Chair’s Column

Election to the post of Chair has caused me to reflect upon how large UACES has loomed in my own development as a scholar interested in the study of European integration. As a Member since my graduate studies I’ve greatly benefitted from the opportunities provided by UACES conferences, workshops and publications in the development of my own thinking and ideas on Europe. I can also date many of my academic friendships from the meetings at UACES Annual Conferences within the UK and overseas. I know that I am not alone in this experience. Talking to attendees at the Annual Conference in Angers it is clear that UACES generates high levels of loyalty because of the attention that the association has given to supporting the work of graduate students as well as proving a supportive environment in which early-career and established scholars are able to exchange ideas. My predecessors as Chairs of the association, current and past have worked alongside the UACES full-time staff in the Secretariat to make the association the world’s largest European studies association. A particular hallmark of the UACES of the 21st century is its cosmopolitanism - almost 50% of the membership is based outside the UK. Another is the attention given to widening and deepening the links with practitioners. The founders of the association have left a powerful legacy in their concern to see UACES as a forum bringing together scholars and practitioners from across the globe.

Richard Whitman, newly-elected UACES Chair
The 39th Annual UACES Conference took place in the gorgeous city of Angers, France. Participants met for the three-day conference, held between 3-5 September, 2009, deep in the lavender-filled Loire Valley. Titled ‘Exchanging Ideas on Europe 2009: Views From France, Views Beyond the Mainstream’, the conference revolved around the trinity of panels, papers and presentations, bringing together 184 presentations and 257 participants from more than 30 countries.

This year’s Conference provided a forum for the research undertaken by UACES partner and Conference host ESSCA, as well as tackling the familiar territory of European institutions and integration. Many panellists also reacted to the European and global financial shocks of the past year, explored the emerging role of the EU as an environmental force, discussed its foreign policy orientations with and beyond its Neighbourhood, and argued over its various post-Lisbon possibilities. Participants included a pleasingly wide range of academic staff and graduate students to practitioners, media and publishing reps, and individuals from various areas of business and industry. The opening day saw the first two research sessions in the morning, followed by a post-lunch welcome by business and industry. The opening day saw the first two research sessions in the morning, followed by the ‘back by popular request’ Author-Meets-Readers Session. Author Francis Snyder of the LSE discussed The European Union and China, 1949-2008: Basic Documents and Commentary (Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2009) with Readers Emil Kirchner (Essex) and Jing Men (VUB/College of Europe) in a wide-ranging and instructive discussion. The social highlight was of course the Conference dinner, held in the impeccably opulent surroundings of the Chateau de Brissac, in the village of Brissac itself. The dinner for most was a masterclass of French haute cuisine and stirred the appetite for the third and final day of the Conference. After the penultimate research session, participants then had the opportunity to hear the thoughts of Vivien Schmidt (Boston University), who gave an incisive and enlightening series of perspectives on contemporary Europe as part of the JCMS Annual Review Lecture. This was immediately followed by the Awards Ceremony. The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Beate Kohler-Koch, the UACES 2009 Prize for Best Book to Urfan Khaliq (for his book entitled ‘Ethical Dimensions of the Foreign Policy of the European Union: A Legal Appraisal’, Cambridge University Press) and the UACES 2009 Prize for Best PhD Thesis to Frank Häge, Leiden University (for his dissertation entitled ‘Decision-Making in the Council of the European Union: The Role of Committees’).

The final research session of the Conference was followed by a Networking Session for the newly-launched UACES Collaborative Research Networks (CRNs), bringing together those with existing and future CRNs. The Conference closed at 4pm, with some participants taking advantage of the guided tour of Cointreau and a chance to visit the Langlois-Chateau winery the following morning. With deep thanks to Albrecht Sonntag and Catherine Leblanc of ESSCA for a professional, enjoyable and stimulating Conference, UACES now turns its sights to Bruges and its College of Europe, the host of its 40th Annual Conference.

Amelia Hadfield
University of Kent
UACES Prizes 2009

The following awards were also announced at the UACES Exchanging Ideas on Europe 2009 conference in Angers, France.

UACES Book Prize: Urfan Khaliq

The prize for best book has been awarded to Urfan Khaliq, Cardiff University, for his book ‘Ethical Dimensions of the Foreign Policy of the European Union’, Cambridge University Press. The panel of judges considered this should become a reference point for debates on the normative dimensions of EU external policy, bridging legal science and foreign policy analysis. A policy-maker review in JCMS also labelled the book ‘indispensable reading for anyone interested in human rights diplomacy’.

UACES PhD Thesis Prize: Frank Häge

The prize for the best thesis 2009 has been awarded to Frank Häge, University of Limerick, who was supervised by Berard Steunenberg, Leiden University. His thesis was entitled ‘Decision making in the Council of the EU: The Role of Committees’. The judges considered this a very strong thesis, with an original research design, excellent mixture of quantitative and qualitative research tools, excellent case studies, and sufficiently well-written to be almost publishable in thesis form – an unusual achievement.

New Member of UACES Staff

Richard Lewis has recently replaced Yolana Pringle as Website and Administrative Officer. His duties at UACES include developing the UACES multi-user blog Ideas on Europe, assisting with the administration and organisation of the UACES-Thomson Reuters Prize and providing support for the setup and running of UACES conferences.

Luke Foster continues as Senior Administrator and he is particularly busy at this time of year with coordinating proposals for panels and papers at the Exchanging Ideas on Europe 2010 Conference in Bruges and the processing the renewal of membership subscription renewals.

Sue Davis as Executive Director oversees the association’s day to day activities and coordinates the UACES Committee’s work. Much of her work involves the setting up of events organised by UACES. She oversees the production of the newsletter, and the development of the email lists. She is also Administrator for JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies, and for SCHES, the Standing Conference of Heads of European Studies.

UACES Chair

Richard Whitman

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Does your research have an emphasis on Europe?

This conference is an opportunity to present your research and to engage with an audience from a broad range of European related disciplines. Leading international speakers and over 200 paper givers will debate the critical issues facing decision-makers, examining where Europe should go, why and how.

The conference will be hosted by the College of Europe and will feature opportunities to enjoy the medieval city of Bruges, known as the ‘Venice of the North’. The Call for Panels and Papers opens on 5 September 2009 with the submission deadline for abstracts on 22 January 2010. We encourage contributions from all academic disciplines.

Registration will open in early March 2010.

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practitioners and academics. This interest in the exchange of ideas anticipated what has become a predominant concern for research funders.

My predecessor as Chair, Alex Warleigh-Lack, deserves particular thanks from UACES members for extending this work further in raising our profile within the media, which is a key consumer of ideas generated by Members. Alex has also overseen the development of UACES’ move into the blogsphere, which has created a new lively forum through which Members have been exchanging intelligent and informed debate on Europe. And I would urge all Members who haven’t yet participated in UACES blogging to have a go – the quality of debate is high and a corrective to the ill-informed discussion on Europe that is to be found elsewhere on the internet. The ratification of the Lisbon Treaty, the consequences and impact of the new treaty and its consequences for the future direction of the EU have already proved to be a hot topic on the blog. If past treaties provide a precedent the Lisbon Treaty will generate a new research agenda for Members of UACES and our 2010 annual conference in Bruges will provide the opportunity to see the first fruits of this research. The call for papers and panels is now open and I look forward to welcoming Members to Bruges.

Bruges will be a special Conference as it is our 40th anniversary gathering and will provide an opportunity to contemplate both the state of Europe but also the state-of-art in the study of European integration after the drama of the Lisbon Treaty ratification process. The new year will see the usual busy calendar of events and activities on offer to UACES Members and I wish all of you a productive 2010.

Richard Whitman

UACES Chair

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Scrutinising EU legislation in the House of Lords

The House of Lords EU Select Committee conducts regular scrutiny of legislative and non-legislative EU documents in advance of decisions being taken on them in Brussels. Its main functions are to examine the proposed position to be taken by the UK Government and to hold the Government to account for the positions it takes.

More broadly, the Committee also aims to work with the EU institutions – MEPs, European Commission and Council Presidency – on many of the documents that come forward for scrutiny.

The Committee organises its work with the assistance of seven Sub-Committees:

A. Economic and Financial Affairs and International Trade
B. Internal Market (including Energy and Transport)
C. Foreign Affairs, Defence and International Development
D. Environment and Agriculture (including Fisheries)
E. Law and Institutions
F. Home Affairs
G. Social Policy and Consumer Affairs

One important aspect of the Committee’s scrutiny function involves detailed inquiries into a small number of dossiers. Its Sub-Committees are currently conducting inquiries respectively into:

- Directive on alternative investment fund managers
- Better regulation
- EU and China
- The adaptation of agriculture and forestry to climate change – the EU policy response
- The EU’s regulation on succession
- EU policy on protecting Europe from large scale cyber-attacks
- The European Social Fund

Topics of recently completed inquiries include: co-decision and national parliamentary scrutiny; EU financial regulation and supervision; rail freight; animals in scientific procedures directive; Brussels I (cross-border litigation); money laundering and the financing of terrorism; and the EU’s consumer rights directive.

With the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty on 1 December 2009, national parliaments across the European Union will acquire new powers. While there is general provision for an enhanced role under new Article 12, TEU, these are manifested particularly with regard to the principle of subsidiarity. Under Article 7 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, a draft legislative act must be reviewed if (as a general rule) at least one third of national parliaments consider that the draft act breaches the principle of subsidiarity. While the House of Lords EU Committee already consistently monitors draft EU legislation to detect any possible breaches of subsidiarity, the Lisbon Treaty presents a new, and important, challenge to which the Committee looks forward.

The Committee is keen to improve its engagement with the academic community and would very much welcome your input. Should you wish to comment on any of our work, or submit evidence to an inquiry, please contact us (see below).

As part of our engagement with academia, one of our Policy Analysts, Alistair Dillon, presented a paper at the September 2009 UACES Conference in Angers. Entitled ‘The role of Member State and regional parliaments in overcoming the EU’s crisis of legitimacy: the cases of the Scottish Parliament and the House of Lords’, it can be found on the UACES website: www.uaces.org/pdf/papers/0901/dillon.pdf.

Contact details and more information on our inquiries, previous inquiries, and ongoing scrutiny work can be found on the Committee’s webpage www.parliament.uk/hleu. To subscribe to the Committee’s monthly newsletter, please email us at euclords@parliament.uk with the word ‘Newsletter’ in the subject title.

Alistair Dillon
House of Lords Committee Office

UACES supports the College of Europe in the recruitment of students from the UK for Masters Programmes at the College’s Bruges and Natolin campuses. UACES also provides administrative support to the UK Selection Committee, which in the past has awarded scholarships.

(Please note, the number of scholarships available for entry to the College in 2010 is currently under review).

Courses available 2010-2011
- MA EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies
- MA European Interdisciplinary Studies
- MA European Political and Administrative Studies
- MA European Economic Studies
- Master in European Legal Studies (LLM)

The deadline for applications is: 15 January 2010

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Let’s Get Vulgar!

One of the biggest regrets of the European Commission’s communication officials is the failure of the EU to reach out to the regional media. Unlike the big national daily newspapers like Le Monde, The Guardian or the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, the regional press in general neither has correspondents in Brussels nor local collaborators with sufficient knowledge about the workings of the European Union. As a result they rely on often insipid agency briefings about European affairs, which lack analytical depth and cannot supply the explanations, let alone the myth-debunking, which would provide some orientation to a poorly informed readership.

This is a situation in which the expertise that scholars of European studies have acquired and accumulated over the years can be put to good use. For the individual academic it is of course much more rewarding to be quoted or published by high-level media outlets of national or even international reach, rather than by a modest regional paper. On the other hand it is on the local level where the added value of our competence is probably the highest.

In May and June 2008 I tested this assumption in an experiment with the French regional newspaper Le Courrier de l’Ouest, which sells 200 000 copies each day across Western France, and asked the responsible editors whether they would be interested in a occasional collaboration. Their response was straightforward and enthusiastic.

To start things off I was invited to a working lunch with the editors of the different desks concerned in order to brief them in an informal and interactive manner on ‘everything they always wanted to know about Europe, but were afraid to ask’. It became clear very quickly in what respect the contribution from an academic could substantially enrich the initially planned coverage of the European elections. My input was finally threefold:

- The editors would have loved to carry out some interviews with MEPs, but also with a series of ‘anonymous’ actors from the Brussels scene. None of them, however, had ever been to Brussels or Strasbourg. I helped them out with some recommendations on specific MEPs who might have interesting things to say, and established contact with some officials from the Commission, with members of a regional representation, with a think-tank, some lobbyists and with a translator from the Council. The result was a very lively and original series of interviews (one per day during the two weeks preceding the election Sunday).
- Another element of the election coverage was a dozen or so testimonials by local citizens from very different socio-economic categories (a farmer, a retired person, an entrepreneur, a student, etc.). Instead of just publishing these often ill-informed and distorted perceptions of ‘Europe’, the editors asked me to give an expert comment below on each of them in a few lines, in order to put things into perspective or rectify if necessary.
- Finally, for the last week before the election, I was asked to prepare a series of five concise articles (3000 characters each) summed up under the title of ‘Understanding Europe’. The idea was to answer ‘FAQs’ on the EU. The topics were ‘Does it make sense to go to vote next Sunday?’, ‘Who really governs the EU?’, ‘How much does the EU cost?’, ‘Is the EU anti-democratic?’, and ‘Is another Europe possible?’.

I have doubts whether this exercise in what the French would call ‘vulgarisation’ (i.e. popularization) had any effect on the participation rate in the region. But the feedback received by the editors was extremely positive and most encouraging. At the same time it was a very stimulating experience to explain complex matters on very limited space. And it was fun – an element of our research work that is all too often forgotten under the usual pressure from evaluators of all sorts. For all those who might be tempted to carry out a similar experiment the forthcoming 60th anniversary of the Schuman Declaration on 9 May 2010 could be a nice occasion to “get vulgar” with the regional press.

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Call for Proposal to Host the UACES Annual Conference, 2012

UACES will hold its 42nd Annual and 17th Research Conference in early September 2012. 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 26 February 2010.

www.uaces.org/events/conferences/host

Venues:
Zagreb 2005, Croatia; Limerick 2006, Ireland; Portsmouth 2007, UK; Edinburgh 2008, UK; Angers 2009, France; Bruges 2010, Belgium; Cambridge 2011, UK.
**UACES Event**

**Democracy Promotion and Human Rights in Europe and the Middle East**

**Leeds, 16 October 2009**

The rationale of the workshop was to bring together two separate but overlapping research projects and networks. These are Michelle Pace’s (University of Birmingham) research in the field of EU Democracy Promotion in the Middle East and Jason Ralph’s (University of Leeds) work on human rights and the war on terror during and after the Bush administration. Jason Ralph inaugurated the workshop pointing out that its idea is to discuss democracy promotion and human rights in Europe and the Middle East and thanked the sponsors of the workshop – UACES, Taylor and Francis and Leeds’ POLIS (Politics and International Studies).

