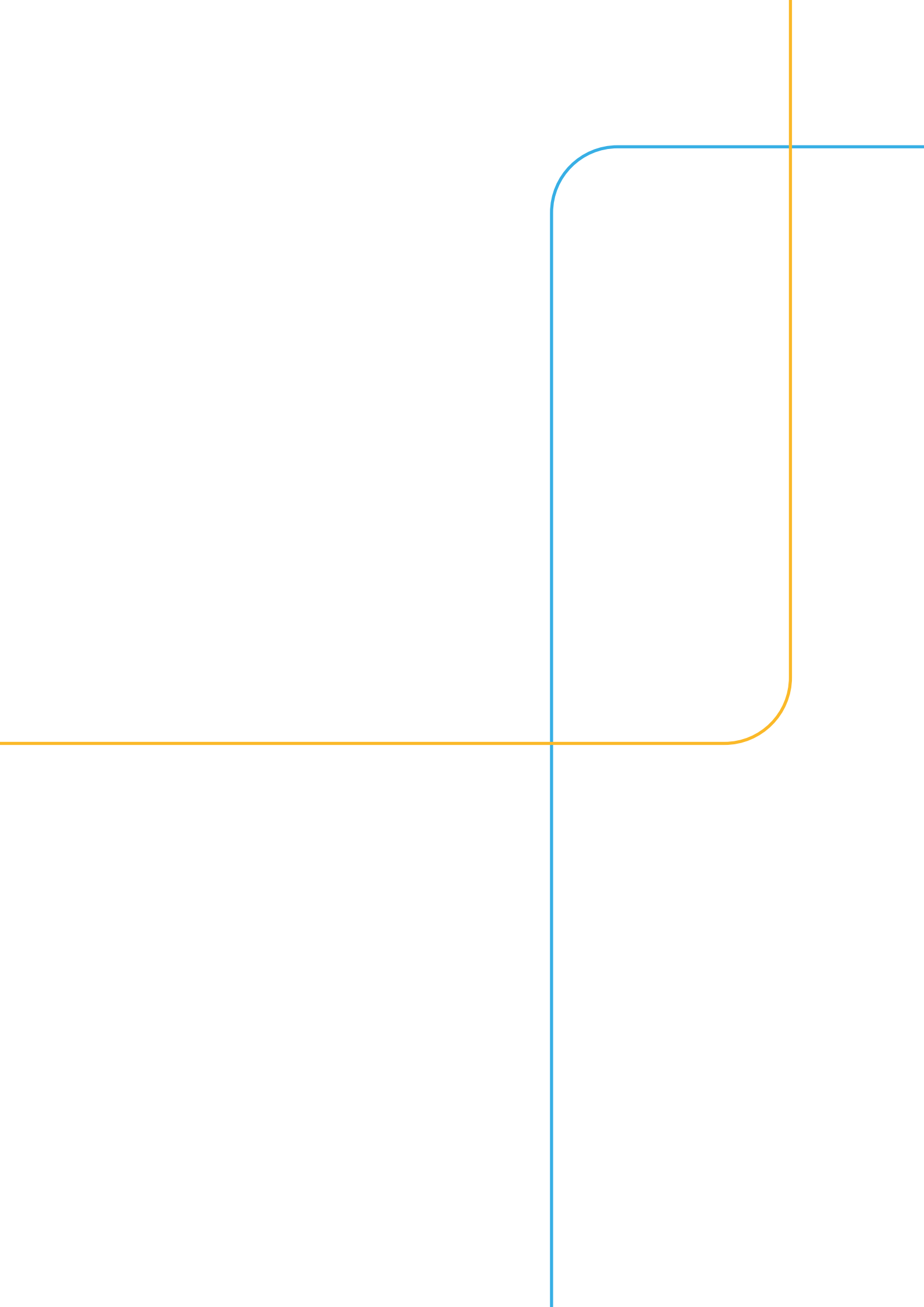




2022

EISA ANNUAL REPORT

Committed to innovation,
intellectual advancement
and inclusivity



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Introduction

I am pleased to introduce
the EISA Annual Report for 2022.

Dear friends and colleagues,

I introduced the previous Annual Report for 2021 by highlighting the ways in which the Governing Board reorganised the Association following the systemic shock of the COVID-19 pandemic. While political and socio-economic developments beyond our control continue to pose significant challenges to our work as an independent academic collective, I am pleased to report that the preceding 12-month period was one of sustainable growth and expansion for EISA.

The Annual Report for 2022 outlines several key milestones for the association and provides an overview of our new and emerging initiatives. Many of the initiatives outlined in this report were designed specifically to provide concrete resources to our members, and we are grateful to colleagues for providing extensive feedback and support to help us realise our new projects, such as the EISA-Oxford University Press Book Series 'Voices in International Relations', and our latest funding initiative the EISA Postdoctoral Bridge Grants Scheme.

I also would like to extend my gratitude to the members of the Governing Board for shouldering an immense amount of work to design, develop and implement the EISA's enhanced portfolio of activities. It has been an honour to serve our members together with such a stellar group of scholars in the past four years. I am proud to see that the fruits of their labour are documented in detail in this report.

Please contact us if you have any questions or comments about the Annual Report or other EISA activities.

Cemal Burak Tansel

President of the European International Studies Association (2021–2023)

Who We Are

EISA exists to promote and advance the interdisciplinary field of International Studies in Europe and beyond. As a member-driven association, we provide a range of innovative events—from small-scale symposia for exploratory projects to our flagship Pan-European Conferences (PEC) and European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS)—where scholars and practitioners from around the world can discuss the latest developments in the field. EISA promotes inclusivity by prioritising a diverse range of voices at our events and in our association practices. We are committed to ensuring that our academic community remains an accessible and welcoming space to all International Studies scholars who share our founding ethos of pluralism, scholarly innovation and critical dialogue.

EISA is managed by a Governing Board of 12 elected members who serve on a voluntary basis. Within this, 3 elected members serve on the Executive Committee (President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer). An annual General Assembly ensures that the views of members on core association business are taken into account.

We are committed to ensuring that our academic community remains an accessible and welcoming space to all International Studies scholars.

