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#### Labour Market Security and Flexibility: The Future Directions of Flexicurity in the Age of Austerity

Sheffield, 28 May 2015

Thomas Hastings and Jason Heyes, University of Sheffield

A total of twenty-five academics and labour market stakeholders from across the UK and Europe gathered for the first themed event provided by the Work, Organisation and Employment Relations Research (WOERRC) centre. Thanks to a small grant from UACES, the workshop took place at Sheffield University Management School (SUMS) under the direction of Thomas Hastings and Jason Heyes (both University of Sheffield).

The workshop was steered towards a bold aim: to better understand and potentially challenge the accepted logic of EU labour market regulation as presented in the rubric of flexicurity. Flexicurity represents a welfare state model which allows for both flexible labour markets and social security protection as based on pro-active labour market policies. Accordingly discussions addressed three main questions: firstly, whether EU member states are genuinely seeking to achieve flexicurity, or whether a one-sided adjustment towards 'less security' for workers was more likely. Secondly, the workshop explored the impact of supra- and international institutions on national labour market policies, before finally debating whether flexicurity requires re-thinking or simply abandonment as

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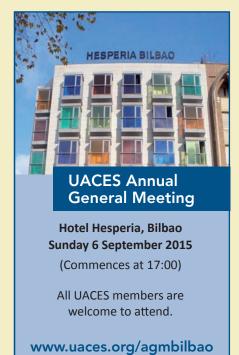
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the guiding theory behind EU labour market regulation. In order to secure a truly European perspective scholars from Denmark (Mikkel Mailand) and Spain (Oscar Molina) travelled to Sheffield to provide expert insights on policies from their respective states.

Following a theoretical overview of flexicurity, case studies of national perspectives helped visualise a trend of policy convergence and divergence across the EU. This former tendency is reflected in a shift towards less rigid/secure labour markets via declines in employment protection in most member states. However, states were also shown to offer case specific and pragmatic approaches towards labour market policy. This case was strongly demonstrated in France apropos to recent adjustments in collective bargaining and experiments in local flexicurity (e.g. adjustments to unemployment insurance coverage and social security coverage for part-time workers). The strategic origins of labour market policy were also questioned in the case of Denmark – an exemplar state in terms of flexicurity, although not necessarily a deliberate architect!

Outputs from the event, including presentation slides and selected videos, will be captured on the WOERRC website (www. uaces.org/8201). The success of the workshop will ultimately encourage future WOERRC events in line with the associated research streams of the centre.



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## Chair's Column

Helen Drake, Loughborough University



In this issue of the Newsletter we celebrate in very different ways three key figures behind the promotion of European Studies in the UK. At Bilbao in September we will have the pleasure of making our 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award to Geoffrey Edwards. You can read more about Geoffrey's unstinting contribution to our profession on the opposite page. Here, echoing those who nominated him,

I can underline the generosity that Geoffrey has unfailingly shown towards each new generation of scholars who came through his door - and he hasn't stopped yet. On a much more sombre note, we also find ourselves commemorating the lives of two long standing members of UACES who both died earlier this year. Roger Morgan's scholarship was a model of how a European Studies perspective on fastmoving European developments could offer powerful and enduring insights. John Pinder was the recipient of the first UACES Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005. His writings on federalism have helped many of our students come to terms with the 'f-word', and his public activities in the same cause showed us what meaningful 'impact' looks like, long before it became a benchmark for pegging the value of our research. Roger and John will be missed as much for their human touch as for their expertise, and you can find testimonies to their lives on pages 9 and 14 respectively.

Business goes on. The UK has elected a new government whose plans to hold a referendum on the ongoing UK membership of the EU are gathering speed. Many UACES members will find themselves compelled to write, talk and, perhaps, engage, in order to inform the debate/process. Accordingly, UACES is working closely with the ESRC's 'The UK in a Changing Europe' programme. The programme's Director, Anand Menon, tells us on page 11 how we can get involved, and what resources are available to us to share our knowledge.

Finally, please mark in your diaries the forthcoming call for papers (opens November 2015) for next year's Annual Conference, to be held in London at Queen Mary. The last time we met in London was in 1993, before the European Union per se was fully underway, and it will be fun to return to the national capital. In the next Newsletter (in October) I will be reporting on the coming Annual Conference taking place in Bilbao, Spain, from 7-9 September. Not only does the programme proper comprise of over 500 research papers; we are also gathering on Sunday 6 September, the afternoon preceding the official start of the programme, to exchange ideas about our teaching practice in a hands-on workshop. This is the third time we have organised a 'fringe' in order to focus on our pedagogical discoveries (good and bad), and we hope you will join us. Bilbao 2015 will be UACES' biggest conference ever, brought together this year by the UACES office and committee in challenging circumstances. I thank them all.

### UACES Lifetime Achievement Award in European Studies

ACES is pleased to announce that Geoffrey Edwards has been awarded the 'UACES Lifetime Achievement Award' for his contribution to contemporary European Studies.

The award will be presented to Geoffrey at the Annual Conference in Bilbao this September.

