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UACES BEST BOOK AND PHD PRIZES
European Monetary Union and Security Integration feature in this year’s prize-winning volumes.

INAUGURAL UACES RE-EUNION IN DENMARK
‘The Danish ‘No’ to Europe 20 years Later’ event took place in Copenhagen.

UACES STUDENT FORUM SEMINARS
Lara Kennedy reports from the student-run event which was co-hosted by Europa Institute, University of Edinburgh.

UACES Project to Mark the 40th Anniversary of the First Enlargement

2013 is the 40th Anniversary since Britain, Denmark and Ireland joined the European Community. At the time, the British Prime Minister Edward Heath said: ‘For my part, I have no doubt at all that the discussions which we have had will prove of real and lasting benefit, not only to Britain and France, but to Europe as a whole.’

Over the course of 2013, UACES will be running a series of events reflecting on how the EU has evolved since 1973, the benefits to the citizens of Europe, and how it might evolve in the future. The turbulence of the last few years and the proposed re-structuring of the political and economic union demonstrate that evolution of the integration project, although much progressed, is not complete.

The ‘Evolving Europe’ project aims to advance the understanding of the contemporary conditions of European integration and to assess the impact of the 1973 accession – both on the EU and on member states. The events will bring together both academic and practitioners in what promises to be a lively exchange of views about the consequences of EU enlargement and membership. Although the emphasis will be on investigating the role of the 1973 accession states in the EU, the evolution of Europe will also be examined in the broader context.

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New Honorary President
UACES welcomes our new President, Baroness Ashton of Upholland, PC.

Deadline: 31 January 2013

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UACES Committee 2013
Nominations are now invited from individual UACES members for the following posts:

☐ Treasurer
☐ Committee Members (2 places)

To find out more about each role and to make your nomination, please visit:

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The events which form part of the ‘Evolving Europe’ project are:

40 Years since the First Enlargement
7-8 March 2013, London

A two-day academic conference which will examine the evolution of the integration project since the accession of Britain, Denmark and Ireland. Research papers will explore the economic, political, social and legal implications of accession to and membership of the EU. A roundtable featuring Lord Douglas Hurd and John Palmer (former Europe editor of the Guardian) will focus on the topic: ‘The Impact of the First Enlargement: Transforming the States and Changing the EU?’

The Impact of EU Membership since 1973
13 May 2013, London

A one-day policy-orientated conference involving practitioners who have been actively engaged in the European integration process. Over the course of the day, speakers will examine the UK’s four decades as an awkward partner, the effects of EU membership on the UK’s economy and foreign policy and discuss the impact of accession on UK politics. Confirmed speakers include Sir Stephen Wall, Baroness Joyce Quin and David Frost (Europe, Trade and International Director at the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills).

Europe: Voices of the Future
Summer 2013

A two-day postgraduate research conference providing opportunities for younger scholars to reflect on the development of the European project. This event is run by the UACES Student Forum Committee and will also include plenary sessions from established academics.

Anniversary lecture series

A four-part lecture series taking place in Belfast, Cardiff, Edinburgh and London, providing a regional perspective on European integration.

The events will be taking place across the UK and are open to all. To find out more about the project and the events being organised, visit www.uaces.org/europe.

2013 will be a year full of activity for UACES. The Annual Conference returns to the UK, and the plans to welcome as many members as possible at the University of Leeds, from 2-4 September, are well underway. The conference has its own website (www.uaces.org/leeds) and the call for papers is already open (deadline 18 January 2013).

Further events will come to fruition under the theme of ‘Evolving Europe’ in the course of the year. They will benefit from successful funding bids made to the European Commission earlier this year, and collectively mark the 40th year of the accession of the UK, Denmark and Ireland to the European Union. Highlights include an academic conference (7-8 March), a round-table of public figures well-qualified to look back on the impact of EU membership on the UK from today’s perspective (13 May), and a series of lectures to be delivered in each of the UK’s capital cities.

Also in 2013, we extend a warm welcome to new UACES President, Baroness Cathy Ashton and look forward to her joining us all in our reflections on such a significant year for the EU.

