



## **EUSA EIGHTEENTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE**

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### **Beyond Sui Generis? Understanding the EU as a Comparative Polity and an Interdisciplinary Subject**

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#### **CALL FOR PAPERS AND PANELS**

The EU remains an exceptional political phenomenon, from how it is studied to how it interacts on the international stage. As the ways in which it is studied are evolving, so too is the scholarly enterprise enriched by the interdisciplinary EUSA community. One of the core philosophies of EUSA is that understanding the EU's past, present, and future is a project best undertaken by scholars across a broad array of disciplines, with a diverse range of tools and approaches. These include: critical, feminist, decolonial, and post-structural perspectives on the interaction of European power and EU integration; the EU as a comparative object of analysis, situated alongside states and international organizations; and the EU within multilateral and transnational networks of interaction.

Therefore, building on the themes of the Miami conference, especially conversations about the historically overlooked consequences of colonialism, justice, power, as well as the role of the EU in the 21st century, we invite scholars to reflect on how to understand the EU as more than just a Sui Generis object, rather as a comparative polity and interdisciplinary subject. Through this theme, we seek to expand the space for a dynamic interdisciplinary conversation on one of the most important actors and political arenas in the 21st Century.

We very much look forward to receiving your paper and panel submissions for our upcoming 2023 conference in Pittsburgh, PA. In addition to traditional themes of EU studies, we have added a special call for papers and panels on the conference theme.

- Political Behavior: Politicization and Euroskepticism
- 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: De-centering EU studies: comparative, critical, and interdisciplinary perspectives

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 16, 2022**. A selection of the best papers will be published in a special issue of the Journal of European Public Policy in 2024. To submit a proposal, look for the submission link at our website <https://eustudies.org/> that will be available starting **August 1, 2022**. **Deadline for submissions is October 3, 2022**.