




Institute of International Relations and Area Studies



Faculty of European Studies

NEWSLETTER

News

Project launch

The Faculty of European Studies has launched the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (Erasmus+) project entitled *Enhancing EU's role in consolidating local democratic resilience in Moldova and Serbia - DREMS*. The project will be implemented by the Faculty of European Studies for the next three years and aims to increase the involvement of academia in the process of consolidating the EU's democratic resilience in the Republic of Moldova and Serbia, to create personalised tools for strengthening democratic resilience adjusted to the national specifics of the two countries and to promote cognitive transfer and democratic resilience practices at the academic and civil society levels in Romania, the Republic of Moldova and Serbia. All project team members are IIRAS members.






IIRAS-KTU Memorandum of Understanding

The Institute of International Relations and Area Studies and the Department of International Relations of the Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences of Karadeniz Technical University, Trabzon, Türkiye have agreed to develop academic cooperation on the basis of equality and reciprocity and to promote relations and mutual understanding between both parties through the exchange of students and staff, development of joint scientific research projects, organization of joint academic events and any other activity of mutual interest regarding academic or scientific research matters. Both parties have already agreed upon cooperation in the context of Erasmus+. The current MOU reinforces the cooperation between both parties, beyond Erasmus+ programme.

Call for papers

- *The Meaning of "Europe" in a Globalized World - a DIMES Exhibition*. Calling all Undergraduates, Masters students and Doctoral Researchers! In February 2023, UACES is holding a conference at the University of Pretoria on the theme of: 'Confronting "Europe" in a Globalized World'. This is the closing conference for its Diversity, Inclusion and Multidisciplinarity in European Studies (DIMES) project which is supported by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. Do you have an interest in Europe or European issues? Do you think they are important in a global context? Or, on the other hand, does the continued narrative of (Western) Europe as a dominant cultural and political force in the world feel outdated to you? We're looking for visual, aural, literary or artistic takes on these questions (e.g. poster, painting, poem). The winning entry will receive a prize of €200. **Deadline: 31 January 2023**. Website: <https://www.uaces.org/dimes>

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- *Journal of Liberty and International Affairs, Vol. 9, No. 2 (2023)*. Journal of Liberty and International Affairs now receives papers for its next 2023 issue (www.e-jlia.com<<http://www.e-jlia.com>>). Along with articles within the regular scope<<https://e-jlia.com/index.php/jlia/about>> of the journal, this issue will include a thematic section on liberty and equality in international relations. Journal of Liberty and International Affairs is indexed in SCOPUS, EBSCO, DOAJ, CEEOL, SSOAR, ERIH PLUS, HeinOnline, Index Copernicus, ANVUR, Google Scholar, UGC-CARE List Group II, etc. Journal of Liberty and International Affairs is a triannual, international, open-access, and peer-reviewed journal published by the Institute for Research and European Studies. It welcomes submissions from political sciences, international relations, international law, and related fields. The journal embraces multi- and interdisciplinary scholarship and comparative approaches. All the texts submitted for publication are peer-reviewed by at least two referees. The deadline for paper submissions is **20 March 2023**. Papers should be sent to: contact@e-jlia.com. Author Guidelines: <http://e-jlia.com/index.php/jlia/about/submissions>. For more information, please visit: www.e-jlia.com.

