



# SECOND ANNUAL VALEUS CONFERENCE:

## STATE (IN)STABILITY AND EU FOREIGN POLICY

October 2-4, 2025

Libertas International University  
Zagreb, Croatia

### Thursday - 2nd October 2025

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

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

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**MODERATOR: VLADIMIR FILIPOVIĆ**

**IVO JOSIPOVIĆ**

Former President of the Republic of Croatia 2010-2015

**MYKHAILO MINAKOV**

DAAD Guest Professor at European University Viadrina



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### Friday - 3rd October 2025

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**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**

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**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



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**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**



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**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**