

Shifting Paradigms in Europe?

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Is the twenty first century one of major paradigm shifts within Europe and in Europe's relationship with the wider world? The Russian invasion of Ukraine and subsequent energy crisis has been characterised by some politicians as a significant paradigm shift on the scale of 9/11. With the digital transformation, climate crisis and green transition, and the pandemic fundamental aspects of everyday life are being called into question and/or transformed, while new political and social movements such as populism and Black Lives

Matter call into question the way society is organised. Recent EU policies on Digital Services, the Conference on the Future of Europe, and the Year of Youth have all been hailed as transformational changes. Claiming there are fundamental changes in the way we live and organise society is of course nothing new. Historically we can trace this back to antiquity.

This Spring School will bring together master's and doctoral researchers in Humanities and Social Sciences subjects to explore themes related to transformational shifts in Europe in diachronic and multidisciplinary perspective.

We invite applications from master's and doctoral candidates at Europaeum member universities who wish to either just join the discussions or present a 15-minute paper based on their research. We especially welcome proposals for papers addressing the theme of paradigm shifts in relation to the following topics:

- war and its consequences
- regime change / revolutions
- colonization and decolonization
- EU integration and expansion
- economic, scientific, or religious transformation
- theoretical or methodological shifts within or across disciplines
- significant changes in historical, institutional, or cultural memory
- shifts in public consciousness, such as populism or environmentalism

Participants will join lively working groups during the event. Those not presenting a paper will be allocated a role as discussant to kick-start Q&A sessions following on from presentations. Successful applicants will be provided with free accommodation and reimbursed reasonable travel expenses.

Applications should include the Europaeum application form, a brief CV, a statement of purpose (up to 500 words), and a reference letter from their supervisor or academic advisor. Those who wish to submit a paper should also add a short abstract of the proposed paper (up to 500 words). For more information about how to apply visit: <https://europaeum.org/programmes/events-activities/>

Deadline for submission of applications and abstracts: **21 January 2023**

All submissions should be sent to office@europaeum.org