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“The EU as a Model of Regional Integration: Indian Perspective”

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY-1

Thursday, 03/04/2025

REGISTRATION: 9.30 AM TO 10.00 AM

INAUGURAL SESSION: 10.00 AM TO 11.30 AM

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Dr. Sakti Prasad Srichandan

*Convenor and Assistant Professor, Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies,
Jawaharlal Nehru University*

Address by Chair

Prof. Amitabh Mattoo

Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Opening Address

Prof. Bhaswati Sarkar

*Jean Monnet Chair and Chairperson, Centre for European Studies, School of International
Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University*

Inaugural Address by Chief Guest

H.E. Ambassador Hervé Delphin

Head of Delegation of the European Union to India and Bhutan

Address by Guest of Honour

H.E. Ms. Marje Luup

Ambassador of Republic of Estonia to India

Vote of Thanks

Ms. Shweta Yadav

*PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru
University*

HIGH TEA: 11.30 AM TO 12.00 PM



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WORKING SESSION-I: 12.00 PM– 01.30 PM

Theme: Power, Politics, and Integration: Shaping the European Union's Journey

Chair: Dr. Ankita Dutta

Assistant Professor

Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Germany's Primacy in European Union Integration: A Hegemonic Stability Perspective

Shreya Nautiyal

PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The Limits of European Integration: Institutional Capacity Amidst Expanding Responsibilities (1993-2024)

Arjun Kumar

PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The Functioning of Far-Right Party Groups in the European Parliament (2014-2024): Strategies, Influence, and Constraints

Rajeev Kumar

PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The Visegrad Group as a Geopolitical Buffer: Preventing German-Russian Hegemony in a Fragmented Europe

Yanina Lyushyna

PhD Scholar, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

EU Integration and Energy Security: Assessing the Impact of the 2004 Enlargement on European Energy Policy

Chaitanya Deshpande

Assistant Professor, JECRC University, Jaipur

LUNCH BREAK: 01:30 PM – 02.30 PM



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WORKING SESSION-II: 02.30 PM– 04.00 PM

Theme: Institutional Challenges, Sovereignty Debates, and Policy Dynamics

Chair: Dr. Teiborlang T. Kharsyntiew

Assistant Professor

Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Institutional Adaptation in the Post-Brexit Era: A Comparative Structural Analysis of EU Migration Governance Systems and Their Implications for Regional Integration Models

Avdhesh Singh

PhD Scholar, Centre for Canadian, US and Latin American Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Bridging The Democratic Deficit: Evaluating the European Parliament's Role in Enhancing Democratic Governance in the EU

Sunil Yadav

PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The EU Model of Multilingualism and Canada's Bilingual Framework: Insights for Quebec's French-Language Retention

Kirti Sharma

PhD Scholar, Centre for Canadian, US and Latin American Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The European Union's Role in Climate Change: Navigating the Complexities of Multilevel Governance in Climate Negotiations

Nirdesh Silwal

PhD Scholar, Department of International Relations, South Asian University

National Sovereignty versus the EU's Supranational Institutions: A Case Study of Poland and Hungary

Shalini

PhD Scholar, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The European Commission's Directives and National Responses to COVID-19: Evaluating the European Union's Competencies During Crisis Situation by a Comparative Case Study of Italy and Sweden

Dheeraj Kumar

MA Student, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

TEA BREAK: 04:00 PM - 04:15 PM

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WORKING SESSION-III: 04.15 PM– 05.45 PM

Theme: Economic Integration and Policy Shifts: The EU's Evolving Monetary and Social Landscape

Chair: Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi

Associate Professor (SG)

Department of International Relations, South Asian University, New Delhi

The European Union's Energy Policy Integration: With Special Reference to Energy Efficiency

Kamini Singh

PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

COVID-19 and the EMU: How the Pandemic Tested Economic Solidarity

Rahul Kundu

PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The Monetary Policy of the European Central Bank and Economic Integration - An Analysis

Arunima Nair

*Student, School of Gender and Livelihoods, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad and
Exchange Student, Sciences Po Lille, France*

From Aspiration to Implementation: Economic Integration Frameworks in the European Union and Mercosur, 1990-2020

Vaibhav Kadal Bajju

PhD Scholar, Centre for Canadian, US and Latin American Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The European Union's Role in Advancing Women's Labour Rights

Fathima Mumthas

PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Economic Integration in South Asia: Lessons from the Eurozone and the Case Of Latvia

Divyangna Vaishya

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DAY-2

Friday, 04/04/2025

EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Theme: "Diffusing the EU Model of Regional Integration in South Asia: Challenges and Prospects"

Chair: Prof. Gulshan Sachdeva

*Professor and Jean Monnet Chair, Centre for European Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University*

