The Cinema of the EU: European Identity and Universality

Brussels, 10 May 2012

Mariana Liz, King’s College London

Aiming to offer an institutional perspective on contemporary European cinema, this presentation, part of the UACES Arena Seminar series, was centred on the EU’s major initiative in support of the audiovisual sector, the MEDIA Programme. The event provided a timely discussion on European film and identity as ‘Creative Europe’, a new programme for the cultural sector, is being finalised and identification with the European integration project weakens in the face of an economic and political crisis.

Running since 1991, MEDIA supports a series of initiatives in the pre- and post-production of films, with the largest share of its budget (currently €755 million) being allocated to distribution. Although the impact of MEDIA was briefly addressed, the seminar’s main focus was on the programme’s communication. After an overview of the history of European identity in the EU – from the Declaration signed in 1973 to the failed constitution and the signing of the Lisbon Treaty in 2007 – the presentation analysed five clips produced by the European Commission to promote MEDIA. Launched in 2007, these were based on the topics of joy, love and sadness – universal themes that testify to the

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creation of an affective, rather than rational, connection between the European public and its institutions. By presenting European film as a cinema of emotions, these clips emphasize this cinema’s opposition to Hollywood’s accent on action, at the same time as, relying on stars and engaging soundtracks, they depart from the ‘intellectual’ image of European film (traditionally associated with art cinema). The MEDIA clips nevertheless achieve a cohesive view of European cinema by adopting a particular scope: the European quality film. Joyeux Noël/Merry Christmas (Christian Carion, 2005) and L’Auberge Espagnole/Pot Luck (Cédric Klapisch, 2002) were thus examined as examples of the middlebrow European cinema promoted by the EU, as films that express notions of quality and universality but cannot disguise a sense that the idea that Europe welcomes all is not only vague (potentially weakening its identity), but is also perceived as partial, fomenting what some read as the exclusivity of the European project.

Issues raised during the Q&A included how to attract young audiences and to what extent it is possible to decrease the presence of North American films in theatres across Europe. But implications were also drawn for the European integration process more broadly. At a time when it is highly questioned, can the EU really bring together its peoples through an emphasis on diversity? Is universality what joins European nations? Adopting a role as a global actor in the face of post-colonialism, will the EU be relegated to a mediating position? If the combined analysis of EU film policy and contemporary European cinema constitutes a productive strategy to examine the notion of European identity, further research on these issues is thus necessary.

Next Arena seminar

‘En attendant Godot’ or the EU Law Limits to Integration Conditions for Migrants by Diego Acosta Arcarazo

Brussels, 6 June 2012

Applications are now invited for Arena Bursaries for an opportunity to present your research in Brussels. The bursary is intended to cover your travel and accommodation expenses if any. The seminars for the successful applicants will be scheduled in the Autumn.

We are looking for innovative and topical research-in-progress that would be of interest to a broad, multidisciplinary audience of mainly practitioners with an interest in policy-relevant research.

The application deadline is Wednesday 12 September 2012.

Further information: www.uaces.org/arena

Chair’s Column

Richard Whitman, University of Bath

In this issue of UACES News we report on the winners of the Reporting Europe Prize 2012 (page 14). This is the fifth year that the prize has been awarded and is now a well-established feature in the calendar of media awards - but it is unique in its intention to reward stimulating reportage on European integration.

The prize is jointly awarded with Thomson Reuters, the leading international news agency. The prize is UACES’s chance to recognise the quality journalism that assists our members in deepening our understanding of today’s Europe. Quality reporting on Europe is of key interest for our Association, involved as it is in promoting research and teaching in European Studies, as well as bringing together academics with practitioners active in European affairs.

Nominating for the reporting on Europe prize is open to all our members and we rely on the membership to nominate the quality journalism that you listen to, watch and read and the journalists who make our explanation, understanding and teaching of Europe possible. For those of us who teach and research on Europe the broadcast and print media is essential to keeping up-to-date with our areas of interest. News on Europe provides us with a constant streamed opportunity to validate, or challenge, the ways in which we seek to understand Europe’s political, economic and cultural practices and processes.

