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Canada and Europe Carrying the Torch?

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Thursday, May 14, 2026

Young Researchers Network (YRN), Workshop for Emerging Scholars

This workshop caters to graduate students and other early-career scholars. Other ECSA-C delegates interested in attending the YRN workshop are invited to email to register this intention. Please email Malcolm Thomson (mect@uvic.ca) by Wednesday 6 May.

YRN workshop (9:00-16:00) Location: University of Victoria, main campus, David Strong Building (DSB) C108

09:00 – 09:10 | Welcome & Introduction

- Opening remarks by YRN Chairs, Ann-Kathrin McLean (Royal Roads University) and Cassandra Szabo (Carleton University)

09:10 – 10:40 | Graduate Student Research Paper Presentations (part 1)

- Student presentations by Master students

Chair: *Ann-Kathrin McLean, Royal Roads University (Canada)*

Placing Canada in the Colonial Dimension of European Integration: Canada and Europe as Promoting Liberal Internationalism or Neocolonial Continuity?

JR Wikkerink, Ghent University (Belgium)

Discussant: John Erik Fossum ARENA (Norway)

An analysis of the Russian-Ukraine war portrayal in Canadian news media

Aza Bryson-Bucci, University of Victoria (Canada)

Discussant: Wieger Bakker, Utrecht University (The Netherlands)

- Peer feedback and Q&A

10:40 – 11:00 | Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 | Graduate Student Research Paper Presentations (part 2)

- Research presentations by PhD students and Postdocs

Chair: *Cassandra Szabo, Carleton University (Canada)*

The Forth Option? A Nordic perspective on whether and how to deepen integration between Canada and the EU

Kristof Heidemann, University of British Columbia (Canada) and University of Turku (Finland)

Discussant: Juha Kilponen, Bank of Finland (Finland)

Europe as France writ large: French Diplomatic Practices in the Council of the EU

Wassim Tayssir, Université de Montreal (Canada)

Discussant: Lukas Spielberger, University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

Health and Well-being of Bangladeshi Migrants in Italy

Zoey Verdun, Imperial College London (United Kingdom)

Discussant: Roberta Guerrina, (University of Bristol) (United Kingdom)

- Discussant feedback and audience Q&A

12:30 – 13:20 | Lunch Break

13:20 – 14:20 | Professional Development Session I

Topic: Publishing: Tips for Success for Emerging Scholars

Panel speakers:

Alison Johnston (Oregon State University) co-lead editor *Review of International Political Economy* (**Confirmed**)

Thomas Christiansen (LUISS) editor-in-chief *Journal of European Integration* (**Confirmed**)

Roberta Guerrina (U of Bristol), *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* (**Confirmed**)

Gabriel Siles-Brügge (U of Bristol), *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* (**Confirmed**)

- Where and how to publish
- Navigating peer review
- Open access
- Blogs and other forms of output

14:20 – 14:40 | Coffee Break

14:40 – 15:50 | Professional Development Session II

Topic: How to have 'impact', Job Prospects and Career Strategies for Europeanists

Panel speakers:

Hussein Kassim, *University of Warwick*, (**Confirmed**)

Sara Connolly, *Leicester University* (**Confirmed**)

John-Erik Fossum, *Arena, University of Oslo* (**Confirmed**)

Janel Quiring, *Government of BC* (**Confirmed**)

- How to have impact
- Grant writing tips
- International mobility and networks
- Applying for PhD programs and postdocs
- Jobs in government

15:50 – 16:00 | Wrap-up

17:00-18:30 Tandem + ECSA Public Outreach Plenary Panel

Chair: Amie Kreppel (University of Florida, USA)

Panellists:

TBA (Delegation of the European Union to Canada) – brief welcome and an introduction to Canada-EU relations in light of CETA.

Jan Wouters (University of Leuven, Belgium) The Untold Sword of Damocles over EU-Canada Relations: CETA's Non-Ratification by Ten EU Member States.

