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Regional Integration in a Turbulent World: The European Union Experience and Global Perspectives



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**“The EU as a Model of Regional Integration: Indian Perspective”
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CONCEPT NOTE

The contemporary world order is witnessing profound transformations driven by geopolitical rivalries, armed conflicts, economic fragmentation, technological disruption, climate change, migration, pandemics, and shifting power balances. These developments have created an increasingly turbulent global environment, challenging the effectiveness and resilience of regional organisations. In this context, regional integration has become more than an economic project; it is a critical instrument for promoting peace, stability, prosperity, collective security, and sustainable development. The European Union (EU), as the world's most advanced and institutionalised model of regional integration, offers important lessons on managing diversity, deepening economic integration, strengthening democratic governance, responding to crises, and enhancing strategic autonomy. At the same time, the EU continues to confront complex challenges, including geopolitical competition, energy security, migration, democratic backsliding, and the evolving international order. Its experience provides valuable insights into both the achievements and limitations of regional integration. Beyond Europe, regional organisations such as ASEAN, African Union, MERCOSUR, GCC, Pacific Islands Forum, and other regional initiatives are developing distinct approaches to cooperation shaped by their unique political, economic, and security contexts. Examining these global experiences enables comparative analysis, encourages policy learning, and deepens understanding of how regionalism can respond to shared transnational challenges.

This international conference aims to bring together scholars, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to critically examine the evolving dynamics of regional integration in a turbulent world. By exploring the European Union's experience alongside diverse global perspectives, the conference seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue on the future of regional cooperation and its role in strengthening a stable, resilient, and rules-based international order.



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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY 1: THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2026

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HIGH TEA: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

INAUGURAL SESSION: 11:00 AM – 01:00 PM

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Dr. Sakti Prasad Srichandan

*Convenor and Assistant Professor, Centre for European Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

Opening Address by the Chair

Prof. Ummu Salma Bava

*Jean Monnet Chair and Chairperson, Centre for European Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

Special Address

Prof. Amitabh Mattoo

Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest

Dr. Ewa Suwara

Chargé d'Affaires a.i. and Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Union to India and Bhutan

Address by the Distinguished Guest

Mr. Antonio Bartoli

Ambassador of Italy to India and Nepal

Keynote Speaker

Prof. Sukh Deo Muni

Professor Emeritus, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Address by the Guest of Honour

Dr. Piotr Antoni Świtalski

Head of Mission, Embassy of Poland in India

Address by the Guest of Honour

Ambassador Raj Kumar Srivastava

Dean, Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

Address by the Guest of Honour

Mr. Lukas Kisielius

Chargé d'Affaires and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Lithuania in India

Vote of Thanks

Dr. Ankita Dutta

*Assistant Professor, Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru
University, New Delhi*

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TECHNICAL SESSION 1: 02:00 PM – 03:30 PM

Rethinking Regional Integration: Europe and Beyond

Chair: Prof. Sanjay Pandey

*Professor, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

European Experience of Cross-Border Cooperation: Relevance to Non-European Contexts

Prof. Sergei Golunov

SDU University, Kaskelen, Kazakhstan

The European Union as a Model for African Regional Integration? The Dependent Peripheral State and the Limits of Replication

Prof. Adelaja Odutola Odukoya

University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria

From 'Centrality' to 'Agency': The Future Trajectory of ASEAN Regionalism

Dr. Rahul Mishra

*Associate Professor, Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

Can South Asia Learn from the European Union: A Regional Integration Perspective

Dr. Prasanta Sahoo

*Associate Professor, Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

Regional Integration in Central Asia: Issues and Challenges

Dr. Pramod Kumar

*Associate Professor, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

Security Communities and Strategic Partnerships: Comparing the European Union and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

Dr. Abhishek Srivastava

*Assistant Professor, Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament,
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European Regional Integration and Russia: Perspectives, Narratives and Challenges

Dr. Rashmini Anil Koparkar

*Assistant Professor, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies,
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TEA BREAK: 03:30 PM – 03:45 PM



