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Call for Papers

Unfolding European Integration

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/ ARTICLES

The College of Europe's *DuoDecim Astra* journal invites researchers, practitioners, and students inside and outside of the College to submit their abstracts or papers, relating to the broad field of European studies.

The theme for this year is "*Unfolding European Integration*". This issue aims to question the past and future of Europe. The EU has arguably opened the door for a new enlargement, thus the question that comes to our mind is "*Europe, Quo Vadis?*". What is the meaning and significance of the European integration project? Is it aiming towards a certain goal, a European telos? Or is it merely a very incremental accumulation of contingent events? What are the consequences of recent developments in its enlargement and integration policy recalibration?

The EU stands in a historical momentum that encourages us to examine the past and look to the future, to understand present policy crossroads. The EU is in the midst of an enlargement process, implying institutional questioning concerning the nature and direction of the integration process, but also on the very meaning of Europe and on opportunities and challenges that come with such strategic recalibration. The guiding principle of this issue is thus to unfold and dissect the European integration project, at large.

To address this theme, we welcome contributions in all areas of European studies and encourage the submission of papers coming from very diverse academic disciplines and research methods. Submissions are welcome on a range of topics including enlargement, the history of European integration, reflections on the Europeanisation process or research focusing on identity, migration, foreign policy, political economy and rule of law in an era characterised by the concept of poly-crisis.

Anniversary dates allow to reflect on what has been achieved, and on the road that has brought us to the EU as we know it today. We celebrate in 2023 the thirty years of the coming into effect of the Maastricht Treaty, the twentieth anniversary of the launching of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), and the creation of the College of Europe campus in Tirana, Albania. It is thus with these anniversaries in mind that the 2023 *DuoDecim Astra* issue seeks to analyse the continued construction of the EU amidst institutional change – in other words, unravelling the EU project at a time of institutional enlargement, drive for strategic autonomy, international conflict, and overarching symptoms of poly-crisis.

At this stage, we accept both abstracts and articles, of varying lengths. Upon review, shorter pieces or those which do not fit the main theme of the *DuoDecim Astra* issue can be published alternatively on the Natolin Blog platform.

DuoDecim Astra

DuoDecim Astra is an interdisciplinary journal specialised in European studies, run by College of Europe students coming from the Bruges and Natolin campuses. In the spirit of fostering a European dialogue and narrating the European project, the journal publishes articles both in English and French.

Peer review process

As an academic journal, our priority is to guarantee fairness and impartiality in the treatment of the submitted papers. *DuoDecim Astra* remains a student-led journal therefore we adapted the limited size of our team with the requirements of double-blind peer review.

The journal's mailbox is only accessible by one member of the team. The latter is responsible for answering questions regarding submissions and filtering abstracts and papers. This first step is key to ensuring that papers reaching the peer-review stage will fit the journal's editorial policy. Once the paper is ready to be peer-reviewed, it is anonymised and sent to the peer-review team. Thus, the peer reviewers have no information regarding the identity or the affiliation of the author.

The peer-review team is composed of the permanent bureau of editors of the journal from both campuses, other than the editorial board members, as well as editors who can intervene depending on their field of specialisation and expertise. Once a paper is sent to the peer review, the author shall receive a response within 3 weeks.

The authors' identity is kept secret until the final publication of the journal.

The journal also has a scientific committee, composed of leading scholars in EU studies. Their expertise is used by the journal's committee to guarantee the academic rigorousness of the issue and can suggest modifications before the final publication.

Conditions for submission

In order to submit to *DuoDecim Astra* your paper should meet the following requirements:

- Be an original article (never published in a journal).
- The paper should be written either in English or in French.
- The article's length should be between 5.000 and 8.000 words (excluding footnotes and bibliography).
- The referencing style is Chicago Manual of Style (17th Edition).

Articles or abstracts submitted to *DuoDecim Astra* should include the following:

- Name and affiliation of the author(s). The author(s) biography should not exceed 250 words.
- Abstract (at least 500 words).
- Up to five keywords.

Terms and conditions

Your article should not be currently under review by another journal. When submitting an article for review by *DuoDecim Astra*, you are asked to accept that the article will be published exclusively by the journal. Articles published by the journal will be freely available online and may be cited according to academic conventions.

The deadline for submitting your article is February 15th 2024.