We've asked some former colleagues to write a few words about Geoffrey...



Christopher Hill University of Cambridge

"Geoffrey Edwards has been one of the most dedicated and expert British scholars in the area of European Studies for four decades. He is immensely knowledgeable and wide-ranging, having published in most areas of EU activity, and he has inspired generations of students to follow in his path. He is undoubtedly one of the most skilled and well-loved doctoral supervisors I have encountered, with a pan-European network of young researchers who have benefited from his wise and sympathetic schooling. This has been possible because while there is much which is British about Geoffrey, not least his understanding of the important role which Member States retain in foreign policy, his sensibility and culture – from his Loden overcoat to the pleasure he takes in multinational conferences is thoroughly cosmopolitan. He also has a humane and progressive approach to international politics, never losing sight of brutal realities, but still inspiring his students to believe that things can be better - and that European cooperation remains a beacon of progress."

**Arne Niemann**University of Mainz

"I first met Geoffrey in the mid-1990s when I was a Masters student at Cambridge, where he supervised a whole army of MPhil and PhD students, among whom he was extremely popular. A typical supervision session lasted 90-120 minutes, during which time he managed to give invaluable feedback and vital encouragement and was a huge inspiration, thanks to his exceptional expertise, extraordinary wisdom, genuine interest and fantastic sense of humor. Geoffrey has been a pioneer in the study of European Political Cooperation and has also made important contributions to the study of the EU institutions, EU Treaty Reform and the EU's foreign policy for example, through his work on EU Neighbourhood Policy, the effectiveness of EU foreign policy, and EU-Gulf relations. In particular, his work on the Union's security culture and the EU's counter-terrorism policies has proved timely and has made a considerable impact on the discipline."

**Ruby Gropas** European University Institute

"Geoffrey receives this award for his scholarship and academic contribution but also for so much more. He triggered my fascination for EU studies and guided me in how to research and teach. He has also however been a role model for his professional ethics, the respect he has always shown his students and the importance he has attributed to maintaining a healthy balance between work and family life - precious qualities that I hope in turn to be able to pass on to my own students. I feel privileged to have had Geoffrey as a lecturer, a supervisor, and for long now, also a dear friend."

Asle Toje
The Nobel Institute

"Geoffrey, I wish to take a moment to express my gratitude for the opportunities you have offered me and others to do our work, to engage in thoughtful dialogue, to rethink and rewrite, and to produce ever better scholarship. You introduced us to England, a forgotten kingdom inhabited by soft spoken gentlemen who walk, but never run: A land where scholarship is compared unfavourably to gardening. It speaks volumes of your tolerance that you endured upstarts from the European peripheries with your good sense of humour. You are above all a teacher - the patron saint of many a lost Cambridge doctoral student."

## Drones and International Security: A European Contribution

Aarhus, 5-6 June 2015

#### Bruno Oliveira Martins, Aarhus University

This international workshop hosted by the Department of Political Science at Aarhus University gathered political scientists, international lawyers, robotics engineers, representatives from the drone industry, and from think tanks and human rights NGOs. All with the aim of contributing to the definition of an EU position on armed drones. The event was jointly funded by UACES and the Carlsberg Foundation, and organised by Bruno Oliveira Martins. The conference started with an open lecture by Christian Enemark (Aberystwyth University), and the screening of the documentary "DRONE", directed by Tonje Hessen Schei, currently competing in international film festivals around the world. The documentary screening was followed by a lively discussion led by Jens Ringsmose (University of Southern Denmark).

The second day of the programme consisted of a workshop in which participants with different backgrounds presented state-of-the-art research focusing on different aspects of the drone debate. The emergence of targeted killings as a common counter-terrorism technique, the existence of several EU member states that possess armed drones, the US use of both airbases located in Europe and European-originated intelligence to execute targeted killings, and the broader status of international law make this topic extremely relevant for the EU. Yet, the EU does not have a clear position on armed drones. This circumstance has kept the international academic debate on drones and targeted killings away from the EU.

Conference participants included Anders Henriksen (Law, University of Copenhagen), Jessica Dorsey (TMC Asser Institute, The Hague), Chris Jones (Statewatch), Michael Messerschmidt (Sky-Watch A/S), Gary Schaub (Centre for Military Studies, University of Copenhagen) and Anders La Cour Harbo (Aalborg U Robotics). Also participating were Lisa Schweiger (University of Edinburgh), Giuseppe Zappalà and Max Fyrne (both at the University of Reading), three PhD candidates selected following a very competitive call for papers.

The conference resulted in a report sent to the EU institutions and on a special Forum at the journal Global Affairs, to be published later in the year.





## Assessing the performance of the European Union in Central and Eastern Europe and in its Neighbourhood

Manchester, 12-13 March 2015

#### Dorina Baltag, Dimitris Papadimitriou, Neculai Cristian Surubaru

This two day workshop was hosted by the School of Social Sciences at Manchester University situated in the Arthur Lewis building. The event brought together researchers currently working on a Special Issue examining the performance of European Union (EU) policies in Central and Eastern European countries and in countries from the immediate European Neighbourhood. The workshop was also attended by the editor of East European Politics Adam Fagan (Queen Mary University of London), several Master level and PhD students from Manchester and other nearby universities, as well as by local council practitioners.

