



The Conference is hosted by the University of Agder's Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence 'Laboratories of Differentiated Integration in a Post-Brexit Europe'. The Jean Monnet Centre is the first in Norway and aims to act as a catalyst for advancing more well-connected European Studies in the Nordic region.

Call for papers for the
Interdisciplinary Trans-Nordic Conference on
European Differentiated Integration
1-2 June 2022, University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway

The conference is intended to contribute to building an interdisciplinary transnational network for European Studies across the Nordic countries. Hosted at the Kristiansand campus of the University of Agder in the beautiful south of Norway, it will bring together scholars working on European integration primarily across the Nordic countries from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. The discussants of the scholarly papers will include policymakers and practitioners.

Conference topic

The conference will explore recent developments of "European Differentiated Integration", broadly understood. It is based on the [Jean Monnet Centre's focus on differentiation in Europe](#), including both EU- and non-EU member states, formal and informal arrangements, enhanced integration vs. disintegration, as well as various levels, actors, and policy fields. The geographic focus is not restricted to the Nordic region but encompasses the whole continent.

Conference format

The conference will consist of panels in which papers are presented and discussed. The panels will be put together by the organizing committee based on the themes of submitted abstracts. The conference language is English. We aim at a physical event.

Confirmed keynote speeches by:

- **Dr Alexander Stubb** (EUI, Director of the School of Transnational Governance; former Trade & Europe and Prime Minister of Finland; former MEP; former adviser to Commission President Romano Prodi)
- **Ambassador Christian Danielsson** (Head of the European Commission's Representation in Sweden; former Director-General of Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations and Deputy Secretary of the European Commission).

Invited papers

We invite papers that focus on differentiated integration in the area of European studies from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds, e.g., law, economics, sociology, political science, history, (political) geography, or papers based on an interdisciplinary approach. All papers must be the result of original research and present recent, unpublished findings. They must be written in English and not exceed 10,000 words. Given the interdisciplinary format of the conference and the objective to include practitioners, we strongly encourage the usage of accessible language. The papers should include a specific section on policy implications. All papers must be submitted by 17 May 2022 and will be stored in a “paper room” that is open only to the participants.

Participants

We invite both junior and senior scholars to participate in the conference. With a view to the network building aim of the conference, participants should be based in the Nordics or have a strong demonstrable research focus on this region.

Paper proposals

The selection of conference papers will be done by the members of the organizing committee primarily on the basis of submitted abstracts of max. 250 words. The abstract must indicate the specific contribution of the paper to the overall conference topic. **Abstracts can be submitted under <https://uia.pameldingssystem.no/jean-monnet-conference-call-for-papers>.** Due to the current challenges related to Covid-19, the deadline has been extended **until 25 February 2022**.

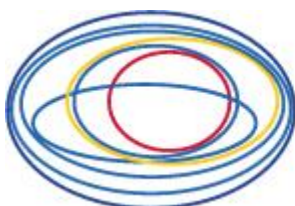
The organizing committee consists of:

- Associate Professor [Anne Elizabeth Stie](#) (Political Science)
- Professor [Lars Oxelheim](#) (Economics)
- Professor [Tor-Inge Harbo](#) (Law)
- Professor [Alexander Ruser](#) (Sociology)
- Associate Professor [Anne Pintsch](#) (Coordinator of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence)

Practical information about the conference

There will be no conference fee, but participants must generally cover their own travelling and accommodation costs. We have reserved hotel room contingents at special rates and can help with finding alternative accommodation. Lunches and the gala dinner will be sponsored by the Jean Monnet Centre and the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Agder.

Questions about the conference can be directed to the organizers under jm-conference2022@uia.no.



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