

Although Russia's war in Ukraine has rekindled the Enlargement process, it has also opened up the debate on the long-run continuity and credibility of the process, the consistency of EU values and priorities, and the more urgent security issues ruling over the long-term democratic transformations.

In rethinking the enlargement of the European Union, the Jean Monnet workshop opens the debate on 'security/stability through democracy' or 'democracy through security/stability'. Should EU enlargement be informed by a short-term perspective of geostrategic calculations, or should it be based on a more profound long-term community-building process? What mechanism – policy tools are needed to have a credible EU enlargement policy with a realistic accession perspective and substantial democratic changes that will enhance Europe's at large 'collective security' and 'democratic prosperity' (rule of law, respect for EU values and fundamental rights) which are both cornerstones, anchors, and engines of fostering the European integration in solid peace/stability and democracy. Such double-headed policy is critical for the (Enlarged) European Union - especially during heightened geopolitical competition and democratic backsliding. How will the EU (including its Member States) and the candidate countries respond to the strains resulting from such an EU enlargement dilemma, and what trade-offs must be made to reconcile the tensions?

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RE-THINKING EU ENLARGEMENT



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9:30 REGISTRATION (Coffee/Refreshments)

10:00 WELCOME

Welcome Remarks: **Zamira Xhaferri & Dorian Jano**

Introduction by the Keynote Speaker:
Frank Schimmelfennig ETH Zurich

10:45 PANEL 1: RETHINKING EU ENLARGEMENT. A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

Chair: Zamira Xhaferri
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Adam Lazowski
University of Westminster
Visiting Professor College of Europe (Natolin)
Ivan Franko National Lviv University (Ukraine)
Time for a Change of Paradigm in the EU Enlargement Policy

Elena Basheska
Central European University
Lost in Enlargement: Is there a Hope for Eastern European and Western Balkan Countries?

Andrea Ott
University of Maastricht
The Chameleonic Copenhagen Criterion – the EU's Absorption Policy

12:00 LUNCH

13:00 PANEL 2: RETHINKING EU ENLARGEMENT. A (GEO)POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE

Chair: Dorian Jano
University of Genoa

Klemens H. Fischer
University of Cologne
From a meritocratic to a Foreign and Security Policy Approach – A paradigm shift in EU Enlargement policy?

Gergana Noutcheva
University of Maastricht
Extending the EU membership prospect to the EaP trio: a strategic imperative or a quest for restorative justice?

Oliver Schwarz
University of Duisburg-Essen
Russia's War Against the Ukraine: A Geopolitical Turning Point for the EU Enlargement?

Ebru Turhan
Turkish-German University
The Return of Geopolitics in the EU Enlargement and the Rise of Turkey's Exclusion from Accession Scenarios: Solving the Puzzle

14:40 COFFEE BREAK

15:15 PANEL 3: RETHINKING EU ENLARGEMENT. A POLICY PERSPECTIVE

Chair: Robin de Bruin
University of Amsterdam

Jelena Dzankic
European University Institute
Reconceptualizing EU's enlargement policy through the "stability-democracy-security" trilemma.

Isabelle Ioannides
European Parliament
What future EU Enlargement? Reconciling the Geopolitical and Transformative Approaches

Nisida Gjoksi
Leiden University, Institute of Public Administration
Does it Make a Difference: EU's Approach in Building Professional Public Administrations in Tackling State Capture in the Current and Past Waves of EU Enlargement?

16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:45 FUTURE RESEARCH AGENDA AND PUBLICATION OF WORKSHOP OUTPUT

CLOSING REMARKS

18:00 WORKSHOP DINNER

Indonesian Restaurant Indrapura,
Rembrandtplein 40, Amsterdam