

Call for Abstracts: Doctoral Colloquium

"Europe in the World"

hosted by the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "Europe in the World" (CoE WorldEU)
at Fulda University of Applied Sciences

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We are pleased to announce the first doctoral colloquium of the newly granted Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "Europe in the World":

The role of Europe in the world has been subject of academic debates in the last years. However, these have largely taken place in the epistemic communities of International Relations (IR), Political and Social Theory, History or Postcolonial Studies, and they have thus far been poorly received in European Studies. The Centre of Excellence "Europe in the World" (CoE WorldEU) will tackle this gap. Europe not being identical with the European Union, discussing "Europe in the World" entails to study both the EU and its Member States in a world order that changes in (geo)political, economic, ecological, and ideational respects. Externally, Russia's war of aggression and the Israel-Hamas conflict followed the global financial crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. Former centres and peripheries in the world are changing dynamically. Climate change underlines that the planet's future is a major issue and challenge. These issues are linked to internal challenges for the EU, i.e., democratic backsliding, rule of law conflicts, migration, and the ecological turnaround. Hence, ideational dimensions are a core dimension in all this: the liberal economic model, the conflict between democracy and autocracy, and, all in all, the concepts, ideas, and values that Europe stands for are often implicitly or explicitly contested. The CoE WorldEU will therefore set its main focus on the ideas, concepts, and values of both the EU and its Member States in the changing world order.

Theme and Objectives

The colloquium seeks to explore the ideas, concepts, and values that define Europe's place in a shifting global landscape. **Topics may include but are not limited to:**

- Ideas and concepts that shape(d) the EU
- European values and norms as well as their global perceptions
- Democracy vs. autocracy in Europe and beyond
- Postcolonial critiques and European modernity
- The EU's internal struggles with democracy, rule of law, and migration
- Europe's role in global governance and multilateralism
- Shifting geopolitical and economic power centers
- EU responses to climate change and ecological transitions

Who Should Apply

We invite doctoral candidates, early career researchers, and MA students from disciplines such as International Relations, Political Science, Social Theory, History, European Studies, and Postcolonial Studies. Perspectives from European and non-European contexts are especially welcome.

Submission Guidelines

- **Abstracts:** Max. 300 words outlining the research topic, methodology, and relevance
- **Format:** Submit in Word or PDF. Include name, affiliation, and contact details
- **Deadline:** Jan 12, 2025
- **Submission Email:** zhylie.kaja@sk.hs-fulda.de

Colloquium Details

- **Date:** 07 February 2025
- **Location:** Online
- **Format:** Presentations with Q&A sessions and discussions

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