

Following on from the success of the UACES 48th Annual Conference, Bath, 2018, the **UACES Research Network on 'Effective Enforcement of EU Law and Policy'** is seeking to submit a proposal for a panel at the **UACES 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, from 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019**, and invites papers on this year's theme which will explore the legacy of austerity on the enforcement of EU law and policy (<https://www.uaces.org/events/conferences/lisbon/#.XBf-glz7Syl>)

Following the financial crisis of 2008, EU Member States adopted austerity measures in various guises, either at the behest of the EU/IMF (e.g. Greece, Portugal, Ireland), or at the instigation of their own national government (e.g. UK). The consequent budget cuts led to a reduction in the resources available to public authorities responsible for the enforcement of EU law and policy including national courts. Cuts to legal aid, the closure of courts, increases in court fees, and reduction in judges' pay have all threatened to undermine access to justice and decrease the protection conferred by EU law and policy on citizens and businesses. The compatibility of these austerity measures with European fundamental rights has been challenged with mixed success before national courts as well as the EU's Court of Justice, and the European Court of Human Rights. Austerity measures have also had a broader impact on compliance with, and enforcement of EU law and policy beyond the courts. As the EU and its Member States emerge from the 'age of austerity', and face new challenges (e.g. rule of law crisis, anti-EU populism, migration, Brexit, terrorism), what is the legacy of austerity on the effective enforcement of EU law and policy?

The UACES Research Network on Effective Enforcement of EU Law and Policy network co-ordinators welcome papers from all disciplines that deepen our understanding of the legacy of austerity on the enforcement of EU law and policy and allows us to prepare for the challenges ahead.

Please submit a title, abstract and short biography to Sara Drake ([DrakeS@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:DrakeS@cardiff.ac.uk)) by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

Kind regards,

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