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IIRAS events

- The Institute of International Relations and Area Studies invites you to participate at the presentation of the exploratory research project: **Shifting the European Integration Model from Central and Eastern Europe to the Western Balkans**, held by Conf. Dr. Adrian Corpadean and Conf. Dr. Laura Herta. The event will take place on **29 March 2023**, starting with **16:00** in room Simone Veil.
- The Institute of International Relations and Area Studies invites you to take part in the Lecture & Debate: **Putin's War Narratives and Germany's Russia Policy**, held by Prof. Dr. Rer. Pol. Ulrich Schneckener from Osnabrück University. The event will take place on **April 3, 2023**, starting with **16:00** in room Nelson Mandela.

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Call for Papers

- **Special Issue for European Security.** European Security is seeking proposals for a special issue to be published in 2024 with a **deadline of 25 April 2023**. Special issues should be devoted to a theme within the aims and scope of the journal. Special issues should consist of eight to nine articles, including a substantial introduction, of up to a maximum of 9,000 words including references and notes, which conform to European Security submission criteria, and a conclusion. Please note that we will not accept special issue proposals which have only male contributors. We particularly welcome proposals which are gender-balanced and include contributors from under-represented backgrounds. Information here: <https://think.taylorandfrancis.com/european-security-special-proposal/>. Proposals should be sent to the editorial team (Jocelyn Mawdsley, Laura Chappell and Dimitris Bouris) at: Jocelyn.Mawdsley@newcastle.ac.uk, l.chappell@surrey.ac.uk, and D.Bouris@uva.nl.
- **Volume: Three Centuries of Russian Influence in the Balkans.** The Balkan History Association is preparing a volume that aims to provide a better understanding on how Russia has wielded influence in the Balkans during the last three centuries. Our intentions are to see beyond the Russian-Ottoman wars and bilateral relations and to encourage new perspectives and seek new sources on every issue relating to the volume theme: military, diplomatic, intelligence, cultural, economic, and religion. We encourage paper proposals from young researchers, doctoral students, established scholars, and former practitioners. Submission procedure: Original manuscripts should be prepared following the editorial guide of the publisher, available on their website, especially "Style Guidelines – British English" and "Submission Guidelines". Manuscripts must not have been published, submitted for publication or available on the internet elsewhere. Interdisciplinary work is particularly welcome. Please submit your proposal, including the title of your manuscript, an abstract (up to 300 words), and an author's biography (up to 100 words) to intellhistory@gmail.com. The abstract should include the research question and purpose, the approach and main ideas, results of the research and a basic description of the sources used (archival documents, secondary sources etc.). No figures, tables, footnotes, or endnotes should be included in the abstract. Articles should not exceed 8,000 words in length including footnotes and references (reference list or bibliography). **Deadline for submission of proposals: April 15, 2023.**

- **17th Serbian Political Science Association Annual International Conference.** Title: EU Enlargement, Geopolitics, and the Russian-Ukraine War. Faculty of Political Science, Belgrade, October 14-15, 2023. We are pleased to invite applications to attend the conference on EU Enlargement Policy, Geopolitics, and the Russian-Ukraine War, which will take place on October 14-15, 2023 at the Belgrade Faculty of Political Science. The conference aims to bring together scholars, practitioners, and experts in the field of political science, international relations, economics, and public policy to discuss and exchange ideas on various topics related to EU enlargement policy and geopolitics within the context of the Russian-Ukraine war. The aim of the conference is to establish how geopolitical and geo-economic events have changed the European perspective of the Western Balkan region. Specifically, the conference will explore the impact of the Russian-Ukraine war on the EU enlargement policy and its implications for the Western Balkan region. We will focus on the role of EU and other great forces (the US, Russia, China etc) in the region, democracy, civil society, media capture, populism, right-wing forces, good governance, infrastructure investment, stabilitocracy, Russia, and China in shaping the political and economic landscape of the region. We welcome applications from graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, faculty and research institute staff, and practitioners from a variety of disciplines, including political science, law, international relations, public policy, and economics. Interested applicants are invited to submit a 250-word abstract and a brief CV to politicke.nauke.srbije@gmail.com by **July 15, 2023**. Selected applicants will be notified by July 31. Website: <http://www.upns.rs/node/75>.
- **9TH DOCTORAL WORKSHOP: What Was Europe? Perception, Division and Integration, 1940s-2010s.** The workshop aims to look into the ideas of Europe and their practices over the last eighty years. The configuration of the continent changed during and after World War II, Cold War introduced new divides and understandings of allies and adversaries, as well as different forms of their competition and cooperation, while the end of the century brought new idealized meanings of Europeanness and Europeanization, followed by the enlargement of the European Union and the notion of the so-called New Europe. We are welcoming papers discussing Europe from the angle of political, economic, social, cultural and intellectual history, but also other close disciplines in humanities and social sciences; from the everyday cultures to international affairs, including societies inside the two blocks and those which were non-aligned or neutral; from cross-border travel, sports tournaments and popular culture to the literary and artistic expressions, academic interpretations, as well as the media perception and representation. **Application deadline: May 15, 2023.** Website: https://www.unipu.hr/ckpis/en/doctoral_workshop/2023#.