The preparatory work for all these activities was in place long before I took over as Chair, and on behalf of the UACES membership I would like to thank all those involved in maintaining such a consistently high profile for the Association. Outgoing Chair, Professor Richard Whitman, guided UACES over the last three years with aplomb, and handed it over in excellent shape. He drew on the depth of expertise and the goodwill not only of the officers and members of the Committee (elected and co-opted), but also the permanent staff of the UACES office, Luke, Emily and Richard, and I thank all of them for ensuring a smooth transition over the past few months. Outgoing Association President Sir Stephen Wall offered sustained support to the Association during that period, in particular through his participation at many events, and he too has our sincere gratitude.

Finally for this column, I remind members that our Association mourns the death of one its longest standing members and a pioneer of European Studies, Professor Dave Allen. It is with much sadness and pain, yet also pride, that I personally recall how Dave made a typically wholehearted contribution to the UACES Annual Conference in Passau, only weeks before succumbing to virulent lung cancer on 18 October 2012. Dave – the scholar, the colleague, the supervisor, the friend – is remembered in tributes on page 7 of this newsletter.

Helen Drake, Loughborough University

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Reporting Europe Prize

Nominations are now invited for the sixth annual Reporting Europe Prize.

To make your nomination visit: www.reportingeurope.eu

Chair’s Column

Helen Drake, Loughborough University

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Best PhD and Book Prizes

Awarded annually, the UACES Best PhD and Book Prizes celebrate the work that has made the most substantial and original contribution to knowledge in the area of European Studies.

Best PhD

This year’s prize was awarded to Alison Johnston, for her thesis European Monetary Union and Institutional Change: The Perverse Effects of Supranational Macroeconomic Regimes on Wage Inflation submitted to the London School of Economics & Political Science. The thesis seeks to explain the divergence of sectoral wages agreements - which consisted in a strong rise of wages in the public or sheltered sectors and moderate wage increases in the sectors exposed to trade competition - after the introduction of the single currency.

The judges described the thesis as ‘excellent’ and praised Alison for her ‘innovative’ approach and the ‘considerable attention’ paid to ‘resolving a puzzle that really does seem quite anomalous.’

Best Book

2012’s prize was awarded to Mai’a K. Davis Cross, University of Southern California for her book Security Integration in Europe: How Knowledge-based Networks are Transforming the European Union.

Focusing on the unprecedented advances in both external and internal security integration made by the European Union, the book brings together personal interviews and recent government documents across five separate case studies to construct a microsociological account of how EU governance really works and what future role the EU is likely to play internationally.

Mai’a’s book was commended by the judges for its clear articulation of an original hypothesis and its wealth of primary research. As one judge commented it is an ‘exceptionally good read’ that is bound to become a key reference source for European Integration scholars in the future.

Published by The University of Michigan Press, ISBN: 978-0472117895

Did you complete your thesis or publish a book in 2012?

Nominations are now being sought for next year’s Best Book and Best PhD awards.

Nomination deadline: 31 January 2013
My Conference Experience
Panos Stasinopoulos, King’s College London

I had the opportunity to attend all three days of the UACES annual conference and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the venue, as the University of Passau provided an excellent forum. Everything worked perfectly and the conference participants did not have to worry about anything apart from how to make it to all panels! Speaking of panels, I was delighted to see that more lawyers were present this year and this was reflected in the topics of the panels. I attended one on EU citizenship, which is a very interesting, but sometimes neglected, topic. The Q&A session at the end of this panel was refreshingly stimulating as many different opinions were heard and a general interest in the subject was registered. Another panel I attended covered issues ranging from legal history to citizenship and democracy. Seeing how the papers fit together and the debates they generated highlighted the reason one chooses to attend conferences, despite their sometimes manic and demanding schedule. The plenary sessions were also very interesting, and provided us with a few good moments (including a well-executed but improvised German-to-English translation).

JCMS at 50
Gill Allwood, Nottingham Trent University

The roundtable brought together the former editors of JCMS as part of this year’s celebrations of the journal’s fiftieth anniversary. Uwe Kitzinger opened the session with a warm, memorable and perhaps understated account of the journal’s earliest days. The former editors – Iain Begg, Simon Bulmer, William Paterson, Drew Scott and Daniel Wincott - continued the story, each bringing their own insights into the evolution not only of the journal itself, but of its relationship with UACES and with the discipline as a whole. They demonstrated that JCMS has acted not just as a mirror to the discipline, but as an active influence on its development, for example, by making a conscious effort to encourage interdisciplinarity in pursuit of an understanding of Europe. Finally, they raised interesting questions about the changing role of editors in an era of online submissions and the extent to which they should intervene to determine which questions should be addressed.
Keynote Speech by Klaus Welle  
*Bernhard Stahl, University of Passau*