Achim Hurrelmann (Carleton University, Canada) CETA and politicisation

Janel Quiring (Government of BC, Canada) CETA negotiations: a provincial perspective

Colin Chia (University of Victoria, Canada) Missing from CETA: digital services.

18:30-20:00 Opening Cocktail Reception – Sponsored by JCMS

Brief welcoming remarks (televideo) by Geneviève Tuts, Ambassador of the EU to Canada



Friday, May 15, 2026

8:00-8:30 Registration & Breakfast

8:30-10:00 Panel Session #1

Future of EMU – Deeper Integration and its Challenges

Panel 1-1 | 8:30-10:00

Panel Chair:

Juha K. Kilponen, Bank of Finland (Finland)

Panel Discussants:

Eugenia C. Heldt, Technical University of Munich (Germany)

Paul J. Stephenson, Maastricht University (The Netherlands)

Panel Presenters:

Future of EMU - From Common Currency to a Union of States

Juha K. Kilponen, Bank of Finland (Finland)

Fiscal Solidarity in the Euro Area: Evidence From an Expert Survey

Paul Schure, University of Victoria (Canada)

Revisiting the Institutional Foundations of EMU from a Monetary Policy Perspective

Bernhard Winkler, European Central Bank (EU)

French Debt Discipline: The Path of Sustainability in the 21st Century

David Cleeton, Oberlin College (United States)

Migration, Populism, and Policy: A Transatlantic Comparative Lens

Panel 1-2 | 8:30-10:00

Panel Chair:

Oliver Schmidtke, University of Victoria (Canada)

Panel Discussant:

Scott Watson, University of Victoria (Canada)

Panel Presenters:

Comparing Free Movement and Citizenship in the EU and U.S.

Willem Maas, York University (Canada)

Governing Diversity: Equity Policies in the Wake of Large-Scale Migration
Jennifer Elrick, McGill University (Canada)

The Politics of Migration in Germany's 2025 Election
Phil Triadafilopoulos, University of Toronto (Canada)

Europeanization as Pragmatic Politics: Italy's Civil Society Actors Operating in the Face of Right-Wing Populism
Fazila Mat, University of Victoria (Canada)

(Geo)politicization and EU Trade and Investment Policy
Panel 1-3 | 8:30-10:00

Panel Chair:

Lora Viola, Free University Berlin (Germany)

Panel Discussant:

Achim Hurrelmann, Carleton University (Canada)

Panel Presenters:

The Performativity of the EU's 'Goeconomic Turn'
Gabriel Siles-Brügge, University of Bristol (United Kingdom)

The Three-Body Problem of EU Trade, Agricultural, and Environmental Policy
Jean-Frédéric Morin, Université Laval (Canada)

Investment Screening in Comparative Perspective: Balancing Economic and Security Policies
Michelle Egan, American University (United States)

From Trade to Security: How Canada and the EU Redefine Economic Security amid US Unilateralism and Russian Aggression
Crina Viju-Miljusevic, Carleton University (Canada)

Navigating Between Two Predatory Superpowers: EU Strategic Autonomy Amid the US-China Trade War
Kristen Hopewell, University of British Columbia (Canada)

Gender and Diversity Issues in the EU
Panel 1-5 | 8:30-10:00

Panel Chair:

Nina Belmonte, University of Victoria (Canada)

Panel Discussant:

Amie Kreppel, University of Florida (United States)

Panel Presenters:

A New Era of Diversity and Inclusion in the European Commission?

Sara Connolly, University of Leicester School of Business (United Kingdom)

Hussein Kassim, University of Warwick (United Kingdom)

No Disaster is Natural: What the EU's New Portfolio reveals about inequality and crisis

Heather MacRae, York University (Canada)

Roberta Guerrina, University of Bristol (United Kingdom)

Resisting Anti-Gender Politics in the Council of the EU

Laurie Beaudonnet, Université de Montréal (Canada)

Leveraging Crowdcoding and LLMs for the Analysis of Gender Mainstreaming: Gender-Sensitive Recovery Policies in the EU

Matilde Ceron, European University Institute (Italy)

