



Date and venue

The annual conference will take place on Thursday, 5 November 2026, at the University of Bern in the Kuppelraum (Dome Hall) of the Main Building, Hochschulstrasse 4, 3012 Bern.

Getting there (in 5-10 minutes from the train)

From Bern railway station, take the platform underpass towards platforms 12/13 and take the lift up to "Grosse Schanze." The Main Building is right across the park (see picture above). Enter through the main entrance, go up to the 2nd floor keeping right, then take the lift to floor "K" or the stairs. The Kuppelraum (Room 501) is directly beneath the dome.

Organisation and registration

Speakers will present in English or German. Conference participation is free of charge. Please register by 31 October: ecsa.ipw@unibe.ch.

ECSA Suisse Annual Conference 2026

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The European Communities Studies Association Switzerland (ECSA Suisse) is the premier scholarly and professional association in Switzerland that focuses on the European Union (EU), the ongoing integration process, and relations between Switzerland and the EU. ECSA Suisse promotes research and teaching in European integration, brings together academics and experts from political science and law, supports promising young scholars, and is a member of the international ECSA network.

THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2026: University of Bern, Kuppelraum, Room 501, Main Building, Hochschulstrasse 4
Lunch at Restaurant Grosse Schanze, 12:30–14:00

09:15–10:30 *Chair: Prof. Sarah Progin-Theuerkauf*
Discussant: Prof. Benedikt Pirker

Francesco Gravina
RFC Seraing (C-600/23): Imposing (Lightened and Burdened) Labours of Heracles upon Sports Governing Bodies

Colin Cheetham
Die abgestufte Geltung des nemo tenetur-Grundsatzes im Kartellverfahren

10:30–11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00–12:30 *Chair: Prof. Natasha Wunsch*
Discussant: Prof. Fabio Wasserfallen

Alessia Invernizzi, Frank Schimmelfennig
Crises, Competence, and Control: EU resources and boundary formation in the European Union

Noel Lócse, Emmanuelle Mathieu
Beyond Regulation and the Market: Diversification and Coherence in EU Digital Infrastructure Policy

Silvana Tarlea, Paula Castro
The European Union and Its Member States in Global Climate Negotiations

14:00–15:30 *Chair: Dr. Silvana Tarlea*
Discussant: Dr. Philipp Lutz

Natasha Wunsch
Illiberalizing Europe? Reconceptualizing Contestation in the European Union

Valentin Lang, Johannes Lattmann
False Promise for the Left Behind: The Uneven Political Impact of European Place-Based Policies

Loris Di Marco
Discursive Framing of European Integration: NGEU Negotiations in National and EU-Wide Media

15:30–16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00–17:00 *Chair: Prof. Fabio Wasserfallen*
Discussant: Prof. Catherine Hoeffler

Maud Bachelet
Beyond cost-benefit calculations: the discursive politics of EU migration responsibility-sharing in domestic arenas

Philipp Stutz, Philipp Lutz, Florian Trauner
Failure or Resilience? How States Use the Dublin Asylum Procedures (2008–2024)