Governing Board 2021–2023

Executive Committee

President

Cemal Burak Tansel (Newcastle University)

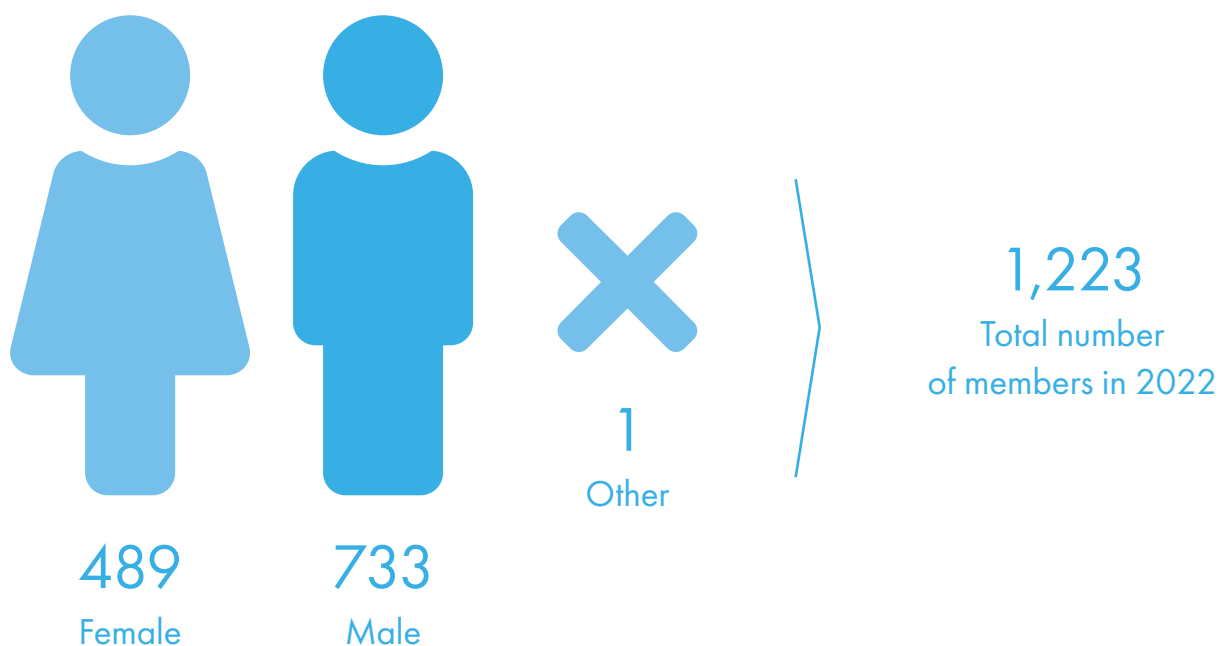
Executive Secretary

Gabi Schlag (University of Tuebingen)

Treasurer

Juha Antero Vuori (Tampere University)

Membership



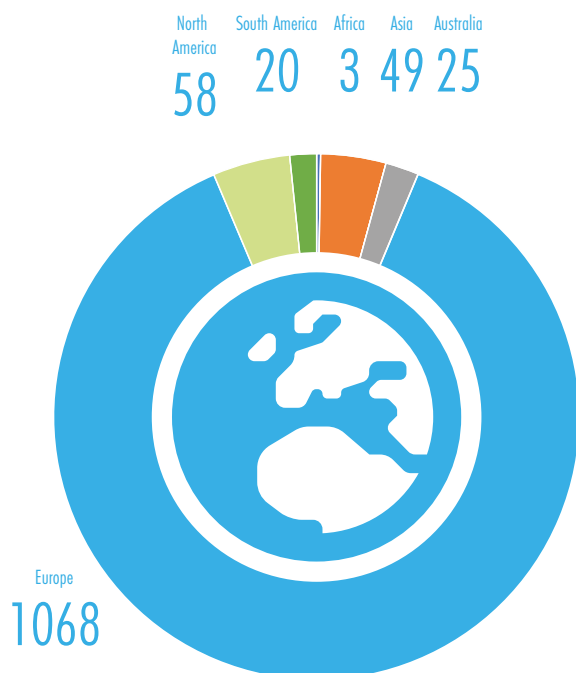
Membership by Gender

Governing Council

Beste İşleyen (University of Amsterdam)
 Catherine Charrett (University of Westminster)
 Corina Lacatus (Queen Mary University of London)
 Debbie Lisle (Queen's University Belfast)
 Felix Sebastian Berenskötter (SOAS, University of London)
 Marieke de Goede (University of Amsterdam)
 Sonia Lucarelli (University of Bologna)
 Thierry Balzacq (Sciences Po, Paris)
 Vineet Thakur (Leiden University)

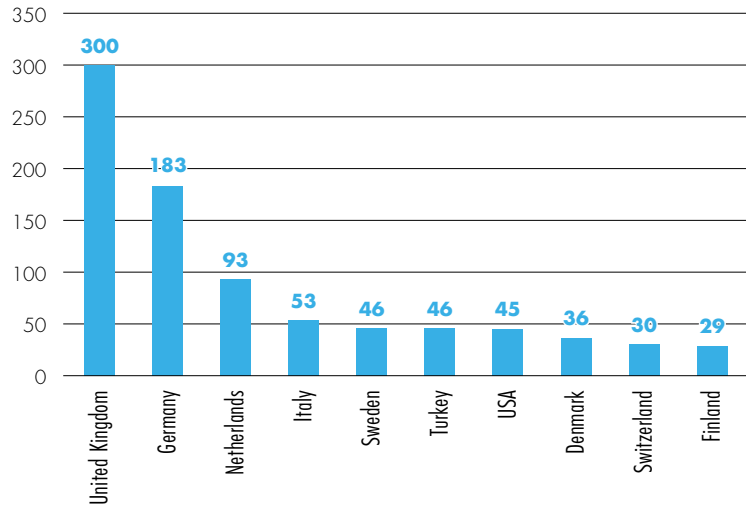
Staff

Lukáš Čáp (Business Development)
 Barbora Smejkalová (Association and Project Management)
 Barbora Taftová (Accounting)
 Judith Koch (Podcast Production Editor)
 Megan O'Mahony (Communications Assistant)