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TECHNICAL SESSION 2: 03:45 PM – 05:30 PM

Crises, Complexities and the Future of Regional Integration

Chair: Prof. Gulshan Sachdeva

*Jean Monnet Chair and Professor, Centre for European Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

A Fragmented Pivot: The European Union's Indo-Pacific Strategy and the Role of Member States

Dr. Barbara Kratiuk

Assistant Professor, Vistula University, Poland

The EU's Climate Regulations and India's Strategic Response: Decoding the Complexities

Dr. Gopal K Sarangi

*Associate Professor, Department of Policy Studies and Department of Management Studies (DoMS),
TERI SAS, New Delhi*

From Euroscepticism to Euro-Revisionism: Right-Wing Populists and the Future of European Integration

Dr. Ankita Dutta

*Assistant Professor, Centre for European Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

Strategic Autonomy as the Missing Variable in African Regional Integration during the Era of Multipolar Competition

Mr. Amiri Wabusimba

CEO and Founder, Shanix Marketing and Media Agency/Daily Thinkers, Uganda

Regionalism without Regions? India, the Global South, and the Crisis of Integration

Dr. Sharanpreet Kaur

*Assistant Professor, School of Social Sciences,
Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar*

Perceptions of the European Union as a Model of Regional Integration among University Students

Dr. Rahul Chauhan

*Assistant Professor, Unitedworld Institute of Management,
Karnavati University, Gandhinagar*

When Interdependence Becomes Vulnerability: The Changing Logic of European Integration

Dr. Abhishek Dadhich

Assistant Professor, National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar

Crisis-Driven Change: Baltic States' Energy Transition amidst the Russia-Ukraine War

Dr. Pramod Kumar

Assistant Professor, Mody University of Science and Technology, Rajasthan

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DAY 2: FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2026
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TEA: 09:00 AM – 10:00 AM

TECHNICAL SESSION 3: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM (PARALLEL SESSION)
Hall No. 344, SIS-II Building

Beyond the EU Model: India, China and the Future of Regionalism in the Global South

Chair: Prof. Srikanta Kondapalli

*Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

Regional Integration and the EU: Lessons for South Asia

Dr. Lakshita Bhagat

Independent Researcher

Normative Power without Regional Integration: Translating the EU model to India's Global South Strategy

Dr. Suwa Lal Jangu

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Mizoram University

Mr. Puneet Singh Shekhawat

Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, School of Social Sciences, Mizoram University

Rules, Roads, and Code: Three Geometries of Regional Integration across the EU, China, and India in a Turbulent World

Mr. Tanmay Arora, Partner & Vice-President, KRESERA™; **Ms. Vidhi Taparia**, Project Officer, Centre for Communication Governance (CCG); **Ms. Shubhi Agrawal**, Assistant Professor, SRM University, Previously at King's College London; **Mr. Sarthak Sharma**, Consultant, Office of the Union Minister of Culture & Tourism, Government of India; **Ms. Himani Todi**, Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), Delhi University; **Ms. Bhavika Pattani**, Associate, Joint Operation Centre, Barclays

Dragon in the Room: China's Bilateral Diplomacy, Its Effects on EU Regional Integration

Mr. Sundaram

*Ph.D. Scholar, Centre for European Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

Strategic Autonomy in a Turbulent World: Prospects and Limits of EU-China Cooperation

Ms. Diptimayee Jena

*Ph.D. Scholar, Centre for East Asian Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

Knowledge Cooperation as a Strategic Pillar of Regional Integration in a Turbulent World: Lessons from the European Union for South Asia

Dr. Kuldeep Kaur

*Academic Researcher and Educator,
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Regional Integration in Central Asia: The Role of the European Union and China

Ms. Akshita Ramola

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Ms. Lubna Tak

*Postgraduate Student,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

**TECHNICAL SESSION 4: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM (PARALLEL SESSION)
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Energy Security, Climate Diplomacy and Integration

Chair: Prof. Atul Kumar

*Professor, Centre for the Study of World Economy, School of International Studies,
Jawaharlal Nehru University*

