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# **PhD Summer School on European Industrial, Innovation and Trade Policy in the Era of Strategic Autonomy**

In the current geopolitical scenario defined by stark challenges and the rapid evolution of global economic dynamics, the concept of open strategic autonomy, championed by the European Union, underscores the imperative for strategic independence and at the same time allows the EU to remain open to global cooperation and competition. As Europe navigates this multifaceted landscape, the integration of diverse perspectives from innovation studies, international economics, and industrial policy becomes essential.

To provide the necessary training to PhD Students and early career researchers, the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on European Inclusive Open Strategic Autonomy (EU-IO SAC) at the Luiss Institute for European Analysis and Policy (LEAP), in partnership with the University of Strasbourg and UNU-MERIT in Maastricht, is pleased to accept applications to the **PhD Summer School** on *European Industrial, Innovation and Trade Policy in the Era of Strategic Autonomy*.

## The PhD Summer School

The PhD Summer School stands at the intersection of various disciplines, bridging research from innovation studies, international economics, and industrial policy. This interdisciplinary approach enriches the educational experience, providing students with a holistic understanding of the complex dynamics shaping contemporary policy landscapes.

The PhD Summer School offers a balanced curriculum that combines theoretical overviews with hands-on learning experiences. Each day of the program is dedicated to one of four essential topics:

1. **Industrial policy 03/06/2024**

Lectures by Dr Tommaso Ciarli (UNU-MERIT), Dr Donato di Carlo (Luiss) and Dr Dimitri Zurstrassen (Sorbonne University and UCLouvain)

2. **Innovation policy 04/06/2024**

Lectures by Dr André Lorentz (University of Strasbourg)

3. **Trade policy 05/06/2024**

Lectures by Dr Roberta Piermartini (WTO), Dr Alessandro Borin (Bank of Italy) and Dr Ariel Wirkierman (Goldsmiths, University of London)

4. **Global value chains 06/06/2024**

Lectures by Prof. Bart Los (University of Groningen) and Prof. Maria Savona (Luiss and SPRU, University of Sussex)

Through a combination of both theoretical and applied lectures, students gain insight into the theoretical foundations and real-world implications of these critical areas of study.

Furthermore, the Summer School goes beyond traditional boundaries by providing advanced training in data analysis techniques tailored to the study of industrial, innovation, and trade policies.

Throughout the PhD Summer School, students will have the opportunity to present their on-going research in front of their peers and gain feedback from the lecturers at the PhD Summer School and Luiss Faculty.

By participating in this dynamic learning environment, students not only expand their theoretical knowledge but also develop practical skills that enhance their employability in both academic and professional settings.

Whether pursuing careers as academic researchers or analysts within international organizations, graduates of the Summer School emerge well-equipped to address the complex challenges of today's global economy.

### **Key information and application**

The PhD Summer School will take place at Luiss University in Rome on June 3-6, 2024; students should also attend the international Jean Monnet workshop taking place at Luiss on June 7, 2024 on European Global Value Chains (see related details below).

Applications should include:

- Curriculum vitae.
- Short motivational statement - Please indicate whether you wish to receive financial support for a (i) travel stipend (ii) accommodation or (iii) both. Scholarships to cover all or part of students' accommodation expenses are offered by YSI (Young Scholars Initiative - Institute for New Economic Thinking)
- Most recent research paper.

Applications will be evaluated based on the PhD Summer School's topic, the students' previous experience and the quality of the submitted research paper.

