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Chair's Column | Nicholas Startin

As I write this message the deadline for the Brexit talks has been extended once again and we still do not know what the full implications will be for our association and the wider academic community. One thing does remain certain - your expertise in the field of EU studies and your ability to communicate this to a wider audience has never been more important than it is now!

Our first ever virtual conference in September was a great success. More than 380

delegates registered for the event. I am delighted to report that it is still our intention (the current situation permitting) to hold the 2021 conference at [Liverpool John Moores University](#) in September next year. See the call for papers below.

[The Graduate Forum](#) (GF) has continued to maintain a very high virtual profile. The research series launched at the beginning of the pandemic continues to flourish and has been an excellent way of keeping our PhD students and Early Career Researchers connected. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the GF Committee for their outstanding work in recent months and to say a big thank you to the GF's outgoing Chair [Dr Rachael Dickson](#) for her brilliant work in the role. I am delighted to announce that following the call for nominations the new GF Chair, as of January, will be the outgoing Communications Officer [Dr Olga Litvyak](#), and that the new Communications Officer will be Louise Wylie.

I am also pleased to be able to announce the results of the UACES Best Book Prize for 2020 which is awarded annually for the book that has made the most substantial and original contribution to knowledge in contemporary European Studies. My congratulations to [Dr Eleni Frantziou](#) and to Professors [Simon Bulmer](#) and [William Paterson](#) on winning this prestigious prize. I am also delighted to announce that the prize for the best PhD has been awarded to Dr Niels Gheyle for his excellent thesis.

Finally, a reminder that nominations are open until the end of January for two members of the UACES Trustees Committee. [Nominations](#) are also open to replace me as Chair from September. Do please get in touch if you are interested in the role and want to know more.

In a year that has posed many challenges for all of us both, professionally and personally, I thank you all for your continued support of our unique Association. It remains for me to pass on my season's greetings and to wish you all a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

All the very best,

Nick Startin, UACES Chair

[Read the full Chair's message on the UACES blog](#)

Events Calendar

Browse upcoming (online) events worldwide in European Studies.

During this unprecedented time we are trying to remain as accurate as possible and update events when they are cancelled or moved online.

Calendar



We are happy to announce that UACES will partner up with POLITICO once again for their upcoming **virtual EU Studies & Career Fair 2021**.

We invite you to share the event with your department and to join us for a full day of informative conversations. We are in the process of preparing a virtual stand and are excited to experience this year's virtual event.

[Find out more.](#)

Liverpool



Due to the ongoing pandemic, we cannot yet confirm if the conference will be held in Liverpool or virtually. We will continue to assess this developing situation carefully and update you in due course. Please rest assured that we are doing everything we can to find different ways to run the event.

Nevertheless, we are happy to announce that we have opened our Call for Papers for #UACES2021. Submit your paper and proposals via [ConfTool](#).

Announcements

UACES Best PhD Prize 2020

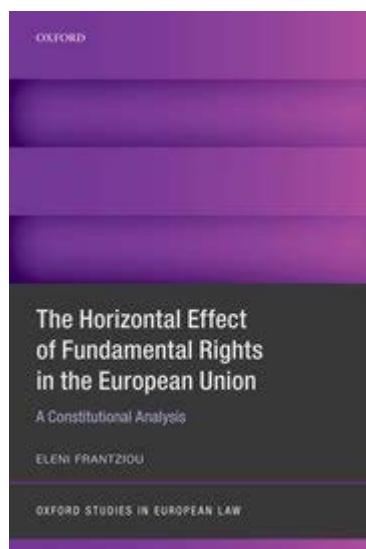
We are delighted to announce that the winner of the Best PhD Prize 2020 is Niels Gheyle.

Congratulations on your excellent thesis entitled 'Trade policy with the lights on: The origins, dynamics, and consequences of the politicization of TTIP.'