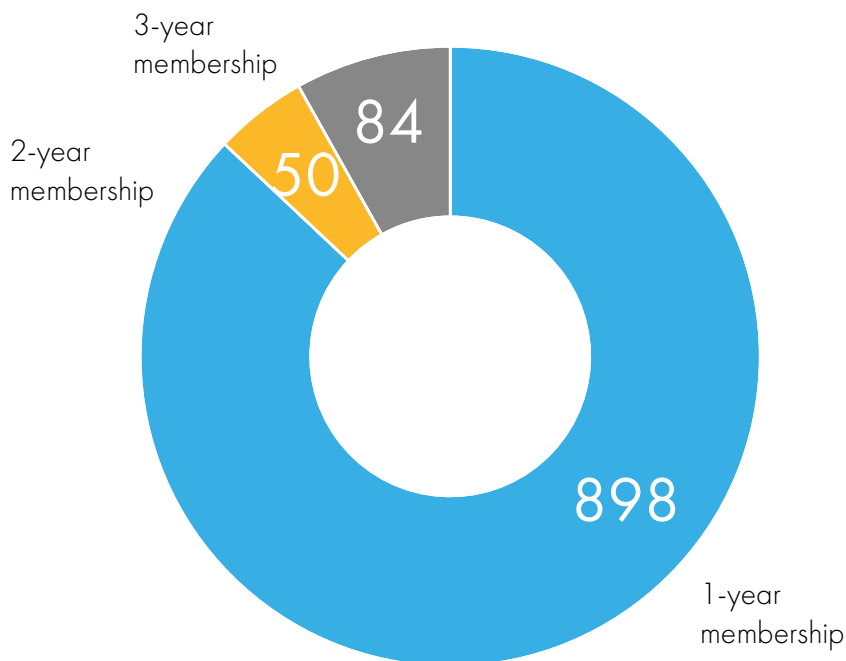


Membership
by Continents

Top 10 Countries by Members



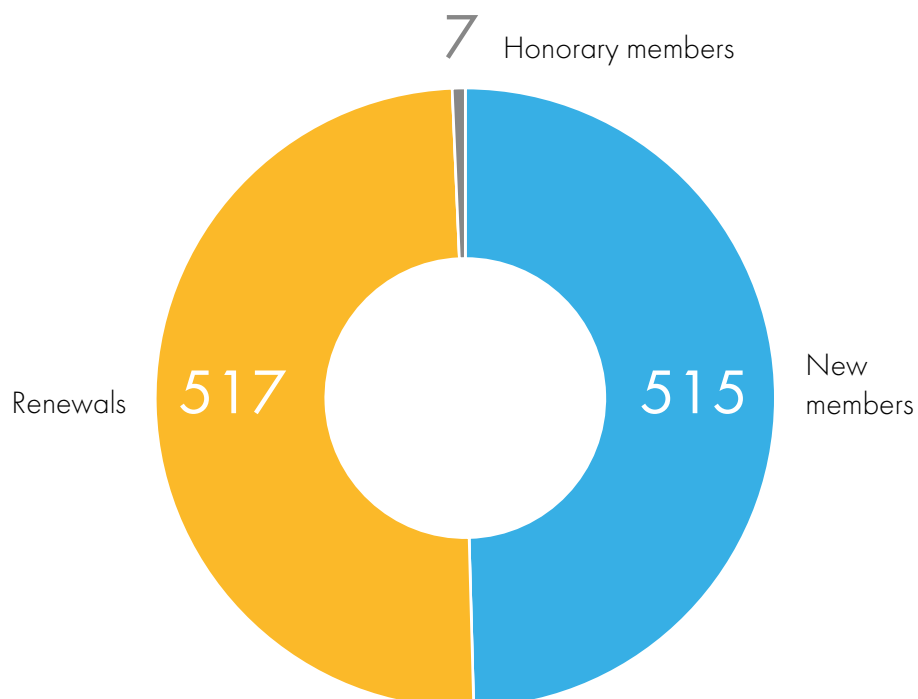
Membership Registration by Period



Membership Registration in 2022



Membership by Renewals



Events

EISA's annual events, the European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS), the Pan-European Conference (PEC) and the Rapallo Exploratory Symposia were held in-person after the restrictions of the past few years. Events brought participants together and offered a rich scientific and social programme. Beyond the annual events, EISA continues to host free virtual events for their members all year round. These events are a great way to stay up-to-date on industry news and trends, as well as connect with fellow professionals in the field.



Virtual events

Post-Doc funding in the European Union

10 February 2022, by the EISA ECD

The event focused on Marie Curie and EUI post-doctoral fellowships and ERC Starting Grant calls. It aimed to provide Early Career Researchers with support for the next steps in their careers, giving helpful practical tips on the main stages of the application process as well as offering opportunities for discussion and Q&A.



1,100+
Participants

15th Pan-European Conference in International Relations

Athens, Greece,
1–4 September 2022



800

Speakers

3

Early Career Workshops

1,450

Abstracts

43

Sections

15,000 €

Mobility grants
for 50 participants

3,500 €

Grants from special funds
for 12 participants

Top 10 countries by number of participants

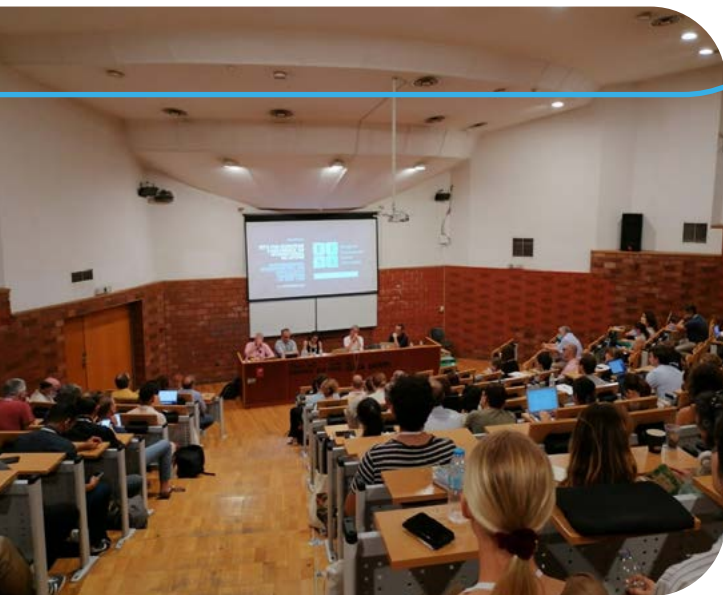
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| United Kingdom | 271 |
| Germany | 158 |
| Netherlands | 62 |
| Sweden | 53 |
| Norway | 39 |
| Italy | 38 |
| Switzerland | 35 |
| USA | 34 |
| Greece | 33 |
| Denmark | 32 |



Pandaemonium: Interrogating the Apocalyptic Imagineries of Our Time

The 15th Pan-European Conference on International Relations in Athens brought together our members in person after a long period of remote gatherings. Conference also provided online access for colleagues who were not able to attend the event in person via a virtual section. The virtual section organised a day before the main conference.

The conference welcomed over 1,000 delegates in person and 80 virtually. The programme featured over 250 panels, 45 roundtables and a vibrant social calendar. Many participants also attended our General Assembly and heard plans for the future of EISA. We are especially pleased to have offered childcare services free of charge during the conference. Organisers closely followed the public health and safety guidance issued by local authorities and the University throughout the conference.



We are grateful to programme chairs Sophia Dingli and Vassilios Paipais for their masterful supervision of the academic programme, and section chairs for helping us manage a rich roster of sessions throughout the conference.