The opening ceremony on Monday evening offered a particular highlight with the keynote speech held by the Secretary General of the European Parliament, Klaus Welle. Speaking as a practitioner, Mr Welle addressed three particularly relevant points: the Lisbon Treaty as a treaty of parliaments; the issues of solidarity and sovereignty in the financial crisis; and how to strengthen legitimacy by means of democratic accountability without changing either treaties or the current framework. While addressing general matters, such as the impact of the increasing role of European Parliament in the process of treaty changes and agenda setting, Mr Welle also named technical measures which could help improve participation and transparency in the election process. Mr Welle asked the audience to ponder what role the EU currently assumes and what role it should assume in the future in this increasingly multi-polar world, providing food for thought for the following conference days.

Studying Europe in Germany and the UK  
*Uwe Puetter, Central European University*

Many UACES members will remember this plenary session as an event with a passionate Dave Allen. The session compared different trajectories of EU studies degree programs and featured interventions by Gabriele Abels, Paul James Cardwell, Andrea Lenschow and Dave Allen. Dave reminded us of what a hard process it was to establish European studies as integration studies. But it also became clear that he had experienced great successes too. Dave sounded a more sceptical note on the current state of affairs of EU studies in the UK and recognised that there needs to be more discussion on this subject. The interventions by the other panelists highlighted important trends in the contemporary development of European studies which invite further debate. Paul James Cardwell pointed to the importance of establishing attractive exchange networks around specialised EU studies degrees. Andrea Lenschow elaborated on the difficulties of specialised degree programmes in keeping students enrolled for both BA and MA education. Gabriele Abels talked about the possibility to combine an EU focus with another major theme in contemporary political science within an MA on Democracy and Governance in Europe.

Lifetime Achievement Award 2012

UACES was delighted to be able to honour Emil Kirchner as the winner of the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award for Contemporary European Studies. The presentation was made at the UACES Annual Conference Dinner aboard the Crystal Ship, Passau.
The Danish ‘No’ to Europe 20 Years Later

Copenhagen, 1-2 November 2012

Organised in partnership with the School of Politics at the University of Surrey; EURECO and Centre for European Politics, University of Copenhagen; and the Danish national newspaper, Politiken, the first in what is hoped will be a long series of Re-EUunion events was held in Copenhagen on 1-2 November 2012. This new initiative from UACES seeks to bring together key people from a significant moment in the EU’s history with the aim of revisiting the event or moment in order to understand the nature and weight of its legacy. The 1992-3 Danish ‘No’ and ‘Yes’ to the Maastricht Treaty were not just about the Danes, of course; the effects of these referenda continue to reverberate throughout the EU and look increasingly relevant as the EU faces both political and economic crisis. In this article, Professor Marlene Wind, University of Copenhagen, talks about the significance of the Danish experiences and discusses what we have – but mostly have not – learned from them.

Danish EU Membership turns 40 – have the Danes turned their back on the EU?

Marlene Wind, University of Copenhagen

40 years ago, on the 2nd of October, Denmark voted in favour of entering into the European Community (as it was then called). It is well-known that the yes appeared neither out of enthusiasm for the European project nor because our politicians had any great visions of a united Europe. The reasons were much more prosaic and had to do with the Danish farmers continued access to the British market for dairy products. Britain wanted to join and thus Denmark had to go along. This was the message that came across, and it illustrates well how, from the outset, the Danish approach to Europe was mostly practical and focused on economic gains. Political Union on the other hand was never desired and certainly not discussed as a real possibility at the time. On the contrary, in 1986 our then Prime Minister Poul Schlüter even declared the Political Union ‘stone dead’. As time has passed Schlüter’s prediction has clearly become more and more untrue.

Looking back it was in particular regrettable that it was never explained to the Danish people that, as a small, open economy, Denmark has a strong interest in a legally binding Union. Nor was it explained how the supremacy of EU law over conflicting national law was not only part of the package but in our fundamental interest. Even today, 40 years after, it still comes as a surprise – not only to the Danish citizens but even to many politicians – that European rules can set aside national ones if there is a conflict between the two. The alternative to what we have today – i.e. a community based on weak international law – would not, as many still seem to think, mean more independence and ability to decide by ourselves. On the contrary, a more legally fragile Community would quickly end up as a club dominated by the larger member states with an only marginal voice for smaller states.

