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April 20 2015, Monday

13:15-13:30 pm  Registration and Welcome Coffee
Introductory remarks and overview of the Workshop
Meltem Muftuler-Bac, Sabanci University, MAXCAP partner

13:30-14:30 pm  Special Session I: Methods training
Quantitative and Qualitative methods and their complementary role in researching EU enlargement
-Brooke Luetgert, Sabanci University, MAXCAP partner

14:30-15:00 pm  Coffee Break

15:00-16:45 pm  Session II: Public Opinion in the EU Towards Enlargement

Chair: Georgi Dimitrov, University of Sofia,
Discussant: Emre Hatipoglu, Sabanci University

- Elitsa Kortenska, Leiden University, “Discourses vs Public Opinion: Methodological and Conceptual Distinction”
- Anna Plachkova, Sofia University, “When Can External Actors Influence Democratization”
- Osman Zeki Gokce, Emre Hatipoglu, Gokhan Gokturk, Brooke Luetgert, Yucel Saygin, Sabanci University, “Twitter and Politics: Identifying Turkish Opinion Leaders in Social Media”
16:45-18:15 pm  
**Session III: Europeanization and Policy Harmonization in EU’s External Relations**

*Chair*: Meltem Muftuler-Bac, Sabanci University  
*Discussant*: Brooke Luetgert, Sabanci University

- Damla Cihangir-Tetik, Sabanci University “Evolving development policies of the EU and Turkey: Competing or complimentary”
- Rahime Suleymanoglu-Kurum, Suleyman Sah University, “Assessing the EU’s External Impact: Comparing the Europeanisation of National Foreign Policies of Poland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Ukraine”
- Daniela Chodorowska, Free University Berlin, “Constructivist Research Strategies in Europeanization Studies”
- Bidzina Lebanidze, Free University Berlin, “What went wrong in EU’s Eastern Neighborhood: Explaining the failure of the European Neighborhood Policy in the post-Soviet area”

19:00  
**Dinner Crowne Plaza**
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April 21 2015 Tuesday

9:30-10:00 am
Welcome Coffee

10:00-11:30 am
Session V: The EU Enlargement Process and its Role in the Balkans

Chair: Adam Fagan, Queen Mary University of London
Discussant: Georgi Dimitov, Sofia University

- Simonida Kacarska, European Policy Institute (EPI), “National minority policies in the EU accession process: what role for new instruments?”
- Biljana Stojanoska, Balkan Civil Society net, “The effects of Europeanization and on social acceptance of the process in the Western Balkans”
- Sean Parramore, Queen Mary University of London, “Lessons (not) learned? The EU anticorruption strategy in the Western Balkans”

11:30 am-13:00 pm
Session VI: Europeanization tools and Convergence Across Various Policy Arenas

Chair: Dimiter Toshkov, Leiden University, MAXCAP Partner
Discussant: Adam Fagan, Queen Mary University of London

- Ipek Demirsu, Sabanci University, “Breaking with the Dark Past? European Union and the Democratization of Security Policies in Turkey”
- Emre Bayram, European University Institute, “Turkish automotive sector in transition: The Impact of the EU on Foreign Trade and Domestic production in Turkey”
- Cora Lacatus, LSE, “Human Rights by Design: Global Patterns of Diffusion and Institutional Strength”

13:00-14:00 pm
Lunch Break
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**14:00-15:00 pm**  
Special Session II

Game Theoretical analysis for EU enlargement  
- Arzu Kibris, Sabanci University, MAXCAP partner

**15:00-15:30 pm**  
Coffee Break

**15:30-16:45 pm**  
Special Session III

Explanations, Causality, and Design-based Inference in Political Science  
- Dimiter Toshkov, Leiden University, MAXCAP Partner

**17:00-18:00 pm**  
Special Session IV

Meet the Editors: How to publish in an increasingly competitive environment  
Adam Fagan, Queen Mary University of London, MAXCAP partner

**18:15 pm**  
Back to Hotel

**19:30**  
Dinner