



NEWSLETTER

IIRAS has two new associate researchers





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Call for Papers

- You are invited to submit scientific articles (original research articles, review articles) to our journal *International Problems*. The journal is published by the Institute of International Politics and Economics in Belgrade, Serbia on a quarterly basis, in the English language. The submission deadline for this year's second issue is **May 15th 2022**, whereas the publication is planned for **July 2022**. *International Problems* is the oldest peer-reviewed journal in Serbia publishing original research in the domain of international relations, dating back to 1949. The journal welcomes the submission of scholarly articles on matters of international politics, international security, international law, and globalization studies. Its electronic editions are also available on CEEOL <https://www.ceeol.com/search/journal-detail?id=2782> and the journal is registered in numerous international publications. Additional information is available here <https://www.diplomacy.bg.ac.rs/en/journals/international-problems/>. Should you have any questions, please contact the Editorial Team: ip@diplomacy.bg.ac.rs or the Journal Secretary: milos.petrovic@diplomacy.bg.ac.rs.
- The book *"Decolonial Politics in European Peripheries: Redefining Progressiveness, Coloniality and Transition Efforts"* contracted for Routledge is looking for one to two more contributors to join the volume since there is a place for more chapters, and we have extended the final deadline. In short, this book aims to provide numerous reflections and analyses on how, under a broader umbrella of the decolonial approach, progressive left politics and policies might be reanimated by exchanging the epistemologies and experiences of building the strategic re-definitions and re-positions of the postsocialist and postcolonial global peripheries. The expected chapters should be up to 8000 words long, followed by a 150 words abstract and short author bio (s). The deadline for submission is **15th May 2022**, and there will be no further extensions of the deadline. Table of contents / general topics to fit in with your contribution (this could be subjected to modification, and additional issues are possible to the accepted): CHAPTER I Is There a Way Out of the Boomerang of Postsocialism? CHAPTER II Decolonizing Perspectives of Progressive Leftist Politics and Policies CHAPTER III Intersectionalist Decolonisation and a Struggle for Recognition and Empowerment CHAPTER IV Coming to Terms with the Nation/s Again CHAPTER V Rethinking the Transition Model? CHAPTER VI Imagining the Different Future Politics of the Former Socialist Countries. For more information, please write to dialoguingposts2@gmail.com.