The overarching question debated was to what extent EU policies manage to achieve their agreed objectives in the region. Drawing on the conceptual literature on performance the workshop sought to unpack the internal (to the EU) and external (international veto players, domestic conditions in partner countries) factors that mediate the EU's impact on the ground. The first day of the workshop concentrated on two key panels during which several paper presentations were made. Contributions ranged from evaluating the impact of Enlargement on EU climate change and energy security policies, to its role in civil society development in the area to how Brussels deals with arms' export control measures. One of the core aims was for the three editors to provide a rigorous peer-review assessment for all contributions. The second day entailed a roundtable discussion and a debriefing by Dimitris. Papadimitriou (University of Manchester) on the steps to be taken for the upcoming Special Issue. At the end of the workshop, participants visited Manchester and took part in a guided tour of the neo-Gothic John Rylands Library.

The event was kindly supported by UACES and by the Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (JMCE).

#### Small Event grants: proposals invited

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# A European Space Policy? 40 years after the ESA Convention, putting Galileo and the EU-ESA Framework Agreement into context

Paris, 29-30 May 2015

#### Thomas Hoerber, ESSCA - School of Management

In contrast to previous ESSCA-UACES space policy workshops, this conference brought together 7 actors in space policy and an audience of about 30 in the context of a Re-EUnion event.

Politicians and practioners at this conference agreed that European integration has to progress further for European space policy to develop its full potential. A United States of Europe seems to be a long way off, however, which brought the organisers of this conference to ask the question whether the development of a European space policy could drive the European integration process forward – with a clear reference to Jean Monnet's lateral strategy. Could space policy become a driver for further European integration? Perhaps even to the end of a United States of Europe? Presently, the prospects seem slender at best.

The experience with several problems in Galileo has shown the Commission to be over-bureaucratic and for the space experts from ESA simply inapt. During the discussions between participants the overall space budget was shown to be the pivot. Europeans first have to decide what they want to do in and with space. The budget will then follow from that decision.

The EU seems to be the most likely place for implementation in which coordination, no duplication and economies of scale can



Roundtable on Galileo and EU-ESA Framework Agreement. From left: Edelgard Bulmahn (Vice-President of the German Parliament), René Oosterlinck (former Director of Galileo at ESA), Paul Stephenson (Assistant Professor, Maastricht University), Pieter van Nes (Advisor to the Director General of the Joint Research Centre), Gérard Brachet (former Director of the French space agency CNES) and Vittorio Prodi (former MEP and Chairman of the Sky and Space intergroup in the EP).

be achieved (Emmanuel Sigalas, Czech Institute of International Relations and Paul Stephenson, University of Maastricht). In a Eurosceptic context, the fear of going further has paralysed even Europhiles for too long. Alfredo Roma finally summed this up in the claim for fiscal union and a budget which allows the EU to fulfil its tasks and that may well include a space policy as the Lisbon Treaty states.

I would like to thank all participants, sponsors and the team, who have made this conference possible, for their support which has made this a very enjoyable event for all.

#### What's changed in European (Union) Studies?

#### Steven Kennedy, Palgrave Macmillan

Many readers will be aware of the Palgrave Macmillan European Union Series and will likely have a row of paperbacks sitting on their office bookshelves. What perhaps you wouldn't know is the publisher behind the series, Steven Kennedy. In the latest issue of the *Journal of Contemporary European Research (JCER)* Steven reflects on his experience of 35 years publishing university textbooks in relation to the evolution and development of European Union Studies.

Starting with the publication of Neill Nugent's Government and Politics of the European Community in 1989, he goes on to chart the development of the European Union Series and reflects on the rise of EU studies. In conclusion he considers what the future holds for EU studies and textbook publishing more generally.

Read reflection: www.uaces.org/8202













## August

**ECPR General Conference 2015** 

Montreal, 26-29 August 2015

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**European Sociological Association Biennial Conference** 

Prague, 26-29 August 2015

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**Absolute Poverty in Europe** 

Salzburg, 27-28 August 2015

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## September

2015 ESPAnet Annual Conference

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San Francisco, 3-6 September 2015

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**UACES 45th Annual Conference** 

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Brugge, 17-18 September 2015

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Genoa, 17-19 September 2015

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Asser 50 years - Public International Law Symposium

The Hague, 15 October 2015

www.uaces.org/1573

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Siena, 22-24 October 2015

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## 9th Pan-European Conference on International Relations

Giardini Naxos, 23-26 September 2015

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BIGSSS International Conference: Linking Structural Inequalities & Social Policy Making

Bremen, 24-25 September 2015

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Istanbul, 29-30 September 2015

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Return Migration, Circular Migration and Social Work

Malmö, 15-16 October 2015

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Current Developments in Central Asia: Politics, Society and (Inter) Regional Cooperation