Despite these rather banal insights, a recent opinion poll on the Danish attitudes towards Europe shows that the Danes have become increasingly Eurosceptic. At least if we look at the Gallup published in Berlingske Tidende on 8 October. Here it was clear that the Danes no longer just want to preserve the 20-year-old opt-out on the Euro but also want to keep the defence and the justice and home affairs-opt-outs. At the same time, a Eurobarometer shows that 8 out of 10 Europeans still want more Europe to cope with the crisis. And even more surprisingly to most Danes: 63% of all Europeans still think that a common currency is a good thing!

What does all of this tell us? It tells us that as Europe moves ahead with enhanced collaboration on banking and fiscal union, Denmark seems to slide in the other direction. A two (or more) speed Union is clearly no longer just a theoretical possibility discussed among political scientists at international conferences. It has become a reality that we have to confront. On the other hand, it is quite clear to most observers that a split Europe will not be in the interest of a small member state like Denmark. Denmark will, however, not be able to veto a development that we contributed to creating with our ‘No’ to the Maastricht Treaty 20 years ago. With the direction the EU is moving at the moment, Denmark will, for the first time, face the actual consequences of being an opt-out nation. The fear is of course that the Eurozone countries will create their own smaller version of the EU with the implication that the internal market that most Danes support and cherish will be gradually undermined. Though Denmark is still welcome to join this more exclusive club there is no sign that this will happen, not even in the remote future.

Under these circumstances we have to remind ourselves that we have no one but ourselves to blame for the situation we are now facing. The following months and years will thus be decisive for Denmark’s future place in Europe.

Together with the Norwegian Nobel Committee, which finally found an opportunity to hand over its distinguished peace price to the EU, we should nevertheless rejoice and appreciate that 17+ countries in Europe still have the courage that is needed in this crucial time of crisis.

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Further information: www.uaces.org/reunion
In Memory of Dave Allen

Søren Dosenrode  
University of Aalborg

Dave had obvious, great gifts as a lecturer, researcher, administrator and leader. But what I would like to emphasise is his devotion to the international scholarly community. No one would ever doubt that Dave was British, full stop. But he was also international, a man who believed in international exchange as a means of making better science, better students and, as a fringe benefit, friendships. And he practised his ‘devotion’. Over the years he has participated in hundreds of conferences and seminars outside the UK, and he has been teaching all over the globe... even in Aalborg, Denmark. Thus he helped to build the discipline ‘European Studies’. Dave has, for years, given his famous lectures on the CFSP here in Aalborg, as well as a lecture on UK-EU relations. The latter especially, gave him ample opportunity to explain this intricate relationship as well as to nag on the government of the day – no matter whether it was red or blue.

As guest lecturer Dave contributed enormously to our courses in EU’s External Relations, and he patiently answered loads of questions from our Danish and international students. In addition, I appreciated his good company even more, his humour was marvellous, and his loyalty huge. Dave was not sentimental, but he was a very, very caring person, what we in Danish call, ‘a friend of his friends’. Both as a scholar and as a person he leaves a large gap, and we will miss seeing him at our place!

Karolina Pomorska  
Maastricht University

Writing a PhD under Dave’s supervision was an extraordinary experience. He was not merely a supervisor; he was a real mentor for academic life, which he knew inside out. Dave was always kind and extremely patient. He would not give any ready answers but rather help you out and encourage in finding your own ways. I’ve heard another of Dave’s students speak of his ‘invisible hand’, raising an issue that seemed like an aside only for you to realise later just how central it would be to your own argument. With Dave, you never had a feeling you were ‘just’ a PhD student, you were an ‘expert-in-the-making’, as he would always find the time to enquire with great interest about your most recent discoveries or news from Brussels.

Like so many of his other students, I was always looked forward so much to our supervisory sessions. They were not only joyful and filled with critical observations on academia, but each time you would walk out of Dave’s office with restored confidence and the feeling that you could overcome any difficulties, even if before the meeting they had seemed grave. Dave possessed a unique ability to deal with people, he was a true master of motivation. He always knew how to give you a boost of positive energy and his enthusiasm (not only about researching European foreign policy) was contagious. To be sure, he could be critical towards your work, especially if he felt it was becoming too detached from real-life problems and politics. But he would deliver his criticism in a way that would make you feel empowered rather than undermined.