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Conference Calls

- *The 2022 edition of EURINT Conference Series The world in motion: challenges, territorial dynamics and policy responses 20-21 May*, focuses on bringing into debate the territorial dynamics, in the context of the appearance of various challenges, as well as those regarding the recovery policies at different levels of spatial scale are of real interest. The following special sessions will be organized during the conference: Ukraine: Geopolitical Realities And Regional Development Perspectives, Borderlands in war time: transformations at the eastern borderlands of V4, Academic cooperation between Romania and Moldova. Enhancing the European Union Association Agreement. EURINT 2022 will be organised as a hybrid event that will combines on site event with online component. Also, we will be as flexible as we can to allow delegates to switch registration types between on-site and online, depending on their circumstances. **Deadline: 30 April**. Online registration and submission of abstracts: Abstracts should have roughly 500 words and clearly state the research goal(s), research question(s) and the methodological approach. The presented papers will be published either in CES Working Papers or in the Conference Proceedings. Website: https://eurint.uaic.ro/?fbclid=IwAR2R92ttUolprlto9e7qac9YDt7EnNIU_WGYrWeRn0goj8wSocfuUext3LY.
- *International conference Dissonant Democracy: Utopias, dystopias and backsliding in democratic processes, Jagiellonian University, Krakow (Poland), 30 June 2022*. This year's Euroculture Scholars' Conference on Dissonant Democracy aims to critically examine the fundamental questions that are at the heart of what Europe has taken for granted and what seems to be unravelling far too quickly and without much resistance. We invite papers from a range of disciplines (social sciences/humanities) and approaches (empirical examples, case studies, comparative analysis, political/policy analysis, historical sources, discourse analysis, media studies perspectives, netnography, visual analysis, narratology, and so forth). Please send your paper proposal (abstract) of no more than 300 words (incl. title + 5 keywords) and a short bio (150 words max, and stating your institutional affiliation) before **1 May 2022** to the following address: ddconference2022@gmail.com.
- *Political Education Conference at the University of Vienna, Decolonialism in Political Education, 10.11.- 11.11.2022*. In 2019, the Vienna Conference On Citizenship Education series was launched by the Vienna Democratic Center in collaboration with the working area of Didactics of Political Education at the University of Vienna. This format is supposed to contribute to the critical development of political education in Austria. Further, their internationalization should be focused and allowed to connect with international colleagues. This year's meeting will be held in cooperation with Malte Kleinschmidt and John Olufemi Ashamu (Institute for Didactics of Democracy, Leibniz University Hannover). Depending on the current situation, the tagging will take place online if necessary. More information about tagging and calling for papers can be found here: https://www.demokratiezentrum.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/DZ_Call-for-Papers_Dekoloniale-PB_final.pdf. Submissions by 15.06. at the latest via email to vienaconference@demokratiezentrum.org.
- Jubilee 5th International Academic Conference on Human Security: *Innovation, Research, and Knowledge in the (Re)configuration of Human Security. The 2022 edition of the event will be held in Belgrade, Serbia, on November 4-5*. Our Conference follows the adoption of the UNDP Special Report on Human Security issued in February 2022, which calls for greater solidarity and analysis of threats to all dimensions of Human Security including international politics. We call for abstracts on a wide range of topics, although we will give priority to proposals that address one of the three key thematic areas below: Science and Methodology Innovation; Antinomies between the Individuality and International Relations; Public Policies in a post-pandemic Globe: Anthropocene in focus. **May 15 - Abstract Submission Deadline**. More details on the Conference (Call for Abstracts, along with the Abstract Form) and its previous editions could be found at: www.hsconference.fb.bg.ac.rs.
- *Summer School: Populism, Gender and Political Identities, 22 June 2022*. Our summer school features contributions from members of our Centre and high profile speakers, including Prof Gianfranco Baldini (University of Bologna, CBE research associate) and Prof Daphne Halikiopoulou (University of Reading). The Summer school is free to attend. We are particularly keen to welcome undergraduates, postgraduates and PhD researchers, from our Surrey community and other universities.
- *Minorities and Political Engagement: Participation, Deliberation, and Representation, 6-7 June 2022 (University of Florence, Italy)*. The political engagement of citizens diversified greatly over the last three decades. The topic of political engagement is important in contemporary times especially since one in five individuals around the world lives in free countries according to the 2022 Freedom in the World report. The increasing gap between people and politicians, the dynamic of access points to decision-making process, or the expansion and diversification of Internet use contributed to the popularity of some modes of engagement. This process is well documented for the broader population, but the contribution of minorities of all types (ethnic, religious, sexual etc.) are often under-studied. We know very little about the opinions, attitudes and behaviours of citizens belonging to minority groups in society. Among others, several issues remain unclear: how citizens belonging to minority groups engage in elections, protests or referendums; why they get involved; what form of engagement they prefer; what are the consequences of their involvement; how the representation of various types of minorities works; what are the appropriate settings to ensure an inclusive engagement of citizens belonging to minorities; and how can political deliberation accommodate the needs of minorities. This conference aims to bring together works addressing, but not limited to, any of these points. The event will gather a group of 15-20 researchers working on these topics in order to facilitate the knowledge sharing and a better understanding of current events. The organizers strive for a balance between established academics and early career scholars (including PhD candidates). This is a face-to-face event that meets the safety standards related to the COVID-19 pandemics. Authors should fill in the application form (available here https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jhQb3xZM2ELK_JDd36s1GmMPpgzsyzyrqi-ks9b9Bs/edit) **until 15 April 2022**. There is no conference fee. The organizers (the COST Action CA17135) will cover the travel costs, accommodation and meals for the entire duration of the conference. In case of co-authored works, the costs for one author will be covered.

