

The two-day workshop entitled "Rethinking the European Framework", held in Udine on 11 and 12 October 2019, offered very interesting discussions about the integration of the European Union. Speakers from different faculties and countries (Italy, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, Slovenia) discussed the further development of the EU: Should the EU evolve towards a weaker or stronger political Union? In the direction of the united states of the EU or in the direction of a greater sovereignty of the Member States?

Speakers shared the opinion that a better cooperation between European faculties (Europeization of higher education) would definitely help towards a better integration/europeization of the EU. The Erasmus program, the Jean Monnet program, the Bologna program and the Lisbon strategy are already taking care of the Europeanization of higher education, what indicates that the EU has been striving for a better overall education in its area. During the workshop, it has also been repeatedly emphasized that a single economic system (with clear and equal provisions for all Member States), financial and, above all, political union, should be created within the EU, as this is the only way the EU will be able to successfully cope with other global economic and political forces. At the same time, the fact of the stagnation of the EU and the fact that the EU will have to start introducing some reforms soon, were highlighted as the major challenges for the future. However, according to the recent situation in the European Parliament only a few days ago, which is making it impossible for the new European Commission to begin its work on 1 November, it looks like the EU will have to work hard to achieve the full Europeanization and a united and political union in the future.