Conference Calls

- **UACES Graduate Forum Research Conference 2023: 'Rebuilding Europe After a Decade of Crisis'.** We are delighted to announce that the 2023 Graduate Forum Research Conference conference will be held at the Institut d'Estudis Internacionals Barcelona (IBEI) from Thursday 8 June 2023 - Friday 9 June 2023. This two-day conference features a keynote lecture and plenary roundtable alongside a programme of research presentations from around 50 PhD students and Early Career Researchers (ECRs) in the field of European Studies. The conference provides a friendly environment for postgraduate students and ECRs to present their work, network with and receive feedback from their peers. It offers an ideal introduction to the UACES community. **DEADLINE: Friday 31st March 2023, 23:59 (GMT).** To submit a paper or panel proposal, please complete the online form here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLsOE_ZD_srDM3fzuTIKx1JLM_fb2CLXCc3wsL67Lmp_mIEA/viewform.
- **Crisis Communication and Conflict Resolution (ed. 3).** The Faculty of European Studies – Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, the Centre for Academic Success/Centre de Réussite Universitaire – BBU and Ege University – Izmir, have the pleasure of announcing the organization of the 3rd edition of the international conference Crisis Communication and Conflict Resolution, which will be held on May 11th-12th, 2023. In crisis situations, good communication and conflict resolution strategies are important aspects that cannot be disregarded. The 2023 edition will be held in a hybrid format, both on-site and via virtual participation and no participation fees are required. Accepted papers will be published in a post-conference volume (e-book with ISBN). **Deadline for submission of title and abstract: April 10th, 2023.** April 14th, 2023 – notice of acceptance. October 2023 – deadline for submission of final paper. Website: <https://euro.ubbcluj.ro/may-11th-12th-crisis-communication-and-conflict-resolution/>.
- **Annual International Conference "Challenges and Dynamics of European Administrative Area".** EU Public Administration Integration and Resilience Studies - EU-PAIR, no. 101047526, organised by Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration will be held in Iasi from 22nd – 23rd of June 2023. The conference will be organized in a hybrid way, which will allow for both physical and online participation of the attendees, although we strongly encourage in-person attendance for presenters. This year, the EU-PAIR 2023 International Conference aims to focused on the most challenging issues in European Union: responding and being resilient in the post-pandemic times, re-defining the democracy, the EU values, responding to the complex processes of European policy coordination strategies, adapting the business decisions at the new environment, increasing flexibility in working times, integrating digitalisation and Artificial Intelligence in business and public affairs. Please kindly send the abstract and/or full papers for presentation until **12th of May 2023** at eupair@uaic.ro. Website: <http://eu-pair.uaic.ro/>.
- **The Southeast European Studies (SEES) Student Symposium 2023.** Date: 31 March - 1 April 2023, online. The Southeast European Studies (SEES) Student Symposium aims at creating an opportunity for networking among SEES students and students who have a subject-related connection to Southeast Europe. It will provide a platform for exchange and feedback on current research papers (seminar papers, bachelor's and master's theses, etc.) and projects. We are curious to know what is interesting to you and where you see areas for further exchange in relation to Southeast Europe. Therefore, we call for presentations on papers or work-in-progress (WIP) reports and explicitly encourage you to come with open questions when presenting your own research. This can then be discussed with the audience. Website: <https://www.sogde.org/de/events/sees-student-symposium/>.

