



SECOND ANNUAL VALEUS CONFERENCE:

STATE (IN)STABILITY AND EU FOREIGN POLICY

October 2-4, 2025

Libertas International University
Zagreb, Croatia

Thursday - 2nd October 2025

5:00 - 6:00 pm **WELCOME RECEPTION & OPENING ADDRESS**

📍 **Conference room**

6:00 - 7:30 pm **KEYNOTE DISCUSSION**

📍 **Conference room**

MODERATOR: VLADIMIR FILIPOVIĆ

IVO JOSIPOVIĆ

Former President of the Republic of Croatia 2010-2015

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Friday - 3rd October 2025

9:00 - 10:30 am

PANEL 1: VALUES AND POPULISM

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MODERATOR: TIMM BEICHEL

ANGELA BOURNE (ROSKILDE UNIVERSITY)

Civil Society and the Promotion of EU Values: Strategies of Opposition to Populist Parties in Europe

PAULINA POSPIESZNA (ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY)

Democratic Resilience in Europe: Can Deliberation Strengthen the EU from Within?

VIŠESLAV RAOS (UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB)

Generation Europe: The Role of Different Socialization Patterns in Shaping Attitudes Towards the EU

AGNIESZKA BIELAWSKA (ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY)

Between Values and Interests - German Leadership in the EU

**11:00 am
- 12:30 pm**

**PANEL 2A: EUROPE BETWEEN CRITIQUE AND
TRANSFORMATION**

📍 **Conference room**

MODERATOR: MOHAMMED BAMYEH

SADIA ABBAS (RUTGERS UNIVERSITY)

Is there a Future? Europe, Governance and the Imagination of Time

GIORGIA BULLI (UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE)

Populism and Migration Policies: A CDA Approach to Parliamentary Debates in Italy and Germany

LAURA LEONARDI (UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE)

The Future of Social Europe

EUGENE NULMAN (UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE)

Grassroots Visions of a European Future in the 21st Century



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11:00 am - 12:30 pm **PANEL 2B: EU FOREIGN POLICY AND GEOPOLITICS**

Room 9A

MODERATOR: JAROSŁAW JAŃCZAK

CLASKE VOS (UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM)

Culture as Counter Strategy to the Challenges of EU Foreign Policy?

BEATA PRZYBYLSKA-MASZNER (ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY)

The European Union as a Defender of the Concept of Multilateralism - Values in a World of Contested Cooperation

MARTA ZORKO (UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB)

The European Union as a Non-State Actor in the Geopolitical Arena: Rethinking Power in a Multipolar World

DAMIR MLADIĆ (LIBERTAS UNIVERSITY)

The Realist Turn in EU International Relations

PETAR POPOVIĆ (UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB)

Contentious Modalities of Peace for Ukraine: American-European Divergence

2:00 - 3:30 pm **PANEL 3A: VALUES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES FROM LATIN AMERICA**

Conference room

MODERATOR: VIŠESLAV RAOS

ULRIKE CAPDEPÓN (UNIVERSITY OF GUADALAJARA, MEXICO)

Ayotzinapa, International Dimension of a State Crime: The EU's Normative Human Rights Discourses and Practices

MARIANGELA RUEDA (UNIVERSIDAD DEL NORTE)

The EU as a Partner in LA's International Cooperation: Perspectives From Civil Society

JORGE ALBERTO QUEVEDO FLORES (UNIVERSITY OF GUADALAJARA)

The Need to Deepen Euro-Latin American Relations in the Face of a Convulsive International System

SILVANA INSIGNARES (UNIVERSIDAD DEL NORTE)

Strategies for Strengthening Euro-Latin American Relations: an International Trade Perspective

JAIME ANTONIO PRECIADO CORONADO (UNIVERSITY OF GUADALAJARA)

Geopolitics of Interconnectivity in the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean: Multilateralisms Challenged by the Donald Trump Government

2:00 - 3:30 pm **PANEL 3B: EU FOREIGN POLICY AND GEOPOLITICS**

Room 9A

MODERATOR: MARTA ZORKO

ARTEM LYTOVCHENKO (V.N. KARAZIN KHARKIV NATIONAL UNIVERSITY)

Claims Against the EU: the View of "Non-Existent" Ukrainians

DMYTRO BOIKO (V.N. KARAZIN KHARKIV NATIONAL UNIVERSITY)

