



OVERVIEW OF THE CHAIR

Chair's identity and goals

The European Commission has awarded a Jean Monnet Chair to Teresa Russo, Associate Professor of EU Law at the Department of Legal Sciences of the University of Salerno.

Jean Monnet Chairs are specialised teaching posts for university professors, aimed at deepening teaching and research in European Union studies and fostering dialogue between academia and society, both in the Member States and in other Countries.

Co-funded by the European Union, the **Jean Monnet Chair on Promoting Public Awareness on Enlargement Policy, EU Values and The Western Balkans' Accession (EUVALWEB)** aims to promote the study of EU law among students, academics, practitioners and civil society. The objective of the Jean Monnet Chair EUVALWEB is to highlight and explain **the important impact that the EU Enlargement policy has in the construction of EU identity based on its core values, as well as on the EU strategy toward the Western Balkans, specifically in the field of Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs (JHA), that is at the core of EU and Member States legal system, as well as beyond the EU's territory.** To this end, alongside the Chair Holder, a gender-equal team of experienced and young advisors and trainers/trainers, composed of national and international academics, policy-makers and professionals, will carry out the teaching, research and dissemination activities envisaged in the project.

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The EUVALWEB Chair enjoys the support of Albanian, Bosnian, Macedonian, Montenegrin and Serbian universities, as well as civil society and Bar associations that are directly involved in its activities, and the contribution of national and international legal experts. It is also supported by Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. The research activities are carried out within the **EUVALWEB Legal Observatory** in the following areas:

- ✚ **Cross-Border Security (Migration and Asylum Management);**
- ✚ **Fight Against Transnational Crimes;**
- ✚ **Police and Judicial Cooperation;**
- ✚ **Promotion and Protection of EU Values and Fundamental Rights.**

The main didactic, professional and scientific activities of the EUVALWEB Chair are divided into a **Chair Course**, a **Law Clinic (online and in presence)** and **two international conferences**, as well as a series of initiatives organised also in cooperation with other teaching courses of the Department of Legal Sciences of the University of Salerno, some professional categories and NGOs, as well as with other Jean Monnet Chairs and Modules.

A cycle of 2 international conferences (both online and in-person) will take place between May and June, under the guidance of the Chair Holder and Team Chair. These conferences will be organized **alternately in Italy and in one of the Western Balkan Countries** and will also be based on the papers presented during the Chair Course and the Law Clinic with the aim to find possible answers and strategies. These will encourage the active involvement of public audiences, legal practitioners, policy-makers, experts in the field of the Chair, NGOs and civil society representatives, promoting the dissemination of the EUVALWEB Chair's activities in Italy and abroad.

Each conference will be concluded with a **statement that summarizes the results achieved and proposals.**

Participating to any of the Chair's activities is free of charge and participants need only to **register on the Home Page of the website 'https://euvalweb.euweb.org/'**, by clicking the registration button, **alternatively or cumulatively, for the Chair Course or the Law Clinic.**

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For the Law Clinic, participation to a single (or more than one) lesson is permitted through registration on the website.

The **acknowledgement of credits and certifications for both students and professionals** is directly related to the chosen activity and more information is available below.

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CHAIR COURSE

**12 hours
a week
from March
to May 2023**

Chair Course ‘Enlargement Policy, EU Values and the Western Balkans’ Accession’

The Chair Course’s inauguration is scheduled for 6 March 2023 at the University of Salerno, “Nicola Cilento” Hall (C1 Building), h. 10:30 A.M.

Teacher: Prof. Teresa Russo – EUVALWEB Chair Holder

Tutors: Dr. Stefano Busillo, Dr. Emanuele Vannata

Semester: Second

Objectives: The Course aims at providing in-depth and detailed knowledge of the European integration process and the construction of the Union’s identity based on its founding values. It is divided into modules as specified below and will enable trainees to familiarise themselves with the internal and external challenges posed by the various enlargement processes and to understand the benefits of ‘ever closer integration among the peoples of Europe’.

Didactics: The Course will take place in the form of **lectures, training seminars, workshops, simulations, group work, with theoretical/practical and problem-solving approaches.** It will take place **three times a week of 4 hours each, from March to May.** It will be held by the Chair Holder as a stand-alone course, but associated with the other courses, held by the same Chair Holder (EU law and EU migration law), in order to ensure the widest possible participation.

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The Course is organized in **six (6) distinct Modules**.

Seminars and intensive lectures, also in the framework of the EUVALWEB Legal Observatory, will be organized and held by the Team Chair and international and national legal experts. These will be open to public participation.

Target: Undergraduate students, graduates, Ph.D. and Ph.D. candidates, legal operators, judges, lawyers, law enforcement officials, civil servants and civil society representatives, policy makers.

Workshop and final evaluation: Trainees, divided into small groups, under the supervision of the Chair Holder and with the support of Tutors, will carry out **interactive workshops** for the elaboration of papers in the form of questions and possible solutions. These will cover key points to be discussed and developed at international conferences. This will help to assess the public perception of the European Union and the opportunities arising from integration into the Union. The authors of the best papers will be invited to rework them into a scientific article for publication as an OER.

Modules

EU Integration Process	
Module 1	<p>Content This Module aims at explaining the evolution of the European Union's integration process through an examination of the main provisions of the founding and amending Treaties. It will start from the provisions of ECSC, EEC and EURATOM Treaties to arrive at the Lisbon Treaty and the perspectives that emerged from the Conference on the Future of the European Union that ended on the last 9 May.</p>

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Understanding Enlargement as EU Policy

Module 2

Content

This Module aims to provide the tools for understanding and analysing the functions, objectives and stages of the European Union's enlargement policy. It will consist of the analysis of the main documents of the different enlargement processes, which have led to the current membership of the Union. This part will also be marked by the launch of a workshop, which will continue throughout the other modules, with the aim of comparing the enlargement processes and the effects on the Member States.

Membership Criteria in the Accession Process

Module 3

Content

This Module aims to explain the development and evolution of accession criteria and their crucial importance for the integration of new members. Specifically, it will look at the main documents of the EU institutions involved, as well as the Accession Treaties, as a continuation of the workshop, in order to ascertain whether and how they have been met in practice. It will also look at the effects produced on the founding Treaties.

Respecting EU Values Beyond Enlargement Policy

Module 4

Content

This Module will serve to understand and deepen the values of the Union set forth in the current Article 2 TEU. It will study the affirmation of these values as an identity of the Union and common to the Member States, their promotion and cross-cutting projection in the Union's internal and external action. The main documents of the EU institutions and some of the most significant rulings of the Court of Justice will be analyzed in order to understand the content of the values.

The trainees will be asked to verify whether and which values are not found to be respected in the acceding States, as well as in the Member States.

EU Strategy Towards the Western Balkans

Module 5

Content

This Module aims to acquaint the trainees with the particularities of the European Union's strategy with the so-called Western Balkan Countries. Starting with the Stabilization and Association process, the trainees will be asked to analyze, with the support of the tutors and under the coordination of the Chair Holder, the various agreements concluded with the six Balkan States, as well as acts of the European Commission, the Council of the European Union and the European Council, in order to understand the different methodologies used and the results achieved.

Western Balkans' Accession Process to the EU and Further Eastward Enlargement

Module 6

Content

This Module aims to take stock of the enlargement of the Union to the Western Balkans. The trainees, divided into groups, will be asked to highlight the critical issues still open with regard to the Balkan States with which negotiations are open, but also with reference to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo. In this Module, they will also look at new and old applications for membership in the Union in order to elaborate the questions to be submitted to the International Conference that will take place at the end of May.

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