

Europe in the world

Ideas, criticisms, and challenges

Interdisciplinary workshop



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The role and position of Europe in the world have been subject of intense debates in IR and beyond in the last decades. Different strands of argumentation touch on ideational, hierarchical, and material issues. On the ideational side, criticism of Eurocentrism addresses, on the one hand, a set of ideas, theories and practicing of a rationalist modern ideal of governing, relating to expertise and bureaucracy, and the consequences it had for the destruction of the planet. On the other hand, the Eurocentrism critique questions Europe's colonial legacy. However, European modernity has a Janus-faced character, as it also stands for the development of representative democracy and human rights. Regarding the hierarchical and material questions, Europe's economic prosperity, the question of centre versus periphery in the world economy, and again the question of the planet's future are at stake: How does Europe, how does the European Union situate themselves in the Anthropocene? In addition, the role of Europe and the European Union in the world are now challenged with the War against Ukraine, the question being how the European States and the EU can position themselves in a changing world order. Importantly, Europe in all this is not identical with the European Union.

The workshop unites contributions that tackle one or several of these questions and challenges, theoretically and/or empirically.

Please do send your abstract **until October 15th** to

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The workshop is fully funded for accepted papergivers, including travel and accommodation. Virtual participation is possible.



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Workshop “Europe in the World”

Programme



Venue:

Hochschule Fulda/Fulda University of Applied Sciences
Leipziger Str. 123
36037 Fulda
Building 22, Room 302

Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/5313905456?pwd=K1VGZUFmUWlrT3RLRFBBVnl1MmhHdz09>

Meeting-ID: 531 390 5456

Kenncode: 484931

Thursday November 30, 2023

12.30 – 13.30 lunch and arrival

Coffee

13.30 – 15.30 What is Europe? What is “the World”?

1. Claudia Wiesner – The Meanings of Europe
2. Knud Erik Joergensen – War and Peace in European Studies: a Zeitenwende
3. Oriol Costa Fernandes: Back to the roots? The War in Ukraine and Grand Theories in IR

Coffee

16.00 – 18.00 Politics, Depoliticisation, and EU Diplomacy

1. August Danielson – The Political and the Technical: How the Depoliticization of EU Foreign Policy Enables the Forging of Consensus
2. Federica Bicchì (online) – ‘Renaissance’ of European diplomacy or flight from reality? Perils and promises of European diplomacy in the digital age
3. Elsa Hedling (online) – ‘Visibility’ to Promote or Protect the Image(s) of the EU?: The EEAS and the shifting conditions for the EU in the World

Coffee

18.30 – 20.00 Europe and the new wars – roundtable discussion

Dinner at Restaurant Dianakeller (Maritim am Schlossgarten Fulda, Pauluspromenade 2, 36037 Fulda)

Friday December 1, 2023

09.00 – 10.30 Europe in the World: Normative Power?!

1. Roberto Dominguez – The Myths of European Soft Power in Latin America: Ownership and Multiple Normative Referents
2. Theresa Reinold – Can the European model of liberal democracy survive in captured states? Evidence from the global South

Coffee

11.00 – 12.30 Europe in the World: Policies and Politics

1. Niklas Heijl Bremberg – Anthropocene politics: climate change and security in CFSP/CSDP
2. Martin Utsch – The European Community and World Trade: From Troublemaker to Status Quo Power”

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.30 Enlarging the EU? Challenges of Enlargement

1. Doris Wydra (online) – EU versus postliberalism: the value of enlargement
2. Andrea Gawrich (online) – Gender equality as contested norm
3. Zhylien Kaja – Navigating the Western Balkan’s EU accession process