Building Resilient Regional Ecosystems: The European Union's Green and Digital Transition as a Model for Emerging Economies

Dr. Sonali Srivastava

*Assistant Professor (Senior Grade), Jaypee Business School,
Jaypee Institute of Information Technology, Noida*

Dr. Manisha Singh

*Assistant Professor, VIT Business School,
VIT Bhopal University, Bhopal*

Bridging Europe and Eurasia: Strategic Connectivity, Energy Security, and Regional Integration in a Multipolar World

Dr. Harmeet Singh

Senior Assistant Professor, Jammu Kashmir Higher Education Department

Energy System Integration in the European Union since the Lisbon Treaty: The Role of TEN-E Projects

Mr. Chaitanya Deshpande

*Ph.D. Scholar, Centre for European Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

The European Union's Public Diplomacy on Climate Change and Green Transition: A Case Study of India

Mr. Dheeraj Kumar

*Ph.D. Scholar, Centre for European Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

Energy Security and the Green Transition: Prospects of Cooperation Between the EU and BIMSTEC

Mr. Lakshya Raj

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Climate Policy and European Integration: Unequal Transitions and Political Contestation in the European Union

Mr. Gopesh Mondal

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School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

**TECHNICAL SESSION 5: 11:30 AM – 01:00 PM (PARALLEL SESSION)
Hall No. 344, SIS-II Building**

Autonomy, Security and Democracy: The New Politics of Regional Integration

Chair: Prof. Archana Negi

*Professor, Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

To whom is this regulation fair (trade)? Brazilian Contestation of the European Union's Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)

Mr. Gustavo Gayger Müller, Senior Researcher, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studie, KU Leuven, Belgium; **Ms. Maria Martins**, Doctoral Researcher, Leuven International and European Studies, KU Leuven, Belgium; **Dr. Bruno Luciano**, Researcher, UNESP, Brazil

Chabahar Port and Interregional Integration in a Turbulent World: The Strategic Role of the India-Iran-Afghanistan-Central Asia Corridor in India-Europe Trade Connectivity

Mr. Abdul Basir Omar Shah Khail

Ph.D. Scholar, Sharda University

Backsliding from Within: Rule-of-Law Conditionality and the Limits of Crisis Governance in the European Union

Ms. Akanksha

Ph.D. Scholar, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi

Mr. Gaurav Chaudhary

Ph.D. Scholar, National Law University Delhi, New Delhi

The Bypass Route to Regional Integration: Switzerland and Neutrality

Ms. Jhanvee Jaiswal

*Ph.D. Scholar, Centre for European Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

EU Security Integration Since Ukraine: Convergence or Differentiation

Mr. Divyashish Mishra

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Rethinking European Integration through the Lens of Political Leadership

Mr. Prakash Mali

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Regional Integration and the Paradox of EU Conditionality: Explaining the Democratic Decline in the Western Balkans despite the EU Accession Process

Mr. Prakhar Pathak

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A Tighter European Security Community as an Anchor for a Trans-European Defence Sector

Mr. Jilson Jose

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**TECHNICAL SESSION 6: 11:30 AM – 01:00 PM (PARALLEL SESSION)
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Technology, Resources and New Regionalisms

Chair: Dr. Uma Purushottaman

*Associate Professor, Centre for the Study of the Americas,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

Weaponized Interdependence and Critical Mineral Governance: Institutionalising the EU-India Green Transition Partnership

Mr. Antony Joseph

Assistant Professor, St. Dominic's College, Kanjirapally

Mr. Gaurav Amar James

Postgraduate Student, St. Thomas College, Palai

Hard Rules, Soft Paths: Contrasting the Legislative Architectures of AI Governance in the EU and ASEAN

Mr. Yash Jain

*Ph.D. Scholar, Centre for European Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

From Market Integration to Digital Integration: The European Union in an Age of Technological Geopolitics

Mr. Sanket Kumar Prajapati

*Ph.D. Scholar, Centre for European Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

The Brussels Effect in the Age of AI: European Union's Technological Regionalism and the Global Politics of AI Governance

