu.pl)

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The book to which the seminar refers entitled *Fraternity as an overlooked element of (global) politics*, will be published by Routledge in 2025.

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