Dave was also there in other crucial moments of the academic adventure: to have a talk before the first teaching assignment (the power of anecdotes!), to write countless recommendation letters, to discuss career opportunities. Dave was so much more than a supervisor and will be greatly missed.

Roy H Ginsberg  
Skidmore College

Those of us engaged in European and EU studies have very fond memories of Dave’s insightful, acerbic, edgy, good-humoured, and well-seasoned comments as panel discussant and paper giver at EUSA, ISA, APSA, CES, and other academic conferences. His scholarship was grounded in policy-relevant questions and issues – always pithy, always germane. A testimony to his ability to bridge academic and government was his work with the Foreign Office and the large extent to which policymakers from Brussels to London to Washington listened to what he had to say as one of Britain’s leading foreign policy experts. I personally remember and appreciated Dave’s presence and support at the creation of EUSA-US in 1987-88 and how much he helped us to advance European and EU studies at a time when the field of inquiry in this country was rather anaemic. Dave Allen, along with such luminaries as Profs Hill, Paterson, Wallace, and Wessels, was among the first scholars to take seriously the study of the external relations of the then EC in the late 1970s and early 1980s. He was always available to extend his expertise on the European Union to anyone who approached him with a research question or asked for a comment on a paper draft or new concept.

Michael H Smith  
Loughborough University

Dave Allen was well-known and very much liked by his American Europeanist friends and colleagues. His passing comes as a wrenching shock.

Dave Allen, pioneer, scholar, professor, colleague, and friend, will be sorely missed. His legacy in European and international studies is the rich scholarship he published, his agency in shaping the lives of thousands of students in profound ways, his innumerable contributions to the Euro-Atlantic epistemic community, and his many colleagues across the world who were also his friends. As his loss is without measure, all of Dave’s friends outside the UK grieve with Dave’s family and friends inside the UK – and express a very deep gratitude for having known and worked with him.
December...

The Politics of Fracking in Europe
Brussels, 5 December 2012
www.uaces.org/718

EU non-discrimination law and EU social policy – contrast or harmony?
Leeds, 5 December 2012
www.uaces.org/636

Quo Vadis, Social Europe?
Brussels, 6-7 December 2012
www.uaces.org/667

St Malo’s Impetus for European Security and Defence: Much Ado about Nothing?!
Cambridge, 7-8 December 2012
www.uaces.org/730

The 2nd Euroacademia International Conference
Budapest, 6-8 December 2012
www.uaces.org/693

Exploring Turkey’s Education Policy: What do the global trends suggest, what do the recent amendments really amend?
Ankara, 13-14 December 2012
www.uaces.org/688

European Union Centres Network conference
Palmerston North, 13-14 December 2012
www.uaces.org/679

The Euroacademia Global Forum of Critical Studies
Prague, 13-15 December 2012
www.uaces.org/694

The ICD Annual Conference on Cultural Diplomacy
Berlin, 13-16 December 2012
www.uaces.org/726

Experiencing the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive
Durham, 14 December 2012
www.uaces.org/715

January...

Political Representation in the History of International Organisations and European Integration
Aarhus, 7-9 January 2013
www.uaces.org/724

UACES 43rd European Studies Conference
Leeds, UK, 2-4 September 2013

Join us next year in Leeds, Yorkshire for a three-day interdisciplinary conference covering all aspects of European Studies.

Highlights include: Over 300 research papers on Europe, dinner at Leeds City Museum and a range of excursions exploring the rich heritage of Leeds and the surrounding region.

Call for panels and papers deadline: 18 January 2013
info: www.uaces.org/leeds
February...

CSDP Strategy: A Reality or Wishful Thinking?
Guildford, 1 February 2013
www.uaces.org/704

Europe’s Vision Twenty Years after Maastricht
Washington DC, 8-9 February 2013
www.uaces.org/729

March...

