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Call for Papers

EUFUTURES Research Network Launch Workshop: Understanding legal integration/disintegration: in search of new perspectives

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This Workshop is organized in the framework of EUFUTURES, a UACES Research Network supported by the James Madison Charitable Trust. The Workshop will formally launch the Network and will provide an opportunity for network members to come together to reflect on the future methodological direction(s) of EU law and EU integration; to identify training needs for EU lawyers interested in interdisciplinary study; and to consider both how law could open itself up to methodologies from other disciplines, and what legal analysis could offer political, economic and historical approaches.

The objectives of EUFUTURES are:

- To forge an interdisciplinary network of scholars working on EU law from the perspective of different disciplines, and interested in cross-disciplinary approaches to law and EU integration;
- To promote innovative research and provide robust training on different methodological approaches in the field;
- To develop new conceptual insights and approaches;
- To analyse scenarios for the future of European legal integration based on recent developments.

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The future of EU legal integration is at a significant juncture with the departure of the UK, substantial rule of law challenges, and several internal and external crises. In this context, an important debate is underway between scholars who question the narrative of 'Integration through law' and those who continue to see law as a main driver for EU integration.

Against this backdrop, the workshop aims at advancing the scholarly debate on legal integration/disintegration in the European Union by connecting different approaches to EU law, policy and politics, and focusing on new perspectives in terms of conceptual approaches and methodology. The purpose is to provide network members with a space and an opportunity to meet and discuss research interests and develop future collaborative research plans; identify common themes and methodological training needs, on the basis of the existing literature on legal integration; and plan joint research projects for the duration of the network grant (until 2025). Based on the methodological training needs identified during this workshop, the network will organise two online training sessions in 2023 which will be open to network members.

We invite paper proposals that focus on EU law from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds, e.g., law, economics, sociology, political science, history, or papers based on an interdisciplinary approach. These papers can either be methodological reflections on how to approach the interdisciplinary study of EU law and legal integration and/or examples of work where different methodologies have been applied. They must tend at finding new ways to understand the logics of legal integration / disintegration. We encourage submission of work in progress. Questions that may be of interest could include, for example:

- How should EU law (as an object) be studied?
- What are the respective merits of each discipline (political science, sociology, economy, history, law) in explaining the way EU law is created, applied, used, transformed in the process of EU integration?
- What is the added value of bringing together different approaches to law?
- How can EU law (as an academic discipline) open itself up to the methods of the social sciences and what, in return, can law offer to our understanding of EU studies more widely?

Paper proposals of 300-500 words are invited from scholars at all stages of their career. There will be a dedicated panel for postgraduate and early career scholars (please indicate in the paper proposal if this applies). All participants must be willing to participate in building the network.

There will be an opportunity to publish papers as open access working papers after the workshop. We will include a selection of papers in a joint proposal for an edited book collection and/or a special issue of a journal.

Selection Process

The selection of workshop contributions will be done by the scientific organizers primarily on the basis of submitted abstracts of 300 - 500 words. The abstract must indicate the specific contribution of the paper to the overall conference topic. Please indicate if you would like to present in person (and if you would require financial support to attend) or online, and if you consider yourself to be an early career scholar.

Applications must be submitted by 29 July 2022 to eufuturesnetwork@gmail.com.

Applicants will be informed of the results of the selection process in the week of 25 August 2022.

Practical information:

The workshop will be held at City, University of London, on 4 November 2022. The aim is to meet in person with a hybrid option for those who would like to participate in the network but cannot attend in person (please indicate in the paper proposal if this option is preferred).

There will be no conference fee and catering will be provided for all participants. Some financial support for travel and accommodation is available – please indicate in your proposal if you require financial support.

Questions about the conference can be directed to the organizers under:
eufuturesnetwork@gmail.com