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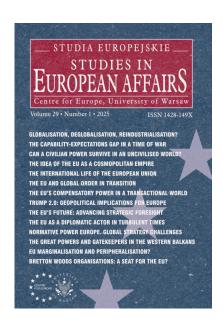
This is the fifth newsletter of the Jean Monnet Chair in EU Foreign Policy and the Western Balkans. It is published every six months, and it provides brief information about the Chair's activities.

#### **Publications**

#### "Great Powers and Gatekeepers in the Western Balkans: Serbia's Strategic Hedging"

A research article co-authored by Nikolaos Tzifakis and Eleni Vasdoka, titled "Great Powers and Gatekeepers in the Western Balkans: Serbia's Strategic Hedging" was published in the peer-reviewed journal Studia Europejskie – Studies in European Affairs. This article contributes to the study of the gatekeeping role of Western Balkan leaders by examining Serbia's foreign policy towards great powers since Aleksandar Vučić and SNS rose to power. The paper may be downloaded from here.





## "Greece and the Briand Plan for the establishment of a federal European Union"

A research article authored by *Antonis Klapsis* on **Greece's response to the Briand Plan,** which sought to establish a federal union of European states, was published in the peer-reviewed journal, European Politics and Society. The paper may be downloaded from <u>here</u>.











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### **Outreach activities/workshops**



The Jean Monnet Chair on EU Foreign Policy and the Western Balkans of the University of the Peloponnese and the Institute of International Relations, in collaboration with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Foundation's Representation for Greece and Cyprus, organized a workshop on the topic "The European Union and the Western Balkans in Turmoil: The New Realities of Donald Trump's Second Administration" The event took place on January 29, 2025. Read more.

Nikolaos Tzifakis participated as a speaker in a workshop that assessed progress in the advancement of the Western Balkans' EU accession during the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the EU. The event was co-organized by the Institute of International Economic Institute (IIER) and the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs (HIIA), in Athens on 12 December 2024. Read more.





Nikolaos Tzifakis participated as a speaker in a roundtable discussion about the outcome of US elections and their impact on the Western Balkans. The event was organized by the EU Institute for Security Studies, in Brussels, on 3 December 2024. Read more.

Nikolaos Tzifakis participated as a speaker in the 62nd International Academic Week of Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft e.V., in Akademie für Politische Bildung in Tutzing, 30 September to 4 October 2024. Read more.



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