Bielefeld, 23-24 October 2015

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Hangzhou, 25-27 November 2015

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Andreas Bieler, Roland Erne, Darragh Golden, Idar Helle, Knut Kjeldstadli, Tiago Matos and Sabina Stan (eds)

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#### **George Kyris**

Ashqate

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#### Professor Roger Morgan, 1932-2015

Roger Morgan died on 19 February 2015 after a long illness. He had a distinguished career as a pioneer of European studies in the United Kingdom, to which he added the outstanding personal characteristics of courage, friendliness, optimism and a talent for languages – he had native language competence in French ,German and Italian . Struck down with polio at the age of fourteen, Roger bore his illness with such uncomplaining fortitude that he was awarded a Jack Cornwell Medal by the Scout Association . The same courage was on display when he was confined to bed for the last three years of his life with multiple myeloma. Roger also had a wonderfully mellifluous voice and took great pleasure in music. He was an accomplished violinist.

Roger Morgan was born in Burton on Trent on 3 March 1932. He read History at Cambridge between 1950-1953, staying on to complete a PhD on 'The German Social Democrats and the First International 1864'. His lifelong engagement with mainland Europe began in this period when he spent a year as a language assistant in Paris and time on fieldwork in Hamburg and Amsterdam. Roger was an outstanding example of what Richard Evans has called 'the cosmopolitan islanders'. This group of post war historians and political scientists were motivated by a desire to engage with and understand mainland Europe . They were to play the central role in establishing European Studies as an academic specialism in the United Kingdom.

Roger's cultural attachment to things European made him a strong supporter of European Integration and of the United Kingdom's European vocation. This found expression in his enthusiasm for teaching and for new generations of students. He lectured on European affairs for the Workers Educational Association (1957-1959), the Department of International Politics at Aberystwyth (1959-1963) and the University of Sussex (1963-1968).

The next phase of his work saw him alternating between think tanks and universities. In the early 1970s Roger began a long association with Johns Hopkins University in Bologna, which at times saw him travelling to Italy on fortnightly basis to give lectures. But his main post at this time (1968-1974) was as Deputy Director of Studies at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (1968-74). It was in this period that he published his authoritative and well-received survey West European politics since 1945: the shaping of the European Community. His growing reputation led to him being elected to a chair at Loughborough University, where he was Professor of

European Studies between 1974-1978. London pulled him back, however, to serve as Director of Research at the Policy Studies Institute (1979-86). In his work in these institutes Roger initiated a number of transnational projects. A year after arriving at Chatham House, for example, he and Karl Kaiser organised an innovative conference on 'Britain and West Germany: changing societies and the future of foreign policy' which subsequently appeared in book form in both English and German. This was the first joint research project that Chatham House ever carried out with a non-UK institute.

Roger returned to the academic world once again in 1986 with a move to the European University Institute in Florence (1988-96), where he spent eight happy years, in part defending the study of politics and international relations against the trend towards sociology. After retirement from the EUI he held short visiting positions in Berlin and Los Angeles before settling back in London. During the period of Roger's career European Studies was a growing and highly successful academic subject but since then it has been gradually weakened, especially in Britain, by the weakness of language acquisition, by prejudice against area studies and by the rise of euroscepticism –all of which Roger naturally deplored.

Among his many other activities Roger was an enthusiastic supporter of UACES from its earliest days. He also played a very prominent role in the Koenigswinter Conference, which had been established to foster reconciliation between Britain and Germany by bringing together opinion elites. Over time it morphed on the British side into a grouping of pro-Europeans and those who recognised the growing importance of Germany. It was as much a natural spiritual home for Roger as it was an object of suspicion for Prime Minister Thatcher. The conference played to Roger's strengths and he enjoyed a great deal of respect among both the German and British participants .He was a member of the UK Board for very many years, as he was of the Association for the Study of German Politics, the founding meeting of which took place with his help at Chatham House. Although Roger was a committed European he loved the United States and visited Harvard for extended periods .One of his best known books was The United States and West Germany 1945-73: a Study in Alliance Politics. Roger was greatly respected by both the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Auswaertiges Amt. He was awarded the German Order of Merit and he chaired one of the sessions at the Witness Seminar for the publication of the UK Documents on German Unification 1989 -90.

In his final years Roger's store of knowledge was drawn on by his friends and colleagues. In particular Tom Kielinger has paid tribute to Roger for the help he received in the preparation of his Churchill biography. More widely he became well known through his masterly reviews in the Times Higher Education.

Roger is survived by his first wife Annette and by his children Caroline, Marc, Patrick and Benedict, as well as nine grandchildren. His widow is his second wife Catherine whom he married in 1988. We are sure that members of UACES would like to join us in thanking Roger's family for all that he gave to others, personally and professionally, in a life so bravely and elegantly lived.

William E Paterson, Christopher Hill

#### **Appointments and Awards**

Andrea GILLI, Metropolitan University Prague, has been awarded the 2nd biennial PhD Prize on European Defence, Security and Strategy. The prize was awarded jointly by The Egmont Institute and the European Defence Agency.