The first panel included two papers. Both of them engaged with European democracy promotion efforts in the geographical areas adjacent to the EU and analyzed some of the central problems involved in this undertaking. The second panel grappled with a set of problems related to the intersection of ideological and pragmatic issues in the West-Middle East relationship. The three papers presented interrogated how practices such as extraordinary rendition consolidate pre-existing perceptions of a division between ‘liberal’ and ‘illiberal’ regions; how the Western concept of liberal democracy has come to symbolize an ideal, universal set of values ready to be exported anywhere in the world; how Hamas’s discourse towards the West has shifted from a more ideological stance to a more pragmatic one. The papers in the third panel tackled two main sets of issues – authoritarian power in the Mediterranean region and strategies for promoting democratization in candidate countries’ societies. They explored the factors triggering an authoritarian regime’s decision to use violence against electoral challengers; criticized the turn in the EU’s foreign policy in providing aid to authoritarian regimes in return for cooperation on migration management on the grounds that it hampers the attainment of the declared goals of promoting democracy and human rights; and suggested that the EU should continue to fund ‘conflicting arguments’ within the civil society milieu because in so doing it encourages important social debates in countries like Turkey.

A lively discussion followed the presentations in each of the panels. These highlighted some central issues in the field of human rights and democracy promotion in Europe and the Middle East - the difficulties in defining core concepts, such as democracy, citizenship, security or civil society; the existence of cleavages between EU ambitions and capacities, between international organizations working in the same fields, between international organizations and their member states. The discussions also highlighted the difficulties in assessing the impact on the ground by particular policies as well as the need for greater reflexivity by practitioners and academics. The understanding that security and economic interests come before democracy and human rights considerations was a major point on which there was a consensus. Revised versions of all the paper contributions will be published in a special issue of the Journal of International Human Rights which Valentina Kostadinova and Jason Ralph will co-edit. For further information please see www.eumena.bham.ac.uk.

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**Teaching Politics and IR: The State of the Discipline**

The second Annual Conference of the PSA Teaching and Learning Special Group was held at the University of Leeds from 8-9 September. ‘Teaching Politics and IR: the state of the discipline’ was hosted by the School of Politics and International Studies and co-convened by Simon Lightfoot (University of Leeds) and Cathy Gormley-Heenan (University of Ulster) and brought together colleagues from across the UK and from as far away as Australia, thanks to Benito Cao’s virtual presentation. With panels on the curriculum in the 21st century, teaching ‘sensitive’ topics, issues around the mainstreaming of gender into the IR curriculum, the use of technology (such as twitter) in the classroom and broader skills development for politics and IR students, there was plenty of debate and discussion. The group shared the second day with the C-SAP Open Day, which was designed to showcase resources useful for teaching and learning in politics and IR. Bela Arora reminded delegates of the many useful tools and resources available on the C-SAP website.

Students from Leeds regaled us with stories of the success of their Peer Assisted Study Sessions which they organised last year. Chris Goldsmith and Simon Usherwood provided papers on bringing International Collaborative Learning into an Undergraduate International Relations Curriculum and new models of negotiation through role-playing. Colleagues left buzzing with new ideas about teaching and learning in politics and European studies that they could try out in their own institutions and we would hope to build upon this success by organising panels for the 2010 Annual Conference in Bruges. If interested please contact me (s.j.lightfoot@leeds.ac.uk).

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**Europe Day in South West England and South Wales**

To mark Europe Day 2009, the European Governance Resarch Group of the University of Bristol’s Politics Department hosted a Regional Postgraduate Workshop on Europe. We welcomed participants from the Universities of Bath, Cardiff, Exeter and Swansea, as well as Bristol’s School of Law. This event provided an opportunity for postgraduate students from the social sciences and law to share their research. Papers covered a wide range of topics, including European governance, the single market and research methodology. This variety of topics encouraged diverse and enthusiastic group discussions. The sessions were chaired by Michelle Cini, Magnus Feldmann and Ana Juncos Garcia. The event marks the beginning of a South West England and South Wales network of postgraduate students. For further information contact Rachel Minto at r.a.minto@bristol.ac.uk; for information about the European Governance Research Group contact Nieves Perez-Solorzano at n.perez-solorzano@bristol.ac.uk.

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Jean Monnet Programme 2010
Deadline 12 February 2010

Under the new 2010 General Call for Proposals, the Jean Monnet Action (Key Activity 1) aims to stimulate excellence in teaching, research, reflection and debate in the field of European integration studies. The project types connected with this key activity are Jean Monnet Chairs, Centres of Excellence and Modules, focusing on teaching activities and support for Associations of Professors and Researchers, for Information and Research Activities and for Multilateral Research Groups, focusing on information and research activities. The 2010 Call for proposals introduces several innovations compared with previous years. Starting this year all proposals will also be assessed for their ‘Innovative character’, an evaluation which considers the degree of innovation of the project in terms of creating new teaching, research and/or debating activities and in terms of involving an institution and/or academic not previously supported by Jean Monnet funding (see Call document for full details).

This year also sees the introduction of a flat-rate system of co-financing for certain project types. Support for Jean Monnet Chairs and Modules will be based on the number of teaching hours, calculated according to national teaching costs per hour and support for Information and Research Activities will be linked to the number of event participants, calculated according to the national allowance scale per participant (see Call document for full details). Several factors relating to the eligibility of specific project types have also been modified in 2010. The minimum teaching requirement for Jean Monnet Chairs has been reduced to 90 hours (120 in 2009) and for Modules, raised to 40 hours (30 in 2009). Information and Research Activities will be restricted to conferences and seminars (summer schools will no longer be considered eligible activities). Ad personam Jean Monnet Chairs are reserved in 2010 for former Jean Monnet Chair holders and former high level practitioners.

Funding levels for Information and Research Activities and for Multilateral Research Groups will be reduced in 2010. For full details please consult the Executive Agency’s website at http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/amj/2010/index_en.htm where information on the main aims and objectives of the programme are set out in the General Call for Proposals and where more precise details concerning the Programme’s specific priorities and funding procedures may be found. Further details are available from Luciano di Fonzo, luciano.di-fonzo@ec.europa.eu.

Invitation to Bid

The Subject Centre for Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies (LLAS) welcomes bids of up to GBP 3,000 for pedagogic research or materials development projects in languages, linguistics and area studies. The remit of LLAS is to support teaching and learning of languages, linguistics and area studies in UK higher education.

The following themes have been identified as priority areas:

- Language/area studies projects relating to specific languages/regions (see website for specific list)
- Student experience in linguistics including employability
- Interdisciplinarity within LLAS subjects and with other disciplines
- The foreign language needs of post- and undergraduate students in non-language disciplines
- Teacher training in less widely taught languages
- British Sign Language

Full details at www.llas.ac.uk/projects/3324

UACES-Thomson Reuters ‘Reporting Europe’ Prize 2010
Nominations now open

2009 winner: James Canter (International Herald Tribune)

Have you watched, heard or read an outstanding report on Europe during 2009?