The prize is judged by a panel of both journalists and academics and the jurors look to award recognition for work which excels in stimulating critical debate on European integration. The jury considered a wide variety of work on all aspects of EU current affairs in 2011. The shortlist covered a diverse range of topics, from the crisis in the Eurozone to the future of Britain’s relationship with the EU. You can see the quality of the journalism that was commended by its inclusion on the shortlist as it can be read and listened to at www.reportingeurope.eu. Richard Lewis and Emily Linnemann worked extremely hard to make the ceremony an occasion to remember for the award winners and for the audience drawn from the media, business, embassies, think tanks and UACES members.

And the winner was Jane Beresford (Producer) & Allan Little (Reporter) BBC Radio 4 for the radio programme series ‘Europe’s Choice’ first broadcast 29 January – 12 February 2011. Please give the programme a listen (and also look at the work of the other short-listed journalists) and you will be heartened by the fantastic quality of reporting on Europe from which we continue to benefit.
European Public Diplomacy: Soft Power at Work
Los Angeles, 30 March 2012

Mai’a K. Davis Cross, University of Southern California

A book workshop was recently held at the University of Southern California (USC). Mai’a K Davis Cross, USC Assistant Professor of International Relations, was the main organizer of the workshop, and also co-editor of the book project, along with Jan Melissen of the Clingendael Institute. The participants in attendance were Nicholas Cull, Simon Duke, Ali Fischer, Ellen Huijgh, Ian Manners, and Teresa La Porte. In addition, Patrick James, Geoffrey Pigman, Steffen Rasmussen, Brian Rathbun, Phil Seib, Jeffrey Sellers, Nicholas Weller, and Geoffrey Wiseman served as commentators on the papers. Around 40 faculty members, researchers, and graduate students also attended the workshop, and there was lively discussion throughout the day.

The workshop will lead to the publication of an edited book that will be divided into three parts: (1) Conceptualizing European Public Diplomacy, (2) Public Diplomacy in Europe’s Diplomatic Lab, and (3) Beyond the New Public Diplomacy. Part I in the book will deal with how diplomatic studies, history, and international relations approach (or might approach) the study of public diplomacy. Part II will contain a number of in-depth case studies on various aspects of EU public diplomacy. Part III will push the theoretical and conceptual boundaries of how we can approach the study of public diplomacy by suggesting new and unexplored angles for understanding it.

The workshop involved wide-ranging discussion about how to push the literature on public diplomacy forward through a multifaceted exploration of the European case. A quasi-federal entity like the EU necessarily encompasses multiple levels of public diplomacy – subnational, national, transnational, and supranational. Moreover, on a more theoretical level, EU public diplomacy provides a strong example of norm diffusion and identity creation. In the context of an evolving actor that is, in many ways, still very new, the European experience might suggest that external image and internal identity are to some extent mutually constitutive.

Arab Spring – the View from Europe, One Year on
Liverpool, 22 February 2012

Alex Balch, University of Liverpool

The workshop, hosted by The Europe and the World Centre at the University of Liverpool included two research panels and a keynote.

The first session involved discussion of the use of social media in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA region) and the influence of the Arab Spring on the EU’s agenda-setting process. The first speaker was Magdalena Nasieniak (University of Bath) who discussed the impact of the Arab Spring on the first Polish presidency of the EU. Poland has since assumed some leadership on the issue of democratisation in North Africa, building bilateral relations and sending a team of experts who have experience in the democratisation process in Poland. Next was Gwyneth Sutherlin (University of Bradford) who talked about the cultural specificities of the role of social media in the political upheavals in North Africa and the Middle East; in particular the ways in which social media tools developed in Western countries pre-determine methods of communication between individuals which potentially exclude certain cultures.

The second panel focussed more on a liberal critique of the EU’s relations with the Southern Mediterranean. The first speaker, Vicky Reynaert (Ghent University), discussed the EU and the evolution of concepts of democratisation when applied to the Mediterranean region. The second speaker was Polly Pallister-Wilkins (SOAS) who discussed the development of the EU’s non-arrival measures in the southern Mediterranean. Both papers served to open up a debate about the liberal qualities of the European project, and the way that the Arab Spring has highlighted these.

Finally, the event was ended with a keynote from Professor Clive Jones (University of Leeds), who presented his analysis of the impacts on Israeli politics and policy in the context of the Middle East. Entitled ‘Missing the ‘Devils’ we knew, distrusting the ‘Democrats’ we don’t’, the paper demonstrated how the events of the Arab Spring, while offering a unique opportunity for the state of Israel, have left the country increasingly isolated in the region.
JCMS Goes from Strength to Strength in its Fiftieth Anniversary Year

The Journal of Common Market Studies is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2012. The Editors of the JCMS planned a series of events to commemorate the occasion, a few of which have been highlighted below. We invite readers of UACES News to join the Editors at any of the remaining events, to watch the podcast of the Delors lecture or to take the opportunity to read a special ‘Best of’ issue which will be published online and freely available to subscribers and non-subscribers alike.