The Eurosceptic Discourse in Ukraine: Retrospective Analysis of Media

RUSLAN ZAPOROZHCHENKO (V.N. KARAZIN KHARKIV NATIONAL UNIVERSITY)

The EU, Russia and the "Empire of Counter-Values": How Foreign Policy Reacts to the Revival of Imperial Thinking

OKSANA NEKHAIEENKO (V.N. KARAZIN KHARKIV NATIONAL UNIVERSITY)

Europe at a Crossroads: The War in Ukraine and the Resurgence of Debates on Borders and European

IRYNA SHEVCHENKO (KYIV SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS)

Melitopol Under Occupation: Changing the Functions of Public Spaces (2022-2025)

4:30 - 6:00 pm **PANEL 4: CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF EU-AFRICA DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

Conference room

MODERATOR: LAURA LEONARDI

OUSSEINA ALIDOU (RUTGERS UNIVERSITY)

Political Ecologies of African Youth Migration: Crossing the Southern Mediterranean and Southward Within Africa

MOHAMMED BAMYEH (UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH)

Arab Civil Society and European Development Aid: A Critical Review

ZAKIA SALIME (RUTGERS UNIVERSITY)

Solar Panels: Trans-Mediterranean Connections

RANDALL HALLE (UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH)

Our Clean Industry, Your Dirty Mines: Outcomes of the Joint Vision for 2030

VALERIA FARGION (UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE)

The European Union's Approach to Africa: Moving From Double Standards to Short-sighted Self-Interest?

BELINDA DAVIS (RUTGERS UNIVERSITY)

"Climate Justice and Post(?)-Imperial Extractivism"?

8:00 pm **DINNER**

Saturday - 4th October 2025

9:00 - 10:30 am PANEL 5: THIRD COUNTRIES AND MIGRATIONS

📍 Conference room

MODERATOR: ÖZGE ONURSAL-BEŞGÜL

DRISS MAGHRAOUI (AL AKHAWAYN UNIVERSITY)

Between Ideals and Practices: The Inherent Contradictions of EU Relationships with the MENA Region

CHRISTOS ZIOGAS (UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN)

India: From Co-Founder of the "Non-Aligned Movement" to its Emergence as a Great Power

AYHAN KAYA (İSTANBUL BILGI UNIVERSITY)

Politics of Hospitality and Precarity: Syrian Refugees in Turkey

JAROSŁAW JAŃCZAK & JAKUB JAKUBOWSKI (ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY)

Borders, Migrants, and Security Threats: EUropean Values in the "Rhetoric of Numbers" and "Rhetoric of Images" in Electoral Campaigns

11:00 am
- 12:30 pm

PANEL 6B: PROMOTION OF EU VALUES

📍 Room 9A

MODERATOR: STIPE BUZAR

ZHANIBEK ARYNOV (NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY)

'Nobody Goes to Another Monastery with their Own Charter': The EU's Promotion of 'European Values' as Perceived in Central Asia

LIDIJA KOS-STANIŠIĆ & BORNA ZGURIĆ & ĐANA LUŠA (UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB)

The EU Digital Diplomacy: How the EU Promotes its Principles and Values Through Facebook Diplomacy in Central Asia and Central America?

DANIEL SCARBOROUGH (NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY)

Canon Law and Freedom of Conscience Under the Patriarchate of Moscow

MONICA PARODI (UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE)

The External Enforcement of the EU Values Through the Actions of the EU Commission: Potentialities and Limits of the Model Adopted by the Forced Labour Regulation

11:00 am
- 12:30 pm

PANEL 6A: EU FOREIGN POLICY AND THE PERIPHERY

📍 Conference room

MODERATOR: PETAR POPOVIĆ

MIRELLA KORZENIEWSKA-WISZNIEWSKA (JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY, KRAKÓW)

Evolution of EU Security Policy and the Regional Dimension of Cooperation of the Balkan Peninsula States

RAFAL WOŹNICA (JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY, KRAKÓW)

The European Union State Recognition Policy. A Pragmatic Approach

JOSIP LUČEV & ZDENKO BABIĆ (UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB)

Fortunes of the European Periphery: Post-socialist Convergence

AMELIE KUTTER (EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY VIADRINA)

European Values and EU Enlargement: the Perspective of Peripherality Studies

1:00 pm LUNCH

FINAL REMARKS