The Jury said: *'This thesis is a veritable tour de force in terms of politicisation. This is the most detailed, robust and thorough analysis of the politicisation of TTIP I have come across.'*

UACES Best Book Prize 2020

We are also delighted to announce the winners of the UACES Best Book Prize 2020. This year it was very competitive, so we decided to have joint winners.



Congratulations to

Dr Eleni Frantziou for her book 'The Horizontal Effect of Fundamental Rights in the European Union'.

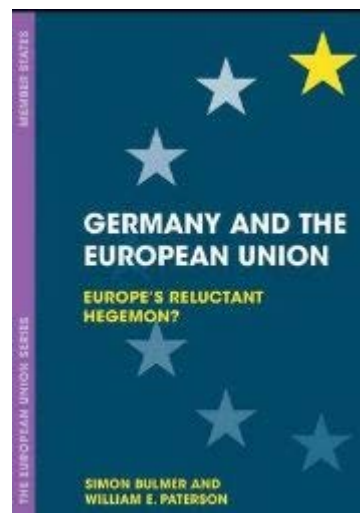
The Jury said: *'The best EU Law book I've read recently. A very complex and controversial topic is explained very clearly and in a very good structure. It was a long-needed book in the sphere of horizontal effect of fundamental rights in the EU.'*

Congratulations to

Professors Simon Bulmer & William Paterson for 'Germany and the European Union: Europe's reluctant hegemon'.

The Jury said: *'The score acknowledges the breadth and depth of the author's expertise and their skill in harnessing it all into a very readable, definitive study of Germany and the EU.'*

It is an outstanding study of Germany and deserves to be on reading lists covering not only Germany specifically but also on European integration, EU politics etc. It is impossible to study or understand European integration without understanding Germany's role and place in this. This book is therefore a must-read.'



UACES Scholarships

We are delighted to announce the recipients of UACES Scholarships. Thanks to everyone who applied. It was very competitive. The scholars are:

Gerard Casas Soler (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Antonio Alcazar (Central European University)

Juliette Ganne (The Graduate Institute Geneva)

Lukas Spielberger (Leiden University)

We will feature each recipient in January's newsletter.

2021 Elections

Nominations are invited from individual and early-career members of UACES for election to the UACES Committee.

As a member of the UACES Committee, you can make a contribution to the development of the European Studies field, and:

- shape the concerns of the Association as a whole;

- become involved in the organisation of events or activities;
- broaden your network of contacts outside your own Institution.

Elections will be held for the post of:

- UACES Chair
- UACES Committee Member (two places).

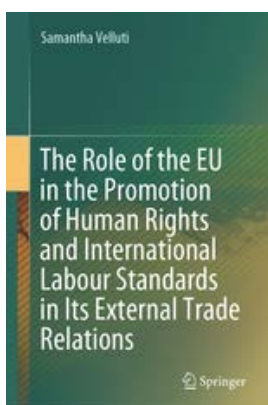
The term of office is for three years, commencing September 2021.
If elected, you will also become a Trustee of the Association.

The deadline for nominations is **31 January 2021**.

More information

Publications

Publications by our Members



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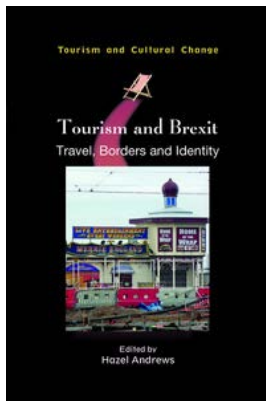
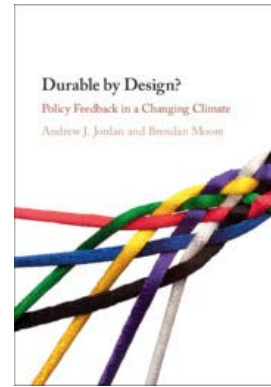
The Role of the EU in the Promotion of Human Rights and International Labour Standards in Its External Trade Relations

by Samantha Velluti

Cambridge University Press

Durable by Design? Policy Feedback in A Changing Climate.

