



11TH FESTIVAL OF GEOPOLITICS
GRENOBLE, MARCH 13TH-16TH, 2019

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The European Union: integration or disintegration?

The 2019 Festival of Geopolitics will be turning its attention to the European Union (EU). Brexit, the rise of populism, the Italian elections, the Catalan crisis, the transformation of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) all present significant challenges to the future of the European Union and raise questions about the strength and resilience of the of the EU's institutions. What will Europe become in the future? Will the EU be drawn into a slow path towards disintegration? Will it continue to function as an integrated European Union or a group of smaller less unified regional partnerships.

Organizers are requesting submissions to discuss these questions at a series of conference debates and round table sessions. The public attending the festival is a knowledgeable but non-specialist audience. We are seeking guest speakers working in different fields, including, researchers, heads of public and private institutions, community and NGO actors, journalists, private sector executives and artists. We are also seeking a non-specialist but knowledgeable audience to attend the conference and actively participate in the conference sessions.

The event will take place from March 13th – 16th , 2019 at Grenoble Ecole de Management, Grenoble.

To answer this question, Grenoble Ecole de Management is seeking contribution on the following (non-exhaustive) themes:

1. Resources and new territorial configurations

- Resource Management, Supplies, Dependencies and Competitions
- The agro-industrial system
- The EU and its borders
- Culture(s), identities and representations of the territory
- European urban structures and governance
- Infrastructure: organization of space and connectivity



2. Geo-economy, business and trade

- Unemployment, poverty and growth
- Which energies for the European Union?
- The technological challenge
- Brexit
- Foreign investment
- EU companies, economic and political players
- Economic exchanges with the rest of the world
- The euro, a tool of competitiveness?
- Normative power: is the law an economic weapon?
- The European Union and its finances

3. Human, demographic and environmental issues

- The challenges of education (especially higher education)
- Policies towards Brain Drain and Brain Gain in the EU
- Environment policy: debates about global warming
- Waste management
- Demographic balance and imbalance
- Health Policy and Issues
- Freedom and civil rights
- Communities and minorities

4. Social, political and religious issues

- The European Union and its diversities
- Diasporas and migrations
- Immigration issues
- Brexit
- The EU governance
- Populism, Democracy and Security Policies

- Nations and nationalisms - historical constructions



- The role of the civil societies in the EU Member States
- Religious factors, values and societies
- Social conflicts
- The image of the EU through artistic expression (cinema, series, literature, etc.)
- European political project

5. Mutual relationship between the United States and the rest of the world

- The European Union and the United States
- The European Union and Africa
- The European Union and Asia,
- The European Union and Russia
- The European Union and post-soviet space
- The European Union and China,
- The European Union and the Arab-Muslim World,
- The EU common foreign policy
- The EU and its enemies
- The EU soft power
- International engagement and interference
- Military Power and Defense
- Threats and European security

Within this framework, we call for contributions:

- open to those who work on this theme, whatever their discipline and their approach, and who could offer stimulating reflection to participants and more precisely researchers, heads of public and private institutions, civil servants and NGOs , reporters and journalists, private sector executives, artists...
The scientific committee will consider with a greatest of interest any contribution including prospective views.
- to contribute in different forms: conferences, debates, round tables, papers, ...
Duration of a conference: 40mns. (+ 20mns. reserved for questions)
Duration of a round table: 1h. (+ 20mns. reserved for questions)

Conferences are aimed at a knowledgeable but non-specialist audience. Academic symposium papers are not suitable.



When submitting your contribution, please indicate your target audience based on the 3 following groups:

- Company and institutional managers
- Researchers, teachers, post-Bac students
- Broader public

Conditions for participation:

- Closing date for candidatures: **August 27th, 2018.**
- The Festival will take place in Grenoble.
- For speakers, transportation to and from Grenoble in France and from bordering countries, and accommodation, are organized and paid for by Grenoble Ecole de Management. Note however that changes of tickets for personal reasons will not be supported by the organizers.
- Contributions are not remunerated.
- Speakers who wish to organize their own travel arrangements will be refunded after the Festival against a claim for expenses on the basis of a 2nd class SNCF ticket for travel within the geographical zones stated above.
- Presentations may be filmed and broadcasted on www.festivalgeopolitique.com or on our Youtube channel; the speaker must indicate his/her acceptance or refusal in the application form.

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