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break



10:30-12:00 Keynote #1

Plenary Panel with former Jean Monnet Chairs on Current issues facing the EU

Chair: Amy Verdun

Heather MacRae, York University – Gender politics

Oliver Schmidtke, University of Osnabruck/University of Victoria – Populism in the EU

Maria Popova, McGill University – Ukraine's accession

Joan DeBardeleben, Carleton University – Russia EU relations

This panel and the lunch right after are sponsored by the European Union

12:00-13:00 Lunch (sponsored by the European Union)

13:00-14:30 Panel Session #2

The Digital Age: Disruptions and Sovereignty
Panel 2-2 | 13:00-14:30

Panel Chair:

Chantal Lavallée, Royal Military College Saint-Jean (Canada)

Panel Discussant:

Shawn Donnelly, Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada)

Panel Presenters:

Tech Sovereignty, the Market, and Objects of Governance
Colin Chia, University of Victoria (Canada)

Does Scale Matter? Fostering the Twin – Green and Digital – Transition Within EU Macro-Regions
Marco Pietro D’Attoma, University of Agder (Norway)

Understanding Public Sphere Fragmentation in Europe in the Digital Age
Maximilian Conrad, University of Iceland (Iceland)

Reshaping Economic Governance: Comparing the Recovery and Resilience Facility with the Economic Adjustment Programmes
Dimitris Tsarouhas, Virginia Tech (United States)

EU Norms and Policy effectiveness: Deforestation, Sustainability and the Climate Crisis
Panel 2-3 | 13:00-14:30

Panel Chair:

Marlea Clarke, University of Victoria (Canada)

Panel Discussant:

Marlea Clarke, University of Victoria (Canada)

Panel Presenters:

Governing at a Distance: Ghanaian Cocoa Farmers’ Perspectives on Land-Use Monitoring Under the EU Deforestation Regulation
Noa S. Brown, University of Victoria (Canada)
Sophia L. Carodenuto, University of Victoria (Canada)

How do Sustainability Due Diligence Measures Affect Voluntary Sustainability Standards? A Case Study of the Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) in the Textile Sector
Kari Otteburn, KU Leuven (Belgium)

Contesting Europe: Brazil's Challenge to EU Norms and the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)

Gustavo G. Müller, KU Leuven (Belgium)

Planning for Renewable Acceleration Areas (RAA) – Enough to Ensure a Sustainable Climate Transition in the European Union?

Melina Malafry, Uppsala University (Sweden)

Canada and Europe: Towards what Form of Bilateral Relations?

Panel 2-4 | 13:00-14:30

Panel Chair:

Joan DeBardeleben, Carleton University (Canada)

Round Table (Presenters):

Canada's Paths to Closer EU integration

Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, University of Victoria (Canada)

Closer Canada-EU Relations Without Deeper Integration

Achim Hurrelmann, Carleton University (Canada)

Why Canada Should Join the European Political Community

Stefan Gänzle, University of Agder (Norway)

Should Canada Strengthen its Economic Ties With the EU?

Crina Viju-Miljusevic, Carleton University (Canada)

Canada and the EU's Geopolitical Enlargement

Maria Popova, McGill University (Canada)

Why Canada Cannot Join the EU

Thomas Verellen, Utrecht University (The Netherlands)

Democratic Engagement, Polarisation, Populism, Trust and Voting Behaviour

Panel 2-5 | 13:00-14:30

Panel Chair:

Jon Pammett, Carleton University (Canada)

Panel Discussant:

John Erik Fossum, University of Oslo (Norway)

Panel Presenters:

Making Sense of a Polarised Europe: Citizens' Perspectives on Democratic Engagement
Laurie Beaudonnet, Université de Montréal (Canada)

The Impact of EU Policy Responses to the 2022–2023 Energy Crisis on Trust in EU Governing Institutions
Olivier Sempiga, University of Kozminski (Poland)

Between Brussels and Central Europe's V4: Strategic Ambiguity in Party Voting Across Political Levels
Vladimír Müller, Matej Bel University (Slovakia)