Sections

STANDING SECTIONS

ST01

Critical Military Studies

ST02

Diplomacy – Past and Present

ST03

Doing International Political Sociology

ST04

Global Health: One Health and Power Politics in Nature

ST05

Globalising IR

ST06

Historical International Relations

ST07

International Migration, Nationalism and Interethnic Relation

ST08

International Practices

ST09

International Relations in the Anthropocene

ST10

International Society

ST11

Political Economy Beyond Boundaries

ST12

Popular Culture and World Politics

ST13

Science, Technology and Security

ST14

Small States in World Politics

ST15

Visual IR

ST16

Agrarian Orders and Transformations: Disruptions in Agraria

ST17

Blue Turn: The Politics of Oceans and Polar Regions

ST18

Contestation in International Politics

ST19

Infrastructural Spaces and Disruptions of the Global Order: Crises of Circulation and Circulating Crises

ST20

International Political Design: Making World Politics Different

ST21

Global Law and Politics

REGULAR SECTIONS

S01

COVID-19 as a Collective Trauma in Global Politics: Disruption, Destruction, and Resilience in Times of Pandaemonium

S02

Encounters of the Classical Approach with the Apocalypse

S03

EU Foreign and Security Policy, its Partners and Rivals in the 21st Century

S04

Exorcising/Exercising Old Demons? Realist Thought, Theory, and Analysis in Times of Change

S05

Future as Method Beyond Dys/Utopia – rethinking IR, dreaming of the apocalypse

S06

Global Climate Contestations: From denial efforts to shaping policy?

S07

Inclusive and Resilient Global Economic Governance in the COVID-19 Era and Beyond

S08

Interrogating Political Violence and Social Movements: Militancy, Movements and Mobilisation

S09

Leaving (No) Traces: The Practices and Politics of Archiving beyond the Western Stat

S10

Mikhail Bakhtin and International Relations

S11

Multiplicity, Zeits, and Geists: The Politics of Inter-Societal and Inter-Temporal World-Making

S12

New Intelligence Studies: Multiplicity, Interdisciplinarity, Reflexivity

S13

Non-Eurocentric Explorations of Global IR

S14

Political Existentialism: Fear, Anxiety and Freedom in the face of the Apocalypse

S15

Political Theology as Practice

S16

Reconsidering the 'Local' Beyond Binary Thought

S17

Situating Disaster, (In)Security, and (Counter)Extremism in a World in Crisis

S18

The Four Horsemen: Harbingers of the End or Rebirth of Peacebuilding?

S19

The History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Terrorism Studies

S20

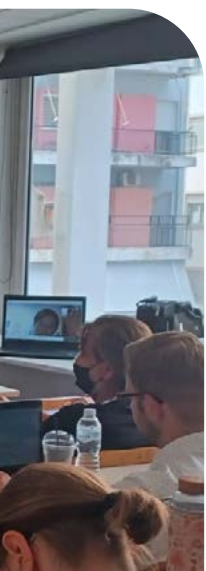
The International Political Economy of Authoritarianism and Transnational Kleptocracy

S21

Understanding Norms: Emergence, Diffusion, Contestation and Disappearance

S22

Online Section





9th European Workshops in International Studies

Thessaloniki, Greece,
6–9 July 2022

The Interconnected Worlds of the Past and the Present: Co-constituting the International

EWIS 2022 took place in Thessaloniki from 6–9 July 2020. in collaboration with the Department of International and European Studies (DIES) of the University of Macedonia (UOM) at Thessaloniki. The 9th iteration of EWIS invited proposals to investigate the international as a product of the interconnectivity of ideas, relationships, memories, experiences, narratives and practices underpinning contemporary politics as well as of the legacy of colonial and imperial history in shaping the relationality of the self in the present. The central questions that guided the Call for Paper included: What does it mean to study the interconnected histories of international politics? How does history influence the way we relate to ourselves and 'others'? How can we rethink modernity and the modern self through the prism of interconnectivity?

EWIS 2022 started with two plenaries. The first roundtable *War in Ukraine and the International Relations Discipline: Is There Anything New Under the Sun?* discussed how the War in Ukraine affected the International Relations discipline. The second roundtable *The Interconnected Worlds of the Past and the Present: Co-constituting the International* asked what it means to study international relations from a perspective of interconnectivity. The roundtables followed the EISA's founding mission of thematic, theoretical and methodological plurality. Different from the conventional keynote format, we brought together scholars with diverse areas of expertise in a plenary format to foster dialogue and exchange of perspectives. In the setting up of the plenary panels, we paid particular attention to academic inclusion and diversity in terms of, inter alia, seniority, gender and geographical origin.

28

Workshops

6,000 €

Mobility grants
for 20 participants

300 €

Grants from special funds



385

Participants

#EWIS2022

9TH EUROPEAN WORKSHOPS
IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIESTHE INTERCONNECTED WORLDS
OF THE PAST AND THE PRESENT:
CO-CONSTITUTING THE
INTERNATIONALTHESSALONIKI
6-9 JULY 2022European
International
Studies
Association

Workshops

WS A:

Adapting to the Unforeseen: The Protean Power and Weakness of Europe

WS B:

Change in EU-Russia relations. Integrating new approaches

WS C:

Climate Change in the Mediterranean: Politics, Security, and Justice

WS D:

Conceptual histories of International Relations: Emergence, evolution, revolution

WS E:

Constituting modern subjects by disciplining the extremes: international histories, global hierarchies, and intersectionality in Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE)

WS F:

Crisis and Hope in International Relations

WS G:

Critical cybersecurity studies: Perspectives, positionalities, and pathways

WS H:

Debt, Game and Death Squid Game in World Politics

WS I:

Decentering IR: on Power and Knowledge Production

WS J:

Encountering the Uncanny:
Anti-Establishment Esotericism and (Post)
Colonial Entanglements in International
Politics

WS K:

Feminist and Postcolonial Perspectives
on the European Union's Security Policies

WS L:

Making is thinking; design, craft, and
the practice of International Relations

WS M:

Multiplicity and the Inter-Temporal,
Inter-Societal Nexus: Co-Constituting
and Re-Imagining the International

WS N:

New perspectives on an old acquaintance:
Exploring the boundaries of politicization
in the context of European (dis)integration

WS O:

Norms, Rules, Practices and Institutions:
How does it all hang together?

