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## IIRAS event

The Institute of International Relations and Area Studies invites you to take part in the Book Launch Event that will take place on the 24th of May, starting with 16:00 in room Nelson Mandela. The following volumes will be launched:

-  Adrian Corpadean, De la refuzul Planului Marshall la Președinția Consiliului UE. Momente-cheie în procesul de integrare europeană a României, PUC 2022.
-  Laura M. Herta, Normalizarea relațiilor româno-iugoslave (1955-1960). Înțelegeri intersubiective asupra limitelor acceptării variantei iugoslave, PUC 2022.
-  Delia Pop-Flanța, Crisis Communication during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Case Studies on France, the United Kingdom and Romania, PUC 2021.
-  Delia Pop-Flanța, Laura M. Herta (eds.), Conflict Resolution and Crisis Communication. Transforming Conflicts and Building Peace, PUC 2022

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## Call for Papers

- *The Future of Europe's Strategic Autonomy*. Birkbeck's Jean Monnet Chair in Parliamentary Democracy & European Integration is looking for entirely new (i.e. unpublished) contributions covering both the intra- and the extra-EU aspects of the topic. These contributions could include papers on the institutional implications of the EU's strategic autonomy for the EU as a political system (incl. the question of accountability), national debates on the meaning of the EU's strategic autonomy, its connections to various policy sectors (including trade, environmental protection, industrial, energy, foreign, security and defence policies) both at the national and EU levels, as well as in relation to non-EU member states such as the UK. Additionally, contributions may explore critiques of the concept and address how it is perceived outside of the EU both by state and non-state actors. Contributions may focus on one particular aspect of the issue (e.g. its media coverage and/or public opinion analyses), or may situate the concept of EU strategic autonomy within wider theoretical debates on European integration (including core state powers and European integration), security studies, and international relations. Reflections on the concept of EU strategic autonomy in light of the evolving security framework in Europe after Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine are especially welcome. **Deadline for the submission of proposals (max. 350 words): 15 May 2023.** All proposals should be sent by email (subject: CfP, strategic autonomy) to JMC@bbk.ac.uk.

- **Political Representation of Women: Global Theory and Empirical Reality from South-East Europe.** Issues of political representation are a core focus of gender and politics research. Over the last four decades different approaches have been taken in order to define and empirically operationalize the concepts of 'acting, women's interests' and women's issues, some being very narrow and feminist, others very broad, incl. non-feminist definitions. Among others, researchers have examined: which women are represented, who acts in the interests of women, where the representation of women takes place, and how it is done, in addition to evaluating the quality of representation. The Journal GENERO invites authors from all around the world to submit papers related to theoretical discussions and empirical research from South-East Europe. Concretely, with this call we are looking for so far unpublished a) original research and b) review articles/state-of-art discussion. Submitted articles should be linked to at least one of the following research questions: 1. Critical actors: Who acts in the representation of women?; 2. Sites of representation: Where does the representation of women occur?; 3. Interests, issues, preferences: What does representation of women articulate?; 4. Process vs. outcome: How is representation of women expressed? Submitted articles can be country case studies or comparative articles. We encourage articles that intersect gender and politics research with other research areas and topics, including work on women's representation in post-conflict consociationalism. Please send your full papers (5000 to 9000 words) **by 31 August 2023** to both [generojournal@gmail.com](mailto:generojournal@gmail.com) and [genero@fnp.bg.ac.rs](mailto:genero@fnp.bg.ac.rs).

