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WAR-TIME INTEGRATION FOR STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE: MOMENTUM FOR UKRAINE'S AND WESTERN BALKAN'S EU ACCESSION?



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The Shattuck Center for Human Rights in the framework of its 2024 Lemkin Reunion "Healing Ukraine: Post-conflict Management and Human Rights" & The CEU Department of Public Policy in framework of its Policy Talks Series as a way to engage critically with today's global and local issues in partnership with CEU Ukrainians Association invite You to the separate roundtable policy discussion "War-time integration for strengthening democratic resilience: momentum for Ukraine's and Western Balkan's EU accession?"

DESCRIPTION | The full-fledged Russian invasion of Ukraine have already opened the door for potential Ukraine's EU membership but also should have implications for speeding up the integration process of Western Balkan countries, such as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Northern Macedonia and Serbia. On the other hand, the EU's potential enlargement to the club of 30+ member states makes the reform of its internal governance procedures almost inevitable, spurring active debates about the content and scope of possible changes.

- What are the main institutional changes and opportunities for Brussels to accommodate the new enlargement?
- Could the experience of protracted integration of Western Balkans serve as an argument against an over-optimistic view on the timing of the next possible EU enlargement?
- Is the case of Ukraine's bid for EU membership unique due to its extraordinary circumstances or could we trace some parallels with earlier EU enlargements?
- Which role will play the need for multi-dimensional improvement of human rights conditions in the accession conditionality of potential new EU members?

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