



NEWSLETTER

IIRAS involved in a new research project

"Romanian-Icelandic research cooperation on democracy, memory politics and post-crisis reconstruction" is a trilateral project led by the EDDA Research Center at the University of Iceland in partnership with the Rațiu Democracy Centre and the Babes Bolyai University (FES/IIRAS). It is part of the EEA and Norway Grants scheme and financed by the Fund for Bilateral Relations 2014–2021.

The project also supports the goal of enhanced researched-based knowledge development in areas where the partners have high competency, including politics, democratization, institution building, gender issues, and social inclusion.

Using a comparative perspective to account for similarities and differences in the Icelandic and Romanian experiences, the project will focus on the following themes:

- democratic institution-building and adaptation to European norms and structures
- project and instrumentalization of the Romanian past and national identity in government
- educational and public discourses
- the impact of recent semi-authoritarian development in Central and South-Eastern Europe on Romanian democracy
- government public responses to the COVID-19 pandemic

A Bilateral priority area that was identified includes the promotion of core European values, such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and the respect for human rights, regardless of their racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation or gender identities.

The project includes a series of public conferences in Romania and Iceland, held in 2022 and 2023. Researchers from the EDDA Center, the Rațiu Democracy Centre, and the Babes-Bolyai University, as well as invited experts, reunited on May 27th 2022 at the Rațiu Conference Centre in Turda, Romania, for a public event that was made available to both in-person and online participants. The conference series will continue in the autumn of 2022 in Reykjavik, Iceland, and the concluding event will be held in Turda in the spring of 2023. Website: <https://ratiucentre.com/research-cooperation/>.





IIRAS has a new website

We are delighted to officially announce the launch of our new website: <https://sites.euro.ubbcluj.ro/irisa/en/home/>

Call for Papers

- *The European Journal of International Relations* (EJIR) is the flagship journal of the ECPR Standing Group on International Relations (SGIR) and the European International Studies Association (EISA). Impact factor: 4,023. EJIR publishes peer-reviewed scholarly contributions across the full breadth of the field of International Relations, from cutting edge theoretical debates to topics of contemporary and historical interest to scholars and practitioners in the IR community. Website: <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/ejir>.

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- Call for one or more editor/s of an English-language collected volume to be published in the ibidem-Verlag Book Series *"Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society"* listed with the *Scopus Elsevier citation index* and distributed by *Columbia University Press*: The Book Series "Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society" looks for one or more possible collector/s, editor/s, introduction author/s, organizer/s, formal style editor/s, contract partner/s and corrector/s of an English volume that would complement Marlene Laruelle's 2015 Rowman & Littlefield collected volume "Eurasianism and the European Far Right" as well as Anton Shekhovtsov's recent Routledge Politics, IR and Strategic Studies monograph "Russia and the Western Far Right," and assemble various published and unpublished contributions on the connections between Russian governmental, quasi-governmental and pro-governmental actors, on the one side, and various non-Russian ultra-conservative as well as far right groups, on the other.
- *Journal Stosunki Międzynarodowe-International Relations* is currently accepting articles for publication in 2022. Together with Taylor & Francis Group, one of the most recognized and respected scholarly publishers in the world, we have launched an open access publishing platform in the field of international relations, supported by their F1000 technology (<https://internationalrelations-publishing.org/>). The publication is now fully open access, and part of the move towards making research findings ever more accessible, usable and relevant. Therefore, we invite you and your colleagues to consider submitting your work in the form of a scholarly article, analytical paper or review essay within the broad discipline of studies in international relations for the 2022 volume.
- *The International Journal of Press/Politics (IJPP)* is an interdisciplinary journal for the analysis and discussion of the role of the press and politics in a globalized world. The Journal publishes theoretical and empirical research which analyzes the linkages between the news media and political processes and actors. The Journal also publishes comparative, cross-national research from various theoretical and methodological approaches across the social sciences. It features long and short research articles, commentary on pedagogy and current news headlines from around the world, and a book review section. The editor invites submissions of interdisciplinary research that sheds light on the relationship between media and politics in a cross-national perspective. Contributions should be submitted through <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ijpp>. Website: <https://journals.sagepub.com/description/HIJ>.