**Amelia HADFIELD** has been promoted to Reader in European Foreign Affairs, in the School of Psychology, Politics and Sociology at Canterbury Christ Church University.

**Sangeeta KHORANA** has been appointed Professor of Economics at Faculty of Management, Bournemouth University.

**Ivo MAES** has been elected President of the Council of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought.

**Emmanuelle MATHIEU** has been appointed Postdoctoral Fellow at German Research Institute for Public Administration Speyer (GRIP)

**Igor MERHEIM-EYRE**, University of Kent, has been awarded the Faculty of Social Sciences Prize for Postgraduate Research.

**Cristian NITOIU** has been appointed Postdoctoral Fellow in EU-Russia relations at The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

**Mike SMITH** has been appointed Professor in European Politics at the University of Warwick.

**Paul TOBIN** has been appointed Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Environment Department, University of York.

**Simon USHERWOOD**, University of Surrey, has been awarded a National Teaching Fellowship by the Higher Education Academy. The awards are for excellence in higher education teaching and support for learning.

**Sophie VANHOONACKER** has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at University of Maastricht.

#### JCMS: Call for Editors

UACES and Wiley invite applications for the positions of Editors of JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies We are seeking to appoint an interdisciplinary editorial team of scholars of international standing, that have clear strategic objectives and a credible delivery plan for their realisation.

JCMS is among the top 10 journals in International Relations, the top 20 in Political Science and the top 50 in Economics.

In a given year JCMS publishes six issues plus the Annual Review.

Further info: www.uaces.org/jcmscall

#### **Election Results**

As ever, the UACES Committee elections were closely contested. We are grateful to all those who stood for election and to everyone who voted.

Newly elected and joining the UACES Committee from September will be Ariadna RIPOLL SERVENT and Paul COPELAND.



Paul Copeland works as lecturer of European Public Policy at Queen Mary, University of London and previously held a research fellowship at the University of Manchester. His research focuses on policy-making in the EU with a particular emphasis on employment and social policy.

He has been a member of UACES for ten years and is keen to strengthen links between researchers and policy practitioners to ensure that the work of members continues to have impact. Paul was part of the successful bid to host the 2016 UACES Annual Conference.



Ariadna Ripoll Servent is a Junior Professor of Political Science and European Integration at the University of Bamberg. Her research interests are institutional and policy analysis focusing on the European Parliament.

Since joining UACES at the beginning of her PhD, she has been involved with the Journal of Contemporary European Research (JCER) and has been a regular attendee at UACES conferences. As a committee member she hopes that through her experience studying and working in France, Belgium, the UK, Austria and Germany she can further widen UACES' reach and renown.

#### New working party on launched

Wyn Grant, Univeristy of Warwick, who has written extensively on the Common Agricultural Policy, is chairing a working party set up by the Yorkshire Agricultural Society's Farmer-Scientist Network to investigate the consequences of 'Brexit' for the UK agriculture and food industry. Members of the working party are drawn from the academic disciplines of economics, law, political science and life sciences and the working party also includes a farmer member. It is intended that the working party will eventually produce a report on the subject.



The ESRC has launched an ambitious and exciting new programme designed to disseminate rigorous, high-quality, independent academic research on UK-EU relations. We aim to cover all the key areas, including:

- Key policy areas and their impact on the UK: the single market: trade, investment and growth implications; freedom of movement: practical and political implications; EU's security, defence, aid, trade, justice, energy and environmental policies.
- The UK and the workings of European institutions: European institutions, democracy and legitimacy, governance and regulation; impact of further eurozone integration and role of flexibility in the EU system; legal aspects of (non)-membership.
- A Changing UK in a Changing EU: The impact of legal, constitutional, policy and political change in the UK and the EU on their relationship. The implications of the referendum on Scottish independence and subsequent constitutional changes for the UK-EU relationship.
- Attitudes towards the EU: Social and political attitudes and their drivers; the nature of euroscepticism; generational differences in attitudes; comparing euroscepticism across member states; the role of the media in shaping public and political attitudes.

The project represents a unique opportunity to provide journalists, politicians, business people, civil servants, students and the general public with academic research-based findings in a clear and accessible way. We warmly welcome the active involvement of academic colleagues in all aspects of our work including:

- Blogs and policy briefings: We're keen for anyone carrying out research on the European Union to submit blogs and policy briefings, for our website.
- **Funding Opportunities:** We are currently offering two streams of funding:
  - i. Senior Fellowships— At the end of June we will issue a call for proposals from UK based academics for senior fellowships. (www.uaces.org/8203)
  - **ii.** Commissioning Fund this is funding for applicants interested in making their research available to key stakeholders by pursuing dissemination and impact focused activities related to the project's overall aims. The closing date for the next round is 31 October. (www.uaces.org/8204)

We'd be profoundly grateful if you would spread the word amongst colleagues and, most importantly, get involved in our activities. We would welcome suggestions about dissemination activities we could be undertaking.

