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Call for Papers LEAP Postgraduate Conference

13-14 May 2021,

*National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA),
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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries – developed and developing – in a global partnership. The document, goes hand in hand with the Europe 2020 Strategy proposed by the European Commission in 2010 - EU's own contribution to the SDGs targets. The year 2020 was the main milestone to have an overview of the main achievements of the Europe 2020 Strategy and the ways ahead for 2030. Unfortunately, this year of retrospectives coincided with the COVID pandemic, that reshaped all the dynamics in economic, social and political terms at the global level. We believe this is the moment for a timely debate to look back and reflect at both the achievements and the pitfalls of the Europe 2020 Strategy and the challenges ahead for 2030 in an interdisciplinary setting. Moreover, the preliminary impact of the pandemic on the 2030 Agenda is a subject that requires more food for thought.

The Center for European Studies at the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA) within the framework of the LEAP Jean Monnet Network is organizing a two-day postgraduate conference addressed mainly to young scholars and PhD candidates from different fields of social sciences, as well as to policy experts with hand-on experience aiming to evaluate and critically discuss the current level of fulfilment of the SDGs and the prospects for the future. The online event is open to international doctoral students and young scholars working on EU Studies and different other disciplines, aiming to foster academic dialogue between established academics, young researchers and students. The main panels of the conference will try to tackle specific questions such as: „To what extent have the goals of the Europe 2020 Strategy been reached?” and „How will Europe look like in 2030, when the 17 Sustainable SDGs of the 2030 Agenda should be fulfilled?”. We welcome contributions on key topics covered by both the 2030 Agenda and the Europe 2020 Strategy: *Employment, Research and Development, Climate Change and Energy, Education and Poverty, Social Exclusion* - up to date research or critical insights and policy analyses.

The conference will be opened on 13th of May, 5 PM (Romanian time) by a **Keynote Speech and Q&A with Professor Iulia Motoc**, PhD lawyer and international law expert, currently a Judge at the European Court of Human Rights and a professor at the University of Bucharest (Romania).

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The online conference will take place via the Webex platform on **May 13-14, 2021**. All interested postgraduate students must send an MS Word (.doc, .docx) file including the title of their research, an abstract of no more than **400 words** or a poster names and affiliations of the authors to the following email: ces@snspace.ro until **April 28, 2021**. Decisions on submitted abstracts will be communicated by **May 7, 2021**. The language of the event is English. Selected contributions can be developed into academic articles and will be considered to be published in a Special Issue of the academic journal *Europolity - Continuity and Change in European Governance* – biannual peer reviewed open access international academic journal published under the aegis of the Department of International Relations and European Integration of the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, through the Centre of European Studies (CES).

Participation in the workshop is free, all attendees being granted a certificate of participation to this international event. In case of questions, please contact the organizers (Dragoș Ioniță, SNSPA Bucharest): dragos.ionita@snspace.ro



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