by Andrew J. Jordan and Brendan Moore



Channel View Publications

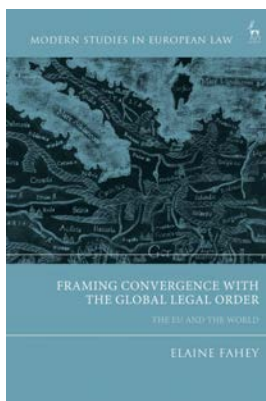
Tourism and Brexit: Travel, Borders and Identity

by Hazel Andrews

Intersentia

Immortal Contracts in Europe

by Aurelia Colombi Ciacchi, Chantal Mak, Zeeshan Mansoor



Hart Publishing

Framing Convergence with the Global Legal Order - The EU and the World

by Elaine Fahey

From Member to Member

CfP, collaborations and exchange amongst the UACES community

The EU Rule of Law Initiative Towards the Western Balkans

Open access article by Andi Hoxhaj

The article also offers some proposals and insights on how the EU rule of law initiative of 2018 can be improved, in order to become more transformative in strengthening the rule of law in countries of the Western Balkans.

[Read Article](#)

*If you have CfP or collaborations to share for the next newsletter,
please email admin@uaces.org*

Funding opportunities

Archival Research Trip

Generous funding of **£1300** is on offer for the successful applicant. £1000 is to cover travel, accommodation and subsistence whilst in Florence, while £300 is to cover costs for attending the UACES annual conference in 2022 in Lille.

The successful applicant will be expected to submit a paper or panel proposal based on the research that they conduct at the archives for the UACES Annual Conference taking place in Lille in 2022 (the call for papers will open in October 2021).

In partnership with the [James Madison Charitable Trust](#), we are delighted to offer a scholarship for a PhD or Early-Career researcher to visit the [Historical Archives of the European Union \(HAEU\)](#) in Florence for 5-10 working days and conduct archival research.

How to apply

**UACES
Graduate Forum**





Sustainable Futures for Europe

Seminar 1

12 November 2020

Speaker: Eva Saeva, Hongbo Zhang & Zane Šime

Discussants: Helena Farrand-Carrapico & Maximillian Rech

We recorded the seminar

Watch the seminar



Sustainable Futures for Europe

Roundtable

26 November 2020

With: Dr Rosa Fernandez, Dr Jonas Schönefeld

and Jon Worth

We recorded the event

Watch the roundtable

Election Results

We would like to congratulate [Olga Litvyak](#) (University of Vienna) on her election as the new Graduate Forum Chair and [Louise Wylie](#) (University of Manchester) as the new Communications Officer.

We would also like to thank the outgoing Chair [Rachael Dickson](#) (University of Birmingham) for all the hard work she has done for the Graduate Forum, in particular for leading the Graduate Forum and ensuring it continued to be a vibrant and active part of the UACES community during the coronavirus pandemic.

And a huge thank you to [Olga Litvyak](#) (University of Vienna) who was previously the Communications Officer. Without you, our community of students and ECR wouldn't have been so well informed about upcoming events, CfP and other activities during the pandemic.

Social Media

#UACESselfcare

Thanks to everyone who took part in our recent [#UACESselfcare](#) campaign. The idea of this campaign was to encourage our members to look after themselves and inspire others. We absolutely loved seeing what everyone was up to during tight pandemic restrictions or latest lockdowns. (Source of photos below: Social Media/Twitter)

To round up the campaign, and instead of another virtual social hour, we decided to host three gentle Stretch-and-Relax sessions. Thanks to fitness instructor Alix Hubble, we learnt about simple and easy movements to wake up the body after sitting at your desk for several hours.

Missed out on the sessions? No problem, we recorded them for you in a private link:

[Session 1](#)

[Session 2](#)

[Session 3](#)



We will soon celebrate 5000 Twitter followers!