Highly Influential? The Impact of External Actors on Democratic Backsliding in the EU
Adam Holesch, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) (Spain)

14:30-14:45 Panel Transition

14:45-16:15 Panel Session #3

Canada-EU Trade and Economic Relations: Markets, Banks and Parliamentary Scrutiny
Panel 3-1 | 14:45-16:15

Panel Chair:

Alison Johnston, Oregon State University (United States)

Panel Discussants:

Matilde Ceron, European University Institute (Italy) and Graeme Auld, Carleton University, Canada

Panel Presenters:

Shared Greenish Ambitions? Hydrogen in the EU-Canada relations
John Szabo, DIW Berlin/CERS-ELTE (Germany/Hungary)

Geo-economic Restructuring between Europe, Canada and East Asia: A Dashboard Analysis
Shawn Donnelly, Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada)

EU and Canada's Trade Policy Options Under the EU CBAM
Jarosław Pietras, College of Europe (Belgium)

How do Parliamentary Committees Process Complex Data About Policy Performance? The Evolving Nature of European Parliament's Scrutiny of Audit Findings from the European Court of Auditors

Paul J. Stephenson, Maastricht University (The Netherlands)

EU Strategic Autonomy in Action

Panel 3-2 | 14:45-16:15

Panel Chair:

Ieva Giedraitytė, Vilnius University (Lithuania)

Panel Discussant:

Yannis Stivachtis, Virginia Tech (United States)

Panel Presenters:

Federalism Meets Strategic Autonomy: Legal Complexity in EU-Canada Critical Raw Materials Policy

Thomas Verellen, Utrecht University (The Netherlands)

Space and Strategic Autonomy: The Securitization of EU Space Policies

Marianne Riddervold, University of Oslo (Norway)

Food BioSolutions: Innovative Solutions Towards Sustainable Transitions and Strategic Autonomy

Sevasti (Sevie) Chatzopoulou, Roskilde University (Denmark)

EU's Balancing Act? From Open Strategic Autonomy to a Euro-Atlantic Coalition of the Willing

Wojciech Michnik, Jagiellonian University (Poland)

Canada-EU and Defence Cooperation

Panel 3-3 | 14:45-16:15

Panel Chair:

David Cleeton, Oberlin College (United States)

Panel Discussants:

João Francisco Guerreiro, NOVA - University of Lisbon (Portugal)

Panel Presenters:

Northern Lights Shining Bright or Just a Flash in the Pan? Potentialities and Pitfalls of Canada's New Outreach to the European Union

Jan Claudius Völkel, University of Ottawa (Canada)

A Trusted Friend: Canada, the EU, and the Multipolarisation of the Western Security Order

Maximilian A. Backhaus, University of Victoria (Canada)

A Relationship Fuelled by Energy? Canada and the EC/EU Since 1951

Petra Dolata, University of Calgary (Canada)

Canada-EU Cooperation in Defence: From Free-Riders to Frontrunners?

Chantal Lavallée, Royal Military College Saint-Jean (Canada)

The EU in a Disorderly Global Order

Bent Sofus Tranøy, University of Oslo/University of Inland Norway (Norway)

Values, Human Rights, and Citizenship in the EU

Panel 3-4 | 14:45-16:15

Panel Chair:

Willem Maas, York University (Canada)

Panel Discussant:

Adam Holesch, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) (Spain)

Panel Presenters:

Conflicted Actors, Legal Catalysts: Tracing Human Rights Evolution in Global Voluntary Sustainability Standards

Kari Otteburn, KU Leuven (Belgium)

Depoliticisation, Distrust, and the Conservative Turn: Rethinking Citizenship to Save Liberal Democracy

Robert Sata, Central European University (Austria)

EU and balancing inter-institutional relations

John Erik Fossum, University of Oslo (Norway)

EU-Consular Perspectives from BC

Panel 3-5 | 14:45-16:15

Panel Chair:

Oliver Schmidtke, University of Victoria (Canada)

A roundtable panel with European Consuls General

Consul General Cathy Geagan, Consulate General of Ireland in Vancouver

Consul General Dr Gabriel Rotaru, Consulate General of Romania in Vancouver

Consul General Aleksandra Kucy, Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Vancouver