Further information: www.UKandEU.ac.uk

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## Call to Host the UACES Annual Conference in 2018

UACES is looking for a host for our 48th Annual Conference.

The conference has been growing yearly and potential hosts will need a venue that can accommodate over 500 delegates during the three-day event. In early June, we already had 400 people signed up for the upcoming conference in Bilbao and the 2016 conference in London hosted by Queen Mary University of London is also receiving a lot of interest.

If you are interested, there is more information available on our website. The UACES Secretary, Committee members and the staff from the UACES Office are all available for consultation – please talk to us before the deadline! Bilbao is an excellent opportunity to talk to us in person.

The deadline to submit an initial expression of interest form is **30 September 2015**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Further info: www.uaces.org/host

#### New EU Foreign Policy Research Network (ANTERO) established

A new research and teaching network in the area of EU foreign policy (ANTERO) has been launched in partnership between UACES and six university/research centres (ARENA at the University of Oslo, KU Leuven, the LSE European Foreign Policy Unit, Maastricht University, University College Dublin and the University of Kent at Canterbury). Initiated from the UCD Dublin European Institute, the ANTERO network is one of the first ERASMUS+ Jean Monnet Networks. ANTERO's three year programme includes research focused on the internal and external legitimacy of EU foreign policy, the development of teaching innovation (including crisis gaming and problem-based learning) as well as a suite of activities designed to create a strong international community of scholarship and teaching. These activities include: a research review 'buddy-system', student paper competitions, PhD travel bursaries, master classes and lectures, teaching innovation guides, syllabus exchanges, sample reading lists, blog posts, a research paper repository and video lecture and seminar casts.

ANTERO's web site is hosted alongside the KU Leuven 'Exploring EU Foreign Policy' project at <a href="www.eufp.eu/antero">www.eufp.eu/antero</a> while colleagues can follow the activities and respond to the various calls for partners through the busy twitter feed @ANTERO\_ERASMUS. The network's first plenary meeting is scheduled for early December at the University of Kent's Brussels campus. Between now and then keep an eye out for opportunities to engage, participate and shape this exciting new research and teaching initiative.



UACES supports a number of Collaborative Research Networks. Presented here are reports about some of their recent activities.

www.uaces.org/networks

#### Fringe Politics in Southeastern Europe

Conservative Social Movements and the Mainstreaming of Extremism in Southeast Europe

Graz, 19-20 March 2015

The workshop, hosted by the Centre for Southeast European Studies, brought together 20 researchers from Southeast Europe and beyond interested in different strands of politics 'at the margins' in the region that have thus far been largely overlooked by contemporary scholarship. Scholarship has thus far predominantly focused on social actors and groups with a distinctively democratic and progressive potential addressing various issues, such as austerity, the privatisation of public space, the (non) provision and privatisation of welfare and public utilities, poverty, corruption, bureaucratic inefficiency, environmental concerns and authoritarian tendencies. In contrast, the two day Graz workshop discussed papers dealing with domestic linkages within and between different forms of fringe politics, as well as questions regarding the relationships between these politics at the margins, the state and other institutionalised actors, transnational networks and/or partnerships across fringe politics both from within and beyond the SEE region, and how different domestic and/or international developments create opportunities and constraints for these fringe politics to challenge the political status quo.

Presentations included topics such as veterans' organisations in the post-Yugoslav space, sport fan groups and 'hooliganism', patriotic NGOs, religious-conservative mobilisations, right-wing movements/parties and political Islam. While popular protest movements led by social groups and actors from the conservative spectrum of politics are often equated with 'anti-democracy' or 'extremism', this workshop explored their political, social, economic and cultural policies, strategies, tactics, paradoxes and contradictions. The main goals of the workshop were to provide insights into the political strategies and tactics of these social actors and to discuss the impacts these social movements may have for the meaning of democracy in the region.





## Resistance or Resilience? New Avenues of Activist Citizenship in Southeast Europe

London, 7-8 May 2015

The Centre for European Research, Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) and LSEE - Research on South Eastern Europe cohosted the workshop 'Resistance or Resilience? New Avenues of Activist Citizenship in Southeast Europe'. Participants discussed recent mass citizen-led mobilisations in the region that have strived to engender more inclusive democratic practices. The event was a follow-up to the inaugural Fringe Politics in Southeast Europe (SEE) CRN workshop held in Zagreb in September 2014.

Engin Isin (Open University), who developed the concept of 'activist citizenship', delivered the opening workshop address about the origins of the term. He was also a workshop discussant, along with Adam Fagan (QMUL), Neven Andjelic (Regent's University London), Piotr Goldstein (University of Manchester) and Indraneel Sircar (QMUL).

The workshop contributors were: Daniejela Dolenec (University of Zagreb); Chiara Milan (EUI); Clara Volintiru (Bucharest Academy of Economic Sciences) and Cristina Buzasu (University of Bucharest) (presenting jointly); Bojan Baća (York University, Canada); Marius Ioan Tatar (University of Oradea); Igor Štiks (University of Edinburgh); Felix Fritsch (University of Amsterdam); Professor Stefan Bouzarovski (University of Manchester) and Paris Aslanidis (University of Macedonia, Greece).

