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FEATURED: MEDIATIZED EU AND NEBRIJA UNIVERSITY HOST ROUND TABLE ON THE IMPACT OF RUSSIA'S WAR IN UKRAINE ON EU GEOPOLITICS

On April 26, MEDIATIZED EU joined forces with the Faculty of Law and International Relations and the Jean Monnet Chair in EU Defence at the Nebrija University, Madrid, to hold a roundtable discussion on the impact of Russia's invasion and war in Ukraine on the geopolitical role of the EU.

The roundtable was opened by Professor Alfonso López de la Osa Escribano, Dean of the Faculty of Law and International Relations, Nebrija University and chaired by Prof. Gracia Abad Quintanal, Nebrija University. Speakers at the roundtable included Prof. Sonia Boulos, Nebrija University, Prof. Lia Tsuladze, Center for Social Sciences, Georgia, Prof. Tanya Lokot, Dublin City University and Prof. Attila Melegh, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary. Check it out [on our website](#).

MEDIATIZED EU teams meet in Madrid to discuss research progress



The MEDIATIZED EU teams met in Madrid on 27-28 April 2023 to discuss research amid the project's most intensive data collection and research analysis phase. Project Board and Quality Board meetings were also held on the bustling campus of partner Nebrija University to summarise project progress and discuss the next steps in the project timeline.

PODCAST Interviews: Dr. Lia Tsuladze discusses research on Europeanization in Georgia

Our podcast series is back! We have new episodes with an overview of MEDIATIZED EU's project design, research progress and preliminary results.

In an interview with Samuel Doveri Vesterbye, Director of the European Neighborhood Council (ENC), Dr. Lia Tsuladze, Executive Director of the Center for Social Sciences (CSS) and Associate Professor at Tbilisi State University, guided us through the project's innovative research design, her team's research progress, covering the latest analysis of Georgia's attitudes vis-à-vis the EU, in episode #3 ([click to watch or listen](#)).

For more podcast episodes, with the interviews of teams in different countries, [visit our website](#).

What have MEDIATIZED EU researchers been up to?

The MEDIATIZED EU teams have spent the last months conducting and analysing the interviews with political and media actors and preparing the surveys with the population. Each team interviewed 50 people, i.e., members of National Parliaments and the European Parliament, members and cadres in representative political parties, Government officials, and opposition leaders; and chief editors, journalists, columnists, Board Members, and CEOs of media outlets in the seven target-countries —totalling 350 people. Then, the teams analysed these interviews' results by integrating Q methodology and critical discourse analysis, and our findings are very exciting. We'll share them soon!

What's Next



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The next research stage is the population survey, and we have already prepared the questionnaire. The survey aims to grasp the public perception of how media and elite discourses frame the Europeanization process, what people think about the EU and how this is related to pragmatic, identity and sociodemographic explanatory variables. This phase is crucial for our project and enables the triangulation between the elite, the media and the public opinion. Stay tuned for our results!

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