WS P:

Patron-client Relations in World Politics

WS Q:

Populism in International Relations: Moving
beyond Borders and Levels of Analysis

WS R:

(Re-)Theorising Great Power Competition

WS S:

Role-playing Games and World Politics

WST:

Secession, State creation, and (Post)-Liberal
International Relations

WS U:

Temporality & International (dis)order

WS V:

The Dark Side of Sustainability and Uneven
Global Development: Interlinking IR, Area,
Studies and Development Research

WS W:

The Interconnected Worlds of Security
Practice: Tracing the Roots of 'Terrorism'
in Time and Space

WS X:

The Rise of Digital Authoritarianism?
Authoritarian and Democratic Politics
in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

WS Y:

Towards hybridity in Civilian Protection

WS Z:

Urban Archives of the International

WS ZA:

Visions and Impediments in the promotion
of Women, Peace and Security Agenda
in South Eastern Europe and East
Mediterranean

WS ZB:

Writing International Politics: From style
and methods to power and poetics





9th Rapallo Exploratory Symposia

The EISA Exploratory Symposia offers an excellent opportunity to meet in groups to pursue collaborative work. The Symposia are an excellent occasion both for newly established groups that would like to meet at an early stage of a research project to progress it, and for already established research groups that would like to meet to work out how to further their research agenda.

On 7th – 10th November 2022, the 9th Exploratory Symposia for EISA members were held in the town of Rapallo on the Portofino Coast in Italy. Five panels were held in parallel with five participants each, involving in total 25 participants. The Symposia opened with a welcome dinner in the evening of the first day.



25

Participants

5

Symposia

Symposia 2022

Care, Compost, Capitalism, and Cats:
Dissident Anthropocenes / Dissident Scholarship

The Global Politics of Scandal in an Age of Disorder

Practices of Distancing in IR

A Comparative Analysis of Alliances and Alignments in Europe
and the Asia-Pacific in Times of Declining US Power, a Rising China,
and Russian Aggression in Europe

Non-Western Narratives of International Relations: Friendship,
Conflict and Cooperation



21st Olympia Summer Academy

Olympia Summer Academy 2022 Global Discord and Cooperation July 13–16, 2022 Athens, Greece

EISA co-organised the Olympia Summer Academy in Politics and International Studies with the Navarino Network, Greece. The Olympia Summer Academy (OSA) was established in 2002 with the dual purpose of creating a forum of high quality academic work and a platform for the creation and consolidation of scholarly networks of cooperation. This purpose has been served well in the past, as well as the 2022 edition that was held in Athens, Greece, from 13 to 16 July.

2022 marked the 21st consecutive year of the Olympia Summer Academy, which consistently succeeds in offering a competitive, academically intensive, summer program. In total, 46 students from 7 countries participated, attending 9 sessions, totaling 16 hours of class over four days, taught by 6 academics, three of whom traveled from abroad to teach.

Career Development

Early Career Development Group



The aim of the Early Career Development Group (ECD) group is to create safe, generous, and diverse spaces for early career scholars in International Studies and related disciplines. This is done by actively contributing to EISA initiatives, assisting the Governing Board in matters concerning ECDs, and organising meetings and other activities. The agenda and activities of the group are constantly under development and open to ideas of new ECD group members as well as the wider community.

ECD Group

The EISA's ECD Group:

As the EISA's Early Career Development Group, we aim to support young scholars in their professional development. We work towards generating a network of early career scholars and organise discussions around a variety of topics relevant to this group. The group is made up of early scholars at different stages in their careers, from a variety of institutions and with various research interests. We are collectively interested in supporting the interests of early career scholars within the EISA and develop new initiatives and opportunities. Since its inception in mid-2018, the group has established itself as part of the EISA, and currently runs under the auspices of Marieke de Goede (University of Amsterdam) as the EISA's ECD portfolio holder.

Activity Report 2022

Membership and Governance

In 2022, the group said goodbye to some of its founding members, and issued a public call for new membership. Where the first group of early career ECD members was composed through network recruitment, the new membership call was issued publicly, to enable young scholars across Europe and beyond to express interest. The call resulted in 8 applications for membership. New members were selected by the ECD group in dialogue, on the basis of their motivation and proven affinity with EISA events and activities. We also paid attention to group composition and diversity in University affiliation, career stage, and research topics. The following new members were appointed for a three-year term in 2022:

The group is working on setting down some basic governing principles, including recruitment rules and appointment term. A first draft of the group principles has been developed by the group in 2021. However, with the membership renewal and the focus on event organisation, it was not possible to finalise the governance principles in 2022.

Events

The group met online approximately every 3 months in 2022. It remains important to stress that the pandemic impact and related disruptions of normal academic life have affected early career scholars disproportionately, depriving them of the necessary opportunity to build networks and present work-in-progress to receive constructive feedback. Many early career scholars continue to struggle with disruptions to fieldwork, and across Europe, institutions have reacted very differently to the delays and request for extensions of PhD trajectories, adding to early career scholars' situations of unpredictability.

The group was able to co-organise one online event:

- **Post-Doc funding in the European Union, 10 February 2022 (see above for details)**
- **Early Career Welcome Reception, September 1, 2022**
- **Early Career Development (ECD) Group – IR Café, September 2, 2022**

The IR Café is set up to host casual conversations between leading scholars and all interested participants (with an emphasis on early career participation). Attendees were invited to hop around the tables, explore different critical streams of research in International Studies, what related disciplines mean for different people and learn from each other's perspectives and approaches.

- **ECD Panel: Early Career Development (ECD) Group – Demystifying Publishing Panel – September 2, 2022**
The scope of this panel was to demystify the publishing process as well as other challenges associated with early career engagement and advancement in the discipline of International Relations (IR). The point was not simply to shed light on current publishing processes, but also to discuss coping strategies that enable the pursuit of research agendas under the pressing conditions of today's publishing and academic environment. To this end, early career researchers were invited to share their experiences, perspectives, comments, and specific concerns related to the world of academic publication in the field of the IR, with more advanced scholars and editors.

Beatriz Buarque

University of Manchester,
UK

Erna Burai

Geneva Graduate Institute /
Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies,
Switzerland

Neslihan Dikmen

Bilkent University,
Turkey

Gregory Stiles

University of Sheffield,
UK

The following members continued their membership in 2022:

Flavia Lucenti

Rome University,
Italy

Nina Perkowski

University of Hamburg,
Germany

Samarjit Ghosh

Özyeğin University,
Turkey

The following members discontinued their membership in 2022:

Madita Erdmann

Vienna University,
Austria



Early Career Workshops

The selection process of the Early Career workshops has been streamlined, with the selection now done by a committee consisting of the EISA portfolio holder, two members from the ECD group and one volunteer member of the EISA Governing Board. Selection criteria include: originality, thematic coherence, the quality of the proposed draft programme, (geographical) diversity of participants.

A clear and re-usable timeline for the ECW selection and organisation process was made in 2022. In 2022, three Early Career Workshops were able to take place right before the PEC 2022 Athens.

