



**SOFIA UNIVERSITY**  
"St. Kliment Ohridski"



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

YOUNG FIDE SEMINAR

31 MAY 2023



On the first day of the XXVV FIDE Congress (Wednesday 31 May 2023), The University of Sofia in tight cooperation with Centre européen universitaire (University of Lorraine, Nancy, France) will host the Young FIDE Seminar in Sofia (Bulgaria). Young scholars, PHD students and young practitioners are invited to submit original papers dealing with one of the three main topics of the FIDE Congress:

- I. Mutual trust, mutual recognition and rule of law;*
- II. The new geopolitical dimension of the EU Competition and trade policies;*
- III. The European Social Law.*

The selected papers will be presented and discussed before of a panel of experts and young reporters. The results of the Young Seminar will be presented during the FIDE Congress and will be stream on <https://eulawlive.com>.

#### **Conditions to apply**

With the aim of fostering the active involvement of young scholars, PhD students, post-doc students or Junior Researchers and young EU law practitioners (with under five years of professional experience) could submit abstracts, with an age requirement of under 35 years.

#### **Formal requirements and deadlines**

The selection of proposals will be based on abstracts of maximum **500 words**, drafted in English by **15 december 2022**. The scientific board of Young FIDE Seminar will select **9 proposals**, three by topic, which will be presented during the Young FIDE Seminar. **Six more abstracts** will be selected for publication in special issue edited by Sofia University Press.

The selected authors will be informed by **31 January 2023**. Final papers shall not exceed **7.000 words with footnotes included** and be submitted by **15 April 2023**.

#### **Submission for proposals**

Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail at [young@fide2023.eu](mailto:young@fide2023.eu) with the following elements; authors, e-mail address, title of abstract, key words, body of abstracts of max. 500 words and list of sources. A short CV (Europass form) of each author will be required.



## Summary presentation of the topics<sup>1</sup>

### ***I. Mutual trust, mutual recognition and rule of law***

The aim of this topic is to examine the links between the principles of mutual trust and mutual recognition and the rule of law as defined in the recent case law of the Court of Justice. More specifically, the concept of the rule of law and the place of the values of EU shall be analysed in the light of Article 2 of the EU Treaty and the consequences of the axiological approach to European construction.

#### **The proposals may address the following issues:**

- independence of the judiciary and national judicial reforms;
- the values of the Union and the principle of mutual trust and the national constitutional identity;
- the mechanism of mutual recognition and protection of national values and the consequences for the integration process (with regard to the protection of fundamental rights and the principle of primacy of EU law);
- the protection of the rule of law in EU, as a value or a principle, by normative action of the Union;

### ***II. The new geopolitical dimension of the EU Competition and Trade policies***

The second topic concerns the new geopolitical dimension of EU competition policy. The focus is on the EU's efforts to promote its "open strategic autonomy" in the light of the new objectives launched by the Commission in 2021. Among these objectives is rethinking EU competition policy, with a global and comprehensive approach, in the light of the goals stated in the Green Pact for Europe.

#### **The proposals may address the following issues:**

- the position of national competition authorities and national courts with regard to the effectiveness of corporate behaviour in the light of the Green Deal;
- the concept of sustainability as understood by competition rules and the contribution of this concept to the generalisation of the economic analysis of environmental damage;
- State aid control policy and the establishment of European champions as a sign of strengthening European strategic autonomy;
- the consideration of industrial policy and Member States in merger control.

### ***III. The European Social Law***

This topic focuses on the establishment of the internal market as a social market economy and the strengthening of European union as a Social Union closer to its citizens.

#### **The proposals may address the following issues:**

- free movement of workers and the issue of posted workers;

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<sup>1</sup> More information for the topics and the questionnaires could be found at <https://www.fide-europe.org/congresses/>.



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- Resolving conflicts between fundamental freedoms of EU and social rights;
- the significance of « social acquis and social « non-acquis » within EU social policy ;
- the role of the Charter of Fundamental Rights for social integration;
- the protection of social rights though the EU's trade policy ;
- the contribution of the Green Deal for Europe to social justice.

### **Scientific Board**

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