Conference Calls

- *The 7th EU and Comparative law Issues and Challenges Series (ECLIC) International Scientific Conference "Digitalization and Green Transformation of the EU", Osijek, Croatia*. As part of its commitment to the study of EU law, this year's conference of the Faculty of Law Osijek intends to highlight the current and future developments of digitalization and green transformation of the European Union. The overall objective of the ECLIC International Scientific Conference is to provide a platform and stimulate discussion on key interdisciplinary issues affecting law and economics in the EU and its Member States. We strongly encourage participants from candidate states for the EU accession to attend to conference and contribute to discussion. If interested in participation, please submit an abstract by **1st February 2023 electronically**: <https://eclic-conference.com/abstract-submission/>. We emphasize that this year's conference will be held fully in-person. In this post-pandemic time, we look forward to finally welcome you in Osijek and use the advantages of personal contact and networking. Abstracts of 300 - 500 words (maximum) should indicate the main arguments and structure of the paper and the methods used. If accepted, you will receive the Guidelines for Authors and will be expected to deliver a full paper of no more than 10000 words by 15th April 2023. *Selected papers will be published in the peer-reviewed "EU and comparative law issues and challenges series - ECLIC", which is indexed in Web of Science and HeinOnline*. ATTENDING FEES: Publishing Full paper/Abstract + presentation: 250 EUR. Accompanying co-author: 125 EUR. Presentation without publishing: 100 EUR. Website: <https://eclic-conference.com/call-for-papers/>.
- *Online workshop 'Migration and the First World War, ' UCL, 16 May 2023*. We welcome contributions that discuss migration during the war across geographies and populations and consider how migration history might inform approaches to First World War studies. Scholars at all career stages from either field, and from related fields, are encouraged to submit abstract for papers using empirical case studies to explore subjects including (but not limited to): The (comparative) experience of a diasporic group during the war; Sites and spaces of migration in this period, including cities and neutral territories; Processes and patterns of migration during a period of global warfare; Familial, community and diasporic connections; State policy towards migration and borders. Please send your abstract (no more than 250 words) to anna.maguire@ucl.ac.uk by **14 February 2023**. Decisions on the programme will be made by 1 March 2023. The intended date for the workshop is **16 May 2023**. The conference will be held online; while we understand the value of face-to-face meetings, we hope this will best serve contributions from people based around the world. We plan to publish an edited volume following the conference and will encourage co-authored pieces to extend our coverage. We are aiming to gather draft contributions by December 2023 with the intention to publish the volume in 2024. Website: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nACTSRtcGHJCIMNuNX26uMjp1Ry0dyVv/view>.
- *Workshop - European Studies*. In 2022, the EU-Asia Institute at ESSCA was successful in obtaining the prestigious award, on the basis of intense competition, from the European Commission of Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration for the initiative Teaching and Research in European Studies (TRES). The initiative will be developed under the leadership of Jean Monnet Chair, Professor Thomas Hoerber, Head of the EU-Asia Research Institute at ESSCA. The main objectives for TRES are to develop new publication opportunities, new courses for students and an annual summer school. In this context, we are organizing a two-day "European Studies" workshop on the Angers campus on **8 and 9 June 2023**. **Deadline: 15 February 2023**. Website: <https://mailchi.mp/91db71dda5a2/new-calls-for-papers-sustainability-space-policy-10268397?e=56e409bb24>.
- *The 27th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 15-19 July 2023*. The call for papers for the 27th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 15-19 July 2023, is open until **18 January 2023**. The Congress will feature a diverse program under the theme Politics in the Age of Transboundary Crises. Paper and panel proposals on any subject in political science are welcome. More than 300 open panels are awaiting your paper abstracts. You can still submit Closed Panel proposals until 18 January 2023. Paper abstracts may be submitted to a session of interest or a specific open panel within that session. Website: <https://wc2023.ipsa.org/wc/news/call-papers-2023-ipsa-world-congress-now-open>.
- *International Conference "Social Work and Social Policy in times of Global Crises". The event will be held from 19-23 September 2023 in Ohrid, North Macedonia*. Abstracts should not exceed 250 words. Abstracts should be written in the registration form, which can be downloaded from: <http://65swsp.fzf.ukim.edu.mk>. Registration form, including the abstract, should be sent to swsp65@fzf.ukim.edu.mk. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed and selected for presentation by the programme committee. An e-mail of notification will be sent to the presenting authors during March 2023. We especially encourage early career scholars to take part. Selected papers presented at the conference will be published in the internationally peer reviewed journal Journal of Social Policy. Abstract submission deadline: **March 1, 2023**. Early conference fee payment: 100 Euro (by April 28th, 2023) Late conference fee payment: 150 Euro (by May 31 st, 2023) PhD Students fee: 50 Euro by April 28th, 2023. Thematic Sessions: 1. History and discourses in social work and social policy 2. Social work micro practices in times of crises 3. Impact of global crises on mezzo and macro social work 4. Old and new social risks, social problems and vulnerable groups 5. Challenges of social work research and innovation in times of crisis. User involvement and human rights-based approach in social work 7. Prevention in social protection, health, education, employment, and civil protection 8. Website: <http://65swsp.fzf.ukim.edu.mk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/CfP-SWSP-jubilee-conference-1.pdf>.