The Nobel Price? Consequences of the European Union in Europe and in the World
Pittsburgh, 1-2 March 2013
www.uaces.org/721

40 Years since the First Enlargement
London, 7-8 March 2013
www.uaces.org/forty

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops
Mainz, 11-16 March 2013
www.uaces.org/630

Reviewing the Trends: The European Union from a Regulatory Institution to a Post-national Cosmopolitan Order
Paris, 21-23 March 2013
www.uaces.org/696
Recent Books

Germany, Poland and the Common Security and Defence Policy: Converging Security and Defence Perspectives in an Enlarged EU
Laura Chappell
Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN: 978-0230292017
GBP: 57.50

The Interaction Between Europe’s Legal Systems: Judicial Dialogue and the Creation of Supranational Laws
Giuseppe Martinico & Oreste Pollicino
Edward Elgar
ISBN: 978-1848446786
USD: 115.00

The Tangled Complexity of the EU Constitutional Process: The Frustrating Knot of Europe
Giuseppe Martinico
Routledge
ISBN: 978-0415688192
GBP: 80.00

Turkey and the European Union Processes of Europeanisation
Çigdem Nas & Yonca Özer (eds)
Ashgate
ISBN: 978-1409445296
GBP: 60.00

Cultural Diplomacy and Cultural Imperialism: European perspective(s)
Martina Topic & Sinisa Rodin (eds)
Peter Lang
ISBN 978-3631621622
GBP: 31:40, USD: 50.95

The Mediterranean Dimension of the European Union’s Internal Security
Sarah Wolff
Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN: 978-0230299931
GBP: 60.00

Key Controversies in European Integration
Hubert Zimmermann & Andreas Dür (eds)
Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN: 978-1137006141
GBP: 24.99

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UACES Student Forum Seminars
Edinburgh, 5 November 2012

Lara Kennedy, University College London

Bleary-eyed from the London sleeper train, coffee-in-hand from the Royal Mile Travelodge, and invigorated from a morning walk across campus, forty students gathered at Teviot Row House for the annual UACES Student Forum Seminars. It is rare that the topic area of a conference is the very act of doing a research degree, and the breadth of advice and diversity of experiences shared throughout the day certainly surpassed the expectations of all those who attended.

The day kicked off with a session about getting published, given by Drew Scott of the Europa Institute, University of Edinburgh. He shared his insights into the world of academic publishing from both the author’s and the editor’s perspective, drawing from his experience as editor of JCMS, 1991-1998. Professor Scott gave an honest account of the difficulty in getting published and offered hope and encouragement, emphasising the need to expand one’s feedback circle. The recurring theme of Professor Scott’s talk was ‘Do not be shy!’ and all those who attended the talk shall take this simple, straightforward command into their lives as researchers.

Practical advice on how to manage the stages of a PhD was offered by Carolyn Fisher, a representative of Vitae. The benefits of using tools such as mind maps, drill downs and risk analyses to structure one’s research were highlighted.

After lunch, we were treated to a PhD student panel discussing the art of designing and carrying out fieldwork. All three students have undertaken semi-formal interviews with officials in Brussels, and their advice covered everything from prioritising research questions through to who pays for the coffee. Following this, Charlotte Rommerskirchen shared her personal experiences of applying for grants and funding, and gave invaluable advice about the key criteria needed for the ubiquitous grant applications.

A fascinating panel was then held about getting a job on the completion of the PhD. Three speakers, two from the world of academia, John Peterson and Rebecca Zahn and one from the world of government, Aileen McLeod MSP, shared their pearls of wisdom about the job application and interview process. The importance of teaching, publishing and networking whilst a doctoral student, were stressed, as well as the need for personal qualities of likeability and versatility.

The day culminated with the unique opportunity to enter the doors of the Scottish Parliament and to participate in a debate with Christina McKelvie, MSP, Convener of European and External Relations Committee. A lively discussion about the position of Scotland within the EU was held, and the idea-sharing extended into the wine reception that marked the close of the day.

We offer a deep thank you and a fond farewell to the outgoing chair of the UACES Student Forum, Miguel Otero-Iglesias, and the outgoing committee members Elise Rietveld and Cristian Nitoiu. Your commitment and enthusiasm over the past two years has seen the Student Forum go from strength to strength, and thanks again for another wonderful conference. We hope to see you at the next one!

The Student Forum is grateful to our co-hosts for this year’s event, the Europa Institute, University of Edinburgh.

All photos by Lisa Lange
Appointments

Anneli ALBI has been promoted to Professor of European Law at the University of Kent.

Gijs Jan BRANDSMA has been promoted to assistant professor in European Union Governance at the Utrecht University.

Helen DRAKE has been promoted to Professor of French and European Studies at Loughborough University.

Carmen GEBHARD has been appointed Teaching Fellow in EU Politics at the University of Edinburgh.

Tim HAUGHTON has been promoted to Reader in European Politics at the University of Birmingham.

Christian KAUNERT has been appointed Senior Lecturer in International Relations & Politics at the University of Dundee.

