

# Winter School

18-20 February 2025

Online via Teams

Free registration and more info:

<https://bit.ly/EXP2WinterSchool>

**EXPRESS<sup>2</sup>** is a Horizon Europe project with the primary goal of strengthening European democracy through the creation of a new EU social contract that enables participation, deliberation, and decision-making by EU inhabitants. To achieve this goal, EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> proposes an explicit social contract that goes beyond the metaphorical nature and implicit consent typical of social contract theory, allowing EU inhabitants to actively participate, deliberate, and decide

on its content. Additionally, the project builds narratives that highlight the benefits of the EU and its social contract, encouraging citizens to engage in deliberation, participation, and decision-making regarding its substance.

The aims of this Winter School will be both the dissemination and discussion of the project's research results and to engage young people and students interested in the topics covered by EXPRESS<sup>2</sup>.

**A Certificate of Attendance will be awarded to those who participate all three sessions.**

## Day 1 - 18 February 2025

- 10:00-10:15 **Welcome Remarks and EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Project Presentation**  
**Antoni ABAT.** EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Scientific Coordinator (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
- 10.15-10.30 **EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Theoretical framework**  
**Antoni ABAT & Jorge PIÑERA** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
- 10:30-10:45 **Debate + Q&A**
- 10:45-11:05 **EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Disruptive Elements: Insecurity**  
**Jakob von HOLDERSTEIN HOLTERMANN** (Kobenhavns Universitet)
- 11:05-11:20 **Debate + Q&A**
- 11:20-11:40 **EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Disruptive Elements: Populism**  
**Giuseppe MARTINICO** (Scuola Superiore Santa Anna)
- 11:40-11:55 **Debate + Q&A**
- 11:55 **Conclusions and Closing Remarks (DAY 1)**  
**Antoni ABAT.** EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Scientific Coordinator (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

## Day 2 - 19 February 2025

- 10:00-10:15 **Welcome Remarks**  
**Antoni ABAT.** EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Scientific Coordinator (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
- 10:10-10:30 **EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Disruptive Elements: Gender Inequality**  
**Gülru GÖKER** (Sabanci University)
- 10:30-10:45 **Debate + Q&A**
- 10:45-11:05 **EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Disruptive Elements: Climate Change**  
**Alberto BARRIOS FERNANDEZ** (Kobenhavns Universitet)
- 11:05-11:20 **Debate + Q&A**
- 11:20-11:40 **EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Disruptive Elements: Mistrust**  
**Juan Antonio MAYORAL & Alejandro TIRADO** (Universidad Carlos III Madrid)
- 11:40-11:55 **Debate + Q&A**
- 11:55 **Conclusions and Closing Remarks (DAY 2)**  
**Antoni ABAT.** EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Scientific Coordinator (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

**Complete the Winter School** to access the **EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Young Scholar Contest**, to be held in May in Istanbul. Between 3 to 4 abstracts will be selected to be presented online, and the best of these will be included in the EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> edited monograph.

More info during the Winter School.

## Day 3 - 20 February 2025

- 10:00-10:15 **Welcome Remarks**  
**Antoni ABAT.** EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Scientific Coordinator (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
- 10:10-10:30 **EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Disruptive Elements: Digitalisation**  
**Giulia GENTILE** (University of Essex)
- 10:30-10:45 **Debate + Q&A**
- 10:45-11:05 **EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Disruptive Elements: Pandemics**  
**Beatrice MONCIUNSKAITE** (Dublin City University)
- 11:05-11:20 **Debate + Q&A**
- 11:20-11:40 **EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Intersections: Challenges and opportunities surrounding the adoption of a social contract in the context of the EU democratic deficit**  
**Jacquelyn VERALDI** (Central European University)
- 11:40-11:55 **Debate + Q&A**
- 11:55 **Conclusions and Closing Remarks of the Winter School**  
**Antoni ABAT.** EXPRESS<sup>2</sup> Scientific Coordinator (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)