

Seminar

EU Eastern enlargement: key protagonists and historical research perspectives.

A seminar in honour of Professor Bronisław Geremek

9 June 2025

Villa Salviati, Historical Archives of the European Union

14.00 – 14.10: Welcome and opening remarks

Dieter Schlenker (Director, Historical Archives of the European Union)

Marcin Geremek (Bronisław Geremek Foundation)

14.10-15.30: Session 1: *Historian and history maker – Professor Bronisław Geremek’s contribution to the 1989 transition and the Poland’s EU accession*

Honorary chair: Marcin Geremek (Bronisław Geremek Foundation)

Chair: Dieter Schlenker

Speakers:

Wojciech Białożył (Researcher, Historical Archives of the European Union) – *Historian in the world of politics. Overview of Bronisław Geremek’s papers deposited at the Historical Archives of the European Union*

Karolina Koziura (Fellow, European University Institute) – *"We have made Europe, now we must make Europeans" – Rethinking European memory and identity from its Eastern frontier*

Bernard Guetta (European Parliament, Renew Europe Group) – *The emergence of Solidarity the Gdańsk Shipyard in August 1980 and the role of Bronisław Geremek in Poland’s EU aspirations*

15.30-16.00: Break

16.00 – 17.30: Session 2: *Multi-faceted East-West collaborations and the research perspectives on Eastern enlargement history*

Chair: Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol (Professor, European University Institute)

Speakers:

Sławomir Łukasiewicz (Professor, Catholic University of Lublin and Institute of Central Europe) – *Polish émigrés as ambassadors and advisers in the process of transition from communism to the EU membership: Jan Kułakowski, Jerzy Łukaszewski, Jerzy (Georges) Rencki*

Angela Romano (Professor, University of Bologna) – *Relations between Central and Eastern European countries and the European community up to enlargement*

Elena Danescu (Research Scientist, Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History, University of Luxembourg) – *Democratic transitions in Central and Eastern Europe: Danuta Hübner, a profile from the Archives*

Closing remarks: Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol