

Exchanging Ideas on Europe

UACES Annual Conference Edinburgh, 1-3 September 2008

Participants at the UACES Annual Conference met in Scotland's jewel in the crown, Edinburgh, on 1 September 2008 for a three-day schedule of panels, papers and presentations. The 2008 Conference was the Association's largest ever with 285 presentations and over 390 participants from 30 countries. The schedule was set for panels and lectures looking at the ordinary issues of European institutions and integration. In addition, participants presented papers on more recent issues involving the EU's relationship with other international organizations and



Jo Shaw, Alex Salmond, Drew Scott

regimes, Europe's relationship with Russia, and the failed Lisbon Treaty referendums. Participants ranged from academic staff and graduate students to practitioners and business men and women. In terms of place and presentations, the Edinburgh Conference was a success.

The Conference hosted a varied array of panels, although three substantial groups of panels stood out and are worth mentioning. Firstly, organized by David Howarth, University of Edinburgh, the Conference witnessed a series of panels on 'Completing the Single Market' throughout seven sessions. Secondly, Michael Smith, Loughborough University, organized a series of panels on the EU's external relations: 'The EU and International Regimes'. The series represented a renewed interest in regime theory and inter-organizational relations also seen in the panel entitled 'Cooperation or Conflict: Problematizing Organisational Overlap in Europe'. Finally, the cooperation between UACES and BASEES (British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies) continued with the UACES-BASEES panel series coordinated by Graham Timmins, Stirling University, and Jackie Gower, King's College London. For many participants, the panel series provided a good thematic background to the many diverse individual panels. With UACES' introduction of Collaborative Research Networks (coming in 2009), it is expected that future Conferences will have a stronger emphasis on thematic panel series.

Knowing Me ...

... Knowing You
Reports from other ECSAs (European Community Studies Associations) demonstrate the wealth of Europe-focused research and events taking place world-wide - see page 13.

New Look Website

Visit the new look UACES website: www.uaces.org which now contains many new features.

Call for JCER Editor

UACES is looking to appoint a new Editor for the JCER | Journal of Contemporary European Research. The Editor is responsible for overseeing the on-time publication of four issues a year - see page 14.

UACES Prizes



We report on the prizes awarded in 2008 for Best Book and Best Thesis. Contributions to European Studies are also marked by the Lifetime Achievement Award and the initial Practitioner Award. See page 5.

On the left: Frances Lynch accepting the Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of her husband Alan Milward.

In addition to the panels and papers, participants also observed several lectures and a 'reader meets author' session. The impact of the upcoming US elections was debated in the opening Lecture by John Peterson, University of Edinburgh and Paul Adamson, The Centre. In the JCMS Annual Review Lecture, Alberta Sbragia, University of Pittsburgh, presented her contemporary work on comparative regionalism. The book review editor of the European Law Journal, Kenneth Armstrong, Queen Mary, presented an 'author meets reader' session with the UACES 2008 prize winner for best book, Jo Shaw, from the University of Edinburgh. The final plenary saw Christian Leffler, Chef of Margot Wallström's Cabinet, Paul Gillespie from the Irish Times and John Grant, BHP Billiton, rethinking the Lisbon Treaty.



Paul Adamson, Chad Damro and John Peterson

From the quick thinking of Rt Hon Alex Salmond MSP at the National Gallery of Scotland to the moving speech by the wife of the great historian Alan Milward, the receiver of the UACES 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award, the Conference was memorable. As the UACES Conference moves from Edinburgh to Angers in the Loire Valley of France, we look forward to another great Conference.

*David Galbreath
University of Aberdeen*



Alex Warleigh-Lack

Living in Interesting Times

As I write, it is an exciting time to be an EU scholar. The response to the financial crisis has moved on from the initial 1970s-style national introversion to coordinated action and even the possibility of closer economic governance for the euro-zone. An Icelandic application to join the Union appears probable. And all this betokens a focus on the big picture – where is the EU going, why and how? Coinciding with

the start of the academic year, in which EP elections and a new Commission are also scheduled, this is a real boon for all of us who teach European integration, perhaps especially in the UK. It's a fantastic opportunity to show how the EU matters and link it to everyday politics/economics/law in a way students sometimes struggle to do. Only connect, as Forster put it.

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Within UACES, work has continued apace, albeit rather further from the headlines. The Annual Conference in Edinburgh was the largest gathering of Europeanists in the UK ever, attracting well over 400 delegates from 30 countries. You can find a feature on the conference on elsewhere in this edition of UACES News. We will hope to continue this growth at next year's event in Angers in the Loire Valley, to which I'm already looking forward immensely. Notre congrès à Angers nous fournira l'occasion d'échanger les idées sur l'Europe – comme le dit notre devise – avec un nouveau cercle de collègues francophones. Together with the recent award of the UACES Scholarships for this academic year to several outstanding projects, this is a sure sign of the depth and breadth of quality in the work being done in our field, and how much UACES is doing to facilitate and disseminate this. UACES has just launched a new venture, the collaborative research networks, with calls for new networks anticipated on an annual basis. Trailed before the Edinburgh conference, these networks will offer Members the opportunity to undertake team-based research on a particular theme of their choice, ideally on a cross-disciplinary basis, over three years. We envisage this as a pump-priming venture, with successful networks using the funding to entrench themselves on a long-term basis, and hope that Members will find this opportunity to gain funding for new research determined on a bottom-up basis rather than according to a funder's agenda very helpful. Details are available on the website, and the deadline is 2 February 2009.

We are also using the appointment of our third member of office staff, Yolana Pringle, as an opportunity to re-think UACES News. The format has changed significantly in recent years, and we have included many new features. However, we welcome suggestions about innovations to our newsletter; please send your suggestions to admin@uaces.org, by 12 January. I will report back on the results of this consultation in the next copy of UACES News.

Finally, all members who would like to play a role in UACES governance should take the opportunity to put themselves forward for election to the Committee. The nomination form, and details about what is involved in the places available as from next September, are available on the UACES website. Best wishes,

Alex Warleigh-Lack
Brunel University

The surprising thing about the EU's recent performance is that it has stood up as well as it has to the financial earthquake.

Those who complained about the EU's lack of effective power were a bit like someone complaining that their dog has not attacked the burglar, when it has been chained up with a muzzle on. The British, most prominently but not uniquely, have not wanted centralised EU regulation of financial markets. We preached the virtues of our own regulatory system, the FSA. But whether any negotiable centralised system would have been adequate to the task is doubtful.

There were some nasty surprises: the German government resisting President Sarkozy's initial attempt to devise a common approach. The Irish Single Market Commissioner defending 'his' government when it drove a coach and horses through the EU's single market rules. No wonder the Irish want to keep their Commissioner. No wonder the Lisbon Treaty seeks to reduce the number of Commissioners to get away from the Commissioners being national representatives in disguise.

But the EU did get its act together and, while the British government was first up with a coherent plan, it sensibly sought to implement it in a European context. There is a fair prospect of an EU approach to reform of the international financial institutions, although there will be plenty of argument when it comes to the EU's own future regulatory system. There is an opportunity here for the European Commission, though it may have to be brave in the face of pressures from national governments. The Commission will, in any event, need to bring forward proposals as to how to put the Competition and State Aid regimes back on track. The EU's viability depends upon putting the pieces back together again, even if in a slightly different shape. That alone gives the Commission a route in to the deeper problem of financial regulation. As it approaches the end of its term, the Commission maybe tempted to play it safe. That is understandable, but it should not allow leadership in an area vital to the single market (which largely is the single market) to pass from it to the inter-governmental control of the member states. That is a recipe for longer term, beggar-my-neighbour, disunity.

Most disappointing has been the reaction of some member states that, in present economic hard times, they cannot afford to meet their climate change commitments. The Brundtland Report of 1987 defined sustainable development as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs". Or, you might say, in the light of what we now know, "the ability of future generations to exist at all".



Sir Stephen Wall
UACES Hon President

Call for Proposal to Host the UACES Annual Conference, 2011

UACES will hold its 41st Annual and 16th Research Conference in early September 2011. We are currently inviting proposals to host this prestigious event.