Consul General Raphael Dang, Consulate General of France in Vancouver

16:15-16:45 Coffee Break

16:45-18:15 Panel Session #4

The Politics of Central Banking in Europe and Beyond
Panel 4-1 | 16:45-18:15

Panel Chair:

Martha O'Brien, University of Victoria (Canada)

Panel Discussant:

Jacqueline Best, University of Ottawa (Canada)

Panel Presenters:

Euro-Visions: How European Central Bank Museums Represent the Euro

Juliet Johnson, McGill University (Canada)

The Winding Road Towards a Wholesale Digital Euro: Geoeconomics and Bureaucratic Politics

Amy Verdun, University of Victoria (Canada)

Central Bank Independence and International Monetary Cooperation

Lukas Spielberger, University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

Central Banking and Human Rights: The Rights to Financial Inclusion

Win Sern Wong, University of Victoria (Canada)

EU, Russia, and Ukraine

Panel 4-2 | 16:45-18:15

Panel Chair:

Marianne Riddervold, University of Oslo (Norway)

Panel Discussant:

Marianne Riddervold, University of Oslo (Norway)

Panel Presenters:

Russia's War against Ukraine and EU's Regional Policy in Eastern Europe

Joan DeBardeleben, Carleton University (Canada)

Joint Acquisition as a Catalyst in EU Defence Policy: From Intergovernmental Hesitation to Supranational Momentum

João Francisco Guerreiro, NOVA - University of Lisbon (Portugal)

The Ukraine Conflict: Comparing Public Opinion in Canada and the European Union
Edward Moxon-Browne, University of Limerick (Ireland)

Transatlantic Shift, Strategic Autonomy and European Integration of Ukraine
Oleksiy Kandyuk, University of Konstanz (Germany)

Law, Judicial, Constitutional, and Institutional Matters

Panel 4-4 | 16:45-18:15

Panel Chair:

Thomas Verellen, Utrecht University (The Netherlands)

Panel Discussant:

Thomas Verellen, Utrecht University (The Netherlands)

Panel Presenters:

Quo Vadis Europe? A Cabinet Type Approach to Resilience in Uncertain Times
Havva Karakas Keles, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (United States)

To Expel an EU Member State: An Assessment of Options
Anne C. van Wageningen, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

Negotiating Intermediaries in EU Legislation
Stein Arne Brekke, University of Copenhagen (Denmark)

Settled Unsettlements: Constitutional Abeyance Management in the Governance of EU Crises
Achim Hurrelmann, Carleton University (Canada)

Europeanists Assemble! Showcasing Scholarship from JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies



Panel 4-5 | 16:45-18:15

Panel Chair:

Gabriel Siles-Brügge, University of Bristol (United Kingdom)

Panel Presenters:

Divergent Attitudes of Eurosceptic Parties Towards Intergovernmental and Supranational EU Institutions

Eugénia da Conceição-Heldt, Technical University Munich (Germany)

Bringing the EU Back In: Rethinking the United Kingdom's Post-Brexit Bilateralism

Hussein Kassim, University of Warwick (United Kingdom)

Money Talks? The Effectiveness of Sanctions in the ‘Rule of Law’ Conflict in the European Union

Adam Holesch, Institut Barcelona Estudis Internacionals (Spain)

Reframing Civil–Military Relations in the EU: Insights From the Drone Strategy 2.0

Chantal Lavallée, Royal Military College Saint-Jean (Canada)

18:15-20:30 Conference Dinner

19:45-20:30 Keynote #2 (Hussein Kassim, University of Warwick)

We are honoured to announce **Hussein Kassim** as our confirmed keynote speaker. A professor at the University of Warwick, Professor Kassim is one of the leading experts on the European Commission.

