



9th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN STUDIES

'EU Integration of Western Balkans: Dynamics and Challenges', Tirana, Albania

13-14 November 2024

CALL FOR PAPERS

EPOKA University, in Tirana, Albania, in partnership with the Magna Charta Observatory; the Center for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz, Austria; and Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, Serbia, organizes the 9th International Conference on European Studies (ICES'24). The conference titled '**EU Integration of Western Balkans: Dynamics and Challenges**' will be held on 13-14 November 2024 in Tirana, Albania.

ICES'24 is organized within the framework of the Jean Monnet Module "EU Integration of Western Balkans: Patterns and Issues" coordinated by the Center for European Studies at EPOKA University and co-funded by the European Commission. Academicians, scholars, professionals, and graduate students are invited to submit their articles for ICES'24.

Conference Scope

Western Balkan countries are experiencing dynamic and challenging EU integration processes including political, economic, judicial, social, and other types of reforms and areas of integration that are all within the scope of the 9th International Conference on European Studies (ICES'24). The conference aims to promote an interdisciplinary exchange of ideas, knowledge, research, information and recommendations between scholars, professionals and students in all major subfields of political science, international relations, economy, law, sociology, and other related topics focusing particularly on the EU integration perspectives of the Western Balkan countries. The overall goal is to enhance excellence in research on EU studies and EU integration process of the Western Balkans. The conference will be held in English.

Conference Topics

1. **Political science** (Governance; State building; Political Stability; Political Culture; Political Parties and Systems; Law and Order; Corruption; Elections and Voting; Political Violence; Leadership; Democratic Transition Process; Democratic Norms and Values; Civic/Political Participation; Trafficking and Organized Crime; Media; Youth and Politics; Identity and Citizenship).
2. **International Relations** (Regional Integration; Security; Nationalism; Legacy of the Past; Neighborhood Relations and Politics; Refugees; Visa Liberation; Cultural, Political, Religious, Ethnic, Transnational Networks; Migration and Integration Policy).
3. **Conflicts and Crises** (Conflict Resolution and EU integration; Cooperation and Peace building; Conflict Transformation; Community Building and Civil Society; Nation building and Democracy)
4. **Law** (Transposition of EU Acquis; Harmonization of laws, Human Rights, Respect of Minorities; Judiciary Reform, Rule of Law; Good Governance; Criminal Law; Civil Law; Property Law; Consumer law; Labour law; Competition Law, Migration law).
5. **Sociology** (Political Sociology; Social Politics; Social Responsibility; Culture; Integration of the Society; Religion; Sustainable Development; Education; Social Psychology; Ethnic Identity and Politics).
6. **Economics** (Economic development and Investments; Trade and Finance; Innovation and Entrepreneurship; Political Economy)
7. **Other Related Topics** (Environmental Issues; Energy Politics; Police and Crime; Urbanization and Urban Studies; Discrimination, Xenophobia; Research Methodologies).

Publications

- Presented articles will be published as part of the Conference Proceedings Book.
- A selected number of articles will be considered for publication as a special issue in a journal.

Conference Registration Fee: 50 €

The conference fee includes participation in all conference sessions and activities, lunch (14th of November), coffee breaks, conference materials and publications. Travel and accommodation costs should be covered by participants.

Conference Deadlines

Abstract Submission: 10 October 2024

Submit your Abstract through the **Online Submission System**

Abstract Acceptance Notification: 15 October 2024

Registration and Full Paper Submission: 30 October 2024

For more details visit the **ICES'24 Conference Website** or contact **ces@epoka.edu.al**