

Journal of European Public Policy

Virtual Special Issue

Europeanization

Guest editor:

Claudio M. Radaelli, University of Exeter, member of JEPP editorial board

Europeanization is about the impact of the European Union (EU) governance on domestic politics and public policy. With enlargement yet again in motion and the ratification of the Treaty of Lisbon, the key research question for academics as well as policymakers is about the effects of integration, rather than the origin or the nature of the integration process. The question is not whether the EU has changed the member states, but exactly how, where, through which mechanisms and in combination with what other agents of change. Conditional propositions are more precise and useful than the predictions of classic theories of integration, which prescribe uniform and homogeneous patterns of European integration. It is also important to measure the limits of Europeanization, especially in relation to the persistence of different ways of organizing the economy in Europe and to the opposite pressure towards international policy diffusion beyond the EU and, perhaps, globalization.

This is why Europeanization as a new research agenda has caught the attention of social scientists over the last ten years or so. Within this research agenda, the major challenges are about establishing causality, identifying the mechanisms at work, and measuring the Europeanization effects.

JEPP has published more highly-cited articles on the political aspects of Europeanization than any other academic journal. To celebrate JEPP leadership in the debate, we are pleased to collect together a set of Europeanization articles that show the different ways in which JEPP has set the agenda for the debate in the past and today contributes to innovations in research design, empirical analysis, and methods. We therefore look at how the research design issues raised by Europeanization were originally handled by the high-impact articles published in our journal, but also point towards recent innovations in appraising the conceptual and empirical boundaries of Europeanization, and the limits encountered by the EU in shaping domestic politics and policy. This special issue will be useful to academic researchers looking for the different angles of the politics of Europeanization, analysts working on specific policy issues, lecturers preparing reading lists and students writing their essays.

[How does Europeanization affect CEE governance? Conditionality, diffusion and diversity](#)

Heather Grabbe

[Mutual transformation and the development of European policy spaces. The case of medicines licensing](#)

Boris Hauray and Philippe Urfalino

[Governance by conditionality: EU rule transfer to the candidate countries of Central and Eastern Europe](#)

Frank Schimmelfennig and Ulrich Sedelmeier

[Europeanization and the retreat of the state](#)

Volker Schneider and Frank M. Häge

[Europeanization and the mechanics of economic policy adjustment](#)

Vivien A. Schmidt

[The Europeanization of Italy's budget institutions in the 1990s](#)

Francesco Stolfi