JCMS 50th Anniversary Lecture

The highlight of the year thus far took place on 16 April 2012, with the 50th Anniversary Lecture, delivered by the former President of the European Commission, Jacques Delors. The event was hosted by Sciences Po, Paris, and chaired by Professor Renaud Dehousse. The Editors were extremely grateful for the help he and his staff provided in arranging the Lecture.

Delors spoke eloquently about the past, present and future of the European integration project, reviewing past successions, reasserting the centrality of the Community method, and expressing deep concern about the future of Europe in the context of the ongoing crisis in the euro area. Responding to a long list of questions after his Lecture, he managed to keep his very attentive audience gripped for almost two hours. The lecture will be published in a future volume of the JCMS.

Other Commemorative Events

There will be a competition to identify, by popular vote, the leading article in each of the five decades since the Journal was established. Drew Scott, Helen Wallace and Liesbet Hooghe have kindly helped us by forming an expert jury to provide a short-list of articles which will form the basis of a survey circulated to JCMS readers. The winners of the competition will be announced in September at the UACES Annual Conference in Passau, Germany.

Also in Passau, the current editors will host a panel comprising former editors of JCMS. We intend this to be a lively and informative event which will look back at the history of JCMS, whilst also reflecting on more recent changes that have taken place at the Journal. We are very excited to share with you that founding editor of the JCMS, Uwe Kitzinger, has confirmed his attendance. Many other very illustrious former editors also expect to be present. The JCMS Editors will also be sponsoring a drinks reception at the conference.

Looking Back

Much has been achieved and much has changed since that first issue of the JCMS in the sixties. The journal began by focusing primarily on the Common Market. In 1962, when the Journal was set up by its founding editor, Uwe Kitzinger, the European Community had been under way for a few years, though the United Kingdom was not yet a member. The Community of Six was moving towards a Customs Union and joint policies were being developed, with agriculture being the most salient area of policy-making.

JCMS focused on these exciting developments internal to the European Economic Community. It also explored the relations of
the European Community outside of Europe and the impact of the Common Market on various parts of the world such as Africa and India as well as publishing various pieces on the Atlantic Community.

It also reported research on other areas of the world – for example, on Customs Unions in Latin America, monetary integration in Central America, and on economic and monetary integration in Latin America. Obviously, many early articles focused on Britain and the European Community, but there were also articles on West Germany or the Netherlands or on specific policy areas.

JCMS was also home to numerous articles that sought to tease out the nature of European integration. Some exciting pieces in the first issues on this matter included articles by Jean Monnet and Karl Deutsch on the role of supranational organizations, an article by Haas comparing European with Latin American integration, as well as one by Mitrany analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of both federalism and functionalism in assisting towards a European Union.

The Journal has changed considerably since its first decade. With the EU more deeply integrated and expanding, many more articles deal with the Union’s nuts and bolts. The type of empirical analysis and methodologies chosen has changed, keeping up with the trends in social sciences more generally.

The way authors, reviewers and assessors look at journals has also changed over the 50 years of the journal’s existence. There has been a growth in publications of articles focusing on the trends in social sciences more generally.

The JCMS Annual Review Lecture is Co-Edited by Nathaniel Copsey (Aston University) and Tim Haughton (University of Birmingham). The Annual Review will be published in August 2012 by Wiley-Blackwell.

European Crisis, European Solidarity: JCMS Annual Review Lecture

Tim Haughton, University of Birmingham

Crisis, argued Erik Jones in the JCMS Annual Review Lecture, is nothing new in the history of European integration. In every decade since the end of the Second World War, Jones told his audience at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies in Washington DC, Europe has experienced moments that have similarities with the current malaise affecting the EU. Each time the European project has emerged stronger as a consequence.

This time, however, opined Jones, it is different. Europe faces ever tightening constraints on the possibilities for further integration and Europe’s political leadership faces an existential crisis not just for the European Union, but for the notion of ‘Europe’ as a whole. Central to Jones’s diagnosis of the woes facing the EU is his notion of solidarity. Solidarity, for him, is both a useful concept for bracketing why countries choose to participate in the European project and for explaining the resilience of Europe writ large. In the crisis of trust facing the European project in which finger-pointing and the blame game are rife, the message needs to be conveyed that European solidarity exists in many different patterns across many different domains of integration.