Nominations are now open for the 2010 UACES-Thomson Reuters ‘Reporting Europe’ Prize. Any English-language newspaper, radio, television or blog entry will be accepted.

Please see: www.uaces.org/awards/reporting/
Deadline for nominations: 8 February 2010

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Susan Banducci has been awarded a Marie Curie Initial Training Network on Electoral Democracy.

Cristina Blanco Sío-López has been appointed as Researcher (Expert in European Studies) at the ‘Centre virtuel de la connaissance sur l’Europe’ (CVCE).

Helen Drake has been awarded a Leverhulme Study Abroad Fellowship to pursue research projects in Paris in 2009.

Lucian Leustean, Lecturer in Politics and International Relations, Aston University, Birmingham was awarded an ESRC Small Research Grant on ‘The Politics of Religious Lobbies in the European Union’ (£70,622.10). Details: http://www1.aston.ac.uk/

Claudio Radaelli has been appointed editor of the European Journal of Political Research.

Tove H. Malloy has been appointed Director of the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI) in Flensburg, Germany. The Centre conducts research in the area of minority studies with specific focus on minority-majority relations. Tove Malloy is a political theorist and teaches political theory at the University of Southern Denmark.

Licínia Simão, from the University of Coimbra, has been awarded a Teaching and Research Fellowship at the OSCE Academy, in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, from January-May 2010. Licínia will be teaching at the Academy’s MA Programme Political Science and will research EU-OSCE institutional relations on preventive diplomacy in Central Asia.

Antje Wiener has been appointed Professor at the University of Hamburg, where she is also Director of the Centre for Globalisation & Governance (CGG). She and Antje Vetterlein (Copenhagen) have been awarded a grant through the programme ‘Europe and Global Challenges.’ Details: www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/

Dr Martyn Bond AcSS, Royal Holloway and Patron of UACES
Prof Emil Kirchner AcSS, University of Essex
Prof John Peterson AcSS, University of Sussex
Prof Jim Rollo AcSS, University of Sussex
Prof Andrew Scott, AcSS, University of Edinburgh
Dr Michael Shackleton AcSS, EP Office London, Patron of UACES

A list of all Academicians may be found on www.acss.org.uk/about5.htm

Jean Monnet Professor retires

After some forty years studying and teaching European integration, Clive Archer has retired as Jean Monnet Professor at Manchester Metropolitan University and Director of the Manchester European Research Institute (MERR). Clive, who was Chair of UACES from 2000 to 2003, has been made an Emeritus Professor at MMU and will continue to undertake his own research on the Arctic region and the EU as part of the GeoPolitics North programme run from the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies.

Members’ News

UACES Members Become Academicians

The Academy of Social Science confers the title of ‘Academician’ on individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the social sciences. This may be by research, publications, practitioner engagement or public policy making.

The award follows a process of peer group review and is especially valued because of the recognition given by peers.

UACES is pleased to announce that the following people have been successfully nominated by UACES and conferred the title by the Academy.

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**November-December**

**UACES Event**  
Co-sponsored by the European Commission  
Communicating European Citizenship  
London, UK  
30 November 2009  
UACES will officially launch the series of events of this European Commission co-funded project with a half-day afternoon event at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in London. Nick Baird, Director-General of Europe and Globalisation at the FCO, will make an address, followed by four speakers offering academic, journalist, civil servant and civil society perspectives. See the event on 22 March 2010.  
Info: UACES www.uaces.org

**ALISS - the Association of Librarians and Information Professionals in the Social Sciences**  
London, UK  
1 December 2009  
ALISS is holding an afternoon event at the LSE. Speakers include Angela Joyce (Intute) on her new survey of EU online usage and Intute developments; Grace Hudson (University of Bradford) on the EU Social Agenda; Julie Robinson (Social Care Institute for Excellence) on information about social care in Europe.  
Contact: h.dawson@lse.ac.uk

**The European Union and the Financial Crisis**  
Edinburgh, UK  
4 December 2009  
Contact David Howarth at d.howarth@ed.ac.uk

**UACES Event**  
On Bits of Europe Everywhere: Overseas Possessions of the EU Member States in the Legal-Political Context of European Law  
Groningen, Netherlands  
14–15 December 2009  
Contact: Dimitry Kochenov at d.kochenov@gmail.com

**The Methodological Dimensions of the RECON Democracy Models**  
Vienna, Austria  
18 December 2009  
The Institute for European Integration Research of the Austrian Academy of Sciences is organising a one-day workshop.  
Contact: emmanuel.sigalas@oeaw.ac.at  
Info: www.reconproject.eu/projectweb/portalproject/ViennaDec09.html

**European Commission will also be present with the Jean Monnet Programme, European Personnel Selection Office, and the DG Education. The two days will include a tour of the EU Institutions, education seminars, an internship networking cocktail event and the annual education fair.**  
Contact: jenniferclarke@economist.com

**March**

**UACES Event**  
Co-sponsored by the European Commission  
Communicating European Citizenship  
London, UK  
22 March 2010  
Full-day conference at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will bring together those involved in the project to date (see event on 30 November 2009). Research panels will be convened. A call for papers will be published on the website in December.  
Info: UACES www.uaces.org

**European Information Association 2010 Annual Conference**  
British Library, London  
22 March 2010  
Presentations on what to expect from the new EU, developments in EU information, and the Commission's information priorities.  
Keynote speaker: Alex Warleigh-Lack. Free to EIA Members, non-members GBP 30.00.  
Info: www.eia.org.uk

**Political Studies Association (PSA) 60th Anniversary Conference**  
Edinburgh, UK  
29 March – 1 April 2010  
UACES will sponsor two panels at this event, one looking at the Conservatives in Europe and the other on ‘what has political science done for the study of Europe?’  
Contact: convenor@psa.ac.uk

**April**

**UACES Event**  
Bilateral Relations with Russia and the Impact on the CFSP  
London, UK  
13 April 2010  
It is frequently claimed that the effectiveness of EU’s policy towards Russia and its ability to ‘speak with one voice’ is undermined by the bilateral relationships of many Member States. Experts will be brought together to explore those relationships and impact on the CFSP.  
Contact: m.david@surrey.ac.uk or jackie.gower@kcl.ac.uk

**UACES Event**  
Realist Biography and European Policy  
Leuven, Belgium  
16-18 April 2010  
The workshop will combine critical realist philosophy with biographical-narrative methods for a well-founded and workable toolkit for practical research in the social sciences, with immediate application to European policy studies.  
Contact: jeffrey.turk@skynet.be

**February**

**EU Studies Fair**  
Brussels, Belgium  
12 & 13 February 2010  
The 2010 Fair is an education fair and networking event bringing together prospective students, business professionals, and academic leaders. Universities from across the globe will be present promoting postgraduate programmes in EU Studies, Politics, International Relations, Business and Law. The
The Future of Europe
Bremen, Germany
23-25 April 2010
The expert seminar will bring together EU practitioners, university experts, alumni and current students of the Master in European Studies (MES) program to celebrate 10 years of MES. It will tackle the future challenges of the EU. A key lecture on ‘Can EU hear me?’ will analyze whether the EU’s responses to meet the challenges ahead are adequate. The expert seminar will be open to anyone interested in the topic.
Info: www.mes.graduatecenter.de

Small States in International Negotiations. Punching Above Their Weights?
Dublin, Ireland
14 May 2010
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Info: diana.panke@ucd.ie

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Loughborough University, UK

The Diplomatic System of the European Union: Evolution, Change and Challenges - A Jean Monnet Multilateral Research Network

The Diplomatic System of the EU Network, funded by the European Commission’s Jean Monnet Project, brings together three partner universities with a strong tradition in the study of European integration in its international context. The lead partner is Loughborough University, and specifically its Department of Politics, History and International Relations and the Centre for the Study of Global Governance. The other partners are Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, from Belgium, and Maastricht University, from the Netherlands. Each partner is responsible for key events and a research strand.