## Conference Calls

- **(Re-)Ordering Eastern Europe.** The Annual Conference of the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) **will take place in Regensburg, Germany from 12 to 13 October 2023**. The submission deadline is May 15, 2023. The 2023 edition of the IOS Annual Conference aspires to address these ongoing changes and shifts as multiscale processes of re-ordering Eastern Europe. As we release this call for papers, Eastern Europe remains a battlefield of multiple political and violent conflicts. Russia's war against Ukraine, which has acquired a new magnitude and degree of destruction since 24 February 2022, is the major factor instigating the current wave of re-ordering Eastern Europe, likewise in terms of research on the region across disciplines. We invite proposals for contributions in particular, but not limited, to the following anticipated sessions and sub-themes: Ukraine's resilience, Russia's domestic developments both on the elite and societal level, its internal colonialism, and its (unlikely) disintegration, Digital sovereignty in times of war, International criminal courts: legacies and new beginnings, The local, regional and global dimensions of contested territories and fragmentation in Eastern and Southeastern Europe, Laboratories and experiments of (international) law in local, regional, and international politics in Eastern and Southeastern Europe, Conflicted research on and in (South) Eastern Europe. All interested authors should send either a paper proposal or a poster proposal (between 300—350 words) including a proposed title, five keywords and type of participation (panel presentation or poster presentation), the author's full name, e-mail, institutional affiliation, and a short biography (of ca. 100 words) in \*one pdf file\* **by 15 May 2023**, to [events\\_polvr@ios-regensburg.de](mailto:events_polvr@ios-regensburg.de). Website: <https://leibniz-ios.de/wissen-vermitteln/aktuelles/newsdetail/ios-cfp-jahrestagung-23>
- **International conference on "Solidarity and support in a post-welfare era".** The conference will be held in Skopje, North Macedonia on **September 14-15, 2023**. The notion of solidarity spontaneously evokes a certain idea of a society grounded in values of mutual commitment and empathy toward the others. As a social practice, it manifests itself in situations of human crises - pandemics, earthquakes, war conflicts, migration and displacements due to climate and environmental changes. And yet, solidarity is also a concept that refers to fundamental social relationships taking place in everyday life, based on mutuality, sharing and reciprocity. We invite papers dealing with the notion of solidarity, well-being and welfare from different disciplines in several subthemes: Solidarity and welfare in theory and practice; Solidarity in historical perspective; Traditional forms of solidarity; Solidarity and volunteerism in socialist societies; Solidarity in capitalist, liberal and neoliberal societies; Solidarity and economies; Solidarity and political ecology; The price of solidarity: value, sacrifice, capital; Mutuality and/or reciprocity: understanding the role of the social and solidarity; Economy in the past and in the future; Solidarity and mutual support in times of recession; Solidarity and Vulnerability; Collective care as praxis; Perspectives on solidarity in humanitarianism; Informal welfare in crisis; Public health; Spaces of solidarity; Borders and buffer zones; Natural, war disaster zones; Migrant solidarity work; Religious institutions; Shapes of welfare; The political concept of welfare, welfare as a social principle, epoch or possible future. We invite submissions for presentations of up to 15 minutes. Please send proposals (300 words) to [ceipa.mkd@gmail.com](mailto:ceipa.mkd@gmail.com) **by May 31, 2023**. Applicants will be notified of their submission status by June 20th, 2023. Abstracts should be sent in a Word document. The document should include the presentation title, a 300-word abstract, as well as the applicant's full name, institutional affiliation and contact information. For additional information, please contact Eda Starova [eda@pmf.ukim.mk](mailto:eda@pmf.ukim.mk).
- **International Conference "A New-Old Neighbor. Turkish Republic and the Balkans".** The Turkish Republic was the last nation-state with Balkan territories to emerge from the ashes of the collapsing Ottoman Empire, as a result of long-term painful processes (internal conflicts, military occupations, forced migration, resistance and War of Independence) and on the basis of almost total rejection of the Ottoman past. The birth of the new state had significant consequences not only for the new Turkish citizens and the Turkish and Muslim minority populations in the Balkans, but also for all Balkan peoples and, more generally, for the geopolitical balance of power in the region. The Conference aims to shift attention to the intellectual, cultural, social, and economic processes involving varying kinds of collective and individual actors and their reception of the emergence of the Turkish Republic in the various Balkan societies, and more specifically: the channels and processes through which knowledge about, images of, and attitudes towards the "new-old neighbor" and its new capital took shape in interwar Balkan societies; the continuities and discontinuities of representations with the Ottoman past; the various approaches adopted by different/rival political and social forces and institutions in the Balkan states towards republican Turkey; the impact of relations with republican Turkey on internal developments in the Balkan countries; economic relations and informal channels of transnational communication (movement of people and ideas, old and new networks etc.) and their significance for the shaping of representations; cleavages between official discourse and on-the-ground understandings of the emergent Turkish state. The conference will take place on-site, at Panteion University, Athens. We welcome submissions from senior and junior scholars and academics, as well as

doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers. Presentations will be in English and should not exceed 20 minutes. Submissions must include: a. Title and abstract (not more than 300 words) and b. Short Bio including full name, current affiliation and contact details. Proposals should be submitted by email to [newoldneighborconference@gmail.com](mailto:newoldneighborconference@gmail.com) by April 30th, 2023. You will be notified about the acceptance of your proposal **by May 31st 2023**.