In sketching out his prescriptions for the EU, he highlighted the importance of maintaining and deepening the notions of solidarity. The process of rising to those challenges will be deliberative, consensual, complicated and, during the implementation at least, will be inefficient. Jones’s arguments provoked a lively Q&A session and provided much food for thought for the assembled audience of scholars, students and Washington-based policymakers who continued the lively discussion afterwards at the reception.

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Central and Eastern Europe
Energy Strategies
Glasgow, 2 March 2012

Eamonn Butler

The Assessing Accession and EU-Russia networks jointly held a one day specialist workshop at the University of Glasgow. The workshop was entitled ‘Central and East European energy strategies: creating a sustainable energy future within the EU’ and focused on the fact that EU and non-EU states from the Baltic to the Black Sea are currently working towards establishing a fully integrated regional energy market spanning central and southeastern Europe. It is believed that this will allow for greater security of supply through increased interdependency, improved infrastructure and enhanced competition, among other things. However, this can only be successful if undertaken within the context of the wider European/EU strategy on energy. Challenges to this process are varied and progress is slow, yet the requirement and desire for this region to achieve a sustainable energy future remains strong.

This workshop had presentations from 11 individuals examining a wide range of issues affecting the central and east European energy market and its current and future development within a wider EU context, including its relationship with Russia as a major supplier of energy to the region. The workshop opened with a panel examining the place of Russia in the energy market with Scott Romanuik (University of Aberdeen) providing a discussion of ‘crisis’ within the CEE energy security. Giedrius Cesnakas (Vytautas Magnus University) and Jack Sharples (University of Glasgow) then followed this up with two papers examining the relationship between Russia’s energy export strategies with the western CIS and central European states. Finally Marc Ozawa (University of Cambridge) closed the panel with a discussion around trust between Europe and Russia within natural gas partnerships. The issue of trust was one that was to thread throughout papers across the day. The second panel dealt primarily with alternative energy strategies: creating a sustainable energy future within the EU and focused on the fact that EU and non-EU states from the Baltic to the Black Sea are currently working towards establishing a fully integrated regional energy market spanning central and southeastern Europe. It is believed that this will allow for greater security of supply through increased interdependency, improved infrastructure and enhanced competition, among other things. However, this can only be successful if undertaken within the context of the wider European/EU strategy on energy. Challenges to this process are varied and progress is slow, yet the requirement and desire for this region to achieve a sustainable energy future remains strong.

The event was supported by the Centre for Russian, Central and East European Studies (CRCEES) at the University of Glasgow. A selection of papers will be available to download as work in progress papers from the Assessing Accession website shortly.

Further information: www.assessingaccession.eu

The Governance of Sustainability
Cambridge, 11-12 April 2012

Thomas Hörber, Jenny Fairbrass, Simon Lightfoot and Philipp Pattberg

The final event in a series of workshops for the Governance of Sustainability network, took place at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. The workshop was jointly funded and supported by UACES, the COST network on the Transformation of Global Environmental Governance: Risks and Opportunities (TGEG), Trinity Hall, Cambridge and the Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d’Angers (ESSCA).

During the two-day workshop papers were presented on the themes of a European Environmental Conscience, Sustainability, and European Energy and the Environmental Policy. Here a short selection of papers which were given:

- Pamela Barnes, ESSCA, From ‘agnostic’ to ‘confirmed believer’ – the changing discourse on nuclear energy within the European Commission post 2004
- Emanuela Bozzini, University of Maryland, The sustainability of biofuels: a comparison of EU and US policy debates
- Laura Bullon, Global Governance, Post Globalisation and its impact on Sustainability
- Alvin Camba, University College London, The Politics of Unconventional Energy: Assessing the EU’s environmental governance on Estonia and Poland
- Simona Davidescu, University of York, Energy partnerships in Romania: opportunities for NGO - Business cooperation?
- Helene Dyrhauge, University of Leeds, EU Sustainable Mobility – between economic and environmental discourses
- Rosa Fernandez, UNED, Spain, The Energy Sector as Key for European Energy and the Environmental Policy
- Rosa Fernandez, UNED, Spain, The Energy Sector as Key for Sustainability in the EU
- Philipp Pattberg, VU University Amsterdam, How Climate Change became a Business Risk: Analyzing Non-State Agency in Global Climate Politics
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CSDP Strategy - aims to critically assess the EU’s role in security and defence.

