



TEPSA

Trans European Policy Studies Association
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



26-29 October 2021
Brussels, Belgium



Description

The Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) invites you to take part in a 4-day seminar. The seminar, co-funded by the Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Union, will offer 20 Master students and graduates an opportunity to gain first-hand insights from researchers, EU practitioners, policymakers and officials on digital policies.

By attending this seminar, you will:

- Acquire and deepen your knowledge on EU digital policies touching topics such as the digital single market, data protection, and cyberwarfare, gaining valuable insights into the practicalities of policy-making in Brussels;
- Meet high-level professionals from EU institutions and think-tanks and learn from their experiences;
- Meet and exchange views with students from different disciplinary and national backgrounds;
- Improve your analytical and argumentation skills;
- Enhance your employability.



Date, location and format of the Seminar

The seminar is a 4-day event. It will be held in Brussels from Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 October 2021. In case of restrictions due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the seminar will be organised online using the ZOOM platform. A certificate will be issued to all participants following their full attendance at the seminar.

The four days will be devoted to attending expert lectures, panel debates, and meeting practitioners from key EU institutions, think-tanks, and civil society organisations, with the objective of complementing the insights gained during the lectures. Participants will also have the opportunity to attend a networking and career event.

Throughout the seminar, dedicated sessions for analysis and discussion in the group will be provided in order to allow participants to critically reflect on the insights gained during the lectures and online meetings. A draft agenda of the seminar can be found at the end of this document. Please note that this is a draft that can be subject to changes.

The seminar is organised by TEPSA under the academic lead of Andrea Garcia Rodríguez, Researcher and Project Manger at the Barcelona Center for International Affairs (CIDOB).



Application Procedure

The EU@Work Seminar is designed as an interdisciplinary seminar and is open for 20 Master's students and recent graduates from different disciplines (e.g. Political Science, European Studies, International Relations, Law, Economics) interested in learning more about the EU Digital Policy.

Participants will be selected by a review committee. To apply please send the following documents by **Wednesday 1 September 2021 (midnight)** to TEPSA's Finance Manager Andrea Sabatini at: andrea.sabatini@tepsa.eu

- Your CV;
- A one-page cover letter explaining your motivation to participate in the seminar.

Applications are open to both EU and non-EU citizens. The participation fee for the 4-day seminar is € 200. After the selection decision has been communicated on Friday 1 October 2020, participants will have one week to transfer the participation fee. Failure to do so in time will result in exclusion from the seminar. Participation fees shall not be reimbursable.

Draft Programme



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TUESDAY,
26 OCTOBER

INTRODUCTION DAY - THE EU DIGITAL AGENDA

14:00-16:00 Opening to the Seminar:

- Andrea G. Rodríguez,
Academic Coordinator
(CIDOB)
- The TEPSA team

16:30-18:00 Lecture: "the Digital
Agenda"

18:30 Online Get-together and
Info Session



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WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER

THE DIGITAL SINGLE MARKET

- 09:00-10:15** Lecture: "The Digital Single Market: from Origins to Current Challenges"
• Andrea G. Rodríguez, Academic Coordinator (CIDOB)
- 10:30-12:30** Panel Debate: "the EU Internal Market, Digitalisation of Services and Data Protection"
- 14:00-16:00** Lecture: "Business and the Single Market: Challenges and Opportunities"
- 16:45-17:30** Discussion & Analysis Session
- 17:30-18:30** Introduction to Day 3: The EU (digital) Strategic Autonomy



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THURSDAY,
28 OCTOBER

HYBRID WARFARE &
CYBERSECURITY

- 10:00-12:00** Visit to the House of European History
- 13:30-15:30** Lecture: "Hybrid Warfare and EU Security"
- 15:45-17:45** Meeting: "Cybersecurity and EU Strategic Autonomy"
- 18:00-18:45** Discussion & Analysis Session
- 19:15** Networking Session & Career Event



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FRIDAY, 29 OCTOBER

CONCLUDING DAY

09:00-11:00 Panel Debate: "Democracy in the Digital Era: Countering Disinformation"

11:30-12:30 Closing Remarks and Feedbacks from Participants

About TEPSA

The Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) was established in 1974 as the first trans-national research network in the field of EU affairs. It comprises leading research institutes throughout Europe, with an office in Brussels. Its aim is to provide high quality research on European integration in order to stimulate discussion on policies and political options for Europe. This is achieved by interaction between the European and national institutions as well as the academic and research community. TEPSA is active on a wide range of research topics. Its main focus is on the issues of 'deepening' integration, with a special emphasis on the institutional architecture, and the 'widening' of the EU.

More information on our activities can be found [here](#).



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