The network centres on the study of three key elements in the EU’s evolving diplomatic system: (1) institutionalisation and inter-institutional cooperation; (2) ‘strategic diplomacy’, especially towards the BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China); (3) ‘structural diplomacy’ in Kosovo and the Democratic Republic of Congo. It will organise a series of research events at the partner institutions and establish a web site (http://dseu.lboro.ac.uk). It will also publish policy papers at key stages of the project and an edited volume of research findings. A final conference will be held in Brussels in the Summer of 2011. If you would like to be informed about the network, or wish to become associated with it, please use the project email address: dseu@lboro.ac.uk.

King’s College London

King’s College Longon has been designated as a new Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in ‘EU Law and Governance’, as a collaborative project between the Schools of Law, Arts and Humanities, and Social Sciences and Public Policy. Please see www.kcl.ac.uk/projects/jmce for full details of the launch event and seminar series.

Centre for European Governance, University of Exeter


A workshop on ‘Establishing Causality in Europeanization Research’ will take place in Exeter in February 2010. European scholars have been invited to attend to discuss dimensions of the multi-faceted puzzle of causality. The Jean Monnet Seminar Series on the Information Society includes the following speakers: Terhi Rantanen (LSE); Robert Picard (Jönköping University); and Neil Gavin (Liverpool University). The seminar series addresses current regulatory problems, seeking ways to include the citizen/consumer voice and/or civil society input into policy processes. The Centre also runs Jean Monnet Lectures on EU Governance, which include leading speakers in the field from the disciplines of politics and law. Speakers confirmed include: Anthony Zito (Newcastle University); Fabrizio Gilardi (University of Zurich); and Ed Hyde (Financial Services Authority). See http://centres.exeter.ac.uk/ceg.

Newcastle University, UK

Anthony Zito (Politics) and Jonathan Galloway (Law School) have taken over from Ella Ritchie as Co-Directors of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at Newcastle University. The Centre continues its mission to promote a deeper understanding of Europe in its international, national and regional contexts. The centre has revamped its website to be able to support and publicise these activities. The website contains details of many EU-related research projects and taught modules from across the University. In 2009, the Centre has helped sponsor a seminar by European Court of Justice Judge Allan Rosas, as well as seminars by Matthew Flinders, Alison Harcourt and Simon Bulmer. For further details about the Centre and its activities please see: www.ncl.ac.uk/jeanmonnet/index.html.

Centre for European Union Studies (CEUS) at the University of Hull

In 2009, Charles Kennedy MP delivered the annual Jean Monnet lecture, which was entitled ‘Europe: A Federal Future’. A revised version of Charles Kennedy’s lecture has recently been published as a CEUS working paper. It can be downloaded for free from the CEUS website. Other recently published CEUS research working papers include Leston-Bandeira’s ‘Parliamentary Functions Portrayed on European Parliaments’ Websites’.

Shortly before the European elections in July 2009, CEUS organised a European Parliament election roundtable discussion with MEPs and MEP candidates. During the academic year 2009-10, CEUS has continued to run its successful seminar series with a mix of external and (Hull University) internal speakers. The external speakers in semester one included Kenneth Dyson (Cardiff University) and Simon Lightfoot (Leeds University).

In September 2008, CEUS organised a conference on ‘The European Union as a Leader in International Climate Change’ which was co-funded by the European Commission. The revised version of the conference papers will be published as a book with Routledge in 2010. The European Ombudsman, P. Nikiforos Diamandouros, has accepted our invitation to give the next annual Jean Monnet lecture on 18 March 2010. More information about the activities of CEUS can be found at its website http://www.hull.ac.uk/.

Research Excellence Framework (REF) Consultation

As many UK-based readers will be aware, the HEFCE has produced its second consultation on the Research Excellence Framework (REF). A joint UACES-SCHES (Standing Conference of Heads of European Studies) event was held to discuss issues raised in the consultation document. This was led by Michael Smith, Loughborough University, Chair of the European Studies RAE sub-panel in 2008.

UACES and SCHES both have the opportunity to submit a response on the consultation. A draft UACES response is being put on the UACES blog (www.IdeasOnEurope.eu) in early December. The final response made by both organisations will be put on the following websites before Christmas.

SCHES: www.uaces.org/links/sches.

Of particular interest is the manner in which European Studies is treated in the document (and the proposal that it would be aligned with languages rather than alongside other area studies as in previous RAES). Please see the responses on the above sites, and join the debate on www.ExpertOnEurope.eu.
Croatian European Union Studies Association (CEUSA)
The 8th session of the Jean Monnet seminar in Dubrovnik will take place from 18 April until 25 April 2010. Located in the inspiring surroundings of the Inter University Centre in Dubrovnik, and in the company of high-profile academics from 13 universities, the seminar will focus on the issues of market freedoms and fundamental rights in the enlarging European Union. The organisers, the Jean Monnet Chair of European Public Law at the Faculty of Law in Zagreb, will be happy to welcome researchers interested in presenting a paper, as well as undergraduate and graduate students of law, doctoral students, researchers and junior public servants interested in participating. The deadline for the submission of paper proposals is 15 January 2010, and for those interested in participating without a paper we recommend registering as soon as possible since the number of places is limited. For further information please visit: www.pravo.hr/EJP/DU2010.

Bulgarian European Community Studies Association (BECSA)

BECSA’s latest publication explores variations and trends in the build-up of civil society in Central and Eastern European countries and assesses the impact of both post-communist transition and Europeanisation on the formation of new actors able to accomplish interest mediation functions in a multi-level governance arena. Authors from several EU member states consider the differences in scale and priorities that exist between various types of third sector organisations, as well as the common challenges they face, such as legitimacy, effectiveness, communication and governance.

Associazione Italiana di Studi Europei (AUSE)
The Associazione Italiana di Studi Europei (AUSE, www.ause.it) is the Italian section of ECSA. Currently AUSE is headed by Daniela Preda. AUSE gathers about 300 academics and researchers specialised in European studies coming from four different areas (economics, political sciences, law and history). AUSE’s main aims are:

1. to promote teaching and university research on European integration;
2. to develop co-operation among its members and, through them, the widest possible co-operation between universities throughout the world;
3. to manage trans-national programmes of research and technical assistance, organise conferences and stimulate networks of academic co-operation, make available its expertise in relation to curricula and programmes and carry out studies in the areas of European integration;
4. to disseminate information on university activities relating to teach and research on European integration through publications and by establishing, managing and contributing to an interactive communication network on the internet.

Recent activities
- Every year AUSE organises a Summer School on European Studies.
- National survey ‘Italian University Students and EU: Knowledge, Perceptions and Expectations’. The results of the survey have been presented in a seminar held at the University of Pavia on 22 May 2009.

Recent publications

Contemporary European Studies Association of Australia (CESAA)
Launched in 2008, the Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies (ANZJES) is a scholarly, fully refereed publication that provides a high impact outlet for debate on issues pertaining to post-Second World War Europe. ANZJES serves as an authoritative regional source for research in an increasingly important area that up until now has lacked a central organ for dissemination.

In acknowledging that ‘Europe’ itself is a contested concept, ANZJES addresses the difficult practical and theoretical questions posed by the sheer complexity that is Europe. 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.

While aimed at facilitating original research conducted by emerging academics, ANZJES also encourages contributions from established academics in the field. ANZJES is now accepting unsolicited manuscripts. For further details, including instructions for authors and instructions on how to submit a manuscript, please visit the website at www.eusanz.org/ANZJES/index.html.

European Union Studies Association (EUSA), USA
The European Union Studies Association is pleased to announce its new Executive Committee, led by Chair Adrienne Héritier (European University Institute). Returning members are Neil Fligstein (University of California, Berkeley), Dan Kelemen (Rutgers University), Erik Jones (Johns Hopkins University) and Craig Parsons (University of Oregon). The newly-elected members are Amie Kreppel (University of Florida) and Berthold Rittberger (University of Mannheim), along with Chair Héritier.

The new Executive Committee will be hosted by the EUI in Florence in late April, and members will participate in a programme on the Implementation of the Lisbon Treaty, planned in conjunction with the ECPR. Planning has also already begun for the next EUSA conference, to be held 3-5 March, 2011 in Boston, Massachusetts. Please visit the USA website at www.eustudies.org for more information.
Publications

Reflections on European Integration: 50 Years
Air Transport and the European Union
Hussein Kassim and Handley Stevens
Palgrave Macmillan, 2009
ISBN 9780333631270
GBP 60.00

Research Agendas in EU Studies
Michelle Egan, Neill Nugent and William Paterson (eds)
Palgrave Macmillan, 2009
ISBN 9780230555524 / 9780230555525
GBP 65.00 hb / GBP 24.99 pb

The External Dimension of EU Justice and Home Affairs
Thierry Balzacq (ed)
Palgrave Macmillan, 2009
ISBN 9780230219779
GBP 60.00

Gefahr für den Wettbewerb? Die Fusionskontrolle der Europäischen Gemeinschaft für Kohle und Stahl und die ‘Rekonzentration’ der Ruhrstahlindustrie 1950-1963
Tobias Witschke
Akademie Verlag, 2009
ISBN 9783050042329
Euro 69.80

Coping with Accession to the European Union
Tanja A. Börzel (ed)
ISBN 9780230575516
Palgrave Macmillan, 2009
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The EU and Cyprus. Principles and Strategies of Full Integration
Stéphanie Lauhlé Shaelou
Brill/Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2009
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Michelle Pace and Peter Seeberg (eds)
Routledge, 2010
ISBN 0415551684
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David Phinnemore and Alex Warleigh-Lack (eds)
Palgrave, 2009
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Uneasy Neighbors: Israel and the European Union
Sharon Pardo and Joel Peters
Lexington Books, 2009
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USD 60.00 hb / USD 26.95 pb

L’azione esterna dell’Unione europea e il principio della coerenza
Alessandra Mignolli
Jovene Editore, Napoli, 2009
ISBN 8824318967
Euro 46.00
Order at www.jovene.it

Remaking Global Order: The Evolution of Europe-China Relations and its Implications for East Asia and the US
Nicola Casarini
Oxford University Press, 2009
ISBN 9780199560073,2009
GBP 45.00 hb

The European Union and China: Interests and Dilemmas
Georg Wiessala, John Wilson and Pradeep Taneja (eds)
Rodopi, 2009
ISBN 9789042027411
Euro 59.00

Free Publications

British Academy Report
www.britac.ac.uk/reports/
A downloadable British Academy report discusses concerns that the future of the UK’s world-class research base might be threatened by the decline in modern language learning and calls for a series of measures by universities and government bodies to address this danger.

Working Papers and Occasional Papers
Clive Archer, Emeritus Professor of European Studies at Manchester Metropolitan University, is now chair of the editorial board of the two series of publications from the University of Iceland’s Centre for the Small States Studies (see http://stofnanir.hi.is/ams/en), Working Papers and Occasional Papers. The most recent publication in the Occasional Paper series (in November 2009) is ‘A Small State and the European Union’s Security Policy’ by Anton Bebler, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. This can be viewed at http://stofnanir.hi.is/ams/en.

Web Corner

www.eurodatum.com
It is a unique Directory of EU-related links, related to the European Union, its institutions, history, job market and stakeholders. The links on Eurodatum are cleverly ordered for an easy access to a wealth of information about the EU. It is available in English, French and Spanish and open to external contributions. Since its creation in May 2009, it has been visited by thousands of people interested in EU affairs, and has been recommended by the Association of European Journalists, the USA Network of EU Centers of Excellence and other public bodies around Europe – including now UACES!

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After the Stockholm Programme: An Area of Freedom, Security and Justice in the EU?
Deadline: 10 December 2009
The University of Salford (Greater Manchester) will hold his conference on 28-29 January 2010. We welcome papers assessing the Hague process and discussing the Stockholm programme from various disciplinary perspectives.
Contact: Christian Kaunert at c.kaunert@salford.ac.uk and Sarah Leonard at s.leonard@salford.ac.uk

European Integration and the Cold War, 1945-1989
Deadline: 18 December 2009
The sixth History of European Integration Research Society (HEIRS) Colloquium will be held on 15-16 April 2010 at the University of Reading, UK. The foundations of European integration and the development of the Cold War were inextricably linked. Despite this simple claim, academic research on the question of European integration and the Cold War has apparently been less dynamic. The interest of this call for papers lies in correcting this apparent lacuna. We particularly encourage applications from postgraduates, post-doctoral and early career academics.
Contact: Matthew Broad at m.e.broad@reading.ac.uk or Christian Salm at christian.salm@port.ac.uk.

Communicating European Citizenship
Deadline: 8 January 2010
This conference will be held at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in London on 22 March 2010. UACES, assisted by co-funding from the European Commission, is convening and leading a major project into ‘Communicating European Citizenship’. The project consists of four elements, beginning with a high-profile launch held at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in November, and culminating in a one-day conference in March 2010. This is a call for papers for the closing event. We invite proposed papers (empirical and/or theoretical) from academics and practitioners alike that respond to any aspect of ‘Citizenship and the EU’ and ‘Communicating the EU to Citizens’.
Selected papers are to be presented during the closing one-day conference on 22 March 2010 at the FCO. Finished papers should be of no more than 7,000 words. If you would like to propose a paper for the closing conference, please e-mail a 200-word abstract to the UACES Secretariat (admin@uaces.org).
Decisions about applications will be announced at the beginning of February 2010. The conference convenors are Jenny Fairbrass, Alex Warleigh-Lack, Amelia Hadfield and Kenneth Armstrong.