Further information: www.uaces.org/csdp

EU-China Relations - looking in to both the challenges and opportunities posed by China to the EU.

Further information: www.uaces.org/china

Communicating European Integration

Berlin, 30-31 March 2012

Tobias Reckling, Portsmouth University

Hosted by Humboldt University Berlin, the ‘Communicating European Integration’ conference attracted many postgraduate students and early career researchers. The conference was organized by the History of European Integration Research Society (HEIRS) and co-funded by UACES, the ZEIT-Foundation Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, the Representation of the European Commission in Germany, the Collaborative Research Centre 640 ‘Representations of changing social orders’, the Instituto Cervantes Berlin and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Berlin.

Since the 1990s the so-called ‘democratic deficit’ of the EU has become an increasingly discussed topic in both academic and political circles. In this context, especially the (apparently insufficient) communication of European politics to its citizens and the lack of identification with European institutions have been highlighted. Against this background it was the aim of the conference to examine the historical development of the communication and representation of the process of European integration.

The conference put strong emphasis on interdisciplinarity and brought together 25 young researchers from a variety of disciplines such as linguistics, history, social sciences and cultural studies. Besides presentations on the historical development of the European public sphere, the communication of specific EU-policies and European enlargements, the importance of cultural and symbolic aspects were also stressed. The representation of European integration in films and newsreels was examined as well as the iconography of the Euro-coins and the display of the EU’s history in museums. Finally, some papers also analysed non-European and candidate states.

New areas of interest were highlighted by Hartmut Kaelble (Humboldt University Berlin) in his welcome address and by the keynote speakers Hagen Schulz-Forberg (Aarhus University), Hans-Jörg Trenz (University of Copenhagen) and Juan Díez Medrano (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid).

The complete conference programme is available online.

Further information: www.heirs-eu.org
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David PHINNEMORE has been promoted to Professor of European Politics in the School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy at Queen's University Belfast.

Roger SCULLY has been appointed as Professor of Political Science at the Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff University.

Andrew SHERRIFF has been appointed Head of Programme, European External Action at the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) in Maastricht.

Kamil ZWOLSKI has been appointed Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at the University of Southampton, effective September.

Election Results

Europe has been awash with elections in recent months. Amongst the most eagerly anticipated are of course the UACES elections.

Newly elected and joining the UACES Committee from September, will be Mary FARRELL, Dept of Social, Political & Cultural Studies, University of Greenwich and Simon USHERWOOD, Dept of Politics, University of Surrey.

Mary Farrell is Reader in European and International Politics in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (University Of Greenwich), and has held the Jean Monnet Chair since 2010.

As a committee member she hopes to raise the UACES public profile among the international policy communities.

Simon Usherwood has been an active member of UACES for over a decade. He helped to set up the UACES Student Forum and is now running the UACES CRN on Euroscepticism. Simon is currently a senior lecturer at the University of Surrey.

LISBOAN Awards 2012

Sarah WOLFF (pictured), together with fellow Editors Flora GOUDAPPELLAND Jaap DE ZWAAN have been awarded the LISBOAN Award for Outstanding Research on the Lisbon Treaty 2012 for their book ‘Freedom, Security and Justice after Lisbon and Stockholm’.

New Academicians

Kevin FEATHERSTONE, Paul FURLONG, Tamara HERVEY and Stefan WOLFF have all been conferred the award of Academician by the Academy of Social Sciences. The award is a recognition by peers of their impact and contribution to social science.

Order of Academic Palms

Helen DRAKE, at a ceremony at the French Embassy in London, was presented with her medallion and honoured as a Chevalier dans l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques. The award by the French government, was in recognition of her work on the study of contemporary France.

New Horizons in European Politics

A new book series from Edward Elgar with Julie SMITH (University of Cambridge) as Series Editor

Further information: alex.pettifer@e-elgar.co.uk

The EU in International Affairs

A new book series from Palgrave Macmillan with Sebastian OBERTHÜR (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), Knud Erik JØRGENSEN (Aarhus University) and Alex WARLEIGH-LACK (University of Surrey) as Series Editors

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Proving that Football Research is not an Oxymoron

The collaborative and interdisciplinary FP7 project on ‘Football Research in an Enlarged Europe’ (FREE) was successfully launched on 20 April with its Kick-off Conference in Angers. As well as the overall research agenda and objectives, the website includes the presentations of this first conference and information about all forthcoming events, the different partner institutions and individual scholars and a blog.