Please see the website for further details and for an application form.

The deadline for proposals is 27 February 2009.

www.uaces.org

UACES Event**Biotechnology, European Law and Citizens****Belfast, 9 September 2008**

Cloning, genetic modification, stem cell research, being able to determine the sex of your child and the use of biometric data in identity cards: these were some of the applications of biotechnology discussed at the School of Law's inaugural workshop, co-organised by Mark L. Flear and Sara Ramshaw, and sponsored by the School and UACES. The papers probed how these applications are fraught with ethical and legal issues, as well as how they are hugely important for citizens, particularly in light of the increasingly important input of European law.

One group of papers focused on human rights and ethics by looking at reproductive rights in light of the European Convention of Human Rights (Thérèse Murphy), discussing the place of fundamental rights in EU regulation of human tissue and cells (Aurora Plomer and Marcella Favale), questioning whether EU biotechnology regulation can be considered ethical, and considering whether the EU's regulation of nanotechnology is a 'brave new world' (Jean McHale). Another group of papers focused on the impacts of EU law on identity, culture and citizenship, ranging from interrogating the place of culture in the interpretation of fundamental rights (Mark Taylor), to a look at the impact on identity of using biometric data in national identity cards (Sara Ramshaw), activism surrounding genetically modified organisms in the food industry (Darren McCauley), protecting citizens' interests in EU regulation of human material (Anne-Maree Farrell), and developing a strategy for citizens' engagement with EU regulation (Mark Flear).

The event was publicised in all the leading EU law and policy networks, including UACES, SLS and SLSA. The event attracted attendance by School of Law staff members and members of the medical and nursing professions. Knowledge transfer was promoted through media interviews with Citybeat (news clip, 8 September), BBC Radio Ulster (Good Morning Ulster 7.20 am, 9 September, brief interview, and Sunday Sequence, 8.30 am, 14 September, interviews with workshop participants). The participants agreed that the Workshop was rewarding and in an exciting area. The Workshop concluded with a group session where points from individual papers were flagged and link across papers were made. This provided an excellent opportunity to highlight core themes and develop research capacity for future events. Several of the papers will be published as a special issue of the Maastricht Journal in spring 2009. The Workshop has laid the foundations for further interdisciplinary research between law schools across the UK. For more information see: www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofLaw/NewsandEvents/Events/AnnualWorkshop

Mark Flear
Queen's University Belfast

Call for UACES Collaborative Research Networks

Invitation to propose a new Collaborative Research Network (CRN). Up to £5,000 over a three year period, for three networks to bring together scholars from a variety of approaches and/or disciplines.

Deadline 2 February 2009

Full details on page 6.



EXCHANGING IDEAS ON EUROPE 2009

Views from France, Views Beyond the Mainstream

Angers, France 3-5 September 2009

The Call for panels and papers is now available. **Deadline: 23 January 2009**

Confirmed sessions include:

Round Table: *Challenging the Mainstream in EU Studies: Critical and Spatial Perspectives*

Speakers:

Ian Manners, Royal Danish Institute of Int. Affairs
Sabine Saurugger, Grenoble
Allan Williams, London Metropolitan
Chair: Andy Smith, Sciences Po Bordeaux

JCMS Annual Review Lecture
Vivien Schmidt, Boston University

Contact: www.uaces.org

BASEES-UACES EU-Russia Research Network

The network is a joint initiative by UACES and BASEES (the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies) to encourage cooperation and dialogue between researchers from the two academic communities on a wide range of issues concerning EU-Russian relations.

A workshop on EU-Russian Relations after the War in Georgia was held at the University of Wolverhampton on 21 November. We are also organising a panel on the same subject at the BASEES annual conference in Cambridge at the end of March 2009, with three eminent speakers: Professor Mariana Larionova, Higher School of Economics (Moscow State University); Fraser Cameron, Director of the EU-Russia Centre, Brussels; and Taneli Lahti, EU Commission Delegation in Moscow.

Plans are already underway for other activities in 2009. In particular, we hope to put together several panels at the UACES Conference in Angers, Loire Valley in September. Anyone interested in presenting an individual paper or putting together a panel under the Network banner is asked to contact one of the coordinators as soon as possible. One idea is to explore the bilateral relations of individual EU member states with Russia and assess the impact on the conduct of EU-level policy, with a view to producing an edited volume. The Network is open to anyone engaged in research in the field or who is interested in participating in discussion of the issues involved in the EU-Russia relationship.

Info: www.uaces.org; contact: jackie.gower@kcl.ac.uk

Jackie Gower
King's College London

The European Minority Rights Regime: Interests, Power and Knowledge

More than any previous EU enlargement, the 2004 and 2007 rounds highlighted the issue of national minorities in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). While the EU was primarily responsible for candidates' compliance with minority criteria, the OSCE and the Council of Europe also played an important monitoring role. The cooperation among these three organizations on minority rights since the end of the Cold War and particularly in the context of the recent enlargements has arguably led to the creation of a European minority rights regime.

Funded by the Leverhulme Trust, our project seeks to explore the development of the European minority rights regime; the extent of coordination among the three organizations; and the impact of the regime in three case studies: Latvia, Bulgaria, and Romania. While there is an extensive literature on EU conditionality, the role of regional organizations in European integration, and a growing interest in the post-enlargement effects of the EU's minority condition, we argue for a greater understanding of these elements as an international regime. Our focus is in determining how the regime works. Thus, we consider three competing approaches in the international regime literature: interests, power and knowledge. Each approach suggests different assumptions to help explain international cooperation and generates separate hypotheses to analyse the European minority rights regime.

Interest-based explanations of regimes insist that actors are self-interested and only come together when there is a dilemma of common interests or common aversions. Our first hypothesis is that the European minority rights regime is not an actor in and of itself but rather an instrument to be used by Western European states. Power-based approaches concentrate on the power dynamics between actors and assume that regimes will be used by the powerful to enforce submission on the less powerful. Our second hypothesis is that the regime is a tool to enforce conditionality on the CEE states. Finally, knowledge-based approaches see organizations as epistemic communities that coordinate and regulate complex issues that require expert knowledge. Our third hypothesis, then, is that the European national minority rights regime provides an epistemic community to regulate and coordinate common standards of minority rights protection. The project explores the merits and difficulties of each of these separate approaches and argues that together, interests, power and knowledge provide greater explanatory power for the development and operation of the European national minority rights regime.

The data for the project are drawn from extensive qualitative research on the extent of cooperation among the EU, OSCE and the Council of Europe and the effects of inter-organizational coordination in Latvia, Bulgaria and Romania. In addition to analysis of relevant policy documents, the data collection focuses on 70 in-depth interviews with key staff in the three organizations and the three case studies.

For more information on the project please contact: David J. Galbreath d.galbreath@abdn.ac.uk or Joanne McEvoy j.mcevoy@abdn.ac.uk at the University of Aberdeen.



David J. Galbreath has been appointed senior lecturer at the University of Aberdeen. He joined the Department of Politics and International Relations in 2004.



Lars Hoffmann has joined the Eunacon Project at the University of Tilburg as a Resident Fellow. Eunacon is a major ERC-funded four-year project aiming to identify, analyse and compare national constitutional concepts and principles and to identify commonality as well as constitutional diversity across EU member states.



Stephan Keukeleire, Jean Monnet Professor in European Foreign Policy in the Institute for International and European Policy (University of Leuven) and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe (Bruges), was appointed Director of the new Master of European Studies: Transnational and Global Perspectives (www.ghum.kuleuven.be/ces).



Beate Kohler-Koch, Mannheim University, was awarded a Doctor honoris causa by the University of Oslo on the occasion of the University's annual celebration in September 2008.



Imelda Maher reports that **Deirdre Curtin** (University of Amsterdam Law Faculty and the School of Governance at the University of Utrecht) was recently awarded an honorary Doctorate in Laws by University College Dublin for her outstanding contribution to research and policy in the fields of International and European Law and Governance.



Liz Monaghan has been appointed Lecturer in the Department of Politics and International Studies at The University of Hull, and becomes a member of the Centre for European Union Studies (CEUS), which is based in the department.