Sport and the EU 5th Annual Conference: The challenges of sport governance
Deadline: 25 January 2010
The conference will be held in Ghent, Belgium, from 1 to 2 July 2010. The organisers invite the submission of paper and panel proposals addressing issues pertaining to sport governance and to the role of the EU at different levels in the governance of sport. Papers and panels with an interdisciplinary approach are especially welcome and submissions by PhD students are encouraged.
Contact: charlotte.vantuyckom@ugent.be
Info: www.pswx.ugent.be/seuc2010

Regional Responses and Global Shifts: Actors, Institutions and Organisations
Deadline: 14 February 2010
 Pécs, Hungary
24-26 May 2010
Organised by the Regional Studies Association
www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk/events/2010/may-pecs/cfp.pdf
United Nations University - Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS) is a research and training unit of the United Nations University. UNU-CRIS specialises in studying the processes of regional integration and cooperation. UNU is a global network of centres engaged in research and capacity development to support the universal goals of the UN and generate new knowledge and ideas by providing a framework to bring together leading scholars from around the world to tackle pressing global problems. UNU functions as a decentralised ‘network of networks’ with a truly interdisciplinary and global perspective.

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Visiting researchers are ‘scholars in residence’ who participate in the activities of UNU-CRIS. Researchers are expected to contribute seminars, and participate in colloquia, workshops and other activities such as informal briefings and roundtable discussions. Visiting researchers are assigned office space, computer facilities, and access to the libraries of UNU-CRIS and the College of Europe. Although visiting researchers are required to arrange their own travel, housing and health insurance, UNU-CRIS will provide advice to help facilitate the search process. There is no salary attached to the position of visiting researcher. Applications should be sent to Tiziana Scaramaghi: tscaramaghi@cris.unu.edu.

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The Institute currently has eleven academic ‘core’ staff and two administrators. The disciplines represented by ISET researchers are: media and cultural studies, political economy, gender studies, geography, philosophy, politics, applied linguistics, sociology, and anthropology. The Irish Studies Centre is located within ISET and provides a major archival and research node in this field. Associate members of ISET are drawn from two teaching departments: Humanities, Arts, Languages & Education and Law, Government & International Relations.

ISET has undertaken research funded by the UK’s national research councils, the British Academy, the EU, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, the national government and NGOs. Major current projects include studies of early language learning in Europe, of gender and citizenship, of the experiences of Muslims and the Irish in the UK, of migrant sex workers, and of the impact of human mobility on environmental systems. We also work closely with the Working Lives Research Institute, which focuses particularly on European employment, migration and workplace relationships.

ISET hosts ESF workshop on youth radicalisation

ISET produces a working paper series, holds a biennial colloquium on the theme of ‘Other Europes’, supervises postgraduate research and organizes a regular interdisciplinary seminar series. The two most recent series were on ‘New Europe: Security, Politics and Cultural Change’ and ‘Sustaining Diversities’.

We regularly host visiting professors from a number of countries, offering them access to the staff and resources of the university and the wider London research community. Contacts are welcome from individuals who wish to make either shorter or longer stay visits to ISET, and from other research centres that wish to develop formal collaboration with the institute. For further information please visit www.londonmet.ac.uk/research-units/iset or email us.

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Autumn 2009 Issue Published

The Autumn 2009 issue of the JCER (volume 5 issue 3) was published at the start of November. In addition to a range of general articles covering topics as diverse as European transport policy and space policy, the issue also contains a special commentary section examining the ratification process of the Lisbon Treaty in Ireland, Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic.

The section is edited by new JCER Editor, Christian Kaunert, who suggests in his editorial, that theoretical models of European integration, such as intergovernmentalism, must look beyond the simple intergovernmental bargaining of pre-treaty formation and include post-treaty formation concerns such as the ratification process if the nuances of contemporary European integration are to be fully understood. To read all five commentaries (4 country-based cases-studies and Kaunert’s editorial) please visit the JCER website at www.jcer.net.

The final issue of 2009 for the JCER will be published in December and will include a special section on the Enlarged Single Market. Christian Schweiger and Ruth Wittlinger, both from the University of Durham, co-edit this issue, which presents a range of material originally presented as part of an ESRC-sponsored seminar series on the same topic. The issue will include articles which present the topic from both an academic and practitioner point of view.

Finally, the 2009 JCER/UACES Student Forum Research Article Competition winner is Nataša Reslow, a PhD student from the University of Maastricht. Nataša’s article, entitled ‘Migration and Development? An Assessment of Recent Policy Initiatives’, will be published in the Spring 2010 issue of the JCER. The competition is designed to give Student Members of UACES an opportunity to experience the publication process from initial submission of an article through the review and revision stages. Full access to the JCER archive is available at the journal’s website. Please note that free registration is required to access individual articles, book reviews and commentaries.

Nataša Reslow - 2009 winner of the JCER/UACES Student Forum Research Article Competition

Eamonn Butler, Christian Kaunert and Sarah Leonard
JCER editors
Sweet and Sour European Union Presidencies

The word most commonly associated with the Czech EU presidency is ‘disaster’. Just the thoughts of the Entropa art installation with its depiction of Bulgaria as a squat toilet is enough to make most of us cringe. On the other hand, the Slovene presidency was widely regarded as a quiet success. As the Lisbon Treaty has finally stumbled its way to ratification heralding changes in the nature of the EU presidency, what have we learnt from the experiences of the two 2004 entrants?

Firstly, there were major concerns about the ability of the two states to take over the reins. The French lambasted the abilities of the Czechs and the Austrian newspaper Die Presse mocked the ‘small and helpless’ Slovenes. But both states demonstrated their ability to manage the EU’s business. No fewer than 50 legislative acts were concluded during the six month Czech presidency, including a deal on reduced rates of VAT, whereas the Slovenes managed to help forge numerous agreements, including those on working time and temporary agency workers.

Secondly, holding the presidency proved to have a significant impact on the shaping of European preferences and the making of European policy in both countries. It raised the profile of EU issues, provoking both states to consider positions on a wide variety of issues and contributed to improvements in the coordination of national policy and even played a role in turning the stances of key politicians such as Czech Deputy Prime Minister, Alexandr Vondra, in a more pro-European direction. Keen to ensure a gaffe-free presidency and to be seen as good Europeans the Slovenes dutifully swept under the carpet some of their more unpalatable preferences.

Thirdly, small, new member states can strongly and robustly defend the central tenets of integration. Although former Czech Prime Minister Topolanek will be remembered more for a speech in which he lambasted Obama’s economic policies as the ‘road to hell’, his more important contribution was to defend the principles of the European market against the temptations of Sarkozy and others who were keen to retreat to narrow-minded protectionism.

Above all, the two cases demonstrate the benefits of insulating the conduct of presidency business from domestic political battles. Whereas Slovene political parties struck a non-aggression pact prior to the presidency, the Czechs passed a no confidence vote in the government halfway through the six month term. The ambiguous slogan of the Czech presidency for the domestic audience, Evrope to osladime, which can be translated as ‘we will sweeten Europe’ also had the alternative meaning, ‘will make it difficult for Europe’. In the end the Czechs managed to make it difficult for themselves, leaving a sour taste in the mouth, although much that was ingested during those six months was beneficial to the body politic of the European Union.

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Three Tips for Your Research Trip

Are you planning on undertaking a research trip in the near future? If so, I have a few tips for you based on my own experience. First of all, I would like to encourage you to already start thinking about next year’s Student Forum Postgraduate Conference. The exact date and place of the event will be confirmed soon; check our website regularly for updates: www.uacesstudentforum.org.

