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EU Enlargement: Perspectives, Challenges and the Future of the European Union

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A conference examining the current trajectory and future of EU enlargement, bringing together leading scholars and policymakers to discuss the geopolitical, political, and institutional implications of the enlargement process. The event will explore the changing European security environment, the diversity of candidate countries, and the challenges and opportunities that enlargement creates for the European Union and its future.

PROGRAMME

10:00-10:15	**REGISTRATIONS**
10:15-10:30	**INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME** **GIOVANNI ORSINA**, Head, Department of Political Science, Luiss **MARCO SIMONI**, Director, IAI **ANDI DOBRUSHI**, Director, Open Society Foundations – Western Balkans
10:30 -10:50	**KEYNOTE ADDRESS** **LUIGI SORECA,** EU Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina and EU Special Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina
10:50 -12:00	**PANEL I: EU ENLARGEMENT IN A CHANGING GEOPOLITICAL ENVIRONMENT**
Speakers	**THOMAS CHRISTIANSEN,** Professor, LUISS University **SONIA LUCARELLI**, Professor, University of Bologna and Vice President, IAI **IOANNIS ARMAKOLAS** , Head of the Wider Europe Programme, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), and Professor, University of Macedonia **TOBIAS SCHUMACHER**, Professor of European Studies, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), and Senior Professorial Fellow, College of Europe, Natolin campus
Chair	**MARIA GIULIA AMADIO VICERÉ**, Professor, LUISS University
12:00-12:15	**COFFEE BREAK**
12:15-13:25	**PANEL II: ENLARGEMENT FROM A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE**
Speakers	**SRĐAN MAJSTOROVIĆ**, Chairman of the Governing Board, European Policy Centre (CEP) **DALIBORKA ULJAREVIĆ**, Executive Director, Centre for Civic Education **ODETA BARBULLUSHI,** Resident Professor, College of Europe in Tirana **UNA HAJDARI**, Journalist, Politico, Brussels
Chair	**MATTEO BONOMI**, Head, Europe Programme, IAI
13:25-13:40	**CONCLUDING REMARKS** **SERGIO FABBRINI**, Professor and Director of the Master in International Public Affairs, LUISS University
13:40	**LIGHT LUNCH (SPEAKERS ONLY)**