&

Chief Coordinator, DAKSHIN - Global South Centre of Excellence

Expert Panelists

Prof. Amita Batra

Professor, Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Dr. Archana Negi

*Associate Professor, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University*

Dr. Pramod Jaiswal

Research Director, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIICE), Kathmandu

TEA BREAK: 11:30 AM – 11:45 AM



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WORKING SESSION-IV: 11:45 AM – 01:15 PM

Theme: Beyond Borders: The EU's Influence on Regionalism Worldwide

Chair: Dr. Sakti Prasad Srichandan

Assistant Professor

Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Navigating Engagement and Estrangement: EU-BRICS Dynamics in Comparative Regionalism

Subhrangshu Pratim Sarmah

PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Integrating with Hegemons: Lessons from Czech and German Trade Integration for South Asia

Ayush Shah

MA Student, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Comparative Analysis of Higher Education Regionalism in the EU and the ASEAN

B K Bhuvasha

Research Assistant, Symbiosis Centre for Higher Education Research and Policy Advocacy (SCHERPA), Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune

Adopting the European Union Ontological Security Model for Regional Cooperation in SAARC

Salonee Shital

PhD Scholar, Politics and International Relations, University of Auckland, New Zealand

Trade, Governance, and Growth: A Comparative Analysis of MERCOSUR and the EU

Varun Talan

PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

A Comparative Study of the EU and ASEAN's Human Rights Frameworks and the Unfinished Tapestry of South Asian Human Rights

Shrey Shaurya Singh Bisht

Student, Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding, Lady Shri Ram College for Women

Moitrayee Devi Baruah

Research Associate, Indian Institute of Public Administration

LUNCH BREAK: 01:15 PM – 02:00 PM



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WORKING SESSION-V: 02:00 PM – 03:30 PM

Theme: The EU on the Global Stage: Leadership, Influence, and Strategic Challenges

Chair: Dr. J. Jeganaathan

Associate Professor

Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The Role of European Union in Global Environmental Politics

Mrigank Magotra

PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The European Union's Educational Programs and the Idea of Europeanness

Sameer Kumar

PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The European Union as a Security Actor: Balancing Strategic Autonomy and Transatlantic Alliances with NATO in a Multipolar World

Sayuri Mohotti and Maheshi Thellamurege

Researchers, Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, Sri Lanka

The European Union as an Actor in International Climate Change Politics: Achievements and Challenges

Pranjal Kashyap

PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The EU's Role in Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding in the Middle East: Challenges and Opportunities

Prakash Mali

PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

TEA BREAK: 03:30 PM – 03:45 PM



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WORKING SESSION-VI: 03:45 PM – 05:15 PM

Theme: Navigating Uncertainty: The EU's Challenges and Future Pathways

Chair: Dr. Satya Narayan Prasad

Associate Professor

Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

A Green Divide, Right-Wing Climate Scepticism and the Future of EU Unity

Manaswita

PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Populism in Europe: Challenges and Future Trajectories

Bisari Mikhu

PhD Scholar, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

AI Governance for More Integrated and Secured European Union

Dipika Nath

PhD Scholar, Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia University

Shadows of Scepticism: The Shifting Face of Anti-Americanism in European Politics

Prachi Lokhande

PhD Scholar, Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The European Union at a Crossroads: Confronting Challenges and Future Trajectories

Nalinie Sharma

Research Fellow, Department of Political Science, Guru Nanak Dev University, Punjab



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VALEDICTORY SESSION: 05.15 PM – 06.30 PM

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Wilhelms University Bonn*

Address by Guest of Honour

Dr. Eliška Tomalová

*Head of Department of European Studies, EPS Programme Director, Institute of International
Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University*

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HIGH TEA – 06.30 PM

Zoom Meeting Link for Online Participants

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Concept Note

Regional integration has been a key driver of economic and political stability across the world, and the European Union (EU) remains one of the most studied and debated models of regional integration. From its origins as the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) in 1951 to its present form as a political and economic union of 27 member states, the EU has evolved through successive treaties, deepening its institutional framework and expanding its competencies. Despite numerous challenges, including Brexit, economic crises, migration pressures, and geopolitical shifts, the EU continues to serve as a reference point for regional cooperation efforts across the globe.

This International Young Scholars' Conference seeks to critically examine the EU's integration experience, drawing insights for other regions aspiring for deeper economic and political collaboration. The conference aims to foster discussions on the EU's historical development, institutional framework, economic integration, external relations, and contemporary challenges. By engaging young scholars, it will contribute to an informed debate on the relevance and adaptability of the EU model in diverse geopolitical and socio-economic contexts.

Major themes for the conference include but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Historical Evolution of the EU
- The EU Institutions and Governance Mechanisms
- Economic and Monetary Integration
- The EU in Global Politics
- Comparative Regionalism: The EU and Other Regional Organizations
- Contemporary Challenges and Future Trajectories

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