

EGPP Annual Conference

Multi-dimensional crises and their impact on European politics and governance

A conference in two parts

30 - 31 May 2023: Politics

30 - 31 May 2024: Governance

Sala Europa - Villa Schifanoia, Via Boccaccio 121 - Florence

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Introduction

The goal of the conference is to understand how the multiple crises the European Union and its member-states have been confronted with have (1) created new conflicts and change existing ones and (2) transformed governance structures and introduced new ones.

Over the past two decades Europe has been hit by a close sequence of emergencies: the Euro crisis, the refugee crisis, Brexit, Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine. The cumulative nature of these crises is characterised by a seamless transition from one emergency to the next. While the existing scholarship has addressed the effects of these crises from a variety of standpoints, the broad impact of their interplay, overlap and their multi-dimensional nature needs further investigation. As the title suggest – reflecting the two components of the European Governance and Politics Programme – the focus of the two parts of the conference is twofold:

The EGPP Annual Conference 2023 is devoted to the impact on politics. This includes consequences for cleavage structures, conflicts and actors, politicisation and mobilisation, party politics, populism, European identity and solidarity. Divisions are analysed from a territorial (i.e. European integration) perspective and functional (i.e. comparative politics) perspective.

The EGPP Annual Conference 2024 is devoted to the impact on governance. This includes consequences on institutions, processes, policies and policy instruments, representation and effectiveness and technocracy, and the multi-level interaction between member-states and EU.

More information is included in the detailed concept document available on the conference webpage and circulated to all participants.

Programme

30 May

09.30 - 10.00 Arrival, registration and welcome coffee

10.00 - 10.30 Introduction

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Panel 1 – Theory: politicising crises

10.30 - 11.30 *The European rescue of the nation state revisited: the social security logic of the EU's polity formation*

Maurizio Ferrera | Università degli Studi di Milano

Waltraud Schelkle | European University Institute

11.30 - 12.30 *Theorising the age of permanent crisis: policy crisis and crisis politics in the EU*

Kate Alexander Shaw | London School of Economics

Joseph Ganderson | London School of Economics

Anna Kyriazi | Università degli Studi di Milano

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

Panel 2 – Cleavages: finance, economy and energy

14.00 - 15.00 *The role of religion in the impact of the financial crisis on European integration*

Josef Hien | European University Institute

15.00 - 16.00 *The health–economy divide: a structural analysis of sectoral affectedness and Covid-19 policy preferences in Europe*

Daniele Caramani | European University Institute

Lorenzo Cicchi | European University Institute

Ana Petrova | European University Institute

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee Break

Panel 3 – Integration: integration, disintegration, differentiation

16.30 - 17.30 *Dimensions of differentiation: lessons from Brexit*

Simon Hix | European University Institute

20.00 Dinner

31 May

10.00 - 10.30 Welcome coffee

Panel 4 – Borders: external relations, security policy and trade

10.30 - 11.30 *Exploiting porous boundaries: EU conflict management and crisis containment through externalisation*

Hanspeter Kriesi | European University Institute

Waltraud Schelkle | European University Institute

11.30 - 12.30 *Unity or new cleavage: the public support for aiding Ukraine in the invasion by Russia*

Dietlind Stolle | McGill University

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

Panel 5 – Rights: identity, citizenship and rights

14.00 - 15.00 *The impact of the European refugee crisis on political parties in European countries*

Alina Vrânceanu | Pompeu Fabra University

15.00 - 16.00 *Attitudes towards Ukrainian and Syrian refugees: evidence from survey experiments across eight European countries*

Lenka Drazanova | European University Institute

Andrew Geddes | European University Institute

16.00 - 17.00 Conclusion and roundtable