

## **EWIS 2019 Call for Papers**

### **Domestic contestation and politicization of European Foreign Policy. CSOs, Parties, and Parliaments**

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#### **Workshop summary**

The relationship between domestic and international arenas is the locus of much of the recent processes of contestation and politicization that have attracted the attention of EU integration and IR scholars. Foreign policy, and more particularly EU foreign policy, so often a boundary spanner between such levels, is therefore posed to be contested and politicized, both at national and European arenas. However, there is still surprisingly little research on who engages in such processes and why, what are the venues for contestation and politicisation, which topics within EU's external relations are prone to this process, and what are the putative results.

The main aim of the workshop will be to bring together scholars dealing with questions about who engages in contesting the EU external action; where this is done; and what justifications actors use. Our interest will be both exploratory and conceptual. How do we approach and measure contestation within the multilevel structure of European Foreign Policy? How important are national and ideological divisions? What are the differences between contestation and politicisation of various aspects of EU external relations? What prompts and/or facilitates the process of contestation and politicisation of foreign policy? We are also interested in outside-in processes. Is increased international contestation of norms defended and objectives pursued by the EU trickling down into internal debates, changing decision making within the EU?

We are interested in encouraging a dialogue among a range of research strands. We specifically look forward to including in the workshop researchers who have looked at political parties and their growing focus on EU external action both at the national level and at the level of European party groups. Secondly, we are also interested in research looking at Civil Society Organisation (CSOs), as they are growingly active and mobilise European citizens on issues connected to foreign policy leading to politicisation. The literature on growing contestation and politicisation of European integration in general indicates also the strong role of parliaments. We are also looking for papers on the ways in which EU institutions and member states might be re-aligning themselves along new cleavages of political conflict. Finally, we are interested in research that looks at how contestation processes of a broader scale cross into the EU from the international level.

As more and more scholars are becoming interested in the role of ideological divisions and deep polarisation in foreign policy at the various levels within the EU political system, we see this workshop proposal as a way to both encourage research on this regard and organize a more systematic exchange of views that might prove fruitful going forward.