

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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# Jean Monnet Workshop

# 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**  
University of Amsterdam

**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,  
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