

# Internal Challenges to EU Rule of Law and Democracy

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## Abstract

For Section 63: The European Union in Times of Crisis: Internal Challenges and a Changing Global Order

The EU is at a turning point in this history. It can be said that it has internally, been grappling with a variety of crises over the past decade – from economic governance within the Eurozone, migration, rising nationalist and populist movements, to the negotiations surrounding Brexit to bring it to this point of change. Some would argue that some of the current internal challenges the EU is facing is the by-product of the entire European integration project itself. That these manifestations have been prolonged and recurring, as to raise questions about whether they represent systemic flaws within the European integration project and challenges the perceived understanding for its conception and basis as shared (universally held??) by all involved. At its heart, the problem with these crises are that they pose dangerous direct challenges to the Union's core shared values of democracy and the rule of law.

The panel welcomes papers dealing with the issues discussed above, notably how recent crises within individual EU member states are and/or have been perceived as challenges to: the rule of law and democracy; the EU's core values and institutions more generally; defining of the EU's core values as shared and to what extent this extends. Papers that focus on single country case studies or comparative studies of several EU member states are welcomed.

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- A title for your paper
- An abstract of up to 500 words

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