Further information: www.free-project.eu

Oh, and in case you missed it, Francois HOLLANDE has been elected President of France, defeating incumbent Nicolas SARKOZY.

As always, we are grateful to all those who stood for election and to everyone who voted.
European Civil Society House

A new website describing itself as the one stop shop to help you claim your European rights from you to EU.

Further information: www.CitizenHouse.eu

New blogs launched

EuropeDebate

A new blog from the Dublin European Institute at University College Dublin.

Further information: www.europedebate.ie

European Politics and Policy (EUROPP)

A new blog from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Further information: www.uaces.org/7201

Share your experience

A new website inviting you to share your Journal review experience in the Social Sciences.

Further information: www.reviewmyreview.eu

A Message from the JCMS Editors

One of the most frequent queries the JCMS editors receive is from those wanting to know how long authors have to wait once their article is accepted for publication in the Journal. As of early 2012, we are publishing articles approximately eight months after acceptance. The editors have also begun placing articles that have completed the production process on Wiley-Blackwell’s ‘EarlyView’ list. This gives authors a formal publication date which will be between four-to-six months after acceptance of their article. We hope to improve our speed in placing EarlyView articles over the coming year. With reference to our turnaround times from submission to first decision, we calculated an average time over 2011 of 60 days and hope that the average over 2012 will stay at less than 70 days. We commit ourselves to getting a first response to authors within 100 days. There will always be a few occasion when we do not meet the goals we set for ourselves. As readers will know, journal editors are reliant on the good citizenship and professionalism of reviewers (who are increasingly overworked); but we do think it is important to have these targets to aim for and to make these goals visible to JCMS’s constituency. Thus, before closing, let us put out a call for your submissions. Given that we now have a good turn around time from decision to publication, we are particularly keen to welcome new submissions. Also, this month JCMS will issue its call for it next special issue. Keep your submissions coming!

Michelle CINI and Amy VERDUN, JCMS Editors

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UACES is pleased to announce that Allan Little and Jane Beresford have won the 2012 Reporting Europe Prize for their BBC Radio 4 programme ‘Europe’s Choice.’

Beginning with the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, their 3-part radio series traces the key decisions that brought Europe to the current financial crisis.

Through interviews with leading figures, the programme reveals the mixture of naïve optimism, flawed economics, and figure-fudging that has led to bailouts and banking disasters.

Commenting on this year’s winner Paul Adamson, Editor-in-Chief, EUSharp and jury member said:

“Allan Little and Jane Beresford’s three-part series created a compelling and informed narrative on the situation in which the European Union now finds itself. It took pains to talk not only to expert commentators in the UK but informed players in other European countries. All this with an exquisite clarity and accessibility for the enjoyment of non specialists. The programmes give you a laudably rounded understanding of the current dilemma of Europe.”

The Full Shortlist

Arthur Beesley, Dark Days: behind the bailout, Irish Times (19 November 2011)

Jane Beresford and Allan Little, Europe’s Choice, BBC Radio 4 (Three-part series, 29 January – 12 February 2012)

Quentin Peel, Series of pieces on Germany and the Eurozone Crisis, Financial Times (September 2011 – February 2012)

David Rennie, Britain, not leaving, but falling out of the EU, The Economist (9 December 2011)

Graeme Wearden, Business Blog, The Guardian (Four pieces from July – November 2011)

Some words on this year’s shortlist from the prize jury...

Antonia Mochan, European Commission Representation in the UK

“The Bagehot piece nominated caught the eye of the jury for two reasons. Firstly, David Rennie brought his customary clarity and focus, as well as specialist knowledge, to an issue that had been the subject of considerable hyperbole in the preceding days. Secondly, being written in his Bagehot incarnation (not the Charlemagne one that had won him the prize in the past), it reminded us that European issues can lie at the heart of domestic politics.”

Dr Martyn Bond, Deputy Chairman, London Press Club

“Good quality blogging demands complex skills, and Graeme Wearden’s Guardian business blog displays them well. He draws on many sources, interweaving quotes from politicians, business figures, bankers, officials and media colleagues to create an insightful stream of pertinent information in real time. Through the developing Euro-crisis his blogs fed a serious level of debate with international contributions ranging from fluctuating bond yields of different countries alongside the progress of ministerial discussions in Brussels, the level of the stockmarkets around Europe related to travel plans of ministers and officials. Good observation, relevant context, pertinent comment. Chapeau.”

