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Wednesday, 9th November 2022
4:30-5:30 pm **ecasuisse Board Members Annual Assembly**

6:15-7:30 pm **Public Panel Talk** (room: 09-011)
Das 'heisse Eisen' der Schweiz-EU Beziehungen unter der Lupe: Wie populär und erfolgreich ist die Personenfreizügigkeit?
Lena Schaffer (Universität Luzern, Politikwissenschaft) | Andreas Beerli (ETH Zurich, Volkswissenschaft). **Moderation:** Tina Freyburg (Universität St.Gallen)

8:00 pm    Dinner, Lokremise St.Gallen

Thursday, 10th November 2022 (room: 52-5120)
8:30 am    Welcome Coffee and Opening Words

8:45-9:45 am **EU relations to third countries**
- *Third country access to EU agencies. Exploring space for influence* [Sandra Lavenex, Université de Genève & Philipp Lutz, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam]
- *Soft hegemony in the Eastern Partnership countries: How the EU and Russia co-opted Moldovan and Armenian societies* [Isabell Burmester, Université de Genève]

Coffee Break

9:45-10:45 am **EU reactions to the Ukraine war**
- *From normative power to big stick diplomacy: Has Russian invasion changed how MEPs conceive the EU's international role?* [Alina Felder, Universität St. Gallen & Levan Kakhishvili, Universität Bamberg]