Conference Calls

- The 30th Anniversary of the Maastricht Treaty *The Past, Present, and Future of European Integration*. Maastricht University and Studio Europa Maastricht are organising an interdisciplinary academic conference to discuss the Maastricht Treaty through a European socioeconomic perspective. The conference will be *held 27-29 September*, directly following the EMU public symposium marking the 30th anniversary of the Maastricht Treaty, also being held in Maastricht, 26-27 September.
- The aim of the conference is to facilitate critical, but constructive, academic dialogue on the Maastricht Treaty's legacy. In line with the spirit of unity in diversity, forward-looking scholars from all backgrounds are welcome; the only requirement is a willingness to work with others to reach a consensus on making Europe a better place through the commemoration of this paramount milestone of European collaboration. *Deadline for abstract Submission: 1 June 2022*. Website: <https://studioeuropamaastricht.nl/2022/03/29/call-for-papers-the-30th-anniversary-of-the-maastricht-treaty/>.
- The next *REDEM conference on Migration, Populism and Ethical Perspectives on Voting* will take place *June 29-July 1st, 2022*. The conference is hybrid, and registration is free. Please register for the event by June 26, 2022. You can register here: <https://www.redem-h2020.eu/ws-stockholm.html>. The workshop will in particular seek to advance our understanding of ethical conflicts facing voters and strategies for resolving them in the context of migration and populism. This includes but is not limited to papers addressing how the left-right dimension and political cleavages in terms of cultural values structure voters judgments, the extent to which democracies provide opportunities to articulate relevant ethical standpoints on migration, how perceptions of biased electoral representation condition judgements on populist parties and agendas, how voter's judgement on migration and populism is affected by the electoral system and general questions on the ethics of voting in relation to populist candidates and migration policy. The conference programme is particularly diverse and engaging, and it is available here: <https://www.redem-h2020.eu/ws-stockholm.html>.
- *Eurasian Research on Modern China and Eurasia international conference, fourth edition, December 2-3, 2022*. This year conference will mostly focus on Chinese and Eurasian (continent) international relations, Eurasian security issues, second phase of the Belt and Road Initiative, establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Post-Soviet Eurasian States, EU-China, India-China relations, colliding interests of Great powers in Ukraine, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, for more details please check topics. Organizers: "China-Eurasia" Council for Political and Strategic Research, Foundation. A paper title and abstract (up to 400-1000 words) and Short Bio in English is to be sent *by 5 November 2022* to Dr. Mher Sahakyan: info@chinastan.org and sahakyanmher@outlook.com. Website: <https://www.jpsa.org/na/event/iv-eurasian-research-modern-china-and-eurasia-conference-december-2-3-2022?fbclid=IwAR3b2yC0nuXtd3hPOSj8TIOeOM4hZLj7unuSV8y5ALeWGfZN2goPaulBBo>.
- *Understanding the New Cultural, Political and Economic Realities Summer University, 27th June – 1st July 2022*. The event is organized by the Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg (iASK), in cooperation with the Institute for Social and European Studies (ISES Foundation), the University of Pannonia, the UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage and Sustainability in Kőszeg under the patronage of the Hungarian National Commission for UNESCO. As new geopolitical realities are producing multiple security threats and fears of new armed conflicts throughout the world, collaboration on other global problems that pose existential threats to humanity is increasingly challenging. The 27th International Summer University focuses on global transformations and examines how shifts of power influence politics, economy, ecology, technology, and culture. Where are the new battlefields redefining the global geopolitical order? What factors unite and divide us and shape contemporary politics? How do history and memory affect the future? *Application deadline: June 12, 2022*. Applicants should send the following documents to isu@iask.hu: completed application form, a 300-word motivational letter, CV. Eligibility: Advanced MA and PhD students and young researchers, as well as social entrepreneurs, who have a keen academic or professional interest in the topics.

- **"International Summer School 2022" Reinterpreting Russia and the Region**", Tbilisi (Georgia) based Center for Russian Studies announces the call for participation in the Summer School, "Reinterpreting Russia and the Region". During the one-week online summer school, scholars working in Social sciences from Russia, Ukraine, South Caucasus, the USA, and the EU will give interactive lectures, reflecting on the ongoing Russian military aggression in Ukraine through the findings of their respective disciplines. Prognosis about the foreseeable future will be the focus of the deliberations. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in discussions and debates on the present and future of the region with well-known scholars and counterparts. The school will also provide training in blog-post writing, and students will be eventually required to write short blogs/posts on the given topics for the Center of Russian studies website or its ongoing Facebook project "revisor". The criteria for enrollment: Candidates have to have at least a bachelor's diploma in Social or Humanitarian Sciences, demonstrating a strong interest in Russian Studies. They have to submit a CV and a letter of motivation in English (no more than 400 words). We have 30 seats for candidates and expect the applications *until June 10th*. The application must be sent to CRS at crstbilisi@gmail.com.