Stijn Smismans, Reader at Cardiff Law School, has been awarded a Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law and Governance by the European Commission. The Chair provides funding for several interdisciplinary activities on European law and governance, including workshops and a guest lecture series.



Alex Warleigh-Lack gave his Inaugural Lecture at Brunel University, entitled 'Euro-Visions: Where Will the EU Be in 2020?' It was attended by an audience which included UACES Members, Michael Pistecky of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Sue Davis, Executive Director.

Feature on Research is now edited by Kenneth Armstrong, Queen Mary, University of London. For feedback, comments or contributions, please contact Kenneth on k.a.armstrong@qmul.ac.uk.

Prizes in 2008

Lifetime Achievement Award: Alan Milward

An award for 'Lifetime Achievement in Contemporary European Studies' was presented to Alan Milward, Professor Emeritus of Economic History, LSE. The presentation was made at the UACES Annual Conference in Edinburgh, UK, 2008 (See front page for picture). Perhaps the leading EU historian, Alan S. Milward's career has culminated as Professor Emeritus at the European University Institute, Florence and Official Historian of Her Majesty's Government after a glittering career. His many publications include at least two landmark books in European studies, *The Frontier of National Sovereignty* and, perhaps most famously, *The European Rescue of the Nation State*. His published works while at the Cabinet Office included volume one of *UK Accession to the European Communities*, and he was working on volumes 2 and 3 when he had to resign from his post due to ill health. Professor Milward has been a devoted inter-disciplinary scholar determined to bring history and the social sciences together.

UACES Practitioner Prize: David Edward



Alex Warleigh-Lack and David Edward

The inaugural prize was awarded in 2008 to Rt Hon Sir David Edward, KC MG, GC, LL.D., DHC, FRSE, Emeritus Professor at the University of Edinburgh. A judge on both the Court of First Instance (1989-92) and then

the European Court of Justice (1992-2004), Sir David has been influential not only in developing the jurisprudence and law of the EU, but in explaining and evaluating the role of the Courts to a range of audiences through means such as his books, engagement with students, and his oral history site at the University of Denver. He has a distinguished career as both a practitioner and an academic, and is Professor Emeritus at Edinburgh.

Best Book: Jo Shaw



Jo Shaw

The prize for best book has been awarded to Jo Shaw for her book 'The Transformation of Citizenship in the European Union', Cambridge University Press. The panel of judges comments noted that this ambitious book is set to become the 'bible for anyone interested in European citizenship'. Magisterial yet readable, this truly interdisciplinary book uses the case of electoral rights for non-nationals as the basis of a broader enquiry into the transformation of the nature of citizenship in contemporary Europe. Uniting theory and empirical investigation, the book should act as an ambassador for European studies

to other fields. It is expected to be a future classic.

Best PhD: Mihalios Kritikos



Mihalios Kritikos and Stephen Wall

The prize for the best thesis 2008 has been awarded to Mihalios Kritikos, Department of Law, from the London School of Economics & Political Science who was supervised by Damian Chalmers and Veerle Heyvaert. His thesis was entitled *Institutions and Science in the Authorization of GMO Releases in the EU (1990 – 2007): The False Promise of Proceduralism*. The judges commented that this was a truly interdisciplinary thesis on an important and under-studied issue and is a tightly-argued, well-designed and well-executed piece of research. They praised it as being extremely impressive and likely to generate high-quality important publications.

JCMS Prize for Best Article: John Bachtler and Carlos Mendez



Michael Smith and John Bachtler

John Bachtler and Carlos Mendez, both from the University of Strathclyde, were awarded the best Article prize for their piece 'Who Governs EU Cohesion Policy? Deconstructing the Reforms of the Structural Funds'

(Volume 45, Number 3, pp. 535-564). Michael Smith, Chair of the Selection Panel, presented the prize to John Bachtler at the Annual Conference in Edinburgh.

JCER-UACES Student Forum Research Article: John Lutton

Please see the separate JCER item on this award elsewhere in the newsletter for the details of this prize, which was presented at the Research Students' Conference in November.

UACES Prizes 2009

UACES is pleased to invite nominations for the following prizes, which will be awarded at the Exchanging Ideas on Europe 2009 Conference in Angers, Loire Valley, 3-5 September 2009:

UACES Prizes for
**Best PhD Thesis and Best Book
in Contemporary European Studies**

Deadline: 31 March 2009

For further information please see www.uaces.org

Call for UACES Collaborative Research Networks

UACES' core function is to promote the exchange of ideas on Europe. In addition to our existing publications, conferences, workshops and other activities, we wish to invite proposals from the membership to establish new Collaborative Research Networks (CRNs). Successful networks will receive up to £5,000 over a three year period. It is intended to fund 3 CRNs from this initial call. **The deadline for applications is 2 February 2009. Proposals are to be sent to Luke Foster, ldfoster@uaces.org.**

Proposals must set out a clear plan for the intended three-year funding period, and contain a signed commitment by the authorised representative of a suitable venue to host any intended CRN events other than those at the UACES Annual Conference. Proposals must also include the following information:

- Name, position and email address of network co-ordinator(s);
- Area of research activity, including the intellectual rationale for establishing a CRN in this field (300-500 words);
- List of intended members of the network, with a clear indication regarding who has already agreed to participate;
- A statement of the CRN's intended activities and outputs, together with targets;
- A budget for the three year funding period, including an annual budget; (networks are expected to begin in Spring 2009);
- A commitment from the intended co-ordinator of the CRN or suitable Higher Education Institution officer to administer the financial aspects of the network. UACES will not pay overheads;
- Signed commitment by the authorised representative of a suitable venue to host any intended CRN events.

Applications will be considered by a panel composed of Members of the UACES Committee. Preference will be given to networks which bring together scholars from a variety of approaches and/or disciplines, including where appropriate beyond the social sciences and humanities, in keeping with UACES' mission.

Eligibility

- UACES CRNs must be proposed by an individual member of UACES who works at a recognized HEI and would act as the CRN co-ordinator in the event of a successful application;
- CRNs should ideally bring together established and early career researchers, but post-graduate members are not eligible to be proposers of a CRN;
- CRNs may bring together academics and policy-makers;
- CRNs may include relevant people who are not UACES members, but CRN coordinators will be expected to promote the inclusion of UACES members in their CRN.

Funding duration

UACES CRNs will be funded for a three-year period, with an initial tranche paid in year 1 of activity and the remainder to be paid upon successful completion of the first year, as indicated by a report submitted to, and approved by, the UACES committee. The aim is for CRNs to become self-funding by the end of the three-year UACES funding period. It is unlikely that a CRN would be funded for more than one three-year term.

Core CRN activities

- Organise research meetings and workshops;
- Propose UACES Annual Conference panels;
- Maintain a visible and up-to-date web presence and email network, in accordance with the host institution's guidelines;
- Members will act as referees for Annual Conference panel paper and/or panel proposals if required;
- Generate contributions to UACES' various publications, as appropriate.

Further Network obligations

- Annual report on activities to the UACES Committee;
- Publicity for UACES at any network event including those which are co-sponsored with other funders (e.g. if the network creates a panel at another organisation's conference).

Alex Warleigh-Lack
Brunel University

Andrew W. Mellon East-Central European Research Visiting Fellowships in the Humanities and Social Sciences 2009/2010

The three-month fellowships will enable senior scholars from Eastern and Central Europe to work on their research projects within the frame of the scholarly community and activities of the IWM. **Deadline for application: 23 December 2008**

The Józef Tischner Fellowship 2009

Will be awarded to a younger Polish or Polish-American researcher (Ph.D. candidate or post-doc) working on a project in the context of our main research fields. **Deadline for application: 23 December 2008**

Info: www.iwm.at/fellowships.htm

Proposal to host a UACES Sponsored Event

The **deadline** to apply for UACES funding to help support an event is **Friday 3 February 2009**. Please see also see www.uaces.org for further details on how to apply. Once new events are agreed (three times per year) details will be posted on the UACES events calendar on the website.

