

# Call for Papers

for the AACaPS and ANZSA Conference:

## ‘Changing Divisions in Europe and the Asia-Pacific: A New Cold War?’

hosted by the National Centre for Research on Europe, Faculty of Arts at  
the University of Canterbury's Ilam campus, Christchurch, New Zealand

**30 - 31 January 2025**

After the collapse of communist rule in the Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe in the late 1980s and early 1990s marking the end of the forty-year-long Cold War West-East divisions of Europe and the World, it was largely assumed that the world had entered a new, prosperous era of ideological, political and socio-economic reunification and globalisation. However, more than three decades later the world remains deeply divided.

While some post-communist states, particularly those that were able to anchor their political and economic reform with the process of EU enlargement, have indeed transformed themselves into respectable liberal democracies with functioning market economies, the others have merely replaced the communist dictatorship with another form of authoritarianism. Although they no longer stem from differences over communist ideology, political divisions between the European West and East have not diminished, but only moved further to the East and strengthened in recent years. Putin's military invasion in Ukraine seems not only to have cemented these divisions for an indefinite period, but to have increased the political confrontation between Russia and Western European states, the USA and NATO to an unprecedented level, which is closer to direct military confrontation and nuclear war than ever was the case during the Cold War.

Further to the east, communist China has also significantly worsened its political relations with Western democracies in recent years, despite extensive trade relations and economic cooperation. The increased assertiveness of Chinese policy in the South China Sea and its continuing support to communist totalitarianism in North Korea and other authoritarian regimes in Asia and the world, including Putin's Russia, have largely become intolerable for China's Western partners, regardless of any benefits from mutual economic cooperation.

The conference seeks to address these and other developments, divisions, and alignments among and within the communist, post-communist and other states in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region from various angles and disciplines. The conference organisers welcome panel and paper proposals from a broad range of disciplines, including but not limited to political science, history, economics, sociology and cultural, educational or environmental studies.

### Keynote address:

**Enlarging at a Time of War: What Next for the EU's Eastern Expansion?**

**Dr Dimitar Bechev**, Director of the Dahrendorf Programme on Europe in a Changing World, St Antony's College, University of Oxford.

**Professor Igor Pilshchikov**, Chair of Slavic Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, USA (the title of the address TBA).

## Submission of proposals

Please submit paper abstracts or panel proposals of up to 250 words with your name, title and affiliation to [aacapsconference@gmail.com](mailto:aacapsconference@gmail.com) or [jenny.wilson@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:jenny.wilson@canterbury.ac.nz) by **30 September 2024**. The organisers expect to inform participants of the acceptance of their panel proposals and papers by **10 October 2024**.

## Important dates

Abstract submission deadline	30 September 2024
Panel and abstract acceptance notification issued	10 October 2024
Registration deadline for your name to appear in the conference program	10 December 2024

## Conference Registration Fees

Standard	NZ\$240	AACaPS and ANZSA members and University of Canterbury staff	NZ\$200
PG students (non-AACaPS or ANZSA members)	NZ\$180	PG students (AACaPS and ANZSA members and University of Canterbury students)	NZ\$140

## Important notes

- 1) This is an exclusively face-to-face, on campus event with no virtual presentations; the conference aims to foster academic discussion and momentum through extensive live interactions among participants.
- 2) At the conference, the host will cover morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on both days. Participants will cover their own travelling and local lodging as well as the conference dinner.
- 3) We welcome expressions of interest among all participants to serve as panel chairs. Please send your EOI together with your paper/panel proposal submission.
- 4) Publications: The Authors of selected papers presented at the conference will be invited for publication in special journal issues or an edited book.
- 5) Two PhD student paper awards will be announced at the end of the conference.

### Conference Convenor

**Dr Milenko Petrovic**, Jean Monnet Chair, Senior Lecturer Above the Bar, National Centre for Research on Europe, University of Canterbury.

### Conference Co-convenor

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