- **International Research Workshop: The Political Representation and Participation of Migrants and Ethnic Minorities: Eastern Europe in a Broader Context.** People belonging to ethnic groups either as a result of migration or to historical / traditional ethnic communities, representation and political participation are three major components at the core of many contemporary societies. This conference aims to gather research papers that can connect some of these components to analyze their dynamics. This conference addresses these topics from two different perspectives: the supply side of political parties and politicians who claim to represent and include ethnic minorities and migrants and the demand side of ethnic groups who participate and strive to be represented. It seeks to bring together papers aiming to better understand the complexity of this picture and to answer some of these questions, which include but are not limited to: Why do ethnic groups (minorities and migrants) participate?; How do they perceive the idea of political participation?; Who represents migrants in their home or host country?; What are the main outcomes of ethnic groups' participation and / or representation?; What are the contemporary challenges for ethnic groups' participation?; How do political parties pursue the representation of ethnic groups (including migrants in the home or host country)? All costs related to accommodation, meals and coffee breaks for participants are covered by the organizers. Apply here <https://www.sh.se/kalender/kalenderposter/2023-06-05-political-representation-and-participation-of-migrants-and-ethnic-minorities-in-eastern-europe> **until 20 April 2023**.

## Calls for Projects/Fellowships

- **Postdoctoral Researcher for ERC project "Rights to Unite" (Advanced Grant) University College Cork (Dagmar Schiek).** For the recently awarded ERC project "RIGHTS TO UNITE, UCC is now seeking to employ a Postdoctoral Researcher, as the first post for an overall project team consisting of 2 Postdoctoral Researchers, 6 PhD students, a project administrator (2 days a week) and a research assistant. For this position we are looking for a highly motivated and qualified researcher specializing in theoretical and comparative socio-legal research. You will be academically fluent in English, and potentially also in one of the other languages relevant to our project. You will be ideally familiar with the most important theories of European integration, including those focusing on integration through law and the role of rights, and have experience in developing working papers and collaborating with academics (e.g. from our advisory board). You will also have the ability to operationalise theoretical concepts for comparative qualitative socio-legal research. You will be working closely with Professor Schiek, to elaborate the theoretical framework of furthering European integration through rights in the first year, and in subsequent years contribute to devising parameter for the socio-legal research, supporting the PhD researchers as well as reconsidering the theoretical frame in the light of legal and empirical findings. There is an opportunity to serve as second PhD supervisor as well. Post Duration: 5 years. Salary: €42,031- €48,427 p.a. (IUA PD1 Salary Scale). Website: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/law/news/ucc-school-of-law-academic-awarded-prestigious-erc-advanced-grant.html>.
- **PhD course: STV9431 - A differentiated Europe and its implications.** ARENA Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo, welcomes applications for the PhD course 'A differentiated Europe and its implications. Key information: Teaching: 12-16 June 2023 (Oslo/online); Application deadline: 7 May 2023; Language: English; Level: PhD; Credits: 10. The core objective of this course is to address differentiation as a central concern in European studies, across academic disciplines from political science, public policy and public administration, to law, sociology and history. The course aims to conceptualize differentiation, discuss causes and effects of differentiation, and show how differentiation manifests itself internally in the EU and in the EU's relations with non-members. Website: <https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/sv/sv/STV9431/index.html>.
- **Joint Master's in Southeast European Studies, University of Graz and University of Belgrade. Deadline June 15, 2023 (23:59 CET).** The two-years Joint MA Programme in SEES provides students with a specialized and professional education focussed on Southeast Europe. The programme entails at least one mobility semester abroad, aimed at strengthening regional expertise and intercultural skills. Our courses are designed to provide students with an interdisciplinary training of the highest quality. The successful completion of the Joint MA Programme in SEES will enable students to understand the interrelationship between history, law, politics, economics, and culture in Southeast Europe. Students spend the first year at their chosen entrance university (Graz or Belgrade). The University of Belgrade offers an interdisciplinary education combining courses in Law and Politics. Students who enroll at the University of Graz can choose between two tracks, either Southeast European History or Law and Politics in Southeast Europe. The study tracks at both Universities entail an inter- and transdisciplinary education in theories and methods of legal, political, economic, cultural, and intersectional studies. The first year comprises introductory core courses in multidisciplinary approaches. The second year is dedicated to a mobility semester at one of the partner universities, a winter school, and the completion of the MA thesis. Website: <https://www.jointdegree.eu/en/masees/>. Application: <https://www.jointdegree.eu/de/masees/application-selection/how-to-apply/>.
- **Stavro Skendi Book Prize for Achievement in Albanian Studies.** The Stavro Skendi Book Prize for Achievement in Albanian Studies is presented every year to the best book making a contribution to, and advancing research in Albanian Studies. Albanian Studies is a broadly defined field of study which includes original-scholarly work which furthers understanding of Albanian societies across geo-political borders, time periods, and disciplinary confines. The Prize committee will consider single-case studies, original research, comparative research, and any theoretical and empirical contributions pertinent to the area of Albanian Studies. Nominated books must be in English. They must have been published within three years prior to the year of the award. Books may be nominated by the author or other scholars.