Stéphanie LAULHÉ SHAELOU has been appointed Assistant Professor at the University of Central Lancashire (Cyprus).

Sarah LÉONARD has been appointed Lecturer in Politics at the University of Dundee.

David PHINNEMORE has been appointed Head of the School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy at Queen’s University Belfast.

Honorary President

UACES is very pleased to announce that Baroness Ashton of Upholland, PC has accepted our invitation to become the next UACES Honorary President. She will replace Sir Stephen Wall, GCMG, LVO who is stepping down from the role at the end of the year.

Catherine is of course, the EU’s first High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and we are delighted that such a high profile European will be representing us and the subject discipline of contemporary European Studies.

Sir Stephen has provided UACES with tremendous support over the past six years and we would like to thank him very much for his investment of support and help. Stephen’s advice on how to undertake particular projects to best effect, and his willingness to devote his time - not to mention, sometimes, his little black book - to UACES made it possible for the Association to develop its range of activities much more swiftly than would otherwise have been the case. An obvious example is the Reporting Europe Prize, in whose creation Stephen was heavily involved. He has been a frequent participant and speaker at UACES events, the most recent being the inaugural UACES Re-ELUnion event in Copenhagen (see page 6).

Through his huge contribution to our collective work, Stephen set an extremely high standard for his successors to follow. We very much hope that Stephen will continue to be involved with us as much as his other commitments allow, and would like to record our very great gratitude to him for his help.

Impact of Social Science

The LSE Public Policy Group is currently conducting a survey on the impact and value of academic research in the social sciences. If you would like to contribute to this survey, there are two versions, both relatively short:

For academic researchers: www.uaces.org/7403

For those outside universities who work with academics or use social science research: www.uaces.org/7404

ICPA-Forum Prize

Congratulations to Adrian KAY (Australian National University) and Rob ACKRILL (Nottingham Trent University) who were chosen by the International Comparative Policy Analysis Forum as the winners of Best Comparative Policy Paper Award at the 2012 IPSA World Congress in Madrid. The paper was entitled ‘Policy Capacity for the Transition to a Biofuels Economy: A Comparative Study of the EU and USA’.

Representation in Europe

A platform for people to communicate about their on-going research, publications, projects, events, views on the issue of representation in Europe:

Further information: www.uaces.org/7402

Eurojargon App

The Eurojargon Glossary of EU terminology is now available as an app for iPhones. The free app offers definitions, explanations, background information and links to relevant materials and websites for a wide range of terms used by and about the European Union - its history, development, institutions, policies, legislation and activities.

Further information: www.uaces.org/7401

Terrorism and Political Violence Association (TAPVA)

A new network for researchers in the fields of (Counter-) Terrorism, Political Violence and Conflict.

Further information: www.tapva.com
The European Citizens’ Initiative and Fraternité 2020

Maja Troedsson, Lund University, Miguel Otero-Iglesias, ESSCA & Markus Gastinger, European University Institute

The ECI, introduced in the Lisbon Treaty and implemented in April this year, presents an unprecedented chance for citizens of the European Union to make their voices heard and become active parts of both the legislative process and the European project.

Fraternité 2020 (F2020) became the first registered ECI in October 2012. The aims of F2020 are threefold:

• To expand exchange programmes such as Erasmus, the European Voluntary Service and Marie Curie.
• To ensure these programmes help develop more skills and a better understanding of the host country by the participants.
• To develop better mechanisms of monitoring progress in the field of mobility.

F2020 is focused on the mobility of people. By expanding and improving exchange programmes, more people could be given the opportunity to not just visit a fellow member state, but to truly experience it. More importantly, it could enhance and increase exchanges of knowledge, language, culture and history amongst citizens of the European Union, creating greater understanding and solidarity. As lack of funding is often cited as the most common barrier preventing people to go abroad, expanding these exchange programmes could be a step towards fairer distribution of opportunities across the EU.

Increased mobility is often seen as a crucial element in supporting and securing intercultural exchange, international trade and enterprise, bringing down unemployment and in extension boosting economic growth. Encouraging citizens to take on new challenges, as learning the systems and social codes of new countries indeed are, could stimulate citizens to venture further. A citizen with a strong understanding of a particular market and culture as well as with a solid network may even be more likely to potentially become an investor, an entrepreneur, or an active citizen in the public debate.

