

Call for Papers:

Sixth Annual CRCEES Research Forum

Together with

Assessing Accession: Central and Eastern Europe in the EU 2013 Research Symposium “The EU, Central and Eastern Europe - Energy and Foreign Policy”

On 23 and 24 May 2013 the University of Glasgow will host in parallel the Sixth Annual CRCEES Research Forum and the Assessing Accession: Central and Eastern Europe in the EU Research Symposium.

As in previous years the CRCEES Research Forum is looking for papers which relate either to the original five broad research themes, or to the seven strategic research agendas that have emerged from CRCEES activities so far. The dual streams of the Assessing Accession Research Symposium will reflect two of the network study groups on ‘Energy’ and ‘Foreign Policies’.

CRCEES Research Themes

The Research Forum is calling for proposals for individual papers or panels, plenary sessions, and workshops. It is particularly keen to involve contributions from post-graduate students; these may either take the form of papers integrated within panels or discreet post-graduate events. Proposals from those outside the CRCEES network will be considered, and included where they strengthen the programme.

The original five broad research themes are:

- Aspects of identity and culture and their social, political and economic implications;
- Economic and social transformation;
- Political transformation and international relations;
- Literary, cinematic and cultural developments in the area;
- The politics of language.

The seven strategic research agendas which have emerged from CRCEES activities so far are:

- Area Studies and Post-socialism
- History and Memory
- Post-enlargement Studies
- Regionalism
- Migration and Diaspora
- Security
- Material and Visual Culture and National Identity.

For more information on the Research Forum, contact [Professor Geoffrey Swain](#).

Assessing Accession

Assessing Accession would like to call for papers on the following matters:

Energy

Since the enlargement of the EU to Central and Eastern Europe, a range of obstacles and challenges to the successful implementation of an EU energy policy have arisen or become more prevalent. This includes (1) managing the completion of the expanded liberalised internal energy market by 2014, (2) establishing a functional and integrated energy infrastructure, (3) ensuring competent regulation of the energy sector in CEE with regard to competition and state aid, and (4) responding to mounting external pressures including dependency on Russian oil and gas supplies. The EU is currently developing a coordinated approach to these challenges, but it will take time and effort by not only EU institutions, but also its member states and corporate entities.

We welcome original research and conceptual papers relating to:

CEE states and the liberalisation of the EU's internal energy market

CEE and the EU's 'energy infrastructure package'

CEE and security of supply

Foreign Policies

With respect to the issue of foreign policy, the enlargement of the EU to Central and Eastern Europe has opened up a whole new range of dynamics, perspectives and opportunities, both for the foreign policies of the CEECs and for the foreign policy of the EU. Indeed, the accession of the CEECs to the EU has had extensive implications for foreign policy in the EU, the exact contours of which are still developing. The impact is being felt not just at the institutional level, but it also has a distinct ideological reach, for instance, in the realm of democracy assistance. Moreover, the 2004/2007 enlargement has presented the EU with a new geopolitical reality in its eastern backyard, which several CEECs have shown to be particularly keen to deal with.

We welcome original research or conceptual papers relating to the

The impact of Eastern enlargement on the EU's foreign policy

The impact of EU accession on individual foreign policies of the CEECs

The role and involvement of the CEECs in the EU's foreign policy, in particular their role in the EU's policy towards the EU's Eastern neighbourhood

Special Focus:

We are also keen to encourage papers which link EU external action and energy issues. This may include studies relating to the EU's engagement with 'strategic partners' in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia through regional cooperation initiatives such as:

the Black Sea Synergy,

the Eastern Partnership,

the Central Asia Strategy

the EU-Russia Energy Dialogue/EU-Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement and its replacement the New EU-Russia Agreement

More information on the Assessing Accession study groups can be found at:

<http://assessingaccession.eu/study-group-foreign-policies/>

<http://assessingaccession.eu/study-group-energy/>

Some limited funding will be available to support travel and accommodation for selected paper givers.

For more information on either study group or the symposium please contact:

[Dr Eamonn Butler](#) (Energy) [Dr Fabienne Bossuyt](#) (Foreign Policies).

Proposals

Proposals for papers relating to both events should be 250-300 words in length and be sent to [Geoffrey Swain](#) by 22 March 2013.

Paper proposers should include their title, full name, institutional affiliation and paper title. All papers will be made available as work-in-progress papers via the CRCEES and Assessing Accession websites.

Full Details

Full details about the CRCEES Research Forum and Assessing Accession Symposium (registration, accommodation and travel details) will be made available on the CRCEES and Assessing Accession websites in due course.



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