

Call for papers

The Stall and New Start of the 1950s: European Integration at the Crossroads

In the light of the protracted and complex crisis afflicting Europe (at once economic, political, security- and migration-related), and on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, the *Journal* is issuing a call for papers for a monographic issue (“Stall and new start ...”) that will come out in the second half of 2017 (No. 3, 2017).

The recent emphasis on the importance of the Ventotene Manifesto for the history of European integration was right and proper. But there is another moment, too, that would reward closer examination. In 1954, following the French Parliament’s vote against the European Defence Community, pro-European parties and leaders were swamped by a wave of skepticism and pessimism. They reacted by organizing the conferences of Messina (1955) and Venice (1956), which laid the basis for the founding of the Common Market in 1957.

This call for papers is not intended to extract, in mechanical fashion, lessons for the present but to delve more thoroughly into the past and its still “living” questions. Papers might deal with one the following topics:

- advocates and opponents: leaders, parties, transnational circuits;
- the process of integration as seen by one of the Treaty signatory countries;

- the process of integration as seen by a third country, European or other;
- the propulsive role of the OEEC and the ECSC and their economic committees;
- the history of the Treaty of Rome – conferences, single treaty articles, etc.;
- Euratom and the Common Market: institutions, protagonists, problems;
- The European Investment Bank and development policies;
- economic cooperation with overseas countries and territories.

This list is not exhaustive. All papers that bear on the general theme and fit into the general time frame (the 1950s) will be considered. The articles, with abstract and references, must be submitted no later than 30 June 2017 to: thejournal.abi@gmail.com. Decisions on publication will be notified in September, and the monographic issue of the *Journal* will be published before the end of the year.