To find out more about the European Citizens’ Initiative: www.uaces.org/7405

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UACES 43th Annual Conference
Leeds, 2-4 September 2013
An interdisciplinary conference with research papers on all aspects of contemporary European Studies.
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Launch of Two New CRN Networks

EU-China Relations

ESSCA School of Management in Angers, Free University Berlin, and the College of Europe in Bruges have joined forces and successfully applied to set up a network on EU-China relations. Professor Wei Shen from ESSCA Angers, Professor Jing Men from College of Europe, and Frauke Austermann, PhD candidate at Free University Berlin and now Assistant Professor at ESSCA’s Shanghai-Campus, initiated this new network. Over the next three years they will bring together established and early stage researchers in the field of EU-China relations as well as practitioners to conduct and exchange cutting-edge research on the many aspects of the EU-China relationship.

In August and September 2012, the EU-China CRN was officially launched, both in China and in Europe. The China-launch event was kindly hosted by the School of International Relations and Public Administration (SIRPA) at Fudan University in Shanghai. The Europe-launch took place in Passau, Germany, during the 42nd annual conference of UACES. During the Passau conference, the network coordinators convened four panels on a rich variety of the EU-China relationship, such as political relations, economic ties as well as cultural aspects.

From now till 2015, the EU-China CRN coordinators are planning many more conferences, seminars, and network events in both China and Europe. Events in Brussels, Beijing, London, and Budapest are already being organised. All UACES members are all warmly invited to contribute to these events, such as through presenting their research results or convening conference panels.

Further information: www.uaces.org/china

CSDP Strategy

The CSDP Strategy network was also launched in Passau with an informal meeting and two research panels.

Looking forward, the first workshop will take place on 1 February 2013 and will address the following questions:

- What do we understand by strategy?
- Can the EU possess more than one? What are the links between the Internal Security Strategy and CSDP?
- Can elements of a CSDP strategy(ies) already be discerned in the practice of EU operations?
- What does this tell us about the (non)existence of an EU strategic culture?

Further information: www.uaces.org/csdp
Changing perceptions of leaders’ legacies?

Stephen Wall

A friend attended a talk by Correlli Barnett about his latest book. According to her account, most of those present, many older than me, loudly berated the failings of today’s leaders.

It was ever thus. I remember a former Permanent Secretary at the Foreign Office, in his last days before retirement, accosting Harold Wilson’s Press Secretary, Joe Haines with the words: “Mr Haines, when I was a young man, giants walked the earth. Now there are just pygmies”.

We are all, always, children to our parents and, as one gets older, it is not only policemen who seem to be getting ever younger. But my friend’s report set me thinking about just how many real political giants I have seen stride across the political landscape. Some prophets are without honour in their own country. A French friend tells me you would be hard-pressed to find a street anywhere in France named after Jean Monnet. To find one, you have to take the Thalys to Brussels. Others do not export well, De Gaulle being perhaps the best example for an English audience. Yet he was, as Macmillan put it, “a great man who saved France”.

Few Western Europeans would place Margaret Thatcher in their pantheon. But she was beatified in Eastern and Central Europe even during her political lifetime. I could never bring myself to vote for her and wondered, when she left office, how much of permanence would be left once our memory of her dominant personality had faded. Only now do I see that she was a true revolutionary and probably the outstanding peacetime British Prime Minister of the twentieth century.

At present, I cannot get past Iraq in my assessment of Tony Blair’s prime ministership, despite working for him and liking him. But then I think about Lyndon Johnson and Vietnam, a horrific blemish which, nonetheless, no longer conceals from view his achievements on civil rights in America – among the boldest, bravest, cleverest acts of statesmanship of the last half century.

The point of this – my final meander for UACES – is to think that perhaps we should not be too dismayed by the apparent lack of strong leadership in the present European Union. When Helmut Kohl became German Chancellor, Francis Pym, then British Foreign Secretary, told Mrs Thatcher that he saw no reason why Kohl, hitherto, in Pym’s view, unimpressive, “should not develop into a very good Chancellor of the committee chairman rather than the national leader type”. One united Germany and one single currency later, one is tempted to say: some committee; some chairman.

Thank you for your time this time until…well, there won’t be a next time.

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The Council of Ministers is one of the most powerful institutions of the European Union (EU) and plays a major role in the European policy-making process. Drawing on formal theory and combining quantitative and qualitative methods in an innovative fashion, this book provides novel insights into the role of national bureaucrats in legislative decision-making of the Council of the EU.

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