- **Enacting and Disrupting Transnational Spaces: Data Visualisation as an Exploratory Method**
Organised by: Liam McVay (King's College London) and Joshua Walmsley (King's College London)
- **Concepts in International Relations: History, Politics, and the Ethics of a Situated Analysis**
Organised by Taylor Borowitz (SOAS University of London)
- **Unpacking Chinese Health Diplomacy During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Sharing Heritages, Narratives and Visuality Along the Health Silk Road**
Organised by Giulia Sciorati (University of Trento) and Flavia Lucenti (University of Bologna)
- **Moving forward:**
Next steps for the ECD group include the organisation of more online events throughout the year, in addition to continued presence and events at – PEC 2023. A new membership call will be issued in fall 2023, and the new members will again contribute to developing news events and initiatives. Please continue to follow the ECD Twitter account (@ECD_EISA) and subscribe to the newsletter, to remain updated on the activities of the ECD Group.

Awards

Best Doctoral Dissertation 2023



The Best Doctoral Dissertation Award recognises outstanding work by young scholars in the field of International Relations. It is awarded to dissertations that make a highly original and significant contribution to International Relations based on rigorous research.

The winner of the Best Doctoral Dissertation Award in 2023 is

Dr Henry Maher
(University of Sydney)

for **“Abandoning the Free Market to Save the Free Market: A Discursive Analysis of Neoliberalism in the Global Financial Crisis or Why Won’t Neoliberalism Die”**.

Abstract:

Despite repeated predictions of its demise in the previous decades, neoliberalism continues to dominate our understandings of economic and political reality. Focusing on the most dramatic crisis of neoliberalism, the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, this thesis uses the tools of Lacanian discourse analysis to explain the ongoing dominance of neoliberalism in spite of its repeated failures. Conceptualising neoliberalism as a dominant discourse, I argue that neoliberal dominance should be located both in its affective potency as discourse, and in the pervasiveness of neoliberal ontological presumptions, which predominate even in accounts that attempt to critique neoliberalism. Part I consists of a history of neoliberal thought, utilising concepts from Lacanian theory to understand the appeal of the neoliberal discourse. I theorise the free market as the master signifier of neoliberal ideology, and using Lacan’s theory of the four discourses, highlight the synergies between the ‘master’ and ‘university’ accounts of neoliberalism. Part II examines the moment of discursive rupture that emerged with the GFC, utilising a corpus comprised of newspaper articles, world leaders’ speeches, thinktank output and G20 documents. Though neoliberalism was challenged during the onset of the crisis, I suggest that critical accounts were largely constructed according to the logic of the hysteric’s discourse, implicitly accepting the validity of neoliberal categories of analysis – most notably, the state/market binary – thereby terminally constraining their ability to offer an alternative. Conversely, by drawing on the ‘master’ and ‘university’ logics, neoliberal accounts were able to reshape the ‘facts’ of the crisis to fit the fantasy of free market infallibility, and therefore demand the intensification of free market policies. In concluding, I use Lacan’s discourse of the analyst to consider future possibilities for thinking beyond the neoliberal horizon.

Committee’s note

“Henry Maher addresses a field defining question, namely why is it that, in face of what appears as its blatant failures, neoliberalism seems to grow stronger and deepen its grips on global politics? By weaving discourse theory, Lacanian scheme of thought and the history of neoliberalism, Henry Maher’s thesis provides a renewed and original account of neoliberalism’s ability to exert an enduring ‘epistemic capture’ on the ways societies across the world understand neoliberalism’s crises, and the responses they deem legitimate. Both the wealth of data assembled and the detailed analysis of the 2008 global financial crisis, which serves as a foil against which reactions to other crises can better be assessed, stand as clear evidence of Maher’s intellectual sophistication”.

The Committee also awarded an honorable mention to

Richard Georgi
(University of Gothenburg)

for **Political Imaginaries amidst a Peace Deferred. The Politics of Human Rights Activism in the Colombian Peace Process”**

Best Article in The European Journal of International Relations 2023

The prize recognises and supports the crucial role of theory and theoretical pluralism in and for International Relations in Europe. It is awarded to theoretically innovative articles that elaborate a novel idea, make a significant contribution to existing debates, provide a rigorous analysis and impetus for new research.

The winners of the Best article in the EJIR in 2023 is

Prof Jonathan White
(London School of Economics and Political Science)

for **“The De-institutionalisation of Power beyond the State”**.

Abstract:

The making of modern authority centred on efforts to formalise and de-personalise power, and transnational orders such as the European Union have often been viewed as an extension of that project. As this article argues, recent developments tell a different story. More than a decade of crisis politics has seen institutions subordinated to and reshaped by individuals and the networks they form. Locating these tendencies in a wider historical context, the article argues that greater attention to informality in transnational governance needs to be paired with greater recognition of the normative questions it raises. Just as a separation between rulers and the offices of rule was central to the making of modern legal and political structures, the weakening of that separation creates legitimacy problems for contemporary authorities both national and supranational. Rather than acclaimed as flexible problem-solving, the step back from institutions should be viewed as a challenge to accountable rule.

Committee's note

“The prize committee found that the article presents a path-breaking argument about the normative costs of informality in world politics. It renews our understanding of how and why power was institutionalized and what happens when it is de-institutionalized. The article shows clearly how informality erodes power's accountability and what this means for governance in general and for sovereignty, in particular”.

Best Graduate Paper 2023

The Best Graduate Paper Award recognises and supports the contribution of PhD students to the development of the field of International Relations. The paper awarded with this prize must be an original contribution to existing debates in the field and offer a careful, convincing and rigorous analysis. The recipient will be chosen from the contributions of graduate students to the annual EWIS workshops.

The recipient of EWIS
2023 Best Graduate Student
Paper is

Abstract:

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Committee's note

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Publications

European Journal on International Relations (EJIR)

The new EJIR Editorial team, lead by Oliver Kessler EISA (University of Erfurt, Germany) officially took over their editorial roles on 1 January 2022. Throughout the contract negotiations, the EISA was assured that the work of the Joint Management Committee (JMC) will be fully supported by SAGE and the ECPR (Signatories to the contract). The current EISA representatives to the JMC are Debbie Lisle and Thomas Diez.

Supported by EISA, ECPR, Sage and the JMC, the new team has done a great deal of work to consolidate the strengths of the journal and plan new initiatives for their editorial tenure. Central to this endeavor is a comprehensive social media strategy to promote the excellent research being published in the journal.

