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Caucasus University

Tbilisi, Georgia

9-10 October, 2026

**International Scientific Conference
"European Union Enlargement: Practices and Challenges"**

About the Conference

On October 9-10, 2026, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Caucasus University and the Jean Monnet Chair “European Union for Peace, Prosperity and Security” will host an international scientific conference “European Union Enlargement: Practices and Challenges”.

The contemporary international environment is increasingly shaped by complex and evolving dynamics, within which the process of European integration continues to face new challenges. In this context, the Jean Monnet Chair “*European Union for Peace, Prosperity and Security*” (2024-2027) at Caucasus University plays an important role in strengthening teaching and research on European Union-related issues.

The conference aims to promote interdisciplinary academic dialogue through the analysis of the historical experience, current developments, and future prospects of European Union enlargement policy. It will provide a platform for critical discussion of the legal, political, economic, and security dimensions of the enlargement process, bringing together Georgian and international scholars, field experts, early-career researchers, and doctoral candidates.

Thematic areas of the conference

- Historical stages of EU enlargement and their institutional implications
- The transformation and contemporary interpretations of the Copenhagen criteria
- Reforms in candidate and potential candidate countries
- Geopolitical dimension of enlargement and security policy
- Internal institutional challenges facing the EU in the context of enlargement
- The Eastern Partnership countries and their European perspective
- The experience of EU member states regarding enlargement
- The future and strategic vision of enlargement policy

The scope of the conference is not limited to the topics listed above. Submissions addressing various aspects of European Union enlargement from different academic disciplines are highly encouraged.

Conference Participation

The conference will take place on October 9-10, 2026, at Caucasus University in Tbilisi, Georgia. It will be conducted in a hybrid format, combining in-person participation with online attendance via Zoom. The working languages of the conference are Georgian and English.

Submission of abstracts and registration

- Interested participants are invited to complete the registration form and submit it together with an abstract (150-250 words, in PDF format).
- Papers may be authored individually or jointly.
- Upon acceptance of the abstract, submission of the full paper (3,000–6,000 words) is required for participation in the conference.
- The registration form, abstract, and full paper should be submitted via email to the following address: gchelidze@cu.edu.ge
- In the subject line, please write “European Union Enlargement: Practices and Challenges.”

Preparation and publication of papers

Papers accepted for presentation at the conference will be subject to review and editorial processing by the Scientific Committee and will be included in the conference proceedings, to be published in electronic format.

Authors are kindly requested to adhere to the relevant technical requirements and submission guidelines when preparing their abstracts and full papers.

Important Dates:

- ✓ **Deadline for abstract submission:** June 22, 2026
- ✓ **Notification of acceptance:** June 30, 2026
- ✓ **Full paper submission deadline:** September 5, 2026.
- ✓ **Publication of the conference program:** September 24, 2026.
- ✓ **Conference dates:** October 9-10, 2026.

Venue and contact information:

Conference organiser: JMC “European Union for Peace, Prosperity and Security” (EU-PPS)
Caucasus University, Tbilisi, Georgia

Venue: 1 Paata Saakadze Street, Tbilisi

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Jean Monnet Chair EU-PPS website:

<https://cu.edu.ge/en/grant-projects/ongoing-projects/jean-monnet-chair-2024/eu-pps-grant-project>

Logistics and useful information for participants:

- Participation in the conference is free of charge. However, participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses.
- The project will provide catering during the conference, including coffee breaks and lunch.
- The conference will conclude with a cultural event.

Conference Scientific Committee:

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