UACES supports the College of Europe in the recruitment of students from the United Kingdom for Masters Programmes at the College's Bruges and Natolin campuses. UACES also provides administrative support to the UK Selection Committee which awards scholarships. This year 28 scholarships of up to €17,640 each are available.

- EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies
- European Interdisciplinary Studies
- European Political and Administrative Studies
- European Economic Studies
- European Legal Studies

The deadline for applications is:
15 January 2009

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UACES-Reuters 'Reporting Europe' Prize 2009



Nominations now open

2008 winner:

Allan Little
(BBC)
'How divided
Europe came
together'

Have you watched, heard or read
an outstanding report on Europe during 2008?

Nominations are now open for the 2009 UACES-Reuters 'Reporting Europe' Prize. Any English-language newspaper, radio, television or blog entry will be accepted. Please see www.uaces.org for further details.

Deadline for nominations: 8 February 2009

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What Can an EDC Do for You?

European Documentation Centres (EDCs) exist throughout the European Union. They are neutral collections of the EU's official publications, usually located in academic libraries.

EDC status originally entitled the host libraries to receive one copy, free of charge, of most significant publications and documents of the EU. However the latest EDC Agreement reflects the advent of online publishing, allowing the Commission to fulfil its obligation by electronic distribution.



Visitor using the EDC

Previously, free publications made EDC status obviously advantageous, but that is now questionable: it is easy, mistakenly, to assume that your university's EDC is just a store of dust-gathering documents. It isn't! Early documentation was poorly indexed and difficult to trace. Over time, EDC librarians catalogued and indexed their collections, making obscure material available and later selecting significant documents for electronic archives. This experience developed a vast store of collective knowledge, shared information, contacts and good will.

The EDC Agreement requires host libraries to place qualified librarians in charge of EDCs, and the expertise of this network of professionals continues to grow. EDC librarians understand the structure of the EU and its documentation, they know how to look beyond Europa and EUR-Lex, and they are there to help you. All EDC host structures must undertake to promote and develop study and research in the field of European integration. EDC status guarantees not only that the institution is a focus of expertise but also that you can draw upon a high quality EU information service.

Margaret Watson
Academic Services Librarian
Bodleian Law Library



Constitutionalism and Governance Beyond the State

The editors of ConWEB – Jutta Brunnee (Law, University of Toronto) and Antje Wiener (Politics and IR, University of Bath) – invite the submission of unsolicited manuscripts from social science and law backgrounds which address the broad themes of constitutionalism and governance beyond the state. Papers focusing on international relations, international law, European integration theories and/or empirical studies of complex state contexts and international relations are welcome. Interdisciplinary work is particularly encouraged.

Published and papers can be accessed via the ConWEB homepage under www.bath.ac.uk/esml/conWEB. Papers should be submitted by email attachment to either of the editors, Jutta Brunnee (jutta.brunnee@utoronto.ca) or Antje Wiener (A.Wiener@bath.ac.uk).

November

UACES Event

EU Nationals in the UK Labour Force: Economic Migrants or Free-Moving Citizens of the EU?

Loughborough, UK
27-28 November 2008
 Contact: Helen Drake h.p.drake@lboro.ac.uk

December

Social Reality Stocktaking – Social Models: British, European, or not that different?

London, UK
16 December 2008
 Half-day conference jointly organised by The Federal Trust and Global Policy Institute, with funding from the European Commission Representation in the UK.
 Confirmed speakers: Frédéric Lerais, Bureau of European Policy Advisers, European Commission; Jorma Karppinen, Director, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions; Henning Meyer, Head of European Programme, Global Policy Institute.
 Contact: Ulrike Rüb-Taylor ulrike.rub@fedtrust.co.uk

January

The Changing Constellation of the Enlarging European Union

Durham, UK
23 January 2009
 The conference will concentrate on a more comprehensive analysis of the changing power balance within the EU-27. The one-day joint Specialist Group conference will consequently examine in which way the new member states are influencing the EU policy agenda and how the EU-15 member states respond to this process.
 Contact: Christian Schweiger christian.schweiger@durham.ac.uk

February

The EU's Role in the World: A British Decision between Atlanticism and Europe?

Bath, UK
4 February 2009
 Half-day conference jointly organised by The Federal Trust and Global Policy Institute and hosted by the University of Bath, with funding from the European Commission Representation in the UK.
 Contact: Ulrike Rüb-Taylor ulrike.rub@fedtrust.co.uk

Workshop on the Review of the EU Budget

Royal Holloway, UK
19-20 February 2009
 Papers will cover the rationale and negotiation of the EU budget, and the effects of budgetary reform on agriculture, regional development, research, and foreign and security policy. Registration is free of charge to academics, postgraduate students and practitioners.
 Contact: a.pym@rhul.ac.uk

March

UACES Event

Europe and Pragmatic Islamic Movements: Perceptions of Democratisation in the Middle East

Birmingham, UK
6 March 2009
 The workshop seeks to bring together key voices from the Middle East, who will elucidate precisely what democracy means for the people in the region. High-profile European and Middle Eastern scholars will consider the proposal that the EU must engage with Islamic movements if it wishes to play a role in the Middle East.
 Contact: Michelle Pace m.pace@bham.ac.uk

Euro-Elections

Leeds, UK
13 March 2009
 Speakers at this conference include MPs and MEPs for Yorkshire and Humber, media practitioners, academics, researchers and local authorities.
 Info: www.jmcelab.wordpress.com

The Budget Review: Does the UK Need its Rebate?

London, UK
20 March 2009
 Jointly organised by The Federal Trust and Global Policy Institute, with funding from the European Commission Representation in the UK.
 Contact: Ulrike Rüb-Taylor ulrike.rub@fedtrust.co.uk

April

UACES Event

UACES–Reuters Reporting-Europe Award Ceremony

London, UK
7 April 2009
 Nominations are welcome. All members will be invited to the evening Awards Ceremony at the Thomson Reuters building in Canary Wharf, London
 Contact: Yolana Pringle admin@uaces.org

Legal Education: Extending the Boundaries

Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
5-7 April 2009
 The Association of Law Teachers' 44th Annual Conference will include a range of papers and presentations from academics and practitioners from Europe and further afield; including business, criminal and human rights law as well as the pedagogic dimension of teaching law.
 Contact: Hugo de Rijke h.derijke@plymouth.ac.uk
 Info: www.lawteacher-uk.com/alt2009.aspx

Brussels Subsidised Study Tour

Brussels, Belgium
14-17 April 2009
 The European Atlantic Movement (TEAM) invites applications: there are 30 places available for UK serving teachers and lecturers. Bursaries from the Financial Times subsidise the costs (£300 single room, £200 shared).
 Info: www.european-atlantic.org.uk

EUSA Biennial International Conference

Los Angeles, USA

23-25 April 2009

Info: www.eustudies.org

Migration - An Island View: Can Britain Pull up the Drawbridge?

London, UK

24 April 2009

Organised jointly by The Federal Trust and Global Policy Institute, with funding from the European Commission Representation in the UK.

Contact: Ulrike Rüb-Taylor ulrike.rub@fedtrust.co.uk

The Single Market Review: Is the Single Market a good Deal for British Business?

London, UK

8 May 2009

Organised by The Federal Trust and Global Policy Institute, with funding from the UK's European Commission Representation.

Contact: Ulrike Rüb-Taylor ulrike.rub@fedtrust.co.uk

The European Union and Global Emergencies

Durham UK

8-9 May 2009

Info: www.dur.ac.uk/deli

Bringing the Policy Back In: A Substantive Agenda for the New European Union

University of Birmingham, UK

14-15 May 2009

Where is the European Union's policy programme going in 2009? This conference seeks to redress the imbalance, which has in recent times placed an overemphasis on constitutional arrangements, marginalising debate on the proper role of EU policies in times of increasing global uncertainty.

Info: www.eupolicies09.bham.ac.uk

UACES Event

Values and the European Union: 'What Binds Europeans Together?'

Glasgow, UK

24-25 April 2009

As EU states and institutions attempt to collectively contain global financial crises, this workshop will examine the claim that there is a distinctively European self-definition and ethos, rooted in common historical experiences and evident in Europeans' commitments, approaches, and preferences.