We are close to reaching 5000 followers on Twitter. We want to celebrate this and will give **one year's free membership to the 5000th follower**. Spread the word and help us reach this special goal.

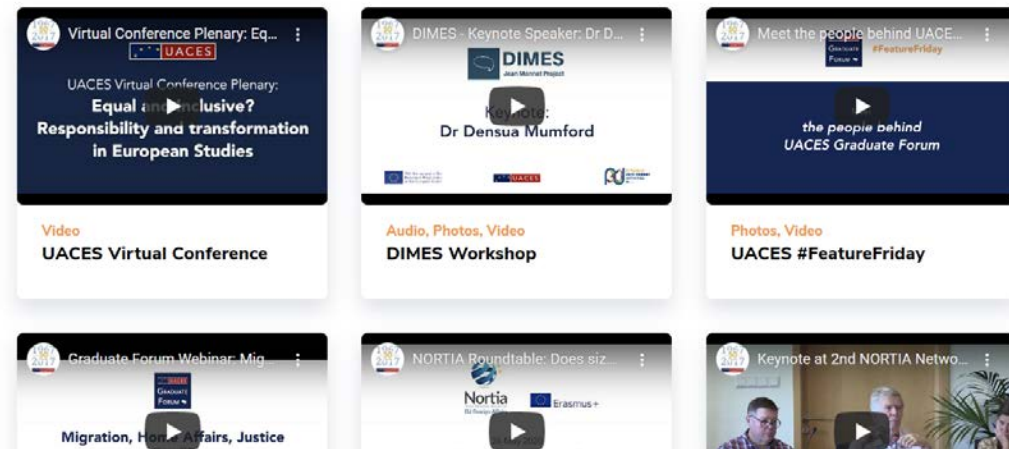
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UACES Website

Discover our recently launched website pages. We are working hard to publish more and more on our new website. We are now ready to share with you our journals and multimedia pages. We hope these resources will help you forward your research.

Recordings, videos & photos

We are documenting a lot of our events, conferences and other activities. Find recordings in this section to reflect on recent presentations, seminars or roundtables. Discover photos of events and activities to get an idea of our work. Find podcasts and other recordings that might help you forward your own research.

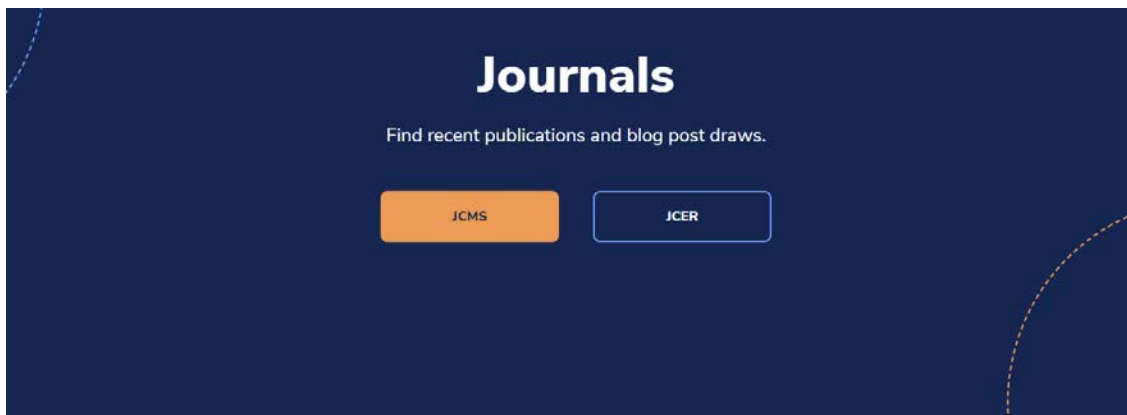


Watch recent recordings, listen to podcasts and see photos of our events

The multimedia pages keep you up to date about events and projects that are happening in the field of European Studies. Everything is in one place - no need to skip through different channels.

We are adding more content every day so keep your eyes peeled.

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