- **Early career workshop "After Brexit: the UK, the EU, the European neighbourhood, and beyond"**. Workshop for Early Career Researchers, 21 June 2023, Møller Institute, Churchill College, Cambridge. Following the third anniversary of the UK's departure from the EU, this workshop provides an occasion for early career researchers to present work that engages debates in relevant theoretical, conceptual and empirical literatures and that examines the political, legal and economic impact on the UK and the home nations, the EU, EU member, neighbouring states, and other third countries. Topics: The effects on the UK constitution: How Brexit has affected executive-legislative relations, the devolved settlement, territorial politics, and institutions in the UK and/or in one of more of the four home nations?; UK trade and the economy, UK policy, policy making and regulation, and UK diplomacy after Brexit; Formal EU-UK relations, including the Withdrawal Agreement and the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, and the politics of the relationship; The prospects for cooperation in energy, climate change, foreign policy, and security and defence, and for friction (e.g. data and digital, financial services, environment); The impact of Brexit on EU institutions, decision making, policy, and regulation; Adaptation by the EU, member states and neighbouring countries to the UK's departure, their approaches to EU-UK relations, and the bilateral relations of European states with the UK. Researchers, who may be PhD students, post-docs, or researchers who completed their PhD on or after 31 December 2017, are invited to send an abstract of no more than 300 words together with their name, affiliation, and two-page CV, which should include academic record to date (degrees taken, publications, prizes, etc). Please send applications by email to Dr. Pippa Lacey, lwn.ppl@uea.ac.uk. **Deadline: Friday 31 March midnight GMT.**
- **EUHealthGov conference and teaching workshop**. EUHealthGov is excited to invite you to its Research and Teaching Workshop: 'Maastricht at 30: Exploring past, present, and future drivers of EU health integration' on 20 and 21 April (Brussels). Research workshop: Exploring the drivers of health integration and governance. In the first day/session, we invite participants to share their experience and research on the mechanisms (legal, political, institutional and/or other) through which the EU does, could, or has struggled to promote and protect public health at the EU, member state, or global level. Participants are invited to submit papers for presentation and discussion. Teaching workshop: Exploring pedagogy in EU health law and policy. The second day/session is devoted to teaching. We will engage in a combination of best practice 'case studies' delivered by colleagues with experience teaching EU health law and policy, Q&A sessions where we can discuss specific challenges and ideas for our teaching, and collaborative activities to develop shared resources. Participants with any level of EU health teaching experience or none are welcome, and are invited to submit a contribution (in any of, or an alternative to, the forms below) or simply listen. Register for the research workshop (Thursday 20 April 13:30-17:30) and/or teaching workshop (Friday 21 April 09:00-12:30) here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeGifOMuPBz3NSTRHtNaRKfUOBH9-reJx-ONM4ePi8DULKaA/viewform>. Submit your (research paper) abstracts and (teaching workshop) contributions by email to euhealthgov@gmail.com by **Monday 10 April 2023**.
- **Authors' workshop - Beyond Spitzenkandidaten? The Politicization of Leadership Selection in the European Union**. This is the final workshop (online event) – funded by Birkbeck's Jean Monnet Chair in Parliamentary Democracy & European Integration of the international collaborative project that is directed by Matilde Ceron (EUI), Thomas Christiansen (LUISS Guido Carli, Rome) and Dionyssis G. Dimitrakopoulos (Birkbeck). Scholars from several European universities will present the final versions of their papers on various aspects of the politicisation of EU executive leadership selection. The corresponding book will be published in early 2024 by Palgrave/Springer. Register here: https://www.bbk.ac.uk/events/remote_event_view?id=35833.
- **Rethinking EU Foreign Policy through a Decentring Approach: When the EU deals with the religious and the secular**. Time: Tuesday, 16th May 2023, 17:30 – 18:45 (New Date). Place: Hybrid via MS Teams and in person at City, University of London. Chair: Dr Adrienne Yong, Senior Lecturer in Law at City, University of London. Speaker: Prof Sarah Wolff, Professor in European Politics and International Relations at QMUL. Through the case study of EU religious engagement, and based on her book *Secular Power Europe and Islam: Identity and Foreign Policy*, this talk will illustrate how the EU has engaged with religious actors, and how this decentring move is particularly difficult to achieve due to uncertainties about EU's secular identity and values. Website: <https://www.city.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/2023/may/rethinking-eu-foreign-policy-through-a-decentring-approach-when-the-eu-deals-with-the-religious-and-the-secular>.
- **PhD workshop on Research Quality and Productivity**. Date: 19-24 June 2023, University College Dublin, with Sarosh Kuruvilla (ILR School, Cornell University). Organizers: Roland Erne, Bernie Cramp and Bianca Föhrer (UCD). The workshop is designed for doctoral students and junior faculty in employment relations, sociology, political sciences, social anthropology, management, human resources, organizational studies, and other social sciences that privilege inductive and qualitative research. The purpose of this weeklong intensive seminar is to help participants increase the quality of their research. The goal of the seminar is to help participants develop high quality dissertations and publish in highly ranked academic journals. Topics: philosophy of research and paradigms of inquiry, quality criteria, inductive and deductive approaches, developing high quality research questions, the fit between question and methods, writing and presentation, choosing journals, responding to reviewer comments, writing major research project applications. To register, please contact Bernie Cramp bernie.cramp@ucd.ie. **The deadline for registration is Sunday, 14th May 2023 at 17:00 (Irish time).** Website: <https://www.erc-europeanunions.eu/doctoral-workshop-on-research-quality-and-productivity/>.

