

## Call for proposals

The VU Interdisciplinary Centre for European Studies (VICES) is accepting funding applications for events organized by VU faculty members, which contribute to the quality and visibility of research relating to Europe at the VU. We support two types of activities: larger events (up to 3000 euros) and smaller events (up to 500 euros). Events may be understood broadly, to include conferences, workshops, guest speakers, panel discussions, debates and so on. *Depending on the remaining budget, we will organize another round of funding before summer.*

### VICES larger events fund

Up to 3000 euros per event may be applied for. Funding may be requested for the costs of hosting and organizing an event (travel, subsistence, accommodation etc.), and for student assistance with organizing, but not for the salaries of researchers. Other types of funding purposes are not excluded, as long as it is tied to a clear EU-related project with the prospect of a grant application, a publication, and/or continued research collaboration. We also welcome applications for expertise labs – groups of researchers who would like to meet regularly to explore a theme – where we can fund visiting speakers, hospitality, etc.

#### *Criteria for awards*

VICES aims to contribute to network building within the VU, and thus attaches particular importance to interdisciplinary activities, and those which help establish new and lasting co-operation. It aims to contribute to the quality and visibility of research on Europe, as well as stimulating new perspectives, and adding to understanding and interest in European studies among students.

Accordingly, the following factors will be taken into account in awarding funds:

1. Whether the event adds to debate on, or understanding of, contemporary Europe.
2. Whether the event involves people from more than one faculty at the VU
3. Whether the event provides an innovative perspective on some aspect of European Studies. We particularly welcome events which fit within the VICES themes (although this is not compulsory). See the next page for details of these themes.
4. Whether the event is of interest to a wide group of researchers and students
5. Whether the event represents value for money

#### *Deadline and procedure*

1. The deadline for applications is **31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**. Events must take place in 2020.
2. Applications should be mailed to [vu.vices@gmail.com](mailto:vu.vices@gmail.com). They should include a brief but sufficient explanation of the event, and a simple budget.

3. VICES does not fund closed events: events will be circulated via the VICES mailing list, and in principle all those interested must be welcome to attend.

Applicants are welcome to contact Bastiaan van Apeldoorn ([e.b.van.apeldoorn@vu.nl](mailto:e.b.van.apeldoorn@vu.nl)) or Gareth Davies ([g.t.davies@vu.nl](mailto:g.t.davies@vu.nl)) with any questions.

### **VICES small events fund**

Smaller amounts of money, up to 500 euros, may be applied for throughout the year on a rolling basis. This fund is intended to support guest lectures, including those aimed at students, PhD workshops with guest researchers, and similar events. Other types of funding purposes are not excluded, as long as it is tied to a clear EU-related project with the prospect of a grant application, a publication, and/or continued research collaboration.

#### *Criteria for awards*

The primary criteria for awards are whether the event falls within the field of European Studies broadly understood, and the degree of interest or attention the event is likely to attract.

#### *Deadline and procedure*

1. This is a rolling call for an event that takes place before **31<sup>st</sup> of December 2020**.
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## **About VICES**

VU Interdisciplinary Centre for European Studies

### **What is VICES?**

VICES is a platform for researchers at the Vrije Universiteit to share their research, work together, and develop new ideas. It welcomes all those at the university who are interested in contemporary Europe, and extends an ongoing invitation for them to participate in events, share their thoughts, make suggestions, and apply for funding. It also aims to include colleagues who do not study Europe directly, but who have ideas or knowledge that can help us understand the continent and its dynamics. These may be political scientists, sociologists, anthropologists, psychologists, cultural theorists, economists, lawyers or others.

### **Why have VICES?**

VICES aims to

- invigorate and raise the profile of the research done at the VU on Europe
- create new interdisciplinary networks of researchers
- add to the field of European studies by offering a distinctive and refreshing perspective on the field
- facilitate new research projects, new funding, and new ideas.

### **Our mission statement**

European integration is a uniquely radical experiment in governance, which can only be understood by drawing on the insights of the human and social sciences beyond those traditionally regarded as 'European studies'. The study of Europe needs to become less introspective, and more exploratory: we plead for a turn to the outside, to reinvigorate the field. We would like to see European studies integrating the idea of disruption and reorganisation in fields such as the environment, technology, identity and geopolitics.

All those who would like to contribute to thinking about Europe are invited to let us know at [vu.vices@gmail.com](mailto:vu.vices@gmail.com). Colleagues from outside the VU are welcome to participate too.