

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC WORKSHOP

Rule of Law, Investment and EU Enlargement

Call for Early-career Researchers and Academics

The International Academic Workshop on the Rule of Law, Investment and EU Enlargement is organised within the framework of the project 'REGROW – From Reform to Growth: Leveraging Rule of Law in the EU Single Market for Investment in EU Candidate States', implemented by the Europa-Institut, Saarland University (Germany), in cooperation with the South East European Law School Network (SEELS) and Ankara University as well as the German-Turkish University (Türkiye). The project is funded by the DAAD Higher Education Dialogue Programme. **The workshop will take place on the 4th December 2026 at the Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade.**

About the workshop

The International Academic Workshop on the Rule of Law, Investment and EU Enlargement provides a platform for academics and early-career researchers to discuss the relationship between the rule of law, European integration and investment, understood broadly to include legal, regulatory, institutional and governance aspects throughout the investment cycle. Particular attention is given to the interaction between national legal systems and EU law, including legal approximation, implementation of the *acquis*, institutional capacity, effective enforcement and reforms linked to the EU accession process.

It aims to contribute to a deeper understanding of how rule-of-law standards, legal and institutional reforms, EU approximation and integration into the EU Single Market affect investment environments in Member States and candidate countries.

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Areas of Contribution

Contributions may examine both national and regional developments and may address, inter alia:

- Rule of law, legal certainty, access to justice, institutional effectiveness, transparency and good governance in the investment context;
- EU legal approximation, regulatory convergence, implementation of the EU acquis and integration into the EU Single Market;
- Investment regulation, promotion and facilitation, including economic governance and public policy affecting investment;
- Investment protection, investor rights and obligations, public-interest regulation, and dispute prevention and settlement;
- Comparative and regional perspectives on investment law, investment governance and EU accession-related reforms.

Publication and Submission Guidelines

Papers presented at the workshop will be considered for publication in the SEE Law Journal subject to a double-blind peer review process. Manuscripts must be prepared in accordance with the Journal's Guidelines for Authors ([SEE Law Journal](#)).

Application and Deadlines

Interested participants should submit an application including:

- Name and Surname, academic title and affiliation
- Title of the contribution, keywords and abstract (up to 500 words)
- Request for funding (if needed)

The application should be submitted no later than **04.11.2026 at 23:59** via e-mail to projects@europainstitut.de and centre@seelawschool.org.

The deadline for submission of the completed papers for publication in the SEE Law Journal is **31.01.2027**. The papers should be formatted as per the Instructions for authors for the SEE Law Journal.

Costs and Logistics

This event is open to all academic staff of the Europa-Institut, SEELS member faculties, Ankara University and the German-Turkish University.

Financial contribution towards travel and accommodation costs will be provided for a limited number of participants. If you apply for a financial contribution, please state this in the application.

Academics who fund themselves or are funded by the faculty are very welcome to participate. No conference fees will be charged.

Information on logistics (travel and accommodation) will be communicated on a later date. Further information may be obtained at the Project Offices.

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