Prof Richard Whitman, UACES Chair and Chair of Jury

“Quentin Peel’s examination of the political condition of Europe and the state of European integration has been consistently insightful. He is the reporter and commentator who could be best described as the critical conscience of the quality of debate on Europe and its future. In his nominated pieces, he has demonstrated a superb ability to grasp the mood of the Berlin republic. His work underlines the need for a clear sighted understanding of German politics, in order to understand Europe’s contemporary condition. The nominated pieces make a significant contribution to the analysis of the limits of contemporary political possibilities in Europe.”

John Palmer, Advisory Council of the Federal Trust

“Judging a Brussels based correspondent of a major newspaper must invariably be based both on the quality of the journalist’s output over time and the specific quality of the submitted article. By both criteria Arthur Beesley impresses. It is very hard to maintain a comprehensive, yet penetrating, coverage European Union affairs over a protracted period but this Beesley has achieved in the Irish Times. His submitted article reflects these qualities of in-depth reporting, scrupulous objectivity and a penetrating grasp of the necessarily complex dynamics of EU decision making. His article and his wider work on European issues deserves to be seen as standard setting.”

Read and listen to all of this year’s shortlisted pieces at: www.reportingeurope.eu
Will Europe Recognise the Value of the Knowledge Economy?

Sir Stephen Wall

Archimedes has a lot to answer for. It’s not just that he invented streaking. Thanks to him, how many of us have sat shivering in the bath waiting for that genius moment to strike? Archimedes is especially irritating, for no sooner had he sat down in his bath than he realised that he had made an intuitive leap of enormous significance, one that propelled him out of the bath to run naked down the streets of Syracuse.

My last piece for UACES news was a bit gloomy. But then a conversation with an academic colleague reminded me that, amidst all our woes, one thing we Europeans can still offer is the power of intellectual inventiveness. The worldwide web that we live by was conceived in the brain of Alan Turing, born a century ago, even before he applied his genius to the Enigma codes at Bletchley. Even he could not have imagined the application to which his idea would be put. No more could Marconi, who thought he had invented the wireless telegraph, not the radio which is still the world’s greatest purveyor of information, entertainment and inter-communication.

It is less than two centuries since human beings were empowered, thanks to the steam railway, to travel, for the first time in the history of the world, faster than the fastest horse. A strawberry picked in Norfolk in the morning could be eaten at a table in the Savoy the same evening. That simple, revolutionary, change transformed the economic landscape of Britain and other European countries.

Europe is unlikely again to be the industrial powerhouse of the world. But the world of ideas is still ours to lead. Few researchers will be lucky enough to have their Eureka moment but the challenges that face the world: demographic, climatic, social and economic do not respect boundaries and nor does the search for inventive solutions. Europe’s tradition of excellence in higher education has long since been matched, and often surpassed, in the United States. It is increasingly being challenged from other continents. My quarrel with tuition fees at their new level is that they represent a reluctance to invest in brain power. Fortunately, for now at least, expenditure in Britain on research has been ring-fenced. Will that still be the case when the next swingeing round of cuts comes, as it must, in a few years’ time?

As the EU’s leaders ponder the issue of how to generate growth let us hope they conclude that the ‘knowledge economy’ is not just a slogan. It should be their top priority and an obligation.
European Foreign Policy and the Challenges of Balkan Accession

Gergana Noutcheva

The Balkan countries have responded differently to the EU’s conditional offer of membership. This book examines the diverging compliance patterns of the Balkan accession states and asks why some of them have complied substantially, some only partially and others have defied the EU.

The book examines the compliance of the Balkan states with the EU accession conditionality, arguing that the variation in the compliance behavior of Balkan governments hinges on three main factors – the legitimacy of the EU conditions as seen domestically in the accession states, the costs of compliance and the EU’s ability and willingness to use its superior power resources to impose compliance when faced with domestic defiance. Placing important events from the most recent political history of the Balkans in a broader historical perspective, the author evaluates the successes and failures of the EU’s state building policies in the Balkans, a geographical area of the highest priority for the EU’s foreign policy and a test case for the EU’s capacity and willingness for foreign policy action.

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