The call for papers for this event is out (deadline 31

December 2008). Further details on www.uaces.org

Contact Myrto Tsakatika m.tsakatika@lbss.gla.ac.uk or Lynn

Dobson l.dobson@ed.ac.uk

June

A Single Market for the 21st Century: Challenges and Perspectives

Liverpool Law School, UK

25 June 2009

This conference will deliberate critically upon a range of topics, chosen to reflect the disparate opportunities and challenges now facing the single market, but which cumulatively play a decisive role in shaping the very identity of European economic integration – its relevance to the citizen, its capacity to deliver greater prosperity, its ability to respect and promote wider social values and its place within the international economic order.

Info: www.liv.ac.uk/law

Contact: Michael Dougan m.dougan@liv.ac.uk or Arianna

Andreangeli a.andreangeli@liverpool.ac.uk

May

UACES Event

Climate Change and Inter-Governmental Relations in Transatlantic Perspective

Edinburgh, UK

1 May 2009

This conference will explore the EU's environmental governance agenda in relation to climate change and intergovernmental relations. Bringing together experts from across European universities, practitioners from Scotland, EU and the US, as well as a range of visiting academics, the conference will offer an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective on this issue.

Contact: Elizabeth Bomberg e.bomberg@ed.ac.uk

September

UACES Event

Exchanging Ideas on Europe 2009: Views from France, Views beyond the Mainstream

Angers, Loire Valley, France

3-5 September 2009

Vivien Schmidt, (Boston University) will give the JCMS Annual Review Lecture. The round table session will focus on non-mainstream perspectives of European studies. The deadline for the Call for panels and papers is 23 January 2009.

Info: UACES www.uaces.org

See also page 3 of this UACES News.

UACES Event

A Clash of Agendas? EU Policy in the Black Sea Region

Leicester, UK

8 May 2009

The conference will bring together academics and some policy actors to discuss the varying aspects of EU policy towards the Black Sea region. It will look at the overlapping and sometimes dissonant aims of initiatives such as Black Sea Synergy and Eastern Partnership and how they interact with organisations such as Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), as well as discussing how goals such as economic cooperation, energy security, conflict resolution and democratisation can be pursued harmoniously.

Contact: Karen Henderson kh10@le.ac.uk

L'Etat de la Science Politique Francophone

Grenoble, France

7-9 September 2009

The Conference of the Association Française de Science Politique, celebrates its 60th Anniversary in 2009, and the 3rd international conference of French Political Studies Association. Grenoble is a straightforward train journey from the UACES conference in Angers.

Info: www.congresafsp2009.fr

The Cultural Lens

Deadline: 15 December 2008

Florence, Italy

This conference, held at the EUI from 6-7 February 2009, will outline concrete cases of the use of cultural history approaches and methodologies concerning any period and any research area related to the History of European Integration.

Contact: heirs-eu@uk2.net

The EU in a Comparative Perspective

Deadline: 15 December 2008

Dalhousie University, Canada

The workshop will take place on 26-28 April 2009.

Info: www.euce.dal.ca

UACES Study Group: Values and the European Union: 'What Binds Europeans Together?'

Deadline: 31 December 2008

Glasgow, UK

This workshop will be held on 24-25 April 2009 at the University of Glasgow. For details on its seven different themes, please visit www.uaces.org or contact m.tsakatika@lbss.gla.ac.uk and l.dobson@ed.ac.uk.

Sustainable Solutions to Social Inclusion

Deadline: 16 January 2009

Surfers Paradise, Australia

This conference is held from 15-17 April 2009. It will provide a forum for the sharing of ideas and knowledge about the value of creativity as a means of engendering social inclusion.

Contact: creativecommunities@griffith.edu.au

Europe: A Continent of Paradoxes

Deadline: 30 January 2009

Birmingham, UK

The postgraduate conference, held from 16-18 April 2009, will question the extent to which different degrees of divergence and convergence are displayed in the historical, current and future development of Europe's structures, practices and identities.

Contact: gcf@contacts.bham.ac.uk

The 10th International DSI Conference:

Bridge the World

Deadline: 1 February 2009

Nancy, France

This conference will be held from 24-27 June 2009. The range of subjects includes international relations, international business, law, health care, innovative education, business ethics and E-Commerce.

Info: www.internationaldsi.org

Prospects for Cooperation and Competition between the EU and China in the 21st Century

Bruges, Belgium

Papers for this workshop held at the College of Europe from 3-4 April 2009 should cover any dimensions of EU-China Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: political or economic relations, normative dimension, environmental issues.

Contact: Jing Men on jing.men@coleurope.eu

Europe's Expansions and Contractions

Adelaide, Australia

This conference, held on 6-9 July 2009, will focus on Europe's expansions and contractions, whether achieved through politics, trade or warfare.

Contact: matthew.fitzpatrick@flinders.edu.au

Info: www.theaaeh.org

University of Leeds

JMECE LAB

On 23 October 2008 the UK Minister for Europe, Caroline Flint MP, visited the JMECE Lab. In her inaugural speech in her new role as the Europe Minister, the former Housing Minister and



Stergios Mavrikis, Francisco Seoane Pérez, Caroline Flint MP, Fabro Steibel and Juliet Lodge

Yorkshire Minister outlined her vision for the future of Europe: "British citizens do not need to love the European Union, but need to appreciate its role in solving the current financial crisis."

On 31 October 2008 the EU's 26 Ambassadors to the UK visit the University of Leeds invited by JMECE Lab. French Ambassador in UK, Maurice Gourdault-Montagne, visited the University of Leeds on behalf of the EU French Presidency. He was accompanied by



26 EU Ambassadors to the UK visit JMECE Lab

all the other 25 Ambassadors. The event included talks and a Q&A session organised by the JMECE Lab. Both events are part of the 'Future Visions of Europe' and 'Europe in my eyes' projects supported by the EU Commission and the European Parliament.

Stergios Mavrikis
University of Leeds

European Voice EU Studies Fair

Brussels, 7 February 2009

The 'EU Studies Fair' and the accompanying 'EU Studies Guide' focus on postgraduate programmes in European studies, politics, law and international relations.

www.eustudiesfair.com

The Limits of Europeanization: Reform Capacity and Conflict in Greece

Kevin Featherstone and Dimitris Papadimitriou
Palgrave Macmillan, 2008
ISBN: 0230007066
GBP 55.00

Adapting to European Integration? Kaliningrad, Russia and the European Union

Stefan Gänzle, Guido Müntel and Evgeny Vinokurov (eds.)
Manchester University Press, 2008
ISBN 9780719079016
GBP 65.00

Gender and the Open Method of Coordination, Perspectives on Law, Governance and Equality in the EU

F. Beveridge and S. Velluti (eds.)
Ashgate, 2008
ISBN 9780754673439
GBP 55.00

Innovation in Environmental Policy? Integrating the Environment for Sustainability

A.J. Jordan and A. Lenschow (eds.)
Edward Elgar: Cheltenham, 2008
ISBN 9781847204905
GBP 65.00

Opening EU Governance to Civil Society – Gains and Challenges

Beate Kohler-Koch, Dirk De Bièvre, William Maloney (eds.)
CONNEX Report Series, Vol. 5, 2008
ISSN 18641539/5
Available free: www.connex-network.org/series

Efficient and Democratic Governance in Multi-Level Europe

Beate Kohler-Koch, Fabrice Larat (eds.)
CONNEX Report Series, Vol. 9, 2008
ISSN 18641539/9
Available free: www.connex-network.org/series

Promoting Sustainable Electricity in Europe: Challenging the Path Dependence of Dominant Energy Systems

William M. Lafferty and Audun Ruud (eds.)
Edward Elgar, October, 2008
ISBN 978 1847208071
GBP 68.00 (when ordering on www.e-elgar-environment.com)

Netzwerke im europäischen Mehr- ebenensystem: Von 1945 bis zur Gegenwart

Michael Gehler, Wolfram Kaiser, Brigitte Leucht (eds.)
Böhlau, Vienna 2009
ISBN: 320577745X
Euro 49.00

