

## **DESCRIPTION FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

Recent multidimensional crisis of Europe (political, economic, social, cultural or ecological) creates convenient context to pose a question on relations among issues of Europe, philosophy and crisis one again. The project proposes to elaborate on this relationship by re-thinking European identity in the light of current migratory crisis. In order to do so, the project uses philosophically-oriented border and migration studies and works on European identity. By examining new ways in which the process of multiplication and differentiation of border practices takes shape in contemporary world, the project is capable to present novel conceptualization of European identity's formation.

The importance of the project lies not only in its strictly philosophical motivations, but also in the urgent requisition for new diagnoses and new scenarios for the political future of Europe. European philosophy has been for a long time interested in the issue of "crisis of Europe" which was often understood as the "crisis of European philosophy". By showing that the current shifting of European borders is putting its coherence into precarious state, the new kind of philosophy is needed – one that could do the "thinking at its borders" and deliver new European identity that would be suitable for new border practices which are the new patterns of identity formation and social inclusion/exclusion at the same time.

The project carries out the search for Europe that will be anti-essentialist and ready for elastic transformations of its identity, but at the same time, coherent and stable in its instability. It shows numerous threats to political order, well-being and perspective for wider social inclusion that are caused by evolution of border regimes of circulation. But it also brings hope with new imaginative potential that political philosophy generates in order to re-think the shape of Europe beyond alternatives of universalism and particularism, inside and outside or sameness and difference. Such political visions are of vital importance in Europe right now when migratory crisis became a controversial and politically inflammatory topic. Its weight is too far-reaching to leave it to the specialists of security and to politicians. Political philosophy could stimulate public debate on migrations and the shape of Europe in responsible and powerful ways.

The innovative character of the project lies in the original theoretical connections which it proposes to establish and in its international orientation. The result of the project would be not only the first Polish monograph on the idea of Europe using philosophically-oriented border and migration studies, but also an international publication, conference speeches and networking with foreign scholars. International scope of the project grows out of conviction that any kind of proposal of connecting or integrating Europe has to be European in its character. Philosophy on Europe and for Europe needs to be done in Europe and with Europeans. Especially when our understanding of "what Europe is" and "where Europe is" or "who is a European", is full of uncertainties.