

**Robert Schuman Centre: Joint Sessions of Workshops**

## **2. European Union's Eastern enlargement(s) Lessons, challenges, prospects**

**17-21 June 2024**

Convenors:

**Krisztina Arató** | Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute

**Jelena Džankić** | Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute

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### **Introduction**

Reflecting on the EU's Eastern enlargement at its twentieth anniversary is an opportunity to take stock of the workings of the enlarged Union, as well as on the prospects for and challenges of any future 'widening'. This opportunity could not be timelier in the context of a disrupted European and global security architecture, systemic fractures of democracy and the rule of law across the continent, and the need to address these interrelated issues in a new geopolitical context. Praised as a success in the context of the 2004/07/13 accessions, the EU's enlargement policy has largely been ineffective in the Western Balkans. In a context of high expectations for the policy to deliver on Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia, this session explores questions that concern not only the pre- and post-accession experiences of the current members, but also the effects of the Eastern Enlargement on the enlargement policy, and the shape and the workings of the future Union.



## Programme

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### 17 June

Room: Refectory, Badia Fiesolana

14:30-15:00

Welcome & opening

**Patrizia Nanz** | President, European University Institute

**Erik Jones** | Director, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute

15:00-16:00

Introduction to workshops

**Erik Jones** | European University Institute

1. [Gender analysis in EU political economy: A new research agenda?](#)
  2. [European Union's Eastern enlargement\(s\): Lessons, challenges, prospects](#)
  3. [The role of carbon markets in reaching carbon neutrality: International perspectives](#)
  4. [The EU's long crisis decade: Causes, consequences, and path dependencies](#)
  5. [Ethical dilemmas in migration and citizenship policies: Characteristics, variations, causes and responses](#)
  6. [From technology adoption to societal outcomes: Developing measures of the digital transformation](#)
- Convenors of the workshops

16:00-16:30

*Coffee break (Lower Loggia)*

16:30-16:50

Ceremony

GLOBALCIT – Rainer Bauböck 2024 Essay Award on the Global State of Citizenship

**Maarten Vink** | European University Institute

**Rainer Bauböck** | European University Institute

Winner of the award

16:50-17:35

Keynote speech

**Adrienne Héritier** | European University Institute

17:35-18:00

Q&A

Moderator: **Erik Jones** | European University Institute

18:00-19:00

*Reception (Lower Loggia)*

### 18 June

Room: Cappella, Villa Schifanoia

Chair:

**Jelena Džankić** | European University Institute

10:45-11:15

Introduction to the workshop – aims and objectives

11:15-13:00

**Panel 1: EU enlargement, legacies and heritage**

The Future That Once Was: 1989 and the Historical Legacies of the Eastward Enlargement of the European Union

**Cristina Blanco Sío-López** | University of La Coruna

EU Enlargement to the Western Balkans under Bilateralised Conditionality Framework – the Role of the Heritage Safeguarding in Overcoming Identity-based Disputes

**Miloš Milenković** | University of Belgrade

**Marko Milenković** | European University Institute

13:00-14:00 *Lunch (Sala Bandiere)*

14:00-15:45 **Panel 2: EU Peripheries: lessons learnt**

The politics of periphery and the EU enlargement

**Emilija Tudzarovska** | Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences

Strengthening state capacity for EU membership: lessons from the EU's first Eastern enlargement

**Višnja Vukov** | University of Vienna

15:45 *Coffee break (Sala Bandiere) and end of day 1*

**19 June**

Room: Cappella, Villa Schifanoia

Chair:

**Krisztina Arató** | European University Institute

09:30-11:15 **Panel 3: Perspectives on the Legal Transformation**

Competition law systems in the Western Balkans: Comprehensive analysis

**Jasminka Pecotić Kaufman** | University of Zagreb

**Alexandr Svetlicinii** | University of Macau

**Gentjan Skara** | Bedër University College

Post-Enlargement Visegrád Four Constitutional Courts as (De-)Differentiating Institutions in the EU

**Max Steuer** | Comenius University in Bratislava and O.P. Jindal Global University

11:15-11:45 *Coffee break (Sala Bandiere)*

11:45-13:30 **Panel 4: A new momentum in the EU enlargement?**

War, time, and wartime EU enlargement: Post-February 2022 imperatives of rethinking and retiming the EU's 'South-Eastern' enlargement(s)

**Andriy Tyushka** | College of Europe

Democratic transformation through EU accession negotiations: a new optic

**Simonida Kacarska** | European Policy Institute

**Jelena Džankić** | European University Institute

13:30-14:30 *Lunch (Sala Bandiere) and end of day 2*

**20 June**

Room: Cappella, Villa Schifanoia

Chair:

**Marko Milenković** | European University Institute

09:30-11:15 **Panel 5: Transformation and growth**

Economic growth, integration and convergence: A comparison between the Western Balkans and Central and Eastern Europe

**Milica Uvalic** | European University Institute

**Renzo Daviddi** | served at the European External Action Service (EEAS)

The EU and China in the Western Balkans: Limited Transformative Power, Increasing Authoritarian Cooperation

**Gozde Yilmaz** | European University Institute

11:15-11:45 *Coffee break (Sala Bandiere)*

11:45-13:30 **Panel 6: Future visions**

Rise and Fall of Visegrad Cooperation. The Perspectives of Further Enlargements of the EU

**Boglarka Koller** | Ludovika University of Public Service **Krisztina Arato** | European University Institute

The future of EU enlargement and the future of Europe

**Simona Guerra** | University of Surrey

**Davide Denti** | Osservatorio Balcani Caucaso Transeuropa

13:30-14:30 *Lunch (Sala Bandiere)*

14:30-16:30 General discussion

16:30 Workshop conclusion

18:00 *BBQ and party (Villa Schifanoia)*

## **21 June**

Room: Refectory, Badia Fiesolana

09:30-11:00 Reports from workshops

**Convenors** of the workshops

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break (Lower Loggia)*

11:30-12:15 Keynote speech

**Luiza Bialasiewicz** | University of Amsterdam

12:15-12:45 Q&A

Moderator: **Erik Jones** | European University Institute

12:45-13:00 Closing

13:00-14:00 *Lunch (Lower Loggia)*