Professor Hussein Kassim will deliver his keynote lecture in the evening of **May 15, 2026**, at the University of Victoria, during the **conference dinner**, offering delegates the opportunity to network. The title of his talk is ‘The Presidentialisation of Commission Leadership: Personalising Power and its Consequences for the EU’

Saturday, May 16, 2026

8:00-8:30 Breakfast

8:30-10:00 Panel Session #5

The Political Economy of Financial Integration in Europe

Panel 5-1 | 8:30-10:00

Panel Chair:

Jacqueline Best, University of Ottawa (Canada)

Panel Discussant:

Juliet Johnson, McGill University (Canada)

Panel Presenters:

EU, EMU and sovereign risk in Eastern Europe: What Has Been Gained and What Has Been Lost in Sovereign Debt Markets?

Alison Johnston, Oregon State University (United States)

You Talking to Me? MEP Questions in the Monetary Dialogues

Amie Kreppel, University of Florida (United States)

Varieties of Going Broke: Bankruptcy Law as an Impediment to Capital Markets Union

Shawn Donnelly, Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada)

The EU's Promotion of Green Bonds—A New Face of Europe's Market-Making Power

Lukas Spielberger, University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

Built to Last? EU Infrastructure Power in its Neighbourhood

Nataliia Vyniarchuk, University of Maastricht (The Netherlands)

Teaching (in) the EU

Panel 5-2 | 8:30-10:00

Panel Chair:

Femke Van Esch, Utrecht University (The Netherlands)

Panel Discussant:

Robert Harmsen, University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

Panel Presenters:

Teaching the EU in International Economics and Governance of Technology Policy

Beverly Barrett, University of Houston and Houston Christian University (United States)

'Barriers to University Lifelong Learning Ecosystems in Europe. Analysing the 'High Needs - Little Demands' Paradox

Wieger Bakker, Utrecht University (The Netherlands)

Pedagogical Catalyst or Barrier? Exploring AI Enhanced Learning in EU Studies at Utrecht University

Femke Van Esch, Utrecht University (The Netherlands)

How to Teach 'EU Integration' and 'Integration through Law' in the Year 2025 – How to Explain the Benefits of Cooperation in an Ever-Increasing Nationalistic World?

Moritz Jesse, Leiden University (The Netherlands)

The EU Green Deal and Biodiversity Politics

Panel 5-3 | 8:30-10:00

Panel Chair:

Gustavo G. Müller, KU Leuven (Belgium)

Panel Discussant:

Elena Pnevmonidou, University of Victoria (Canada)

Panel Presenters:

The EU Green Deal and the Politics of Climate Backlash in the EU

Lori Thorlakson, University of Alberta (Canada)

Governing the Green Deal Under Increasing Global Competition: The Case of Hydrogen and the Emergence of a New Governance Model

Lucas Flath, Technical University of Darmstadt (Germany)

Outsourcing Extraterritorial Oversight: Variations in Third Party Assurances in EU Due Diligence Legislation

Stefan Renckens, University of Toronto (Canada)

Graeme Auld, Carleton University (Canada)

The Deep Structure of Transatlantic Relations: Diversity and Complementarity

Panel 5-4 | 8:30-10:00

Panel Chair:

Andrew Moravcsik, Princeton University (United States)

Panel Discussant:

Andrew Moravcsik, Princeton University (United States)

Panel Presenters:

Who Can You Count on When the Chips Are Down? Transatlantic Cooperation When Confronting China

Alasdair Young, Georgia Institute of Technology (United States)

Transatlantic Relations in an Interpolar World: Structural and Conjunctural Origins of Convergence and Divergence

Michael Smith, University of Warwick (United Kingdom)

The Transformation of Transatlantic Cooperation: From Coordination to Geopolitical Competition in Global Infrastructure Financing

Eugenia C. Heldt, Technical University of Munich (Germany)

Friends no more? Transatlantic Central Bank Cooperation in New Geopolitical Times

Ingrid Hjertaker, Innlandet University (Norway)

Pulling the Plug? Transatlantic Relations and EU Strategic Autonomy

Marianne Riddervold, University of Oslo (Norway)

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 -12:00 Panel Session #6

**The EU Between Internal and External Challenges
Panel 6-1 | 10:30-12:00**

Panel Chair:

