

Call for proposals for a thematic cluster in East European Politics and Societies

**The wider impact of the Russian war in Ukraine: a
perspective from Central and Eastern Europe**

The year 2022 marked the beginning of a great upheaval for the countries of the European Union, caused by the military invasion of the Russian Federation into Ukraine. During that year, the war led not only to major destruction and losses in the territory of Ukraine, but also had a significant impact on geopolitical, economic and social processes in other countries.

On the one hand, there has been impressive cohesion and consolidation of EU countries' actions to support the Ukrainian state and its citizens, as seen through sanctions against Russia, financial and military aid, and shelter and support for millions of Ukrainian refugees. On the other hand, European countries have had to pay a high price for supporting democratic values. The countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which are geographically closest to the Ukrainian borders, have been the most affected. Many such countries demonstrate the most active political position in support of Ukraine, acting as the force behind the more decisive European decisions (as Olaf Scholz commented in September 2022: "The centre of Europe is moving Eastwards").

At the same time, Central and Eastern Europe is also under the greatest economic pressure (asymmetric shock), in part due to their disproportionate energy dependence, in part because of the demand of providing shelter to the largest number of refugees from Ukraine. In sum, **there is a duality to the transformation.**

For this thematic cluster, we are looking for articles that address the following challenges faced by the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, as well as any suggested solutions or recommendations to meet those challenges:

- Economic and energy security (sanctions against Russia, dependence on energy sources, inflation)
- Military security (strengthening of defense capabilities, transfer of weapons to Ukraine, cyber security)
- Pragmatic social and economic consequences (refugee housing, refugee integration, rise in energy bill and changes to standard of living in EC)
- EU Policy making and socio-political attitudes in civil society (political decisions/policy development, media capture and misinformation, public opinion, conspiracy narratives)

Titles and abstracts for papers from any relevant discipline welcome. Case studies of a single country are welcome but comparative frameworks, where possible, are preferred. We are aiming for the cluster to be published by the end of 2024.

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Submissions of drafted papers (5,000-7,000 words; 25,000-35,000 characters) expected by August 1, 2023.