The EU and International Organizations

Knud Erik Jørgensen (ed.)
Routledge, 2008
ISBN 9780415467384
USD 140.00

Political Responsibility and the EU

Myrto Tsakatika
Manchester University Press, 2008
ISBN 9780719075155
GBP 60.00

Syria and the Euro-Mediterranean Relationship

Jörg Michael Dostal and Anja Zorob
Lynne Rienner Publisher, 2008
ISBN: 9780955968723
USD 14.95

Europe and Asia: Regions in Flux

Philomena Murray (ed.)
Palgrave Macmillan, 2008
ISBN 0230542662
GBP 55.00

Behind Closed Doors: the EU Negotiations that Shaped Modern Ireland

Peter Brennan
Blackhall Publishing, 2008
ISBN 9781842181393
Euro 35.00

The Climate Change Challenge: Strategic Issues, Options and Implications for Ireland

Peter Brennan and Joe Curtin (eds.)
Institute for International and European Affairs, October 2008
ISBN 9781874109945
Euro 25.00

The Europeanization of Cyprus: Polity, Policies and Politics

Angelos Sepos
Palgrave Macmillan, 2008
ISBN 0230019463
GBP 50.00

Competition Policy in the European Union, 2nd Edition

Michelle Cini and Lee McGowan
Palgrave Macmillan, 2008
ISBN 9780230006768
GBP 23.99

The European Parliament, 2nd Edition

David Judge and David Earnshaw
Palgrave Macmillan, 2008
ISBN 9780230001428
GBP 24.99

Constitutionalizing the European Union

Thomas Christiansen and Christine Reh
Palgrave Macmillan, 2009
ISBN 9781403932501
GBP 22.99

European Union: The Basics

Alex Warleigh-Lack
Routledge, 2008
ISBN 978-0415414678 (Pb) / ISBN 9780415414661 (Hb)
GBP 9.99 (Pb) / GBP 50.00 (Hb)

Loughborough University

Under the leadership of UACES Members Mike Smith, Dave Allen, and now Mark Webber, the Department of Politics, International Relations and European Studies (PIRES) at Loughborough University has evolved. From the Department of European Studies that was established in 1972, and which established an excellent reputation in EU and Area Studies, we now also enjoy an extensive scholarly engagement with the Politics, International Relations and History subject disciplines.



Staff at PIREs at Loughborough University

Accordingly, we have expanded our staff numbers and our range of degree programmes, and welcome growing numbers of PhD students and visiting faculty, who find themselves provided with office space, generous IT provision and a friendly environment to help bring their research to fruition.

Our newest staff members (Daniel Conway, Oliver Daddow, Rob Dover, Brian Hocking, Moya Lloyd, Chris Szejnmann and Tamu Tamaki) bring a wide range of research interests into the Department, including extra-European regional specialisms. Their expertise encompasses British foreign policy (including Euroscepticism); critical historiography; government intelligence; British and European foreign and defence policy; innovations in diplomacy; sexuality and citizenship; contemporary political theory; Japanese identity construction; and the background of Nazism in Germany.

All of these interests feed into our research centre, CSIG (Centre for the Study of International Governance). CSIG runs an active programme of seminars, colloquia and other events, and welcomes visiting scholars who wish to contribute to this aspect of life in PIREs.

Our centre concentrates its resources around a number of themes (governance and its alternatives; diplomacy and governance; Britain in the World; the IR of the EU; and governance and security) and these house, in particular, a leading centre of excellence in Anarchist studies, and a growing strength in the governance of sport.

We welcome expressions of interest from colleagues in and outside Britain for periods of attachment to CSIG; this might be for a period of a few weeks, or several months. We also welcome approaches from other research groups and individual researchers to discuss working arrangements in our mutual interest.

Potential visitors should complete the form available at: www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/eu/CSIG/Documents/Docs/CSIG_VisitorEnquiryForm.doc.

Loughborough was voted 'Best Student Experience' in 2007 for the third year running, and in September 2008, won the Sunday Times' award for University of the Year.

Helen Drake
Loughborough University

University of Zagreb

The University of Zagreb is the oldest and largest Croatian University. Since 2003, its department of European Public Law is the focal point of European legal studies. The Department hosts the Jean Monnet Chair, held by Siniša Rodin, and two Jean Monnet modules, held by Tamara Capeta and Iris Goldner Lang. These teaching activities deal with a wide range of EU law topics, including the internal market and the EU judicial jurisdiction (more information at www.pravo.hr/ejp). A basic EU law course is offered to students of the 2nd year of legal studies, while two additional courses, dealing with the Internal Market of the EU and the EU Regulatory Method, are offered to the students of the 5th year. Our students regularly take part in the European Law Moot Court Competition and were runners-up in the All-European finals before the European Court of Justice in 2006 and 2008.



Recent Symposium featuring Cornell's Professor Mitchell Lasser (far right) seated next to Siniša Rodin

The department is particularly proud of the interdisciplinary Advanced Master of European Studies (AMES) programme in English language which is organised in cooperation with the Faculty of Political Science and sponsored by the Danish pre-accession assistance programme. Every academic year, admission to the programme is opened to 40 Croatian and international students (more information at www.mes.com.hr). The department is also organising an annual seminar dealing with advanced issues of European law. The seminar, which usually takes place in late April at the Inter-University Centre in Dubrovnik is of particular interest for doctoral students and junior researchers, as it explores cutting-edge issues of European integration. The 2009 session is titled *Boundaries of EU Law After the Lisbon Treaty* and will be held on April 19-26 (more information at www.pravo.hr/EJP/jean_monnet_projekt/dubrovnik_2009). The department publishes the *Croatian Yearbook of European Law & Policy*, the only legal periodical in Croatia published in English language. The Yearbook is looking for contributions focusing on Central and East European and regional issues of European integration (more information and submission of manuscripts at www.cyelp.com).

Although Croatia is still not participating in the Erasmus programme, visiting students may be interested in taking the AMES or the Dubrovnik seminar. We also encourage research students to apply for the short-term visitor programme and take benefit from working with our Jean Monnet team at the University of Zagreb. Research interests of the faculty include areas of internal market law, gender equality law, issues of European judicial process, Central and East European legal adjustment and legal culture. The department is participating in one FP7 project and a number of national research activities. Current projects include publication of an edited volume dedicated to the Lisbon Treaty and research on medical services.

Siniša Rodin
University of Zagreb

UACES is one of the largest and most active European Community Studies Associations (ECSAs). There are some fifty ECSAs worldwide. Contact details are found on our website. Latest activities and forthcoming developments of other ECSAs will be featured in this and future issues of UACES News.

LECSA, Latvia

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The Latvian European Community Studies Association (LECSA) started its activities in the year 2000. LECSA is an interuniversity institution and, by design, a multidisciplinary organization, primarily encompassing European Union dimensions in history, economics, political science, law, journalism and languages.

The objectives of LECSA:

- to provide a forum for debate about European affairs;
- to promote and support research and teaching in areas relevant to Latvia's place and future in Europe. We work on topics such as European studies in general, European integration studies, the effects of EU-enlargement on relation with non-EU countries (Georgia, Ukraine, Russia, Belarus).
- to promote and support both interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary activities. Accordingly, LECSA supports a variety of disciplines e.g. economics, history, journalism, languages, public administration, law, political science, sociology and regional science.
- to support both academic as well as applied research. In its research activities LECSA develops networks of researchers and cooperates with public institutions, ministries and international organisations.
- to involve students engaged in postgraduate / advanced studies in the constituent disciplines in the research activities of LECSA.
- to promote the dissemination of research through working papers, seminars and conferences.

LECSA Activities:

- conferences, workshops and study groups on interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary problems in European Studies;
- forums for bringing together postgraduates, academics and practitioners;
- publication series, including on-line reflection papers and European Studies essays.

Tatjana Muravska
President, LECSA

CESAA, Australia

www.cesaa.org.au

The Contemporary European Studies Association of Australia (CESAA) was established in 1991 in Melbourne, Australia by the desire of academics from all Australian institutions and interested individuals to participate in an experience of cooperation, sharing of learning and research interests, and dissemination of information and critical analysis of contemporary European issues.

