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10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EU'S BIGGEST ENLARGEMENT AND THE FUTURE OF THE EU

As we approach the 10th anniversary of the EU's ten-country enlargement of 2004, the anniversary and the various aspects related to it suggests itself as an obvious topic for the 2014 edition of our journal. This time span is fully appropriate to explore a number of institutional, legal, economic, social, and cultural aspects of the 2004 Enlargement – both from the point of view of the European Union and that of the ten new member states. Additionally, the effects of the enlargement also impact on various issues concerning the future of the EU.

Today, a decade after the 2004 Enlargement, it is less and less clear where the EU ship will or should steer. Many call for 'regeneration', 'reinvigoration' and 'rejuvenation' of the EU ideals. There are demands for more democracy, citizen-oriented policies beyond the market, and openness to the world in order to counter growing anti-EU sentiments. But, especially after the experience of the financial crisis, the subsequent territorial enlargements of 2007 and 2013, and the constant internal and external challenges - ranging from social disparity and unemployment to the ongoing events in the Ukraine – addressing these demands requires arduous work and even then cannot promise good results. There are many pleas and queries, but no clear-cut answers.

This is why the precise aim of the next volume of the Yearbook is to analyse the phenomenon and consequences of the EU's biggest Enlargement, while at the same time stimulating a debate on the EU's future.

We are looking for texts examining such issues as:

- How did the EU and the member states change due to the enlargement in their political, economic, legal and socio-cultural aspects?
- What influence have the new member states had on the EU's institutional balance (the politics of the EP, the European Commission and the permanent President of the European Council, as well as the Presidency)?
- What is the link between the deepening and widening of the Union?
- What, if any, transformations have taken place in EU administration and governance, especially its premises, methods and practices?
- What developments and enhancements of new policies and new directions have occurred in national politics (e.g. minorities, cultural diversity, non-discrimination, gender issues)?
- Is the enlargement strategy a way to keep the EU balloon floating, or is it stretching the integration principles so much they might snap?
- Is the East-West divide still prevalent, and what should the EU do with respect to it?
- How have the national legal orders and judiciaries developed under the influence of the EU law and legislation?

- What has been the linguistic influence of EU legislation on national law and national judges?
- What about the domestic dimensions of EU membership, e.g.:
 - o The EU's influence on politics at the national level
 - o Public view/opinions and changing support for EU integration
- The effectiveness of the pre-accession transformation processes
- Reflections on the outcomes and effectiveness of the subsequent enlargements since 2004, and the prospects for future enlargements (e.g. Serbia)

In all cases we strongly encourage the contributors to offer comparative analysis and consider relevant theoretical, conceptual and methodological aspects in their proposed papers.

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