Calls for projects/Fellowships

- *The Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna – Department of Political and Social Sciences, in the framework of the UNA Europa alliance*, and with a view to fostering the internationalization of teaching & research activities in the field of European Studies, adopted the present call, concerning **n. 2 Chairholders in European Studies for well-established scholars invited to carry out teaching and research activities within the framework of UNA Europa Alliance in the framework of European Studies**. The Una Europa Chairs initiative is one of our key initiatives to attract talent from around the world to collaborate with UNA Europa Universities. By attracting outstanding academics from the Una Europa partners and beyond for visiting professorships, the Una Europa Chairs will further raise our profile on a global scale, deepen our activities and cement different kinds of mobility, within our network and beyond. With the Una Europa Chairs, we would like to advance research, training and programme development in higher education by acting as bridge-builder between academia, civil society, local communities, researchers and enterprises. **Deadline: 11 April.** 2 positions, 10.000 EUR (gross amount per position). Website: <https://bandi.unibo.it/s/sps/call-for-selection-una-europa-chairs-in-european-studies>.
- *Nine leading European research universities have come together to create a unique alliance – Una Europa*. Our universities have been educating Europe for over 1,000 years. Together, we teach almost 450,000 students. Our combined student and staff community surpasses half a million people and our digital learners number in the millions. Una Europa aims to draw on our collective strengths to create a truly European inter-university environment, a University of the Future. Website: <https://www.una-europa.eu/get-involved/as-an-academic>.
- *Una Europa Alliance collaboration opportunities:*
 - **Workshops on EU funding opportunities:** Workshops on EU funding opportunities aim at gathering researchers from the eight Una Europa universities to provide an overview of specific funding opportunities from the Horizon Europe and Erasmus+ programme, followed by discussion. A first exploratory workshop was held for researchers active in Una Europa's Focus Area 'Cultural Heritage' in April 2021. The workshops form part of broader efforts currently on-going in the framework of the Una.Resin to build an R&I strategy and eco-system within Una Europa. In case of questions on the workshops, please reach out to kristof.vlaeminck@una-europa.eu.
 - **Seed Funding:** Twice a year, Una Europa launches calls for seed funding. Candidate projects are expected to support the initiation of longer-term collaboration between Una Europa academics. We currently have a special DIGITALIZED! edition of our seed funding initiative open for applications. This special edition forms part of the NAWA-funded DIGITALIZED! project, carried out by Jagiellonian University under the "Academic International Partnerships" programme. The special edition is exclusively targeting young researchers from Una Europa universities interested in collaborating on digital technologies for society.
 - **Postdoc exchange:** Are you interested in hosting postdocs from one of the other Una Europa partner universities? Would you like to join the world of Una Europa as a Postdoc? Discover the UNA4CAREER postdoctoral programme, coordinated by Universidad Complutense de Madrid. Co-funded by the Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Programme, UNA4CAREER offers postdoctoral candidates the possibility to collaborate with more than 500 actors across our partner universities. Contact the project manager Estefania Martinez Jover at una4career@ucm.es for more information.
 - **Visiting Professorships:** The Una Europa Chairs initiative is one of our key Joint Innovative Formats developed under our 1Europe project. As a visiting professorship for outstanding academics from the Una Europa partners and beyond, the Chairs' main objective is to attract talent from around the world to collaborate with us in our four Focus Areas. More
 - Thinking out of the box: Future UniLab. Una Europa's Future UniLab aims to provide the space and methods to rethink the role of universities. You might be interested in joining some of the discussions or browsing key results.
 - **GO STYRIA RESEARCH GRANT 2022/2023.** Go Styria is open for master and doctoral students as well as Post Docs interested in a short term research stay (max. 4 months) in the context of their master, doctoral thesis or Post-Doc research. The target region includes: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey. Candidates selected for the program will be given the opportunity for a research period at the University of Graz in order to then continue and conclude their studies / research at their home universities. APPLICATION DEADLINE: **25 April 2022, 1pm CET**. WHO can apply? MASTER AND DOCTORAL students: currently and also in 2022/23 enrolled at an accredited university in the target region; already working on their master or doctoral thesis. POST-DOCS: who are academic staff members at an accredited university in the target region; the completion of the doctorate should not be older than 1 year at time of application. Check the program website to see if you are eligible to apply, join us for an online info-session <<https://international.uni-graz.at/en/incoming-exchange/go-styria-scholarship-programme/>> on 17 March 2022 or 7 April 2022, 1pm CET. Master/PhD students: provide the relevant information (see program website) for access to the application tool by 19 April 2022. Details on the program call are available on the program website <<https://international.uni-graz.at/en/incoming-exchange/go-styria-scholarship-programme/>>.