The initiative for such an association was based on the experiences of the national associations for contemporary European Union studies in each member state of the EU and elsewhere. Therefore, CESAA fostered the following objectives:

- to promote teaching and research in contemporary European studies
- to provide a forum for discussion of contemporary issues
- to publish work of high quality in European studies
- to foster links between tertiary educational institutions
- to foster links among academics in Australia and overseas
- to encourage European studies in Australian secondary schools
- to advise interested Australian government and non-government organisations.

CESAA is an organisation committed to encouraging a greater awareness of developments in European affairs, thereby promoting a closer cooperation between Australia and the European Union.

CESAA promotes the interests of European Union studies by co-publishing a fully refereed journal: the Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies. Launched in 2008 and published twice per year, the Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies provides a high impact outlet for debate on issues pertaining to post-Second World War Europe and serves as an authoritative regional source for research in an increasingly important area that up until now has lacked a central organ for dissemination. It provides a forum for discussion of contemporary European issues while fostering and maintaining links among those working in the field both in Australia and New Zealand and internationally. It aims to encourage and inform the range of scholarships and approaches on Europe and to facilitate and promote original research across a broad range of disciplines concerned with post-war Europe.

Bruno Mascitelli
President of CESAA

ECSA, Mexico

www.ecsamexico.org

ECSA Mexico is an active chapter of the European Community Studies Association worldwide network. It is an academic, inter-institutional and multidisciplinary Association with non-political, non-profitable purposes.

As a multidisciplinary Association, ECSA Mexico performs on four different levels:

- Academic: researchers and professors of universities and top academic institutions and research centers studying the EU and the relations established between Mexico and the Union and the member states;
- Professional: public and private sector executives whose tasks are related to the relations established between Mexico and the EU and the member states;
- Civil Society: non-governmental organizations interested in the follow up of the Global Agreement for Cooperation and Political Coordination, and the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and Mexico;
- Schools: BA and postgraduate students interested in the study and research of Mexico's relationship with the EU as well as with the member states.

ECSA Mexico has an outstanding membership of top academic professionals from the country's main universities. We also have the active participation of top officials of the Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs, the Secretary of State for Economy, and private sector top executives such as the National Association of Importers and Exporters.

Research projects in progress:

- The Observatory for the Study of EU/Latin America Relations, in which ECSA Mexico is an active member together with world-renowned European and Latin American universities.
- An international agreement was signed between ECSA Mexico and the General Directorate for Culture and Education of the EC aimed at the research on the EU activities and related promotion.
- An agreement has been signed with the Center of Latin American Studies to establish research activities and comparative analysis between the European economic integration process and the Latin American integration process.

Rosa María Piñón
ECSA Mexico Chapter President



Call for a New Editor

UACES is looking to appoint a new Editor for the JCER | Journal of Contemporary European Research (ISSN 1815-347X).

The ethos of the JCER is to provide a forum for emerging scholars of European Studies by allowing them to present their ideas alongside those of more established scholars. Contributions from PhD students in the advanced phase of their doctoral research, post-doctoral fellows and young academics in the early stages of their careers are particularly encouraged. Further information about the Focus and Scope of the Journal can be found at www.jcer.net.

The Editor is responsible for overseeing the on-time publication of four issues a year (including Special Issues) and for managing the peer-review process. The successful applicant would also need to possess copy-editing skills to a high standard and IT skills commensurate with online publishing. The Editor is also responsible for promoting the Journal and for maintaining links with the UACES Student Forum.

The position would best suit an early career academic. UACES is open to the possibility of joint Editors, provided that the role of each is clearly defined in your application.

The JCER is fully online and is open access. Article submission, the peer-review process and publication to www.jcer.net is managed using 'Open Journal Systems' software (<http://pkp.sfu.ca/?q=ojs>). The articles are published using Adobe InDesign.

The appointment would be for a three year-term commencing 1 March 2009 at the latest, with a 6-8 month handover period with the current Editor.

To apply, please send a covering letter and CV to ldfoster@uaces.org by Thursday 15 January 2009. For further information about the position, please contact the current Editor, Eamonn Butler (eamonn.butler@jcer.net).

JCER News

This year saw the JCER-UACES Student Forum Research Article Competition run for the first time.

The competition was open to all individuals who presented their work at the UACES Student Forum's Annual Conference which was held in April at the University of Kent in April 2008. Participants were asked to develop their paper into an article and then revise it in light of peer-refereed comments. The competition, which was judged by the JCER's editorial board, aims to acknowledge not only the content of the article, but also the ability of the author to structure their article in a way that considers a wider audience.

The JCER and the UACES Student Forum are pleased to announce that the winner of this year's competition is David Lutton from the University of Strathclyde, Department of Government. His article is entitled, 'The European Union, Financial Crisis and the Regulation of Hedge Funds: A Policy Cul-de-Sac or a Policy Window?'

The editorial board felt that the article is self-contained, timely and relevant, grounded in the literature and provides a valuable discussion of the Commission's attitude to the regulation of

hedge funds. The article has been published in Volume 4, Issue 3 of the JCER and is available to download from www.jcer.net. David is also the recipient of a £100 prize, which was presented to him in person at the Annual European Studies Research Students' Conference, held at the offices of the European Commission in London on 10 November 2008.

The JCER editorial board also wish to acknowledge Sophia Vasilopoulou's article, 'Varieties of Euroscepticism: the case of the European extreme right', as highly commendable. Sophia, who is based at the European Institute, LSE, has produced an article that is, according to the judges, 'analytically rigorous'. Sophia's article will be published in Volume 5, Issue 1 (Spring 2009) of the JCER.

The 2009 competition is intended to highlight the interesting work being undertaken by UACES Student Members and provide some experience of the publication process. The competition was launched at the recent UACES European Studies Research Students' Conference. For full details of how to enter the competition please visit the websites of either the JCER or the UACES Student Forum.

The JCER Special Issue on 'Media and Communication in Europe: Babel Revisited' (Volume 4, Issue 4) will be published during December 2008.

Eamonn Butler
University of Glasgow

EU Simulation

The State University of New York Model European Union (SUNYMEU) is an annual simulation of the European Council. It is targeted at undergraduates who are taking, or who have taken, at least one course on the EU. The simulation aims to develop the understanding of students of key issues facing the EU and also of how the EU 'works': how is collective decision-making possible on issues as various as the Lisbon Strategy and the Turkish application when the 27 member states all have their own policy needs and preferences?

SUNYMEU brings together about 130 students, of whom currently about three quarters are American and one quarter are European. All students are assigned a role (such as Head of Government, Foreign Minister, Permanent Representative) within delegations (member states, the Commission, the Council Secretariat). Students prepare for the simulation at their own universities, with guidance provided by the SUNYMEU website and the SUNYMEU 2009 Manual. The simulation itself takes place between 2-4 April 2009 at New Paltz University, which is located about ninety miles from New York City. Paralleling the student sessions there are faculty panels and workshops, grouped around the broad theme The State of the European Union. These are funded by a SUNY 'Conversations in the Discipline' grant.

For the 2009 simulation, it is hoped that the number of Europeans participating can be increased. Hence the organisers would welcome enquiries from European universities. Further information, including logistical information on such matters as accommodation and costs, is available on the SUNYMEU website at: www.newpaltz.edu/polisci_intlrela/meu.html. The organiser, Kathleen Dowley, can be emailed at dowleyk@newpaltz.edu. Anyone who is interested in discussing matters or asking questions on the phone can call Neill Nugent on +44 (0)161 247 3450.

Neill Nugent
University of Manchester

www.historyandpolicy.org

History & Policy works for better public policy through an understanding of history. The site has a wide range of resources for historians, policymakers and the media.

www.disability-europe.net

The new website for the European Commission's 'Academic Network of European Disability experts' (ANED). The website includes information about the work of ANED, links to detailed information and resources in each country, and the publication reports on key themes: the aim is to publish country reports on selected topics (in 2008 the focus has been on employment policies and policies for social inclusion and social protection).

www.europarl.europa.eu

Now includes an RSS button for personalised news update. RSS stands for 'Really Simple Syndication' and is a tool to help you keep track of developments in your field. It brings together news updates from various sources to make them easier to check.