The workshop presenters, employing various disciplinary and methodological perspectives, focused on recent protest movements in Romania, Greece and across former Yugoslavia. Using these studies, participants distilled common themes of mass protest that resonate across the region. In particular, despite the a weak legacy of protest in SEE, local activists have been able to construct new understandings of citizenship through novel forms of representation (e.g. citizens' assemblies) and have employed new and often creative ways to communicate their objectives (e.g. activist art and photography). Some or all of the papers presented will be included in a special issue of Europe-Asia Studies scheduled for next year (2016) that will focus on citizen-led mobilisations in SEE.

#### **EU-China Relations in Global Politics**

Chengdu, 19-21 March 2015

The 4th workshop on Europe-China Relations in Global Politics discussed 'Cities as Actors in EU-Asia Cooperation'. Speeches by Yan Shijing, the Vice-President of the Sichuan University and Peter Hefele, Director of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Shanghai marked the start of the workshop, followed by an introductory session which welcomed French Deputy Consul General Adrien Cavey, as well as the three founders of the EU-China Collaborative Research Network - Men Jing of the College of Europe, Frauke Austermann of the International School of Management in Cologne and Shen Wei of the Confucius Institute at Lancaster University.

The workshop covered four different themes where researchers and policymakers shared their views and research findings on cities' role in international relations, nurturing creative industries, sustainable urbanisation and fostering EU-China cooperation respectively. Detailed and concrete reports, research papers and policy reviews were presented and explained to the audience.

Maximilian Rech of ESSCA Shanghai rounded up the event with a summary of the main points and a retrospective overview of the four consecutive annual workshops organised by the CRN. Previous workshops looked at co-evolution, leadership and comparative regional integration. Finally, two young scholars, Gabriela Radu and Zhang Xingxing received the UACES Best Paper Award for their research papers presented at the workshop



Frauke Austermann (left) presents Gabriela Radu with the Best Paper Award.

The workshops on Europe-China Relations in Global Politics take place in the framework of UACES CRN on EU-China Relations organised by ESSCA School of Management at Angers, College of Europe at Bruges and the Graduate School of Global Politics at Free University Berlin. The workshop was kindly supported by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Shanghai and hosted by Sichuan University, Chengdu.

Further info: www.uaces.org/8205

#### **Centrifugal Europe**

Belfast, 6-7 March 2015

The second Annual Conference 'New Perspectives in European Studies: Europeanisation in the EU and the neighbourhood', hosted around 55 registered participants, with local staff, students and policy-practitioners also attending the event. The conference featured more than 30 papers. Nine panels examined mechanisms of policy transposition from the EU level into domestic political and legislative frameworks; domestic institutional structures and political discourses that facilitate, or impede, EU leverage in countries with and without a membership perspective; and compared differential outcomes of Europeanisation. Three keynote speeches framed the two-day conference, featuring Florian Bieber (University of Graz, Austria), Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou, (University of Central Lancashire Cyprus) and Melanie H. Ram (California State University).

Though overall academic in focus, the format of the conference profited greatly from on-the-ground expertise by policymakers from Northern Ireland and participation of practitioners from accession states. Damjan Zdravev, representative of the Gender Equality Council in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, informed about Instruments for Pre-accession assistance (IPA). He also offered significant insights on the impact of Europeanization from a practitioner's perspective. The network is grateful for the additional support provided by Queen's University Belfast and PSA Ethnopolitics Groups.



## CRN Applications Invited

Applications are now invited for the next round of Collaborative Research Network funding.

CRNs provide seed funding, enabling researchers to develop inclusive networks across a range of institutions. Many of these networks are now able to apply for the much larger Jean Monnet networks funding in Erasmus+.

Up to **5,000 GBP** of funding is available spread over a three year period.

Deadline: 30 October 2015

Further info: www.uaces.org/networks



## A Death in the Family: In memory of John Pinder

I found out about John Pinder's passing by chance, talking with a colleague about something else. In a way, it was fitting, for my interactions with John have been largely down to chances that I have been very glad I've taken.

John was my supervisor for my dissertation at the College of Europe back in the mid-1990s, an arrangement that was mainly a function of my interest in the British debate on the single currency. Throughout that year, I learnt a lot from John, both about the subject and about how to work with students. His attention to detail and his scope of knowledge were only surpassed by the genuine enthusiasm that he brought to conversations and the care he had to enable others to achieve their best. Certainly, no other professor at the College took his students to the local brewery at the end of the year!

Most impressively of all, for someone with such a reputation as an ardent federalist, he never sought to force others to cleave to his worldview, but rather tried to communicate it on its merits. I wouldn't describe myself as a federalist, but I felt that not only did John respect that, but that I had come to respect his position too. A part of that respect came from the sheer depth of his experience. I remember mentioning to him that I had been on College trip to The Hague for an event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1948 Congress, to which he happily told me about what that Congress had been like when he had attended it! The crossing of paths with most of the key figures in post-war European integration made him not merely a repository of facts and connections but a hugely informed (and informative) writer and speaker.

