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Policy Workshop

***The EU's 2004 Enlargement in Central and Eastern Europe:
Assessing the Impact 15 Years On***

Friday, February 8, 2019, 9:15AM-4:30PM

Senate Room, 6th floor, 608 Robertson Hall, Carleton University

In 2004, the European Union added 10 new member states, increasing its size from 15 to 25 countries and its population by one fifth. On the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the 2004 enlargement, this workshop will examine the impact of EU accession for the eight new member states located in Central and Eastern Europe. All of these countries were part of the Soviet bloc prior to the collapse of the USSR, and thus faced major transition challenges both before and after EU accession. The workshop will feature leading experts who will address political, social, and economic impacts of accession.

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9:15AM **Welcome:**

Joan DeBardeleben, Chancellor's Professor and Jean Monnet Chair, Carleton University

Opening remarks:

H.E. Peteris Ustubs, Ambassador of the European Union to Canada

H.E. Vit Koziak, Ambassador of Slovakia to Canada

10:00AM **Keynote:**

Assessing the EU's Eastern Enlargement: Successes and Challenges
Milada Vachudova, Associate Professor and Jean Monnet Chair, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

10:45AM Coffee break (Alumni Boardroom)

11:00AM **Panel 1: Political Developments and EU Accession in New Member States**

Chair: Achim Hurrelmann, Associate Professor, Carleton University

Distressed Democracies in a Distressed Union: EU Accession and Political Change in Central European Member States

Kevin Deegan-Krause, Associate Professor, Wayne State University, USA

The Baltic States: Keeping Faith in Turbulent Times

Vello Pettai, Professor, University of Tartu, Estonia

Hungary's Autocratization as an EU Member

Ognen Vangelov, Teaching Fellow, Queen's University

12:30PM Lunch break (Alumni Boardroom)

1:30PM **Panel 2: Economic, Social, and Legal Impacts**

Chair: Crina Viju, Associate Professor, Carleton University

Economic Impacts of Enlargement

Rachel Epstein, Professor, University of Denver, USA

Labor Rights and Wages Since Accession: Escaping the Low Wage Trap

Béla Galgóczi, Senior Research Officer, European Trade Union Institute, Brussels

A Glass Half-Full Assessment of the Rule of Law in Eastern Europe 15 Years Post-Enlargement

Maria Popova, Associate Professor, McGill University

Minority Rights and Protections

Zsuzsa Csergo, Associate Professor, Queen's University

3:30PM Reception (Alumni Boardroom)

4:30PM Reception ends

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