It may well be the case that you’ve just started your research this year and you haven’t even finished reviewing the literature for your topic. In fact, you may still be figuring out what your specific topic is going to be. Do not let these factors discourage you from presenting the early findings of your work. It is the very goal of the Student Forum Postgraduate Conference to allow students to present their findings for the first time. Moreover, there are always more experienced students as well, so you can expect some good feedback. The programme and abstracts from last year’s conference can be found at www.uaces.studentforum.org/events.

And here are a few tips for your research trip which I hope you will find useful. They certainly helped me to access many interesting interviewees and learn a lot from them.

Your initial contact should convey a simple message: you are a professional and what you do is important. How do you achieve it? It’s a good idea to send a formal, traditional letter to the person you would like to meet. You can attach the letter of support from your supervisor. You can even attach part of your CV where you say a bit about your education. Then you can follow up with an e-mail, and then with a phone call.

Create a ‘snowball effect’. Do not worry that initially you will not have a lot of people or institutions to approach. Just remember this little bit of advice: at the end of every interview, ask if there is anyone else that you should meet. You will get a lot of new contacts.

Write, do not tape. I know that some people cannot write fast. If you’re one of them, learn how to take notes without actually writing whole sentences. The point is that interviewees are much more open if you do not have a recorder. In fact, in some places you will not even be allowed to tape.

These three little tips should make your research field trip easier and more productive. Let me know what you think (k.zwolski@gmail.com).

If you haven’t done so yet, make sure you join our Euroresearch mailing list. You will stay informed about scholarships, calls for papers, conferences etc.

Go to our website for information on how to join – it’s easy! Visit www.uaces.studentforum.org.

European Studies Research Students’ Conference 2009

The UACES Student Forum’s annual European Studies Research Students’ Conference took place in London on 9 November. The conference, which was generously hosted by the European Commission Representation in the UK and the UK Office of the European Parliament, attracted around 70 participants, from the UK and abroad.

Delegates were welcomed by the SF Chair Kamil Zwolski and Sir Stephen Wall, Honorary President of UACES, who shared his thoughts on the future of the Lisbon Treaty and the outcome of the Irish referendum. Sir Stephen Wall also presented the prize for Best Book to Urfan Khaliq. This year, the conference was organised with the kind support of the British International Studies Association (BISA). Successfully seeking to address UACES as well as BISA members, Professor Mark Webber (University of Loughborough) delivered the keynote address on ‘Researching Moving Targets’ with particular focus on the ESDF. The emphasis of this event is on how to tackle the various challenges that can arise throughout the PhD process. Panel sessions were held on managing the stages of the PhD, planning and conducting fieldwork, getting published and how to present your work in the form of conference papers and blogging. Other important aims of this conference are to provide an introduction to the UACES Student Forum and to present an opportunity to meet fellow postgraduate students.

In order to facilitate networking the programme included organised networking sessions where participants could exchange ideas and get to know each other. The day ended with a roundtable session on what to do after the PhD, which provided useful advice on how to pursue a career in academia, the EU institutions or in the think-tank world. Michael Shackleton’s thoughtful and humorous account of what a career in the European Parliament may entail provided the perfect ending to an engaging conference. Elections were held for two vacant positions on the SF Committee. Voting for the post of JCER liaison officer will continue online. Thomas Maltby (University of Manchester) was appointed conference financial officer. The two new Committee Members will be joining Kamil Zwolski, Eli Gateva and the author, who wish to thank outgoing Committee Members Vicki Morris and Anja Lansbergen for all their work and dedication during their time on the Committee.

Helena Ekelund
UACES Student Forum Communications Officer

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President’s Message

Life after Lisbon

My totally unscientific straw poll of Irish contacts who voted ‘no’ to Lisbon first time round, and ‘yes’ the second time, suggests that they clung to nurse, not for fear of something worse, but because ‘worse’ had already happened and they were worried that ‘worse still’ might yet be to come. I can think of few better reasons for voting in favour of a European treaty. It is, after all, pretty close to why the Coal and Steel Community was created in the first place: to prevent the recurrence of disaster. That may seem a long way from the vision of ever closer union that we all subscribed to in the Treaty of Rome but even that quest was, unsurprisingly, rooted in some pretty strong negatives. Beggar-my-neighbour protectionism impelled, belatedly, the Single European Act and the goal (still unattained) of a complete European single market. British industrial decline was the main driver of Edward Heath’s support for the goal of economic and monetary union, just as the desire to break free of the USA was uppermost in the mind of President Pompidou. British prosperity in the late 80s helped pull Britain away from the objective of EMU just as fear of Germany post-reunification pushed France to embrace it.

On one of Owen Sheers’ recent poetry programmes, a fellow poet paraphrased Nietzsche, saying that ‘out of the chaos comes sometimes a dancing star’. We have had our fair share of institutional chaos over the last few years as we lurched from Amsterdam to Nice, to Lisbon via Chateau Giscard. Will Lisbon, now finally, ratified, produce its own dancing star? Not, surely, the President of the European Council or the High Representative of the EU. If so, it will be no bad thing. The whole point of the procedure for treaty change as set out in the Rome Treaty was to enable governments, and ultimately their electorates, to stand back and determine what powers they, as sovereign governments, were prepared to concede. That is why the Commission was given no role in the process. That is why the participation of the European Parliament in the negotiation of treaty change has undermined that fundamental principle. If we the people, directly through referendums, are increasingly going to be the final arbiter of treaty change, then the role of the European Parliament will, by definition, diminish.

With luck, we shall have done with institutional lurching for a bit. David Cameron must be heaving several sighs of relief not to have to prevent the Lisbon Treaty from entering into force for that would have been the quickest route to reviving an all-singing and dancing institutional agenda, promoted with all the more enthusiasm in the sure knowledge that the British could be relied upon to prevent it ever coming to fruition. I suspect that David Cameron’s promise of referendums on any future treaty changes will, if he comes to power, also act as a future deterrent to treaty change. For a start, it may become harder for other governments not to follow suit. It was Tony Blair’s promise of a referendum on the constitution that forced President Chirac to do likewise. There may be several other heads of government who will be throwing their coffee cups at the tapestry in frustration before many years are past. That in turn will reduce the hitherto growing power of the European Parliament in influencing treaty change.

It seems equally likely that the days of the omnibus treaty are numbered. Describe in one sentence what the Lisbon Treaty does? Um, ah. Describe in one sentence what the Single European Act did? You bet. If we recollect a bit now we may be able to mieux sauter later when we really do need treaty change - for energy security, for example. In other words, we may get back to infrequent treaty changes when, and only when, we cannot achieve a crucial, widely agreed, purpose without it. If the new President of the European Council can help achieve that change of culture then we may after all have found the dancing star to emerge from the recent chaos.

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JCMS Annual Review of the EU 2008

To celebrate the publication of the JCMS Annual Review of the EU in 2008 edited by Nat Copsey and Tim Haughton, two of the contributors and leading scholars in European Studies, Vivien Schmidt (Boston University) and Anand Menon (Birmingham University), debated the state of the European Union at Birmingham University on 12 October. Whereas Schmidt made a strong and passionate case for re-envisaging the European Union as a ‘regional state’ and proposed a number of measures to improve European identity, Menon challenged her views suggesting that focus should rather be placed on making sure the EU focuses on ensuring it lives up to the promises already made, especially in terms of the internal market. A lively discussion ensued with questions from students, academics and user groups. After a reception sponsored by Wiley Blackwell the Annual Review contributors continued the debate at a meal sponsored by the Aston Centre for Europe.

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