Mr. Atul Gupta

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TECHNICAL SESSION 7: 02:00 PM – 03:30 PM (PARALLEL SESSION)
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Migration, Mobility and Social Integration: The Human Dimension of Regionalism

Chair: Dr. Sheetal Sharma

*Associate Professor, Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies,
Jawaharlal Nehru University*

Labour Market Policy within the European Union: A Gender-Focused Review

Dr. Sangya Pandey

Assistant Professor, Amity University, Patna

**Fractured Solidarity: A Comparative Analysis of the Challenges to the EU-AU Regional Cohesion Amidst
Migration Crises**

Mr. Mohd Sikandar

Assistant Professor of Law, National Law University Odisha

Who Speaks for Europe? Moving the Centre from Brussels to the Borders

Mr. Evgeny Romanovskiy

Ph.D. Candidate, Charles University, Prague

Regional Integration under Contestation: Italy, Poland and the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum

Ms. Shibankita Pradhan

*Ph.D. Scholar, Centre for European Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

**Borders and Regionalism in Europe: Reimagining Border Governance in an Era of Geopolitical
Turbulence**

Mr. Keshav Kumar

Ph.D. Scholar, South Asian University, New Delhi

The Limits of Regional Integration: The Politics of Migration in Portugal

Mr. Muhammed Thwayyib

Research Scholar, Darul Huda Islamic University, Keralam

**The Psychology of Global Citizenship: How Regional Integration Shapes Youth Identity and Social
Responsibility in India and the European Union**

Ms. Khushi Gayatri Goud

Postgraduate Student, Geeta University, Panipat



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TECHNICAL SESSION 8: 02:00 PM – 03:30 PM (PARALLEL SESSION)
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Institutions, Governance and Alternative Models of Integration

Chair: Dr. Rahul Mishra

***Associate Professor, Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, School of International Studies,
Jawaharlal Nehru University***

**Learning from Brussels, Building in the Indo-Pacific: India's Minilateral Turn (QUAD, IPOI, I2U2) as an
Alternative to EU-Style Regional Integration**

Ms. Anoushka Chandra

Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi

Mr. Samujjwal Sarma

Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi

**Divergent Sovereignty Traps: A Comparative Analysis of Supranationalism in ECOWAS and
Intergovernmentalism in IGAD**

Mr. Kong, Ki Hong

*Ph.D. Scholar, Centre for East Asian Studies,
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

A Critical Assessment of the EU's Model of Regional Integration for the Indian Ocean Region

Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh

Ph.D. Scholar, Central University of Gujarat

**Sea Lines of Communication (SLOCs): Evaluating EUNAVFOR's Operation Atalanta and India's SAGAR in
Countering Piracy and Safeguarding Maritime Trade Routes in the Indian Ocean**

Ms. Solika Rani

Ph.D. Scholar, Department of International Relations, Central University of Jharkhand

Dr. Aparna

Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, Central University of Jharkhand

**Gender in Two Regionalisms: The EU Model and the Eurasian Alternative through the Lens of India-
Kazakhstan Cooperation**

Ms. Dolly Kumari

Ph.D. Scholar, Central University of Jharkhand

Dr. Subhash Kumar Baitha

Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, Central University of Jharkhand

From Fragmentation to Coordination: Explaining Divergent Pandemic Responses in the EU and ASEAN

Ms. Manvi Bhardwaj

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VALEDICTORY SESSION: 04:00 PM – 05:30 PM
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Opening Address by the Chair

Prof. Bhaswati Sarkar

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Address by the Guest of Honour

Prof. Sharad K. Soni

Associate Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Address by the Guest of Honour

Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri

*Former Ambassador of India to Nepal, the EU, Belgium and Luxembourg; Ambassador/DPR of India to the
UN; and Lead Climate Change Negotiator*

Address by the Distinguished Guest

Prof. Dr. Giulia Tercovich

*Deputy Director, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS)
Assistant Professor of European and International Politics, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)*

Address by the Distinguished Guest

Dr. Anna Wróbel

*Assistant Professor, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies,
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Vote of Thanks

Mr. Rishabh Mahan

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