Saima Ozcurumez, Başkent University (Türkiye)

Panel Discussant:

Colin Chia, University of Victoria (Canada)

Panel Presenters:

The EU as a Global Actor in the Goeconomic Age: Power and Weakness in and Through Trade

Sophie Meunier, Princeton University (United States)

Alasdair Young, Georgia Institute of Technology (United States)

The European Union's Approach to Difference and Conflict: Reconciliation, Accommodation and Integration

John Erik Fossum, University of Oslo (Norway)

'Is There Enough Evidence'? Challenging Health Promotion Measures in a WTO Committee

Gabriel Siles-Brügge, University of Bristol (United Kingdom)

**European Union Governance and Policy-Making (Part 1)
Panel 6-2 | 10:30-12:00**

Panel Chair:

Crina Viju-Miljusevic, Carleton University (Canada)

Panel Discussant:

Kristen Hopewell, University of British Columbia (Canada)

Panel Presenters:

Migration, Citizenship and Justice

Oliver Schmidtke, University of Victoria (Canada)

Social Challenges in the EU
Heather MacRae, York University (Canada)

Single Market and Economic and Monetary Integration
Paul Schure, University of Victoria (Canada)
Amy Verdun, University of Victoria (Canada)

Foreign, Security and Defence Policies
Wassim Tayssir, Université de Montréal (Canada)

Carrying the Torch of Regulatory Leadership? Regulatory Innovation and its Limits in the EU and Canada

Panel 6-3 | 10:30-12:00

Panel Chair:

Sina Leopold, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ (Germany)

Panel Discussant:

Gustavo G. Müller, KU Leuven (Belgium)

Panel Presenters:

Limits of traceability Governing Deforestation through the EUDR
Noa S. Brown, University of Victoria (Canada)

Cultivating Accountability: Understanding Opportunities for Sustainability in Canada’s Agrifood Trade
Rachel Friedman, University of Victoria (Canada)

Ex-Post Lobbying on Due Diligence Regulations – The Central Role of Expectations
Alexandra Bögner, University of Basel (Switzerland)

Negotiating Accountability: Applying the Discursive Agency Approach to Canada’s Supply Chain Due Diligence Debate
Emma Bowick, University of Victoria (Canada) – presented by Sophia L. Carodenuto, University of Victoria (Canada)

The EU and the Mediterranean: Democratic Backsliding, Illiberalism and Limitations of Policy Action

Panel 6-4 | 10:30-12:00

Panel Chair:

Dimitris Tsarouhas, Virginia Tech (United States)

Panel Discussant:

Ieva Giedraitytė, Vilnius University (Lithuania)

Panel Presenters:

Europe's Role in Pro-Democracy Efforts in Turkey: Still an Anchor for Democracy?

Fazila Mat, University of Victoria (Canada)

Policy Learning Between the EU and its Southern Mediterranean Neighbors: which Lessons Have Been Injected into the "New Mediterranean Pact"?

Jan Claudius Völkel, University of Ottawa (Canada)

Governing Territorial Spaces by Experimentalism? The Case of the European Union Strategy for the Adriatic–Ionian Region

Stefan Gänzle, University of Agder (Norway)

Marco Pietro D'Attoma, University of Agder (Norway)

Roundtable: Canada and the EU in times of Trump

Panel 6-5 | 10:30-12:00

Panel Chair:

Eugenia C. Heldt, Technical University of Munich (Germany)

Roundtable Presenters:

Implications for Finance and Central Banking

Jacqueline Best, University of Ottawa (Canada)

Implications for democracy and party politics

Steven B. Wolinetz, Memorial University (Canada)

Implications for Higher Education

Robert Harmsen, University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

Implications for Trade

Michelle Egan, American University (United States)

Implications for development finance, policy and debt

C. Randall Henning, American University (United States)

12:00-13:30 Lunch

12:00-13:30 Keynote #3 (Journal of European Integration)

Thomas Christiansen, LUISS (Italy)