Calls for Projects/Fellowships

- **UBB Starting Research Grants 2023-2024**. UBB emphasizes the enhancement of the three academic components - research, teaching and services to the community/socio-economic environment - by organizing an academic research network of excellence (STAR-UBB-N) under the umbrella of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Science and Technology - STAR-UBB - (STAR - Scientific and Technological Advanced Research). **Submission period: 24 March - 21 April 2023**. Website: <https://cercetare.ubbcluj.ro/ro/ubb-starting-research-grants-2023-2024/>

- **3 pre-doctoral and 3 post-doctoral researchers vacancies.** EDGE (Enhancing Democratic Governance in Europe) is a strategic research programme of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. It explores innovative solutions that deliver new ways of political decision-making that help both effectively tackle real-world challenges to democracy and strengthen European democracies. Its three research themes are: WP 1 Climate, Sustainability, and Democratic Innovations; WP2 Enhancing Representative Relationships; WP3 Intersectional Inequalities and Democratic Innovations. For this programme, we are recruiting 3 pre-doctoral and 3 post-doctoral researchers. We welcome applications from political and social scientists interested in investigating the above-mentioned current challenges to Europe's democracies. **Deadline: 14 April 2023.** The expected starting date is 1 September 2023 or as soon as possible thereafter. Website: <https://brussels-school.be/job/pre-post-doctoral-research-positions-political-social-sciences-edge-programme>.
- **RENPET Network Residencies 2023.** The Jean Monnet Network RENPET: Reconceptualising European Power in an Era of Turmoil invites applications for its 2023 RENPET Network Residences. **Deadline is 30 April 2023.** These bursaries offer PhD students and Early Career Scholars (within 5 years of their PhD) working on EU Foreign Policy, EU external relations or related fields the opportunity to undertake residencies (2-3 months) at a university in the RENPET network. The bursary is for €2,300 (towards accommodation and subsistence costs) + travel (up to a maximum of €270). Applicants must either be a member of staff or student at one of these universities (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan; ARENA Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo; Danube University Krems; Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals; KU Leuven; Leiden University; London School of Economics; Maastricht University; Sabanci University; University College Dublin; University of Kent) or a member of UACES. Website: <https://www.uaces.org/funding/renpet-network-residencies>.
- **UACES Microgrant. Deadline: 31 March 2023.** The UACES Microgrant scheme is aimed at supporting research for our Early-Career and Individual Members. The Microgrants scheme will provide grants of between £100 and £500 to UACES members to assist them to cover the costs of undertaking their research. Examples of eligible costs could include: Travel costs to attend a conference, visit an archive or conduct an interview; Registration fees for a conference; Professional training which would not otherwise be covered by a member's workplace; Costs to hire a research assistant to work on a discrete project (hourly rate of pay must be at least equivalent to 9.90 GBP per hour [UK real living wage] or at rates set by your university if these are higher.); Costs of creating an online community (eg building a website or blog platform); Childcare in order to attend undertake academic work. NB this funding cannot be used to pay for childcare you use regularly but rather for specific additional care; Costs of a Zoom/Skype/Microsoft Teams subscription to conduct research. Website: <https://www.uaces.org/funding/microgrants>.
- **Short-Term Research Fellowships 2023-24.** The Jean Monnet Network GreenDeal-NET: The European Green Deal: Governing the EU's Transition towards Climate Neutrality and Sustainability invites applications for its Short-Term Research Fellowships. **Deadline is 14 April.** These bursaries offer PhD students and Early Career Scholars working on EU Green Deal and the complex governance challenges it poses, the opportunity to undertake a research visit of 4 weeks at a university in the GreenDeal-NET network. Website: <https://www.greendealnet.eu/node/226>.
- **CEST Summer School in Venice / 6 - 14 August 2023.** The third CEST Summer School is dedicated to the connectivities between Turkey and Southeast Europe and particularly to Turkey's complex and contested presence in the Balkans. The Summer School will last from 6 - 14 August and will take place on San Servolo Island, a short boat ride from Piazza San Marco in Venice. Our aim is to bring together PhD candidates and young scholars working on the multi-level and multi-scalar linkages between Turkey and Balkan countries with significant Muslim communities. Our perspective is interdisciplinary and informed by anthropological approaches, history, as well as political science and international politics research as long as they share an in-depth / 'politics from below' perspective. Students working in the field of migration and diaspora studies, as well as religious studies, are also encouraged to apply. Our scope is inclusive both in terms of geography (including Greece, Cyprus, and Romania) and in our thematic focus, ranging from projects examining local dynamics (Turkish migration to/presence in SEE countries, migration from SEE to Turkey, projects and investments by Turkish religious and other key actors, local contestations, memories, and representations) to regional and global interactions (bi- and multilateral relations and cooperation). Interested PhD candidates and young academics (five years since graduation) are invited to apply. The selection committee will consider applications from MA students if their research project is deemed well-advanced. If you are interested, please **submit your application file by Friday 21 April** to the following e-mail address: CESTSummer2023@gmail.com. Website: <http://cest-turkey.org/cest-summer-school-in-venice-6-14-august-2023>.