EJIR Editorial Team

Editor-in-Chief

Oliver Kessler

University of Erfurt, Germany

Associate Editors

Sophia Hoffmann

University of Erfurt, Germany

Zeynep Gülşah Çapan

University of Erfurt, Germany

Jorg Kustermans

University of Antwerp, Belgium

Halvard Leira

Norwegian Institute of International Affairs,
Norway

EJIR Publications Data July 2022 – July 2023

15/96

Ranking
in International
Relations

3,400

Impact Factor

402

manuscript
submissions

14 %

acceptance
rate in 2022

EISA-OUP Book Series

Voices in International Relations

We are delighted to announce our new EISA Book Series with Oxford University Press: *Voices in International Relations*. The series aims to produce innovative and ambitious manuscripts exploring all aspects of International Relations. We finalized the contract with OUP (March, 2023) and organized a 'soft launch' online. We will be hosting the 'official' launch at the EISA-PEC in September, 2023.

The Series Editors are: Debbie Lisle (E-i-C, Queen's University Belfast), Tanja Aalberts (VU Amsterdam), Anna Leander (Graduate Institute Geneva/PUC Rio), and Laura Sjöberg (Royal Holloway University London). The Advisory Board Members are: Tarak Barkawi (Johns Hopkins University), Noe Cornago (University of the Basque Country), Scarlett Cornelissen (Stellenbosch University), Thomas Diez (University of Tübingen), Naeem Inayatullah (Ithaca College), Beate Jahn (University of Sussex),

Caroline Moulin (UF Minas Gerais, Brazil) and Cemal Burak Tansel (University of Newcastle).

Our strategy for promoting the new series includes a number of 'Meet-The-Editor' sessions (including the PEC 2023) and outreach to early career scholars and scholars in the Global South. Every year we will be working with the winner of the EISA best dissertation prize to get their manuscript into review.

Communications & Social Media

Twitter, Facebook & Youtube

EISA Board continues to strengthen and develop effective channels of communication with our membership. EISA uses Twitter and Facebook to regularly share updates and reminders with our members and the wider community.

4,201

Followers

(+11% since July 2022)



7,339

Followers

(+27% since September 2022)



This year, the EISA Governing Board developed and began implementing a new Communication protocol defining the approach we take to communicating with our members. We developed a timeline and a schedule for communication to streamline updates to our members regarding the main activities of the Board and of EISA more broadly, like our conferences, the EISA awards, and other relevant events. We have seen an increase in the number of followers on social media accounts compared to last year.

We continue using Twitter and Facebook to communicate with members via social media.

Newsletter

4,244
Subscribers

The EISA Governing Board sends a bi-monthly newsletter to our members to communicate more detail about the association's current activities, such as events' updates, deadlines and open calls, special panels and nominations, funding opportunities and other association news.

MailChimp data indicates that approximately 50 % of our members open and read the newsletter when they receive it in their inboxes. The newsletter and other emails sent to our members are in accordance with the information published on our website.

4,766
downloads &
streams

Voices: The EISA Podcast

Since launching *Voices: The EISA Podcast* in November 2021 we recorded and released 18 podcast episodes. We had 4,766 downloads & streams during that period. In July 2023 (30 day reporting period), the podcast had 228 unique listeners and 216 subscribers.

The podcast offers two types of episodes: 'In Conversation with ...' features the winners of our *Best EJIR Article* and *Best Dissertation* awards. In this category, we so far interviewed Deepak Nair, Ida Danewid, Kerry Goettlich, Xymena Kurowska and Anatoly Reshetnikov, and Stefan Elbe. The other 13 podcasts covered key concepts, theories and approaches to the study of international relations and featured Beate Jahn (liberalism), Bahar Rumelili (ontological security), Ingvild Bode (practice theory), Stefano Guzzini (realism, geopolitical theory), Sankaran Krishna (postcolonialism), Lindsay Black (area studies), Maïa Pal (political marxism), Justin Rosenberg (uneven and combined development), Patricia Owens (women's international thought), Maria Mälksoo (memory studies), Meera Sabaratnam (decolonising knowledge) and Evgeny Roshchin (international friendship). Upcoming episodes are planned with Claudia Aradau, Oliver Kessler and Debbie Lisle.

Our podcasts are normally hosted by a member of the EISA Board and are produced by Judith Koch. The aim is to release a new episode on the second Friday of every month. Episodes can be accessed and listened to on six platforms, including via the [EISA website](#), and we invite members to get in touch with feedback, suggestions and comments.

Mobility and Inclusion

Making our events more inclusive has been a key priority for the EISA. To that effect, the EISA Mobility Fund is designed to provide financial support for PEC and EWIS participants. The Fund aims to make EISA events accessible to our academic community, and supports doctoral researchers, early career scholars, colleagues on short-term and/or precarious contracts, scholars from the global South as well as those who face discrimination and marginalisation. With new initiatives and partnerships this year, we have been able to further expand on our financial support.



Mobility Fund

For EWIS 2023 and PEC 2023, we offered 20 and 50 grants respectively of 300 € each. The Governing Board has updated its funding guidelines for the 2023–2024 academic year, and will be increasing the grant amount from EWIS 2024 onwards.

EISA x RIPE Mobility Grants for Early Career IPE Scholars

In addition to our in-house mobility grants, 10 colleagues received grants for 300 € each through generous support from the journal *Review of International Political Economy* (RIPE). The EISA x RIPE grants are designed to support Early Career IPE scholars attending a PEC event.

Block Grants for PEC Early Career Researchers Workshops (ECWs)

Early Career Researchers Workshops (ECW) are one-day workshops linked to the annual EISA Pan-European Conference. EISA provides funding for up to three ECWs each year. Financial support covers up to 4,000 € for each workshop. Funding can be used for additional accommodation costs of workshop participants. Workshop convenors may also claim travel support.

EISA Support to members affiliated with universities in Ukraine

In 2022, EISA has provided a 3-year membership fee waiver to all existing and new members affiliated with universities in Ukraine. We have also prioritised mobility grants for scholars who have been affected by the war.

EISA support to members in Syria and Turkey

EISA committed itself to support our colleagues who suffered from the tragic earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Soon after the earthquake, we announced a 1 year membership fee waiver to all existing and new members based in Syria and Turkey. In addition, applications for mobility grants from scholars affected by the earthquakes were prioritised.

Further Plans

In 2023, excluding fee waivers and contributions from RIPE and ACES, we have made available 44,000 € to our financial support budget. This demonstrates the seriousness with which EISA is committed to inclusion and diversity.

For 2024, taking into account the inflationary pressures on colleagues, the EISA Governing Board has decided to raise the amount of each mobility grant from 300 € to 400 €, further raising the overall Mobility Fund Budget by another 30%.

Postdoctoral Bridge Grants

EISA awarded
4 Postdoctoral Bridge
Grants of 3,000 € each
in 2023.