Edelgard Mahant, York University

Prerecorded Remarks by Panayotis Soldatos, University of Montreal



13:30-15:00 Panel Session #7

Panel 7-1 | 13:30-15:00

Geopolitical Challenges and Transatlantic Relations

Panel Chair:

Chad A. Hankinson, Virginia Tech (United States)

Panel Discussant:

Thomas Christiansen, LUISS (Italy)

Panel Presenters:

The Baltic Contingency: NATO's Evolving Force Posture in the Region

Andris Banka, University of Greifswald (Germany)

Partnerships in a Geopolitical World: Strategic Narratives of the EU's Engagement with Latin America after 2022

Ieva Giedraitytė, Vilnius University (Lithuania)

Selling Justice, Losing Power? The EU's Fading Climate Influence in the Indo-Pacific

David Broul, Palacký University Olomouc (Czech Republic)

The American Factor and the Question of EU's Strategic Autonomy in the Area of Security and Defence

Yannis Stivachtis, Virginia Tech (United States)

European Union Governance and Policy-Making (Part 2)

Panel 7-2 | 13:30-15:00

Panel Chair:

Joan DeBardeleben, Carleton University (Canada)

Panel Discussant:

Lori Thorlakson, University of Alberta (Canada)

Panel Presenters:

Environment and Energy

Julia Jänisch, University of Münster (Germany)

Michèle Knodt, Technical University of Darmstadt (Germany)

Democratization in the EU

Achim Hurrelmann, Carleton University (Canada)

Regional and Cohesion Policies

Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, University of Victoria (Canada)

European External Trade and Development Policy

Gabriel Siles-Brügge, University of Bristol (United Kingdom)

Protection and Migration Policies on the Ground: Legal Frameworks, Institutional Practices and Migrant Agency

Panel 7-3 | 13:30-15:00

Panel Chair:

Jennifer Elrick, McGill University (Canada)

Panel Discussant:

Oliver Schmidtke, University of Victoria (Canada)

Panel Presenters:

Refugees Navigating Family Reunification in Germany and France: How Policies and Procedures Affect the Right to Family Life

Karin Schittenhelm, Universitaet Siegen (Germany)

Regularisation as Opportunity, Chance, or Right? Insights into the Implementation of the Opportunity Residence Act in Germany

Stephanie Schneider, Universitaet Siegen (Germany)

Performing Sovereignty, Evading Responsibility: International Protection and Access to Health Services in Jordan, Lebanon and Türkiye

Saime Ozcurumez, Başkent University (Türkiye)

How to Deal with the ‘Migration’ Problem? – Facing the Number One Issue Abused by Illiberal Forces in the EU and Beyond

Moritz Jesse, Leiden University (The Netherlands)

European Union and Canada - Between Raison d'État and Strategic Autonomy: Global Tensions and Common Values

Panel 7-4 | 13:30-15:00

Panel Chair:

Dominika Ewa Harasimiuk, University of Warsaw (Poland)

Panel Discussant:

Michael Smith, University of Warwick (United Kingdom)

Panel Presenters:

Raison d'État in the Union's Normative Order on the Examples of the References to Values in the AI Regulations

Tomasz Braun, Lazarski University (Poland)

From Values to Infrastructure: Assessing EU–Canada Partnership Under the EU Digital Compass Framework

Dominika Ewa Harasimiuk, University of Warsaw (Poland)

Strengthening Democratic Alliances Amid U.S. Uncertainty: Canada's Policy Shift Towards the European Union in a Transforming Transatlantic Order

Tomasz Soroka, Jagiellonian University (Poland)

EU Enlargement as a Raison d'Etat of the EU Member States? Case of Polish Advocacy of Ukraine's Accession to the EU

Vadym Zheltovskyy, University of Warsaw (Poland)

15:00-15:15 Coffee Break

15:15-16:30 ECSA-C Annual General Meeting
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End of conference

Post conference remarks: some conference delegates have expressed an interest in doing some social things together at the end of the conference. If you are interested, please plan to hang-out with us (opt-in if you wish, but it's on your own dime 😊). We will put details out in due course.