As UACES enters its 50th year, our golden anniversary celebrations are already underway. Thanks to European Commission funding and in conjunction with our partners at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence we have set the wheels in motion for a conference looking at the last 50 years of European Studies on 12-13 October 2017. At our 47th Annual Conference to be held from 4-6 September 2017 in Krakow, Poland, we will also make space for a reflection on UACES’ first 50 years, alongside the hundreds of research papers and the ‘non-traditional’ panel events for which proposals have been received.

The Annual Conference will also mark a period of change for UACES. Voting opens on 1 March for a new Secretary to take up post in September 2017 as well as two new committee members – look out for your email invitation to vote.

Finally, I have to announce that our long-standing staff member and digital communications manager Richard Lewis is leaving us after seven years with UACES. Richard’s work has been invaluable in many respects, notably his success in building the various digital channels with which we communicate: our website, this newsletter, Expert on Europe and Ideas on Europe. We will miss him terribly, and thank him for being such a wonderful colleague. Good luck, Richard.

Read an extended version of Helen’s message here.

In this issue: Recent Books, Appointments, CRN News, UACES Scholars 2017 and more

Upcoming events

Details of upcoming events organised by the wider European Studies Community.

March | April | May

UACES Elections

Don't forget the UACES committee elections close on 1 April 2017. Keep an eye out for an email with profiles of the candidates and instructions on how to cast your vote online.
**JCER Best Article Prize**

UACES and JCER are delighted to announce the launch of the Luke Foster JCER Best Article Prize - dedicated to the memory of our late Executive Director. The prize will reward the best article written by a PhD student or an academic within 5 years of completing their PhD.

The article must have been published in the 2016 volume of JCER (Vol. 12).

The prize will be judged via a poll of JCER readers and UACES members. There is a £500 prize for the best article and two further prizes of £250 for the two runners up.

Voting closes on 31 March 2017.

Find out more and vote

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**New JCER issues published**

- **JCER Vol 13, No 1** (2017)
- **JCER Vol 12, No 4** (2016)
  - Includes a special section on the UK's EU referendum.

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**UACES Scholars 2017**

UACES would like to congratulate the successful students who will be receiving UACES Scholarships this year.

- **Louise Bengtsson**, Stockholm University
- **Dimitra Panagiotatou**, Queen Mary University of London
- **Friedrich Plank**, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz
- **Jiаgtian Xu**, University of East Anglia
Student Forum Seminars 2016

This two-day event brought together postgraduate students to discuss issues facing research students in European Studies. The first day was organised in collaboration with ANTERO, an Erasmus+ Network about 'Addressing the Needs on Teaching, Education and Research in EU Foreign Policy'. The second day focused on issues ranging from how and when to publish, to teaching as a postgraduate student, or challenging fieldworks. This year the seminar further discussed changes to EU studies after the Brexit vote.

Read a Storify
View event programme
Read resource on designing a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

News

Appointments

Graham Butler has been appointed Assistant Professor of Law at Aarhus University.

Paul James Cardwell has been appointed Chair in Law at the University of Strathclyde.

Mai'a K. Davis Cross has been appointed as the Edward W. Brooke Professor of Political Science at Northeastern University.
Nuno Ferreira has been appointed Professor of Law at the University of Sussex.

Kathryn Simpson has been appointed Lecturer in Politics & Public Services at Manchester Metropolitan University.

UACES Archives in Florence

We’re delighted to announce that Quincy Cloet, Aberystwyth University, has been awarded funding to visit the newly-deposited UACES archives at the Historical Archives of the European Union in Florence. Quincy will present the findings of his research at the ‘Europe in the Archives / Europe in the Future’ conference at the EUI on 12-13 October 2017.

Teaching Excellence Framework

Introduced in 2015 by the UK government, John Craig explores what the TEF is, where it comes from and how it might develop.

Read more

News from ANTERO Network on EU Foreign Policy

The network is planning its third and final network meeting at University College Dublin (UCD) from 31 May to 2 June. This will include research panels on the effectiveness and coherence of EU foreign, security and defence policies, as well as panels devoted to teaching in EU foreign policy. A particular focus will be on the use of problem-based learning in the classroom and innovative teaching methods. For information on participation in the ANTERO network event please contact ben.tonra@ucd.ie.

