



IV SUMMER COURSE SOFIA CORRADI ON THE EUROPEAN UNION: Elections, external action and European economy

**Organised by the representations of the European institutions in
Barcelona and CIDOB**

8, 9 and 10 July 2024

In person: CIDOB, Sala Jordi Maragall, Elisabets 12, 08001 Barcelona

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The European Parliament's office in Barcelona, the Representation of the European Commission and CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs) organise the fourth edition of the Sofia Corradi Summer Course on the European Union. The three days will be monographic sessions with theoretical and practical perspectives. The sessions will be divided between an intervention by a keynote speaker from the European Commission or the European Parliament, followed by a dialogue with a journalist; and a roundtable with CIDOB researchers; members of the European institutions; and independent experts.

The aim of this summer course is to provide participants with a complete perspective on the debates and challenges of the European Union in the short, medium and long term, and with analytical tools so that they can analyse and understand the European reality and become active members in it. Those who attend the full course in person will receive a certificate of participation.

The course will address the domestic and international challenges the European Union is facing. The first day will take stock of the elections to the European Parliament held from June 6 to 9. The second session will debate EU foreign policy and the state of transatlantic relations in the wake of this crucial electoral year -with the focus on the US elections- and the consequences of the wars in Ukraine and Gaza. The last session will analyse the state of economy, the internal market and European competitiveness, considering the reports by Enrico Letta and Mario Draghi, and long-term challenges for the European economy.

Programme of the course

Monday, July 8, 2024

- 09.30 – 10.00 **Welcome and kick-off**
Pol Morillas, Director, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)
Sergi Barrera, Head of the European Parliament's office in Barcelona
Manuel Szapiro, Director, Representation of the European Commission in Barcelona
- 10.00 – 10.45 **European elections: agenda and future challenges for the EU**
Keynote **Jaume Duch**, Director General for Communication and EP Spokesperson, European Parliament
- Dialogue with* **Pol Morillas**, Director, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)

- 10.45 – 11.15 **Q&A**
- 11.15 – 11.30 **Break**
- 11.30 – 12.30 **Roundtable: European elections: agenda and future challenges for the EU**
Carlos Closa, Professor of Research, CCHS, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)
Sandra León, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Carlos III-Juan March Institute, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M)
Corina Stratulat, Associate Director, European Policy Centre (EPC) (*online*)
Moderated by **Carme Colomina**, Senior Research Fellow, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)
- 12.30 – 13.00 **Q&A**

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

- 10.00 – 10.45 **European external action: Responding to the War in Ukraine**
Keynote **Borja Lasheras**, Member of the Cabinet of the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Dialogue with **Beatriz Navarro**, Brussels Correspondent, *La Vanguardia*
- 10.45 – 11.15 **Q&A**
- 11.15 – 11.30 **Break**
- 11.30 – 12.30 **Roundtable: European external action: between Ukraine, Gaza and the Trump's uncertainty**
Diego Badell, Lecturer UAB; Research Fellow, IBEI
Elena Lazarou, Head of Unit (acting) of the External Policies, European Parliamentary Research Service, European Parliament (*online*)
Eduard Soler, Associate Professor in International Relations, UAB; Associate Senior Researcher, CIDOB
Moderated by **Beatriz Navarro**, Brussels Correspondent, *La Vanguardia*
- 12.30 – 13.00 **Q&A**

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

- 10.00 – 10.45 **Economy, competitiveness and internal market**
Keynote **Eric Philippart**, Sherpa of former Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta for the High-Level Report on the future of the Single Market
Dialogue with **Ariadna Trillas**, Journalist, *Alternativas Económicas*
- 10.45 – 11.15 **Q&A**
- 11.15 – 11.30 **Break**
- 11.30 – 12.30 **Roundtable: Economy, competitiveness and internal market**
Judith Arnal, Associate Senior Research Fellow, CEPS; member at the Bank of Spain
Oriol Aspachs, Spanish Economy Director, CaixaBank
Fernando Hervas, Deputy Head of Unit, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
Moderated by **Ariadna Trillas**, Journalist, *Alternativas Económicas*
- 12.30 – 13.00 **Q&A**