Amsterdam Centre for European Studies UvA Research Priority Area

Combined Call for the Organization of Academic Conferences and Workshops in 2025

The Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (ACES) aims to be a leading international centre of excellence for interdisciplinary research, education, and public debate on contemporary Europe, the European Union, and its member states. It is a UvA Research Priority Area and a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence.
As part of its core activities for 2025, ACES welcomes proposals for **academic conferences (or workshops),** to be organized and take place in the calendar year 2025. Proposals should be sent to aces@uva.nl with 'proposal for ACES academic conference/workshop' in the subject line.

Applicant Eligibility
All current ACES affiliates employed at the University of Amsterdam (including PhD candidates and postdoctoral researchers).

Event/activity Eligibility
Academic conferences/workshops are (usually one-day) events where a topic with a distinct European dimension is addressed. They typically bring together a combination of ACES affiliates and external speakers. Proposals that cut across ACES Theme Groups are especially welcome. Moreover, all applications need to demonstrate their interdisciplinary input, with the engagement of affiliates from at least 2 participating Faculties (FMG, FEB, FGW, FDR).

Cooperation with external partners is also encouraged, as is co-sponsorship and co-funding. The requested funding should not exceed **€ 5,000.** Academic conferences/workshops should produce tangible outcomes, such as a proposal for a special issue of a journal, or an edited book. Conferences and workshops more targeted to public engagement and dissemination should make this aspect of the event clear in the application.

Proposals for hybrid conferences are also accepted. The ACES office shall provide assistance in organizing the conference, be it online or on-location. Participants travelling from outside Europe should either participate through video link, or if in person, their presence on-site should clearly contribute to an event for the broader ACES community – separate from, above and beyond, the proposed conference/workshop.

Proposal guidelines:
A brief proposal for an academic conference (no more than a few pages) should include:
- a rationale and key questions to be addressed.
- a brief description of the target audience (including but not limited to ACES theme groups and affiliates).
- a programme, including proposed speakers.
- a proposed date and venue the event must be held in the calendar year 2025). If requested, ACES can facilitate the reservation of a slot at SPUI25 for a short public lecture or talk. Organizers intending to arrange a lecture at SPUI25 are requested to include this information in their proposal).
- a budget, which should cover travel, accommodation, catering and a dinner (for selected or all participants). Where justified by the ambition of the conference and feasible within the Centre's overall budget, proposals for higher amounts will be considered.
- projected outcomes/outputs linked to the event.

Selection procedure and criteria:

Selection criteria include contribution to ACES's mission, quality and feasibility of the proposal and projected outcomes. In case of equal quality, we prioritize proposals of ACES members that haave not yet received ACES fundings in previous calls. For any queries, please contact us at aces@uva.nl .

Review and selection of applications shall be carried out by a committee of the ACES Governing Board (Brian Burgoon (FMG), Theresa Kuhn (FGW), Ans Kolk (FEB) and Kristina Irion (FDR) plus a representative from each of the five ACES Theme Groups.

Deadline:
Proposals should be sent no later than 23:59 on **May 23, 2025** to aces@uva.nl with 'Proposal for ACES academic conference/workshop' in the subject line.