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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The India Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) invites proposals from qualified scholars or practitioner-researchers to serve as *Editor and Lead Contributor* of an edited volume currently titled *Europe Reader*. The project seeks to develop a substantive, research-driven publication that offers fresh perspectives on Europe's evolving political, economic, and security landscape.

Objective

KAS India aims to commission a curated publication under the auspices of an editor who would guide and contribute to a high-quality, multi-authored volume exploring key debates shaping Europe today. While the precise thematic configuration and chapter structure will be determined in consultation with the selected editor, the volume is expected to:

- Present a **holistic and analytically rigorous overview of contemporary Europe**, highlighting major trends, challenges, and opportunities across political, economic, societal, and geopolitical domains.
- Bring together **diverse scholarly and practitioner insights**, encouraging interdisciplinary approaches and comparative perspectives, including, where appropriate, reflections from India–Europe relations.
- Support **well-researched, evidence-based analysis** that remains accessible to a broad audience of policymakers, academics, students, and informed readers.
- Serve as a **cohesive, authoritative reference work**, shaped by a unifying editorial vision that integrates multiple chapter contributions.

The final volume is envisaged to be approximately **60,000–70,000 words**. The editor will be responsible for drafting one substantive chapter, overseeing contributions from additional authors, and acting as the primary intellectual and public-facing representative of the publication.

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Guidelines & Requirements for Proposals

Proposals should include:

- **A brief conceptual outline** describing your vision for the volume, including preliminary thematic directions or frameworks you may consider for structuring the *Europe Reader*.
- **An indicative chapter plan**, noting possible areas of inquiry (to be refined by the selected editor). *These may include*, for example:
 - Political and democratic developments within Europe.
 - Europe’s role in global geopolitics and security.
 - Economic transformations, technological shifts, and resilience debates.
 - Societal change, identity, and cultural dynamics in contemporary Europe.
 - Comparative or external perspectives relevant to Europe’s global engagement.
- **Your research methodology**, sources to be used, and any fieldwork or expert consultations envisioned.
- **A timeline** outlining key milestones leading up to the manuscript delivery deadline (August 2026).
- **A financial proposal**, including professional fees and any anticipated research expenses (all amounts in Indian Rupees).
- **A brief profile or CV**, highlighting prior publications, research experience, or relevant expertise.
- **Proposals should not exceed 3–4 pages.**

Details of Submission

Proposals should be submitted strictly via email to Mr. Kanishk Vij (kanishk.vij@kas.de) no later than **20th December 2025**. Kindly use the subject line: *“KAS Manuscript Proposal – China’s Secret War on Europe (followed by the name of your organisation if applicable)”*

We look forward to receiving your innovative proposals and collaborating to establish this new platform for enlightened discussions!