Contact: marjory.vandenbroeke@europarl.europa.eu

www.llas.ac.uk/events/otherevents.aspx

The Subject Centre for Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies has a useful calendar, showing a range of events organised by subject associations.

www.statewatch.org/analyses/the-shape-of-things-to-come.pdf

New Statewatch Report: The Shape of Things to Come by Tony Bunyan.

<http://europeangovernance.livingreviews.org/>

The Living Reviews in European Governance (LREG) is an innovative and multidisciplinary E-journal, publishing solicited state-of-the-art articles in the field of European integration and governance research. They are fully refereed according to highest international standards and will regularly be kept up-to-date by their authors. LREG is published by ECSA-Austria. Living Review articles are available for free in HTML and PDF formats.

<http://kcl.ac.uk/foresight>

The website contains information about the members, activities and publications of the Foresight Project on 'Early Warning and Conflict Prevention'. It aims to better understand under what conditions warnings are taken seriously and result in preventative action. How are they communicated, perceived and used by the various actors, institutions and publics involved in what we call the warning-response discourse? Foresight also seeks to engage with experts working in other fields (epidemics, climate change, banking collapse) to identify common pathologies and dilemmas in evidence-based preventive policy and how the conditions for such a policy can be best advanced without falling into the trap of over- or misreacting.

www.europe.org.uk

Online versions of the useful weekly bulletin 'Euro-info' are now available. The bulletins are edited by Patrick Overy (Exeter European Documentation Centre), and provide informative weekly updates on a range of European matters.

www.scp.nl

Free copies of publications are downloadable from the Netherlands Institute for Social Research, including Europe's Neighbours: European Neighbourhood Policy and Public Opinion on the European Union, by Paul Dekker et al (July 2008).

Outgoing Committee

The time has now come for a new Student Forum Committee to take over. As the newsletter goes to print, elections for the new posts are underway. Four posts are being contested: the post of Chair as well as those of the other three Committee members who are standing down. Vicki Morris will be staying on as our JCER liaison officer, thus continuing with her tasks and transmitting her experience to the new SF Committee to be announced at the end of November. Eligibility to vote is extended to all those who are on the Euroresearch email list, the email list of the Student Forum - see www.uacesstudentforum.org.

All UACES Student Members are encouraged to consider standing for elections and get further involved in the activities of the Student Forum. Being on the Committee is very rewarding as one learns new skills and gains valuable experience in organising conferences and other research events in the UK and Brussels. Furthermore, other tasks such as creating networks, updating the database and the webpage of the Student Forum, planning research activities and contributing to the work of the UACES Committee are important tasks for personal career development. Furthermore, UACES is the biggest charitable association for the promotion of European Studies, whose aim is to give the best possible deal to its members. It is a democratic organisation which puts emphasis on young participation. It is definitely worth our support.

The Student Forum Committee would like to thank a number of people who have contributed to the work of the Student Forum in the last two years. Alex Warleigh-Lack, the Chair of the UACES Committee, made sure that the voice of the Student Forum was taken into account. Our two Student Liaison Officers (first, Simon Usherwood and currently David Galbreath) did their utmost to provide a link of communication between the Committee and the Student Forum. The Student Forum Committee would also like to thank the Universities of Nottingham and Kent, the Offices of the European Commission and the European Parliament in the UK for hosting and supporting our activities. Former Student Forum Chair Liz Monaghan provided much-appreciated advice and support and helped to secure funding for our 2007 Student Conference. Amelia Hadfield, UACES Secretary, contributed significantly to the organisation of our 2008 Conference at the University of Kent. Furthermore, during the last two years JCER editor Eamonn Butler contributed significantly to the development of the JCER and made sure that the Student Forum had a say over new developments. Vicki Morris has been also influential in the work of the JCER and in keeping the SF Committee informed about the work of the journal.

Apart from myself three other members of the Student Forum Committee are standing down: Tobias Etzold, John FitzGibbon and Peter Petrov. Peter and Tobias have devoted considerable time to making sure that the conferences were organised on time and that events ran smoothly. Tobias was also in charge of the maintenance of our email list and is supervising the electoral procedure for the election of new Committee members. John updated the website on a regular basis and always cheered us up in our committee meetings! Personally I would like to wish all SF Committee members all the best for their future. The Committee would like to thank in particular Sue Davis and Luke Foster from the UACES Office who have been always resourceful, supportive and patient with us! The next Student Forum Committee will have the chance to count on their vast expertise and knowledge. Finally, a big thank you to all students and academics who contributed to all our activities and made the Forum a very special experience.

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UACES Student Forum Chair

Britain, France and the Bologna Process

Creating a European Higher Education Area by voluntary cooperation sounds fine in theory. New soft Europeanisation. But that doesn't stop the British grumbling about the Bologna Process, which is preparing to launch an EHEA in 2010, and other Bologna participants grumbling about us. Researching this area, I regularly meet continental policy-makers who sigh 'The British are different'. Are we? Is it plausible that the French, for example, might be grumbling less?

We can compare two sets of national data provided for the Bologna Process. The Stocktaking Report, based on questionnaires to national authorities (45 in 2007) is an 'Open Method of Coordination', i.e., an effort to persuade national sectors to implement the common policy commitments needed to underpin a credible EHEA. Its indicators are the degree of adaptation to the undergraduate/postgraduate structure: the adoption of Bologna-devised frameworks for quality assurance systems and qualifications, the use of a credit system (ECTS - European Credit and Transfer System), and lifelong learning.

The EU's Eurydice report of 2007 on structures of higher education is a more descriptive account of policymaking achievements and national challenges. Under the Stocktaking criteria, Britain, and Scotland especially, score well. We are close to Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway and Finland as almost completely Bologna-compatible. Though France is better than Britain on recognition of qualifications, it was trailing in adapting to the Bologna degree and quality assurance structures.

The Eurydice data, in contrast, highlights a major difference between Britain and France. The British, with most Bologna structures in place, have decided to sit back. The Scottish section records: 'No need for incentives or controls'.

The French, starting from a much lower Bologna base, want reform. Since 2002 they have launched 1) the new cycle structure 2) refined the role of masters as professional or research-oriented 3) promoted doctoral training schools 4) built ECTS into the new structures and 5) revised and extended their quality assurance system. But this data is limited. It does not evaluate the adoption of the common values to which Bologna ministers have signed up, including the equal opportunities commitment to the 'social dimension', or the notion of higher education as a public good. Nor do these studies reflect the views of academics and students, or the issues which arouse national passions. In Britain, the higher education press regularly features fears about the survival of the one year masters, higher education as a service, issues of fees and international students, as well as the more technical issues. In France, attacks on the 'marketisation' of the French university system have been constant.

However, the Eurydice data shows the multi-level nature of Europeanisation. The French government has recently used the Bologna dynamic to achieve two long-standing ambitions. One is to disengage the state. Universities have been pressed to accept a financial deal to take responsibility for their staffing and property. The other is to break down the barriers between universities, grandes écoles and research institutes. To the extent that the British system remains distinctive, it is in its fragmentation. With already autonomous universities, and without major Bologna structural hurdles to overcome, a driving force is lacking – even for the one challenge, as listed in Eurydice: to engage the HE sector more.



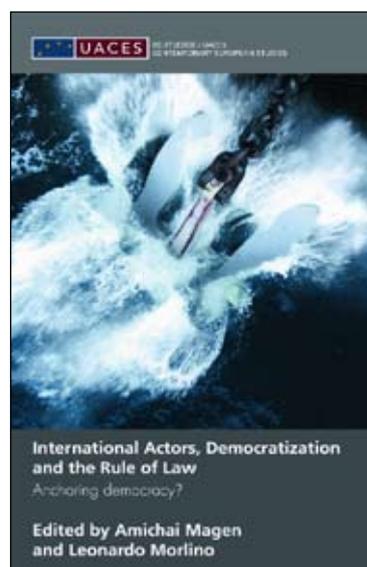
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