**To apply, write to [leap@luiss.it](mailto:leap@luiss.it), putting “PhD Summer School Jean Monnet” as the subject.**

**Deadline: May 15, 2024.**

### **Admissions**

Admission requirements: enrollment in a PhD program at a national or international university. A Certificate of Participation will be awarded upon completion

Directors: Prof. Valentina Meliciani and Prof. Maria Savona, LEAP

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### **Weekly calendar**

- Monday 9am – 12.30pm, 2.30pm – 5.30pm
- Tuesday 9am – 12.30pm, 2.30pm – 5.30pm
- Wednesday 9am – 12.30pm, 2.30pm – 5.30pm
- Thursday 9am – 12.30pm, 2.30pm – 5.30pm
- Friday 9am – 12.30pm, 2.30pm – 5.30pm

### **Training course**

Frontal teaching – 14 hours

Presentation of the doctoral thesis – 14 hours

Individual study – 4 hours

**The Summer School will take place in Rome, at the Luiss campus.**

**Logistic details will be communicated in due course.**

### **Participation fee**

Participation in the PhD Summer School is free.

**Min/Max number of participants: 10-15**

# Global value chains in Europe

## EU-IOSAC Inaugural Workshop

LUISS Institute for European Analysis and Policy, Rome, June 7, 2024

The EU Inclusive Open Strategic Autonomy Centre (EU-IOSAC) is a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence financed by the European Commission at the LUISS Institute for European Analysis and Policy (LEAP). The EU-IOSAC intends to be a European hub for cutting-edge research, teaching, and policy analysis to manage the policy trade-off that the EU is currently facing.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the Russian invasion of Ukraine have prompted a discussion on the vulnerability of global value chains and the necessity of safeguarding European strategic autonomy within the new geopolitical landscape. The concept of strategic autonomy initially surfaced in the context of shared European foreign and security policies (European Council, 2013; European Union Global Strategy, 2016), particularly during the period marked by political tensions arising from Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and the protectionist measures implemented by the Trump Administration in 2016 that led to a tariff war with China.

Against this backdrop, the EU's position seems particularly precarious, caught between a more protectionist and interventionist US and the rising technological power of China and other Asian countries. Especially concerning the green and digital transition (also referred to as the twin transition), Europe finds itself struggling to strike the right balance between fostering the emergence of green and digital industries and protecting its autonomy in the sphere of critical raw materials, while maintaining an open attitude towards its external partners.

This workshop analyses these issues in two separate, albeit related, sessions. The first part of the event will delve into the changes in GVC structure, with a focus on Europe and its relationship with technology. The second part will focus on critical raw materials and the EU's strategic autonomy.

## 9:15 - 9:45 Registration and coffee break

## 9:45 - 10:00 Welcome of Participants and Opening Remarks

Valentina Meliciani (Luiss Institute for European Analysis and Policy)

## 10:00 - 13:00 The changing structure of Global Value Chains

- **Chair:** Prof. Anna Giunta (Roma Tre University and Centro Rossi Doria)
- Keynote by Bart Los – University of Groningen (40' lecture + Q&A)
- Presentations:
  - o *Nearshoring, global value chains' structure, volatility and output growth.*  
Bontadini F., Meliciani, V., Savona, M. and Wirkierman, A.
  - o *Digital transformation and the regionalization of GVC in European Industries.*  
Giunta A., Marvasi, E. and Sforza, M.
  - o *Robots and global value chains.*  
Antonietti R., Franco C., and Burlina, C.

## 13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

## 14:30-16:00 Critical raw materials and open strategic autonomy

- **Chair:** Prof. Eleonora Pierucci (Roma Tre University)
- Presentations:
  - o *The material basis of modern technologies. A case study on rare metals.*  
Li, G. Y., Ascani, A. and Iammarino, S.
  - o *Mapping Critical Raw Materials in Green Technologies*  
de Cunzio, F., Consoli, D., Perruchas, F., and Sbardella, A.
  - o *Making a Just Transition Developmental? The EU-Africa engagement in critical minerals and the South African mining equipment ecosystem.*  
Andreoni, A. and Torreggiani, S.

## 16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

## 16:30-18:00 Round table on “How to make open strategic autonomy inclusive?”

**Chair:** Prof. Maria Savona (Luiss University and SPRU – University of Sussex)

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