

ECLIC International Scientific Conference

“EU as a Global Player: Geopolitical Position of the EU in the New Global Order”

11-12 June 2026

Faculty of Law, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek

CALL FOR PAPERS

We are pleased to announce the Call for the 10th anniversary EU and Comparative Law Issues and Challenges Series (ECLIC) International Scientific Conference “EU as a Global Player: Geopolitical Position of the EU in the New Global Order”, organized by the Faculty of Law Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Croatia. Continuing its tradition of exploring crucial questions of EU law, governance, and policy, this year’s conference aims to address the evolving role of the European Union in a rapidly transforming geopolitical environment.

THEME

In a world marked by shifting power dynamics, emerging alliances, and new security, economic, and technological challenges, the European Union stands at a pivotal moment in defining its global role. The EU’s capacity to act as a coherent and influential global player depends on its strategic autonomy, economic resilience, and ability to promote multilateralism, human rights, and the rule of law on the international stage.

This conference seeks to explore the EU’s geopolitical position within the new global order – examining rule of law, national legal orders in the context of new global order, foreign and security policies, trade and energy strategies, enlargement perspectives, and responses to global crises such as climate change, migration, technological disruption, and conflicts at its borders.

SCOPE OF TOPICS

We invite scholars and practitioners to discuss key issues such as:

- The EU’s strategic autonomy and global governance role
- The evolution of the EU’s Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and defense integration
- National legal orders in the context of new global order
- Rule of law in the age of geopolitical shift
- Transatlantic relations and EU-China, EU-Russia, and EU-Global South dynamics
- Enlargement and neighborhood policies in a contested geopolitical environment
- The role of EU law in shaping external action and international partnerships
- Economic security, green transition, and digital sovereignty as tools of global influence
- The EU’s role in global human rights protection, climate diplomacy, and migration management

The conference aims to bring together an interdisciplinary community of legal scholars, economists, political scientists, and international relations experts to foster a comprehensive understanding of the EU’s role in the 21st-century world order.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the ECLIC International Scientific Conference is to provide a platform for stimulating discussion on key interdisciplinary issues affecting law, economics, and policy in the EU and its Member States. We strongly encourage participation from researchers and professionals from EU candidate countries and beyond.

We look forward to receiving manuscripts that address, but are not limited to, the topics listed above.

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

If interested in participation, please submit an abstract by 15 January 2026 electronically via the conference website:

<https://eclic-conference.com/abstract-submission/>

The conference will be held fully in person at the Faculty of Law Osijek.

Abstracts (300–500 words) should clearly indicate the main arguments, structure, and research methods.

If accepted, authors will receive Guidelines for Authors and will be expected to submit a full paper (maximum 10,000 words) by 3 April 2026.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS & BOOK OF ABSTRACTS

Selected papers will be published in the peer-reviewed series

“EU and Comparative Law Issues and Challenges Series – ECLIC”, indexed in Web of Science and HeinOnline.

ECLIC proceedings are double-blind peer-reviewed and focus on EU and comparative law and policy topics.

More information: <https://eclic-conference.com/>

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract
Submission
Deadline

**15 JANUARY
2026**

Notification of
Acceptance of
Abstract

**31 JANUARY
2026**

Registration &
Conference Fee
Payment

**20 MARCH
2026**

Submission
Deadline for Full
Papers

3 APRIL 2026

Book of
Proceedings
(online format)

**JUNE/JULY
2026**

Book of
Proceedings
(online format)

**11-12 JUNE
2026**

ATTENDING FEES

Publish Full Paper +
Presentation

includes conference participation, book of
abstracts, lunch, refreshments, and
promotional material

250 EUR

Accompanying
Co-author

125 EUR

PhD
Students

100 EUR

Presentation without
Publishing

150 EUR

Listener only

50 EUR

Conference dinner

To be extra paid
(optional)

50 EUR

The attending fee includes: access to all sessions, Book of Abstracts, Book of Proceedings, conference lunch, and coffee breaks according to the program.

Travel and accommodation costs are borne by participants.

Please note: once papers are submitted for double-blind peer review, fees are non-refundable.

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