Calls for projects/Fellowships

- *UCL's Research Excellence Scholarship (UCL-RES)* is a new prestigious scholarship which aims to attract outstanding scholars to undertake doctoral research at UCL. We are offering 40 fully funded UCL Research Excellence Scholarships (RES) to exceptional applicants from any country. Both prospective and current UCL doctoral students can apply.
- Website: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships/research-excellence-scholarship>.
- Value: Full fees (Home/Overseas); maintenance stipend for the length of programme of study, or remainder thereof; research costs
- Available to: Prospective and current students
- Selection criteria: Academic merit
- Eligible fee status: UK, Overseas
- Eligible programmes: Full-time or part-time MPhil/PhD and EngD (excluding distance learning and professional doctorates)
- Additional eligibility criteria: At least 2:1 at undergraduate (or equivalent)
- Deadline: Friday, **13 January 2023**
- Successful candidates notified: Early March 2023
- *Visiting Fellowships (2023/24) for the Field of Excellence 'Dimensions of Europeanization, ' University of Graz, Austria.* In the course of the academic year 2023/2024, the Field of Excellence Dimensions of Europeanization at the University of Graz is supporting four junior fellows (post-doc and early career) and two senior fellows (tenured professors and equivalent) to spend one semester in Graz to conduct and present research and collaborate with other researchers. Deadline 16th March 2023. Website: <https://europaeisierung.uni-graz.at/de/vernetzung/fellows/academic-year-2023-2024/call-2023-2024/>
- *Fully Funded PhD Studentship Opportunity (University of Portsmouth/South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership).* The South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership in the UK is offering a fully-funded PhD studentship for a named research project about ethnic minorities in the European Parliament to be based at the University of Portsmouth. Students with an interest in any other topic related to the broad scheme of the "European Parliament, national parliaments, and transnational democracy" are welcome to apply under the open call. Students of any nationality are eligible. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact Wolfram.Kaiser@port.ac.uk for further information *as soon as possible*. Website: <https://southcoastdtp.ac.uk/funding/>.
- *Academic Applications for fellowship programmes-UBB-2023.* The ongoing programme for strengthening and supporting research excellence at the Babeş-Bolyai University (UBB) is further developed through the "STAR-UBB Academic Research Network of Excellence (STAR-UBB-N)" based on the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM+) model implemented at an institutional level and coordinated by the Institute for Advanced Studies in Science and Technology – STAR-UBB – (STAR – Scientific and Technological Advanced Research). Eligibility criteria: Postdoctoral researchers conducting RDI activities of excellence, from UBB and other reputable institutions in Romania, who plan to conduct and develop research projects especially in the field of the latest emerging BioNano4Health technologies supporting new research issues and development approaches initiated within the STAR-UBB-N Network[1] under the guidance of the scientific coordinators of the project implementation team, working within the framework of the six Science Schools and focusing on inter-disciplinarity and integration of the various components of the STAR-UBB-N Network; The researcher was granted a doctoral degree at most 5 years before the time of application (after 16.01.2018); Researchers who have previously received funding within the same tier (postdoctoral) from another UBB EFP project are not eligible. Website: <https://cercetare.ubbcluj.ro/en/academic-applications-for-fellowship-programmes-ubb-2023/>.

Job Opportunities

- *Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Science.* At the Department of Sociology and Political Science (ISS), NTNU Trondheim there is a vacant temporary position as Postdoctoral Fellow in political science for a period of three years, with 67% research and 33% teaching obligation. The position is connected to [the research group Elections, Values, and Political Communication](#). The postdoc is expected to conduct research at the intersection between political behaviour, political communication and European Union studies. The postdoctoral fellow will define the project within this broader theme of the effect of EU self-legitimation in collaboration with the project leader. The postdoctoral fellowship position is a temporary position where the main goal is to qualify for work in senior academic positions. As a Postdoctoral Fellow (code 1352) you are normally paid from gross NOK 563 500 per annum before tax, depending on qualifications and seniority. From the salary, 2% is deducted as a contribution to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund. The period of employment is three years. Application deadline: **31.01.2023**. Website: https://www.jobbnorge.no/en/available-jobs/job/237177/postdoctoral-fellow-in-political-science?fbclid=IwAR2fazWgEpbLBp_o3ncfrbMZ045ITz70QreGmfe4d3X_B9JyQK6hW6FejAc.
- *Two new vacancies Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University.* Maastricht University's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences has two new vacancies for assistant professors. Details: Assistant Professor in Disinformation and European Democracy, Maastricht University, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Department of Political Science. FASoS is looking for an Assistant Professor in its Department of Politics, with experience in teaching and research related to Disinformation and European Democracy. You will have a PhD degree in political science, international relations, communication and media studies, or another relevant social science discipline with a focus on disinformation and/or democracy in the European context, and willing to explore a future research agenda combining both. Ideally, your focus will be on the problematic of disinformation (fake news) and its role in elections and/or the attempts by the European Union of countering disinformation (including in neighboring countries). The candidate may study the undermining of democracy by anti-democratic forces and authoritarian regimes. This profile could be informed by insights from geopolitics and hybrid security as well as electoral politics and communication and media studies. Quantitative methods are a clear asset. *Application deadline: 31 January 2023.* Website: <https://www.academictransfer.com/en/321262/assistant-professor-in-disinformation-and-european-democracy/>.