

## Call for Papers

### Sixth Emerging Scholars Workshop on De Facto States

**14-15 May 2026 (online)**

*The De Facto States Research Unit, University of Tartu, Estonia, cordially invites applications from postgraduate students and early career scholars for its workshop. The call is open to those **working on de facto states, state recognition, secession, and related topics** from the fields of political science, international relations, history, sociology, and neighbouring disciplines.*

*Since 2021, the Emerging Scholars Workshops on De Facto States have brought together new generations of scholars working on topics related to de facto states. These events allow emerging scholars to showcase their research, exchange ideas, and to build supportive peer networks. The format of the workshop emphasises peer learning both through presenting, but also in leading discussions. Connections created through these workshops have led to various interactions and projects.*

*We look forward to continuing this mission and invite you to join the **Sixth Emerging Scholars Workshop on De Facto States**, to be held **online on 14-15 May 2026**.*

*The exact schedule of the workshop will be distributed after the application period.*

*Important dates:*

- **Abstract submissions are due by 23 March 2026.** They must include a title of the proposed presentation, a 250-350-word abstract, and a short personal statement (max 100 words). Please submit via [Google Forms](#).
  - We welcome projects in various stages of development, such as theses, whether in their initial stage or close to completion, book chapters or articles in progress etc.
  - Successful candidates will be notified no later than 6 April 2026.
- Participants are expected to **submit a (draft) paper for presentation no later than 1 May 2026**, and to prepare a 15-minute presentation for the workshop. All presenters will also serve as a discussant for one other presenter.
- no participation fee is charged.

*In case of questions, feel free to contact the organizing team.*

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