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## ***SustainEUorPlanet Jean Monnet Chair Project***

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### **SustainEUorPlanet Call For Papers**

**Economic Security, the Energy Trilemma, the Global Economy and  
Sustainability: The Role of the EU**  
Ravenna, 27 November 2025

**The Values of Participatory Democracy and Transparency in Shaping EU Trade and  
External Energy Policies**  
Ravenna, 28 November 2025

**Law School, Via Oberdan 1, Ravenna**

**Abstract submission deadline: 15 September 2025 h. 23:59 (CEST)**

The SustainEUorPlanet Jean Monnet Chair organizes in Ravenna, on 27 and 28 November 2025, two joint events on “Economic Security, the Energy Trilemma, the Global Economy and Sustainability: The Role of the EU” and “The Values of Participatory Democracy and Transparency in Shaping EU Trade and External Energy Policies”.

Our era is in fact marked by a total shift of paradigms and equilibria that have defined international relations since WWII. Inter alia, we witness the weaponization of trade policy, the challenge of climate change, and the necessity to provide a fair answer to the energy trilemma and the development demands; the international community expresses the need and duty to base the economy on sustainability values, while it is more and more difficult to achieve multilateral rules converging on minimum social and environmental standards, with increasing unease in defining and accepting third-party adjudicatory systems to support the respect of the international rule of law; the multilateral trading system is undergoing a severe phase of crisis, while civil society rightly claims its place and demands to play its legitimate role in shaping and implementing policies and rules.

In such a scenario, the international action of the European Union has to be pursued according to the values of the Lisbon Treaty, therefore putting at the center sustainable development and participatory democracy, seeking common solutions to global problems, thus with a high degree of cooperation in all fields of international relations.

We therefore propose the present call for papers to gather original proposals analysing the role of the European Union in the aforementioned context, to be selected to participate at the Ravenna SustainEUorPlanet International Conference.

Submissions may investigate, inter alia, the following topics:

- The WTO and its Reform Proposals: The EU approach
- The WTO Plurilaterals: The EU Approach
- The EU/US Tariffs Relations
- The WTO Compatibility of the EU Green Deal Measures
- The EU Trade Agreements and their Dispute Settlement Practices
- The EU Sustainable Facilitation Agreements
- The EU Critical Mineral Policy and its Hard and Soft Law Tools
- The New EU Economic Security Strategy
- The EU External Energy Policy
- The Role of the European Parliament in the EU Trade Policy
- International Soft Law Instruments in Trade Policy and the European Parliament
- The European Commission and Transparency in the EU Trade Policy
- The EU and the Role of Civil Society in EU Trade Policy

## Paper submission procedure

Abstracts may be submitted in English or Italian by scholars, practitioners, professionals working in national and European institutions and international organizations, as well as by post-doc, PhD candidates and young researchers.

Submissions must not exceed 800 words, and must be submitted to the following email address: [alessandra.quarta5@unibo.it](mailto:alessandra.quarta5@unibo.it)

In addition to the abstract, each submission has to contain a separate file with the following information on:

- The author's name and affiliation, contact details, including e-mail address and phone number;
- A short (one-page) author's CV.

## Timeline

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is 15 September 2025 h. 23:59 (CEST). We expect to be able to inform successful applicants by 22 September 2025.

Successful applicants will be expected to develop their conference papers for presentation at the Conference, which will take place in Ravenna. Draft papers (6000-8000 words including footnotes), or long abstracts, must be submitted by the authors by 15 November 2025. The Conference will be held in a hybrid format (online and in-person). Selected papers will subsequently be published in an open-access volume.



## Convenors

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**SustainEUorPlanet:** The Project offers an interdisciplinary and critical analysis of international policies and legal frameworks of the European Union aimed at economic and social equity, respect for the environment, access to clean energy and essential goods, and the search for security to overcome geopolitical tensions and asymmetries. SustainEUorPlanet has a dual purpose. On the one hand, it offers a set of activities that provide for the training of an excellent management and academic class, involving EU, national and international officials, politicians, NGOs, companies and public administrations. On the other hand, the Jean Monnet Chair Project studies and analyses the role of the EU as a global player in constantly promoting a sustainability agenda for trade, environment, energy and climate policies, highlighting the importance of the responsibility of economic actors and the relevance that EU citizens can have in shaping and enforcing the EU's external instruments through participation and transparency. Equal attention is paid to security policy in the context of the global economy (see the project's webpage and LinkedIn account).