



Europe in Discourse  
3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference  
**TRACING IDENTITY**  
THROUGH VALUES, HISTORY AND BORDERS  
Athens, Greece, September 23 - 25, 2022

The President of the Conference  
Leonidas-Phoebus Koskos

announces the

**Call for Papers**  
for the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Europe in Discourse Conference

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Athens, 23-25 September 2022

Hellenic American University announces the 3<sup>rd</sup> International [Europe in Discourse](#) Conference which will take place in Athens, Greece, September 23-25, 2022. The theme of this year's Conference is Tracing Identity through Values, History and Borders.

Launched in 2016, Europe in Discourse is an interdisciplinary project that brings together faculty, students, researchers, early-career scholars and professionals to explore what is unique about Europe and why "Europeanness" matters.

EID III re-opens the conversation developed in previous two Conferences about the future of Europe and its identity. As was the case in 2016 and 2018, discourse provides an analytical tool to diagnose the multiple constructions of Europe across contexts, texts, institutional or other.

The third Conference also remains faithful to the conviction that there should be a dialogue between those who talk about Europe and analyze it and those who "do" Europe and shape it. The Conference is therefore an open call to political analysts, communication experts, diplomacy and security experts, public leaders, historians, economists and policymakers from a variety of fields to engage with the Conference themes and submit a contribution along the formats accepted.

**Conference Description**

*Tracing Identity through Values, History, and Borders* foregrounds values as an ever-present dimension of European identity. If, within Europe, *governing* also takes place by *mobilizing values* then there should be consensus that to understand European identity becomes fundamental to trace those core values it draws on. At the same time, the political mobilization of values brought about tensions around what Europeanness means and how differing values had a place in the European sphere. Questions that arise include: does Europe, exert normative power, does it resort to values as functional tools for policy-making (transparency) or does it decide to promote political paradigms (governance)? Which values have been historically mobilized to unite Europeans and shape how

others perceive Europe (Europeanization)? How current are the values of the Treaty of Lisbon? Can Europe rely only on soft power to increase its relevance?

Values, however, cannot be stripped from **history** as they are clearly expressed in social and historical change and transformed through such change. Values, therefore, form the backdrop against which a call to legitimization of European action is played out.

The topic of **borders**, invites us to consider European identity spatially. This has often been framed in terms of state territorialities but there have been calls for a renewed approach with a spatial demarcation of Europe that is less “hard”. While the European Union, as an institutional space of policymaking, is associated with borders, Europeanness, does not necessarily imply a spatial mark. It is not identified with a specific location but always draws more on a collective archive from a shared values-based past. In the post-Lisbon treaty era, therefore, Europe and the European Union may need to balance the need for “hard” borders with the recognition that a values-based European Union may require “soft” b-ordering.

These three closely intersecting dimensions are informing current debates about European identity and raise important questions: Can the often-powerful ties between Euroscepticism and populism derail the project of European integration? How transformative has Brexit been for the European Union? Does the European Union exert a normative values-based legitimization (governing by values)? If so, what are the linguistic and, therefore, communicative tokens of this? What are the diverse values that each nation state contributes to the European Union and how are these values discursively reflected? How aligned are the so-called imagined and experienced Europe particularly after Brexit?

### **Conference Themes**

The Conference invites contributions from a variety of fields which explore Europe across all dimensions that shape it. Contributions may be based on theoretical accounts, discourse-driven methodologies, ethnographical approaches, case studies and other analytical tools to discuss European identity shaping across all aspects.

