

## Programme

### Workshop 'European Studies'

**Date:** Wednesday, 10 – Friday, 12 July 2024

**Convenor:** EU\*Asia Institute at ESSCA School of Management, Jean Monnet Chair “Teaching and Research in European Studies (TRES)”

**Venue:** ESSCA Campus Angers (1 rue Lakanal, Angers - France) and online

#### Workshop Day 1: Wednesday, 10 July 2024

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Room: J801

**9 :30 – 10 :00 CET**

Welcome Coffee

**10 :00 – 10 :30 CET**

**Welcome by the organiser and editors**

Presentation of the sections, academic structure, and feedback to authors

**Prof. Thomas Hoerber**, ESSCA - EU\*Asia Institute

**Dr Pamela Barnes**, ESSCA - EU\*Asia Institute

**Dr Maxine David**, Leiden University

**Prof Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou**, University of Central Lancashire (UCLan Cyprus), Director of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on the Rule of Law and European Values (CRoLEV)

**10 :30 – 12 :30 CET**

**Session 1: Europe in (and) the World**

*Chair: Dr Maxine David, Leiden University*

- **Online Dr Anastas Vangeli**, School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana / ESSCA EU\*Asia Institute, *Defining Europe Through the 'Other': Integration, Enlargement, and External Relations in an Era of Global Uncertainty*
- **Online Dr Biao Zhang**, China University of Political Science and Law, *The Myth of China's 'Infrastructure Power'? Evidence from China's National Nuclear Companies (NNCs) in Europe*
- **Online Dr Ioanna Bantouna**, Hellenic Open University, *EU's policy and conflict management in the contemporary world between war and international law: A payer or a player in the European neighbourhood?*
- **Questions and answers**

**12 :30 –14:00 CET**

Lunch break

**14 :00 – 15 :30 CET**

**Session 2: European Thinkers, Leaders and Influencers**

*Chair: Dr Christoph Weber, ESSCA – EU\*Asia Institute*

- **Online** Dr Georgiana Ciceo, Babeş-Bolyai University, *Konrad Adenauer and the European integration*
- **Online** Prof Vadym Zheltovskyy, University of Warsaw, *Does Leadership Matter? EU institutional actors towards the reconsideration of the EU eastern policy*
- **In person** Dr Martyn BOND, UACES and Regent's University, London, *“Coudenhove-Kalergi: His Visions of Europe”*
- **Questions and answers**

**15 :30 – 16 :00 CET**

Coffee break

**16 :00 – 18 :00 CET**

**Session 3: History of European integration**

*Chair: Prof Thomas Hoerber, ESSCA EU\*Asia Institute*

- **Online** Dr Stéphanie Couderc-Morandeu, CNRS, University of Nantes, *The concept of integration in Europe: from eighteenth-century philosophy to the present society.*
- **Online** Dr Elena Simona Davidescu, University of York, *The UK’s position on the negotiation and ratification of the Maastricht treaty: are the debates still relevant today?*
- **Online** Dr Eliyahu Sapir, Maastricht University, *Europe united? Assessing European integration through Eurovision Song Contest voting communities*
- **Questions and answers**

## Workshop Day 2: Thursday, 11 July 2024

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**9:30 – 12:00 CET**

### **Session 4: European Law and Policy**

*Chair: Prof Antonella Forganni, ESSCA – EU\*Asia Institute  
Introduction by Dr Marios P. Efthymiopoulos, Strategy International Ltd*

- **In person** Dr Pieter van Nes, ESSCA EU\*Asia Institute, *Space Policy of an integrating Europe*
- **In person** Ms. Laura Gheorghiu, Karl Franzens University Graz, *The Rule of Law a Target and a Technique*

**10 :30 – 11 :00 CET**

Coffee Break

- **Questions and answers**

**12 :00 – 13 :30 CET**

Lunch break

**13:30-14:30 CET**

### **Presentation of the Encyclopedia**

#### **The Routledge Resources Online: European Studies**

**Prof. Thomas HOERBER**, ESSCA - EU\*Asia Institute

**Andrew TAYLOR, Liz BURTON & Alex HOWARD**, Routledge

**14:30 – 15 :00 CET**

Coffee break

**15:00 – 16 :30 CET**

### **Session 5 – New ideas on Europe**

*Chair: Dr Pamela Barnes, ESSCA EU\*Asia Institute*

- **Online** **Dr Rosa M. Fernandez Martin, PhD, SFHEA**, Keele University, *Community engagement in sustainability transitions research (provisional title)*
- **Online** **Ms. Zane Šime**, United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS), *Eranetisation: Strengthening the post-Westphalian science diplomacy through the European Research Area*
- **Questions and answers**

**16:30 – 16 :45 CET**

Coffee break

**16 :45 – 18 :15 CET**

**Session 6 – Celebrating Two Decades:**

**The Impact of the 2004 EU Enlargement**

*Chair: Dr Maxine David, Leiden University*

- **In person** **Ms. Laura Gheorghiu**, Karl Franzens University Graz, *Kakania and the Central European Illiberalism*
- **In person** **Prof Karim Belgacem**, ESSCA, *2004, the European Union expands....and weakens.*
- **Questions and answers**

**20 :00 CET**

Conference Dinner – Angers city centre

## Workshop Day 3: Friday, 12 July 2024

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### 9:30 – 12:30 CET

### Session 7: European Organisations

*Chair: Dr Tomasz Braun, Lazarski University*

*Introduction by Prof Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou, University of Central Lancashire (UCLan Cyprus), Director of CRoLEV*

- **In person** Dr Pamela Barnes, ESSCA EU\*Asia Institute, *Re-vitalising the EU's nuclear dinosaur? Why the EU needs deeper nuclear energy integration.*
- **In person** Dr Christoph Weber, ESSCA EU\*Asia Institute, *The Transparency of the ECB: Why, how much and what for?*
- **Online** Dr Helen Kavvadia, University of Luxembourg, *Unravelling the European Investment Bank: set to support the evolving European priorities or limited due to its pivot to a climate bank?*

### 11 :00 – 11 :30 CET

Coffee Break

- **Online** Dr Taro Nishikawa, Kobe University, *The European Commission's Internal and External Strategies: EC-Japan Automobile Arrangement (1991)*
- **Questions and answers**

### 12 :30 – 14:00 CET

Lunch break

### 14:00 – 16 :00 CET

### Session 8 – European Values, Society and Democracy

*Chair: Prof Albrecht Sonntag, ESSCA – EU\*Asia Institute*

*Introduction by Prof Birol Yesilada, Portland State University*

- **Online** Dr Zamira Xhaferri, Mr Jesus Robles, University of Amsterdam, *Externalizing the European Green Deal: New approaches to 'green' the EU's Free Trade Agreements*
- **Online** Dr Marko Lovec, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, *From farm to force: explaining the success of the EU-wide farm protests*
- **In person** Dr Tomasz Braun, Lazarski University, Warsaw, *Human Centricity – Old Value but New Category of the EU Language of Legal Discourse*
- **Questions and answers**

### 16 :00 – 16 :30 CET

### Conclusions

**Prof. Thomas HOERBER**, ESSCA - EU\*Asia Institute

**Dr Maxine David**, Leiden University