- To nominate a book please send an email to Dr. Nevila Pahumi, Chair of Albanian Book Prize Committee at [npahumi@loc.gov](mailto:npahumi@loc.gov) indicating the name of the author and the title of the book nominated. Note that author nominees must be members of the SAS<<https://forms.gle/tMTPrcWHTPFGuR519>> at the time of the book's nomination. Please include the following documents: 1) a one paragraph summary of the work; 2) the date, place and name of the publisher; 3) a short bio of the author; and 4) the PDF version of the book. Alternatively, you may send print copies of the book to all committee members at the addresses indicated below. The nomination and supporting documents should be sent before the **deadline of June 30, 2023**. The committee will make the selection and notify the recipient of the award **by October 10, 2023**. The Award will be formally presented at the Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) in 2023.
- **The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program.** The Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission is pleased to announce that the 2024-2025 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program competition is now open and the application deadline is September 15, 2023! The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program to Romania is designed for American scholars and professionals interested to teach and/or conduct research in Romania in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. A complete list of Fulbright opportunities for American scholars to Romania is available here: <https://bit.ly/3Rj7y9Z>.
- **Office of the High Representative Fellowship Program 2023-2024.** Applications are now open for fellowships at the Office of the High Representative (OHR) for 2023-2024. OHR's Fellowship Program provides a unique opportunity for professional development to young professionals and recent graduates. Through intensive training combined with on-the-job experience, Fellows will develop their professional skills and competencies in areas related to the organization's mandate. Through this program, selected candidates will gain comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the current socio-political and legal system in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Fellowship provides excellent experience for a continuing career in public policy, particularly policymaking in a post-conflict context. Eligibility: All nationalities; Individuals with a Law degree or advanced degree in Political Science, International Relations, Government, or a related field, awarded within the last 12 months or expected before the start of the fellowship; Excellent academic achievement. General requirements: Excellent oral and written command of the English language; No previous OHR experience as a national contractor, consultant, or Junior Professional; Knowledge of the socio-political environment in the Western Balkans or Bosnia and Herzegovina in particular; Willingness to travel within Bosnia and Herzegovina and work with people from various cultural backgrounds; Computer literacy; Excellent drafting and research skills. All positions are located in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Available positions: Legal department: 4 positions; Political & Fiscal department: 2 positions; Principal Deputy High Representative's Cabinet: 1 position. Duration of fellowship: 12 months with possible extension, maximum of 24 months. Expected commencement: September 2023. Employment conditions: Stipend, social contributions (for BiH nationals), arrangement of residency and work permits (internationals), leave entitlement, and health insurance. Applying: Eligible applicants should submit the following documents in English: A one-page Statement of Interest; Curriculum Vitae; A two-page writing sample. **Closing date: 30 April 2023**.
- **Academic Assistant, College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium).** The Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies at the College of Europe in Bruges is seeking recent graduates to fill positions of Academic Assistant with a starting date of 14 August 2023. Candidates must (1) hold a relevant Master's degree with a strong background in EU Studies and excellent results, (2) show a pronounced interest in EU external affairs, and (3) have a very good command of both English and French. **Application deadline: 15 May 2023**. Website: <https://www.coleurope.eu/academic-assistant-department-eu-international-relations-and-diplomacy-studies-college-europe>.

