Programme

Workshop 'European Studies'

Date: Wednesday, 18 – Friday, 20 June 2025

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

Venue: ESSCA Campus Strasbourg (Espace Européen de l'entreprise - LE TWINS, 23 Rue de la Haye, Strasbourg - France) & Online via TEAMS

Workshop Day 1: Wednesday, 18 June 2025

Meeting link: TEAMS

Room: tbc

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, Jean Monnet Chair TRES, Director of the EU*Asia Institute

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 :00 CET **Session 1: European Thinkers, Leaders and Influencers**

Chair: **Dr Simona Davidescu**

Introduction by Section Editor Prof Gilles Pittoors, KU Leuven

- In person **Prof Vadym Zheltovskyy**, University of Warsaw, *Building Transformational Leadership through Language: Political discourse of EU Institutional Leaders as a Tool of Foreign Policy Transformation*
- Hybrid **Ms. Laura Valeria Gheorghiu,** Karl Franzens University Graz, *David Mitrany, Functionalism*
- Online **Dr Grazia Errichiello,** University of Naples Parthenope, *The Price of Uncertainty: Corporate Lobbying Under Shifting Climate Policies*
- **Questions and answers**

12 :00 –13:30 CET Lunch break

13 :30 – 15 :00 CET **Session 2: Europe in (and) the World**

Chair: **Stefan Seidendorf**

- Online **Dr Chiara Pierobon,** European University Viadrina, *The European Union as a Development Actor and the Role of Local Civil Society in Shaping Global Engagement*
- Online **Mr Evgeny Romanovskiy**, Charles University / Univerzita Karlova v Praze, *Europe in the Caucasus, the Caucasus in Europe: how Europeanisation changes local communities, and how local communities change Europe*
- In person **Dr Berina Fischinger-Corbo,** University of Mannheim, *The relevance of history of European integration in current scientific, political and societal discourse*
- **Questions and answers**

15 :00 – 15 :30 CET Coffee break

15 :30 – 17 :00 CET **Session 3 – New ideas on Europe**

Chair: **Prof Vadym Zheltovskyy**

- Online **Dr María Victoria Ramirez Munoz**, Angers University and UCO University, *Teachers' Role in Enhancing Student Engagement in Higher Education: Understanding the "At-Risk" Student Phenomenon*
- In person **Dr Pieter van Nes**, EU*Asia Institute, ESSCA, *Governance of European Space Policy: Institutional Layers and Political Realities*
- Online **Prof Pamela M. Barnes**, EU-Asia Institute, ESSCA, *The Euratom Treaty – a "difficult birth"*
- **Questions and answers**

19 :00 CET Conference Dinner : Aux Armes de Strasbourg,
9 Pl. Gutenberg, 67000 Strasbourg

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Workshop Day 2: Thursday, 19 June 2025

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8 :30 – 11 :00 CET — **Visit to the European Parliament with Mr Arash Saeidi, MEP**

11 :30 – 13 :00 CET — Lunch in the restaurant of the European Parliament

14 :00 – 15 :30 — **Session 4 – European Values, Society and Democracy**

Chair: **Dr Berina Fischinger-Corbo**

Introduction by Section Editor Prof Gaspare Genra, The University of Texas at El Paso

- Online **Dr Martin Steven**, Lancaster University, *The European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) under the leadership of Brothers of Italy (FdI): Eurorealism in the tenth European Parliament*
- In person **Dr Simona Davidescu**, University of York, *Teaching EU Politics post – Brexit: Resetting the lens?'*
- Online **Mr Milos Rastovic**, Duquesne University, *The European Union's Policy of Integration of the Western Balkans*
- **Questions and answers**

15 :30 – 15 :45 CET — Coffee break

15 :45 – 16 :45 CET — **Presentation of the Encyclopaedia**

The Routledge Resources Online: European Studies

Prof. Thomas HOERBER, General Editor

Andrew TAYLOR, Liz BURTON & Alex HOWARD, Routledge

16 :45 – 17 :00 CET — Coffee break

17 :00 – 18 :30 CET **Session 5: European Law and Policy**

Chair: **Dr Pieter van Nes**

- Online **Dr Dickson Ajisafe**, The Institute for Research and Policy Integration in Africa (IRPIA) Sierra Leone and USA, *France's abortion freedom, precipitating factors and implications for European states and other jurisdictions*

- Online **Prof Kerry Howell**, Northumbria University, *Exploring Mutual Recognition and Civil Constitution: Europeanization as a Federation of States?*

- In person **Dr Simona Davidescu**, University of York, **Dr Kristina Kurze,** Georg-August-Universität Göttingen & Andrássy Universität Budapest, *Converging on the European Green Deal - at last? A comparative analysis of Hungary's and Romania's energy and climate policy in times of crises*

- **Questions and answers**

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Workshop Day 3: Friday, 20 June 2025

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10 :00 – 12 :00 CET **Session 6: History of European integration**

Chair: **Prof Thomas Hoerber**

- In Person **Dr Ad van Riet**, UNU-CRIS, *Europe's Strategic Autonomy: The Geopolitical Role of the Euro in a Fragmented World Economy*
- Online **Prof Sharon Pardo**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, *The History and Importance of European Integration Studies in Israel*
- Online **Prof Antonella Forganni**, EU*Asia Institute, ESSCA, *The (ir)reversibility of European Integration*
- Online **Prof Magnus Arni Skjöld Magnusson,** Bifröst University, *Still at the Threshold: Iceland's European Integration Revisited*
- **Questions and answers**

12 :00 – 13 :30 CET Lunch break

13 :30 – 15 :00 CET **Session 7 – Theories and concepts of European Integration**

Chair: **Dr Ad van Riet**

- Online **Mrs Jessica Gosling,** UCL, *Thinking Out Loud: Exploring Best Practices in Soft Power. A Comparative Analysis between the UK and Other Nations*
- Online **Mr Oluwasheun Dele-Ige**, Pearson Consulting, *Examining Potential Implications of European Union and U.S.–Trade Disputes on Construction Industry in Europe during Trump's Tariff Era*
- **Questions and answers**

15 :00 – 15 :30 CET **Conclusions**

Prof. Thomas HOERBER, ESSCA - EU*Asia Institute