Postdoctoral Bridge Grants is a new funding initiative by EISA to support recently graduated or final-year PhD students who have not yet secured an academic contract or fellowship. These grants are designed to help bridge the gap between a doctorate and a postdoctoral funded/salaried position. The scheme is particularly aimed at those who require additional time and funds to finalise potential publications or incubate postdoctoral funding proposals in conjunction with the completion of their doctoral projects. The next round of the scheme will be launched in late 2023.

List of recipients and disclosure on how they utilise the funding to work on their objectives can be found at: <https://eisa-net.org/eisa-postdoctoral-bridge-grants-2023-recipients-announced/>

ACES Accommodation grants

Thanks to a generous donation from the [Amsterdam Centre for European Studies \(ACES\)](#), EISA was able to offer 4 special grants to colleagues located in the global South. Grants covered full accommodation costs during participation at EWIS 2023 in Amsterdam.

Academic Freedom

The EISA is a leading academic organisation for the study of International Relations and Global Politics. We are committed to protecting the academic freedom of our members and constituencies in order to foster an ethical space for research and teaching and to stand in solidarity with members of our community who are targeted or made vulnerable in their work.

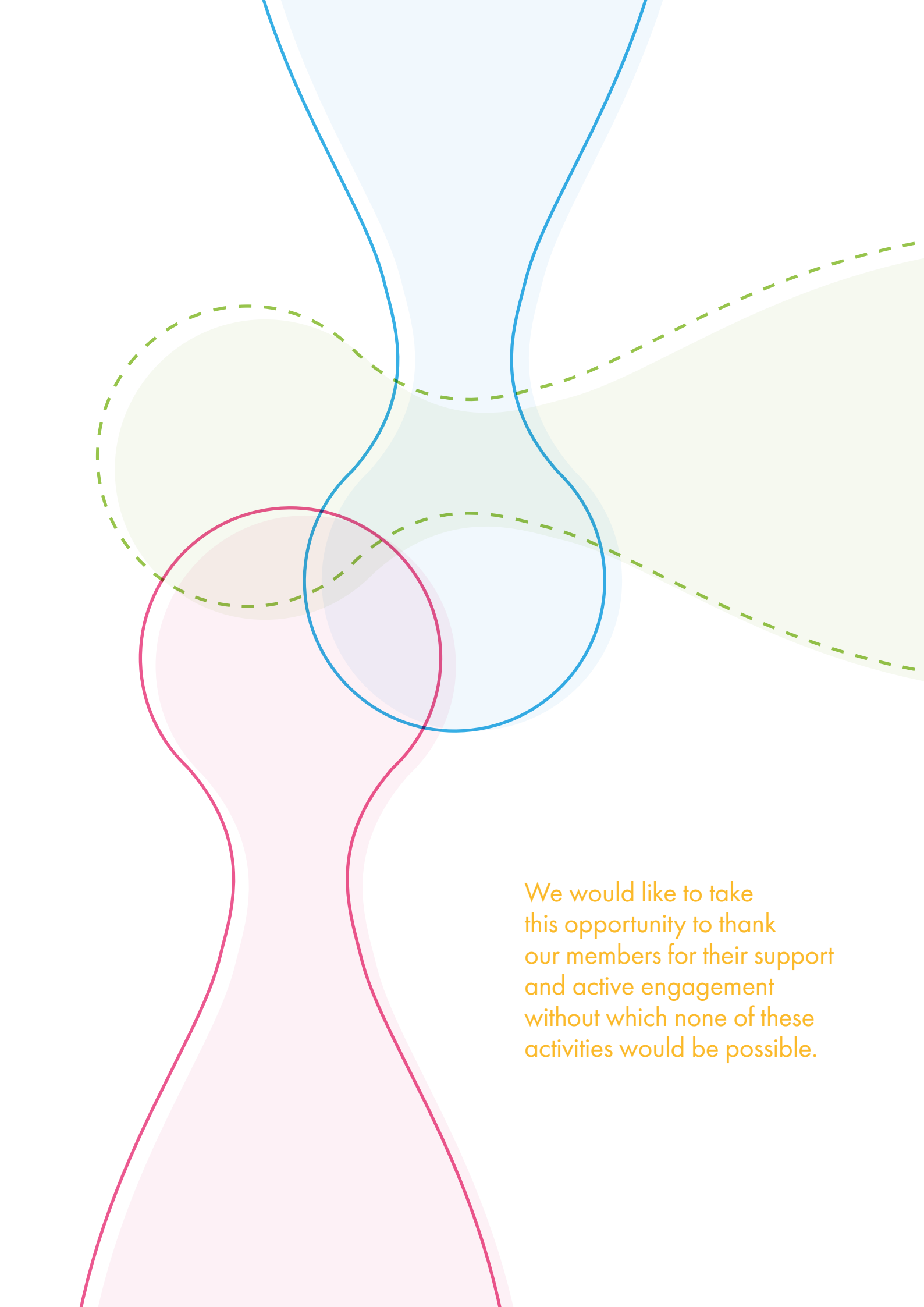
In February 2022, the EISA was called to respond again when Dr Shahd Abusalama, a young Palestinian woman of colour with refugee status was unfairly suspended from her teaching post at Sheffield Hallam University following libellous and unfounded attacks against her from an outside source. The EISA was part of an international campaign that demonstrated undisputedly that Dr Abusalama's academic freedom was infringed upon, and Dr Abusalama was reinstated in her post at Sheffield Hallam University.

The EISA is committed to anti-racism and to protecting the academic freedom of the diverse members of our scholarly community, and we are deeply concerned by the racialised and anti-Palestinian nature of these attacks on academic freedom. The EISA spoke out against the IHRA definition last year, in March 2021 as we were gravely concerned the chilling effect the definition would have on research and public engagement on the question of Palestine and indigenous rights. We are now witnessing the pernicious effects of the IHRA definition on academic freedom.

In March 2022, the EISA was deeply concerned about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and had serious concerns about the existing and emerging censorship attempts on EISA members in Russia. The EISA committed to closely monitor the academic freedom violations against its members and raise voice in defence of the colleagues. The EISA further implemented new initiatives to support its members who are affected by the invasion by a 3-year membership fee waiver to all existing and new members affiliated with universities in Ukraine and dedicated PEC and EWIS mobility grants to scholars who have been affected by the war.

In May 2022 Dr Walaa Alqaisiya's talk for the Institute for Art Theory and Cultural Studies as part of its Spring Curatorial Program 2022 was cancelled after some groups including the Council of Jewish Students and KESHET Austria pressured the organisers to withdraw the invitation by accusing Dr Alqaisiya of antisemitism. The EISA along with other academic associated and institutions across the UK and Europe pointed out the dangerous pattern of Palestinian academics being cancelled without any substantive justification of the decision or channels of redressal available.





We would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their support and active engagement without which none of these activities would be possible.