As such, I was very happy to have John contact me – more or less out of the blue – while I was doing my PhD in London, to ask for help in producing a book he was writing for Oxford University Press. Many hours of digging around archives and websites later, John was good enough to sit down and talk about his text with me.

That talk and that work formed the basis for me becoming John's

co-author on the second edition of the book (and its third). John certainly didn't need me to be more involved: I have yet to meet someone with such a prodigious rate of writing as him. However, his willingness to share, to debate and to support a fresh-faced young academic was typical of the man.

For me, the lasting memory will be of talking with John at a conference dinner in Zagreb some ten years ago.

John had just been awarded the very first Lifetime Achievement Award by UACES, in recognition of all that he had done both as an academic and as a practitioner. It would be fair to say that John looked a bit sheepish about it all, not least because (in his words) "when you get an award like this, it usually means you're about to die." But to see so many people come and celebrate his work, and to do it in a city that captured so many of the changes that had taken place during his life, was something that I know meant a lot to him.

He was, of course, wrong about being about to die – certainly he continued to produce text for many years thereafter. Whether many of us will be that active in our 80s is a moot point.

Whatever one's politics, I would hope that we could all agree that John was engaged. Engaged with his work, engaged with his community, engaged with the world. His death should give us all a moment's pause to reflect on whether we are as engaged as him in trying to make things happen.

As a family of academics and as a family of Europeans we are the poorer for his loss.

This post was first published on the Politics@Surrey blog (www. uaces.org/8206) on 11 March 2015 by Dr Simon Usherwood.



#### **UACES Scholarships 2016**

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## Consequences of a Repeal of the Human Rights Act and a Withdrawal from the ECHR

Edinburgh, 13 February 2015

#### Tobias Lock, University of Edinburgh

This workshop took place at Edinburgh Law School with the generous support of UACES and brought together human rights experts to explore the consequences of a possible repeal of the Human Rights Act 1998 (HRA) and of a possible withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). Both of these possibilities had been mentioned in the Conservative party's publication 'Protecting Human Rights in the United Kingdom' released during last year's party conference.

The scene was set by Sir David Edward (Edinburgh), former judge at the European Court of Justice and one of the members of the Bill of Rights Commission, who explained the workings of the Commission and the key arguments in the discussion about a possible replacement of the HRA with a UK Bill of Rights. Colm O'Cinneide (UCL) explored various ways of amending the HRA, but noted that there were currently very few substantive proposals on the table for improving the HRA. He recognised that a repeal and replacement of the HRA were possible, but again noted a lack of substantive and realistic contributions as to what a British Bill of Rights should protect and in how far this would differ from the guarantees in the HRA. Alan Greene (Durham) then asked the question in how far the common law is already capable of protecting human rights and showed a tendency in the case law of the highest courts to place increasing reliance on common law remedies in lieu of equivalent remedies under the HRA. Christine Bell (Edinburgh) addressed additional difficulties resulting from the devolution settlement and argued that the Sewel Convention might stand in the way of a HRA repeal. Moreover, human rights protection was integral to the peace settlement in Northern Ireland and that the British-Irish Treaty may prove a significant obstacle to any changes. Fiona de Londras (Durham) considered the possible consequences of a HRA repeal on antiterrorism measures and noted that even before the HRA there was an international supervisory structure in existence. Ed Bates (Leicester) considered that a possible withdrawal from the ECHR would be problematic for the ECHR system as a whole given the UK's profound influence as a role model for other countries. It would thus weaken the system considerably. Paul Johnson (York) concluded that the Convention systems was instrumental in the promotion of equality rights and that a repeal of the HRA and a withdrawal from the ECHR would be disastrous from this perspective. Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou (Surrey) considered that a withdrawal from the ECHR would also call into question the UK's ability to partake in the Council of Europe. Finally, Tobias Lock (Edinburgh) explored the consequences of a possible ECHR withdrawal for the UK's continued EU membership. While the Treaties do not explicitly make ECHR adherence a precondition to EU membership, both the Treaties and EU's accession practice suggest that a country cannot be a Member State without being signed up to the ECHR.

A policy paper arising from this event is available to read at: www.uaces.org/8207

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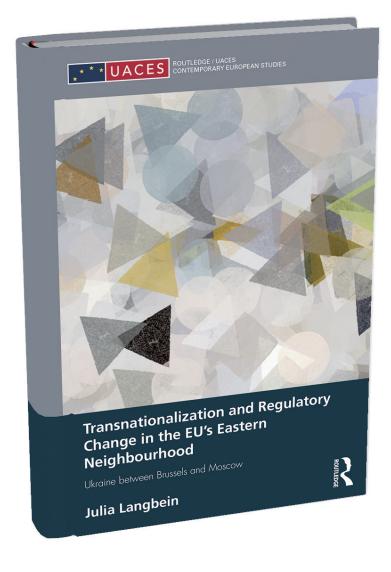
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