Calls for projects/Fellowships

- Are you a PhD student in a COST Member Country studying EU's role in conflict resolution, preferably in the European Neighbourhood Policy-East region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine)? Virtual Mobility opportunity available at Yaşar University International Relations this summer/September to interview policy practitioners, and contribute to publishing #ENTERpolicybriefs. Funding is available for the successful applicant within eligibility and application rules of COST. If you are interested please send a CV including your PhD research topic as an expression of your interest to Defne Günay at defne.gunay@yasar.edu.tr by 6 June 2022. For more details on eligibility criteria to apply for a Virtual Mobility Grant see <https://lnkd.in/dtAvJvsQ..>
- **The ULB - Université libre de Bruxelles is opening a call for applications to recruit 16 (sixteen) Ph.D. students in cotutelle within the framework of the GEM DIAMOND project coordinated by the Institute of European Studies/Institut d'études européennes ULB.** The project aims to produce 16 co-supervised Ph.D. theses examining "how growing dissensus surrounding liberal democracy has impacted the legitimacy and efficiency of EU policy instruments". GEM-DIAMOND brings together 11 universities: ULB, Luiss Guido Carli University Rome, Universiteit van Amsterdam, Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, Kobenhavns Universitet Copenhagen, Universitatea Babes Bolyai Cluj Romania, University of Geneva, University of Warwick, Waseda University, Université de Laval and Fundação Getulio Vargas de Rio de Janeiro; and four non-academic partners: Instituto Affari Internazionali (Rome), The Transatlantic Foundation, Egmont Royal Institute of International Relations, PATRIR Romania (Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania), Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), International Federation of Human Rights Leagues. Application deadline is **July 3rd, 2022**. All information can be found here: https://gem-diamond.eu/positions?fbclid=IwAR3vz8wbDHRNq_lpvUwLICJ1CZEFbwyQ24EotAAAO00zPQwWI_1VtLoo76Q.
- **Launch of EUFutures network.** We are excited to announce the launch of the **EUFutures network**, funded by UACES and the James Madison Charitable Trust from 2022-2025. The network coordinators are Prof Elaine Fahey (City University, London), Dr Fabien Terpan (Sciences Po Grenoble) and Dr Rebecca Zahn (University of Strathclyde, Glasgow). EUFutures aims to forge an interdisciplinary network of scholars working on EU law from the perspective of different disciplines. We want to promote innovative research and provide robust training on different methodological approaches in the field. We welcome new members at any stage of their career. If you are interesting in joining the network and/or being added to its mailing list then please contact the coordinators at <https://www.strath.ac.uk/humanities/lawschool/eufutures/coordinators/> or email eufuturesnetwork@gmail.com. You can find out more about us on our website <https://www.strath.ac.uk/humanities/lawschool/eufutures/>. We have a network project panel on Monday 5 September at UACES in Lille (Panel 107: Introducing https://www.conftool.org/uaces2022/index.php?page=browseSessions&form_session=90 so please come along to find out more and/or participate if your research aligns with the network's aims. We will be holding a launch conference in London on Friday 4 November and will launch a call for papers soon. The conference will be open to UACES members (all IIRAS members are also UACES members) at all stages of their career so please save the date!
- **The Interreg Danube Transnational Programme** invites to a series of webinars with a focus on SMARTER Danube region, i.e. New funding for innovation and technology transfer and New funding to build skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship. Other editions: New funding for greening the energy and transport sectors; New funding for climate change adaptation and disaster management; New funding for water and sediment management; New funding for protecting and preserving the biodiversity in ecological corridors and eco-regions, 3 June - New funding for accessible, inclusive and effective labour markets, 7 June - New funding for accessible and inclusive quality services in education, training and lifelong learning, 8 June - New funding for socio-economic development through heritage, culture and tourism; 13 June - New funding for increased institutional capacities for territorial and macro-regional governance. The "Danube Region programme" will be introduced in a series of webinars focused on the programme's thematic objectives, upcoming calls for proposals and information for applicants. The list of scheduled webinars and links to register on the link below: <https://www.interreg-danube.eu/about-dtp/new-funding-2021-2027/webinars>. The first call for proposals in the new Danube Region Programme 2021-2027 will be launched shortly, most probably in June.