Contributions are invited across these themes:

- Europe: super-diverse and globalized
- European values: from continuity to change
- Images of crisis and recovery in Europe
- Political and electoral dimensions in the European sphere
- Conceptual blending, discourse and metaphors about Europe
- Austerity, financial crisis and economic narratives in and about Europe
- Borders, border-making and spatial transformations of and within Europe
- Europe as an international actor, the EU in the globe today
- Political discourses in and about Europe
- Im/migration, integration and mobility
- Europe and Populism across left and wing varieties
- Media constructions of European identities
- integration/assimilation/inclusion/homogenization in the EU
- Historical perspectives in the European project
- Religious aspects in/about Europe
- European as democratic/cosmopolitan idea
- Europe, Europeanness and Enlightenment today

## **Special emphasis on the Russian-Ukraine War**

With the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Europe in Discourse III has decided to widen the scope of the Conference themes and invites panels and papers to address the crisis and its role in the future of Europe. This crisis is directly relevant to discourse and communication, as can be seen, for example, in the weaponization of language that is taking place with recent Russian legislation that foresees jail terms for journalists who publicize "false information" or use *war* or *invasion* instead of *special military operation* in describing events in Ukraine.

The Conference wishes, therefore, to serve as a forum to discuss the dynamic relationship between communication, conflict and the use of language to legitimize actions, represent events and social actors. We invite papers and panels that address the Russian – Ukraine crisis and we are particularly interested in:

- Representations of political and social actors in media coverage in the Russian-Ukraine crisis
- Discursive dimensions of violence, *conflict* and *war*
- European Values and the War in Ukraine

## **Presentation Formats and Abstracts**

Proposals for participation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Europe in Discourse: Tracing identities through values history and borders can be submitted in the following formats:

### **Oral Communications**

Oral communications, which consist of a 20-minute presentation will be submitted in response to the general theme(s) of the conference mentioned below. Abstracts for oral communications should be no longer than 500 words and list five keywords.

Please submit your abstract for an oral communication through the official Conference website using this [link](#)

Deadline for oral communications: **April 15<sup>th</sup> 2022**

### **Themed Panels**

Proposals for panels must be submitted **online** as a single document, single-spaced in 12-point type. Panel proposals should include a brief overview of the theme, a title of the panel, and 4 to 5 abstract of papers, each to be delivered within 30 minutes (a 20-minute presentation followed by a 10-minute period for questions).

The names of the panel presenters should be omitted from the document to enable double-blind review. However, panel organizers should include their name.

Acceptance notifications will be sent to panel organizers.

Please submit your panel proposal through the website following the guidelines under the [SUBMIT YOUR PANEL PROPOSAL](#) through this [link](#)

Deadline for panel submissions: **April 15<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Evaluation Process, Criteria and Notification

All abstracts will be peer-reviewed and ranked by the Conference Scientific Committee. Abstracts will be assessed using the following criteria.

**Scientific strength.** Contributions should:

- offer significant contributions to the development of the discipline and point to future research agendas; and
- present innovative or interdisciplinary approaches, including novel collaborations or syntheses across sub-disciplines or with other related disciplines.

**Integration:** Proposals *may* receive higher priority if they are clearly linked to the conference overall theme and are solidly grounded in discourse or textual analysis.

Notification of acceptance for oral communications will be sent by **May 20<sup>th</sup> 2022**

## **Other Policies**

### **One-Presentation Rule**

Proponents are entitled to submit only one abstract as a first author. Speakers agreeing to present papers in panels also follow the one-presentation rule, i.e. someone who is first author or presenter cannot also be first author or presenter for another paper.

### **Conference Modality**

Depending on the conditions, we plan for Europe in Discourse III to be held as a hybrid event, including both online and in-person activities. However, if it is not possible to hold an in-person conference, we will default to online only. Both registration modalities will be accommodated.

**Speakers: Confirmed conference speakers are listed in the conference [website](#)**

## **Scientific Committee**

- Professor Michel Foucher, Foundation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme
- Professor Evanthis Hatzivassiliou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Professor Juliane House, Hellenic American University
- Professor George Pagoulatos, Athens University of Economics and Business and Director of ELIAMEP
- Professor George Prevelakis, Panthéon-Sorbonne University, Permanent Representative of Greece to OECD
- Professor Federico Romero, European University Institute
- Professor Ruth Wodak, University of Lancaster

## **Organizing Committee**

**President of the Conference: Leonidas-Phoebus Koskos, Esq. President, Hellenic American University**

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