



## EUSA NINETEENTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

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### An Open EU? European Integration and Global Challenges

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#### CALL FOR PAPERS AND PANELS

In a significant election cycle year, the EU continues to face political, economic and social shifts both from *within and outside* the EU. Confronted with two wars, the aftermath of a pandemic, and a rising tide of the far right, the EU has evolved the trajectory of the EU project with NextGenerationEU and the European Green Deal. Developments in geopolitics caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine have also generated a major rethink of many long-held assumptions about the EU as a peace project - from the EU's role in funding defence, to its security architecture, to the potential scope of enlargement. But even as the EU becomes more focused on security and geopolitics, its legal and policy-making order remains remarkably open - even to its foes. Is this openness a threat or an asset for the EU?

One of the core philosophies of EUSA remains understanding the EU's past, present and future as a project best undertaken across a broad range of disciplines, tools and approaches. Interdisciplinary perspectives on the openness of the EU as a project are thus especially welcome.

We very much look forward to receiving your paper and panel submissions for the 2025 conference related to any of the traditional themes of EU studies below, as well as panels and papers on the conference theme.

- Political Behaviour: Politicization and Euroscepticism
- Democracy, Rule of Law, and Parties
- Migration, Citizenship and Identity
- International and Comparative Political Economy
- EU and the World: Foreign, Security, and Defense Policies
- European Integration and International Organization Theory
- EU Institutions, Public Policy & Law
- European and Transnational Interest Groups, Lobbying, and Social Movements
- Conference Theme: **An Open EU?**

Papers are welcome, but full panel proposals will be given priority in the selection process. Proposals for author meets-critics sessions and thematic roundtables will be evaluated on merit. Participants will be notified of the Program Committee's decisions by **December 15, 2024** at the latest. To submit a proposal, look for the submission link at our website <https://eustudies.org/conference> that will be available **June 24, 2024**. The **deadline for submissions will be October 1, 2024**.