Podcasts and Resources

You can also find a complete podcast record of the research and teaching panels from the November 2016 London ANTERO network event. Colleagues are invited to contribute further ideas to the development of more teaching supports and making these available world-wide via the ANTERO website.

Watch videos

Opportunities offered by the Network

Applications for conference funding and doctoral travel bursaries are always welcome - as are those wishing to avail themselves of the 'research-buddy' system to get feedback on draft journal articles.
Recent Books

Alexandre Lamfalussy. The Wise Man of the Euro - Christophe Lamfalussy, Ivo Maes, Sabine Peters

National Parliaments after the Lisbon Treaty and the Euro Crisis: Resilience or Resignation? - Davor Jancic (ed)

Parliamentary Diplomacy in European and Global Governance - Stelios Stavridis and Davor Jančić (eds)

The Politics of Crisis in Europe - Mai’a K. Davis Cross

Theorizing the European Neighbourhood Policy – Sieglinde Gstöhl, Simon Schunz (eds)

Brexit: Sociological Responses – William Outhwaite (ed)

Promoting National Priorities in EU Foreign Policy: The Czech Republic’s Foreign Policy in the EU - Tomas Weiss

Democratic Legitimacy in the European Union and Global Governance. Building a European Demos - Beatriz Pérez de las Heras (ed)

The Revised European Neighbourhood Policy: Continuity and Change in EU Foreign Policy - Dimitris Bouris and Tobias Schumacher (eds)

National Administrations in EU trade policy: maintaining the capacity to control - Johan Adriaensen

Domestic Politics and Norm Diffusion in International Relations
By Thomas Risse

Find out more
UACES supports six Collaborative Research Networks. Below is a round-up of CRN news.

Two new CRNs Launched

INTERSECT: Technology-Security-Society interplays in Europe
The collaborative research Network INTERSECT creates a cross-European structure for advancing the knowledge on the many facets of the interplays between technological developments, security practices, and societal changes in Europe.

Differentiated integration in the European Union after ‘Brexit’
The United Kingdom’s vote to leave the European Union on 23 June 2016 has led to further uncertainties and debates over the future of European integration. This Collaborative Research Network brings together scholars to reflect on the future direction of European (dis)integration after Brexit.

visit website

European Energy Policy Workshop
Read a report from this two-day international workshop which considered the EU’s climate change and energy cooperation strategy with non-EU countries.

Read report
Financial Accountability in the European Union (EUFINACCO)

Maria Luisa Sanchez Barrueco, Senior Lecturer in EU Law from Spain’s University of Deusto, and co-convenor of the UACES EUFINACCO CRN gave evidence on the implications of Brexit for the UK’s contributions to and receipts from the EU budget at a House of Lords EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee meeting on Wednesday 18 January.

The committee asked questions on various matters: the legal status of the 2014–20 Multiannual Financial Framework deal; the amount the UK legally is committed to pay until 2020; the extent to which the UK is legally bound to commitments already made; the legal background for how pensions for retired EU staff are paid, and how the UK’s ongoing liabilities could be calculated; and whether it would be possible for the UK to remain a shareholder of the European Investment Bank following Brexit. Maria Luisa was later interviewed on Basque radio. You can hear her speak here in Spanish about the visit to the Lords and how it is important for academic researchers to inform parliamentarians and political decision-makers.

Visit CRN website

The EU as International Mediator

The EU as International Mediator hosted an informal reception of network members at the Brussels School of International Studies, University of Kent on 26 January 2017. As part of the reception we updated interested members of civil society about our work and also invited PGR students as well to participate in the network. This was followed by a roundtable on 27 January jointly hosted with the EU-CVICAP.

Panelists included Network co-leads Julian Bergmann and Arne Nieman in addition to Eldrich Adolpho from the EU Mediation Support team within the External Action Service, and Antje Herrberg, Director of MeditEUr. Toni Haastrup introduced the Network and the progress of our work.

Members of the network will be presenting their work at EUSA in Miami and at the next UACES annual conference in Krakow.

Visit CRN website