Dear UACES colleagues,

My predecessor Dr Nicholas Startin’s work over the past three years has been exemplary, not least given the massive disruption to all our lives with the Covid pandemic. In particular, I would praise him for shaping an approach to equality, diversity and inclusion that will inform every aspect of UACES’ work in the future. Nick’s commitment and engagement should be applauded.

My own long involvement with UACES has made me very conscious of the value of the Association, both to its members and to European Studies more generally. With that in mind, I will be using my time as Chair to pursue three key priorities which I explain in more detail in the longer version of this message on the UACES blog.

I am pleased to share the outcome of the recent interviews for a new editorial team for the Journal of Common Market Studies. Prof Paul James Cardwell (The City Law School), Prof Roberta Guerrina (University of Bristol) and Dr Gabriel Siles-Brügge (University of...
Warwick) produced a very strong application, with a clear agenda around building the inter-and multidisciplinarity of JCMS and bringing diversity and inclusion into the entire set of processes involved in producing a journal.

The new team will begin their transition in the new year, which means that this will be only the first time that I get to thank Dr Toni Haastrup (University of Stirling), Prof Richard Whitman (University of Kent) and the rest of the current editorial group for their work. Their efforts to diversify the Journal’s content and approach have been vital in the leading the wider debates we have and I especially appreciate how they have worked with UACES in developing new opportunities.

And with that I will let you get on with reading the rest of the newsletter. We recently launched the Call for Paper for the next Annual Conference taking place in Lille. So don’t forget to submit your proposals. Also the next DTA will take place in person: together with IBEI, it will take place in Barcelona and will involve talks and seminars for PhD researchers and ECRs.

Thank you for your involvement with UACES, whatever form this takes, and I look forward to hearing from you (and meeting you) in the months and years to come.

Simon Usherwood, 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.
Call for Papers is open!

We're delighted to announce that the CfP for #UACES2022 in Lille is now open!

This year, we will be offering the main conference as a three-day in-person event, but will also be running a one-day virtual event on Thursday 8 September, to enable those who cannot travel to Lille and participate and present their work.

Our 52nd Annual Conference will be a wonderful opportunity to explore the historic city of Lille and to reunite with UACES colleagues in-person for the first time in many months. Once the merchant centre of French Flanders, this lively university city remains an important cultural hub and capital of the Hauts-de-France region.

Our #UACES2022 hosts will be ESPOL (European School of Political and Social Sciences) at the Catholic University of Lille. Learn more about our hosts here.

Doctoral Training Academy

We are delighted to announce that our annual Doctoral Training Academy (DTA) will be held at the Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) on 14 January 2022.

The DTA is a free, one-day event for doctoral students and early career researchers (ECRs), and is funded as part of the Erasmus+ programme under the Jean Monnet Support to Associations scheme.

More information will follow soon.
New editorial team for JCMS

UACES and Wiley are pleased to announce the new editorial team for JCMS from mid-2022 will be Prof Paul James Cardwell (The City Law School), Prof Roberta Guerrina (University of Bristol) and Dr Gabriel Siles-Brügge (University of Warwick).

The selection process produced a number of very high-quality proposals that reflect on the high regard with which the Journal is held in the European Studies community. The selection panel – made up of UACES and Wiley representatives – were very pleased to see that these proposals also engaged with a number of key challenges, from the shifts in academic publishing to the growing importance of equality, diversity and inclusion throughout the profession.

The new team brings together expertise in law, political science and political economy, coupled to a clear agenda to strengthen the position of JCMS as the preeminent journal for interdisciplinary research on Europe, and to embed diversity and inclusion in all aspects of the journal’s work. They also will work to increase the opportunities for interaction between academics and practitioners, both within the Journal and in a growing package of social media work.

UACES Elections

We are looking for the next UACES Treasurer who takes up the role from September 2022 - September 2025.

If anyone is interested in standing for Treasurer in the January elections, UACES current Treasurer Dr Jocelyn Mawdsley is very happy to explain more about the role. You do need to be based in the UK, but you don’t need to be fantastic at maths!

Anyone who is interested, please email Jocelyn.Mawdsley@newcastle.ac.uk.

Research Network Funding

We’re pleased to invite applications for new UACES-funded Research Networks (UACES RNs). The UACES RN funding stream aims to enable researchers to develop networks
across a range of institutions, which may perhaps lead to bigger projects and funding from other sources in the future.

**Extended deadline for applications: 5 November 2021**

**UACES Research Networks (with the support of the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union):**

Applications are invited for two new Research Networks to run from 2022-2025 on any topic in contemporary European Studies. See more about the assessment criteria by downloading the application pack.

**UACES-JMCT Research Network on Federalism and Europe**

Applications are invited for one new Research Network to run from 2022-2025 on the topic of federalism, federal governance or regionalism in Europe, in line with the objects of the James Madison Charitable Trust (JMCT), broadly conceived. This RN will be generously supported by the JMCT.

The assessment criteria, finances, requirements and application process is the same for both kinds of RNs, but please state in your application if you would like to be considered for the UACES-JMCT RN.

**New Publications**

**UACES Members Offer: Get 20% off with code UG8,** ordering via www.bloomsbury.com.

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**European Union Law in Context**

by Ester Herlin-Karnell, Gerard Conway, Aravind Ganesh

Routledge

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by Andrew Duff
Routledge

**The European Union’s International Promotion of LGBTI Rights**

by Markus Thiel

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**Agenda Publishing**

Agenda is a new, independent publisher of books covering European politics, economics, public policy, and governance.

To mark the publication of our 100th new book we are pleased to offer a *20% discount* to UACES members on any purchases or pre-orders via our website made before 20th December 2021. To activate your discount please *use code SM20* when you order at [www.agendapub.com](http://www.agendapub.com).

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- **Pandemonium: Saving Europe** by Luuk van Middelaar
- **A Troubled Constitutional Future: Northern Ireland after Brexit** by Mary C. Murphy and Jonathan Evershed
From Member to Member

CfP, collaborations and exchange amongst the UACES community

New cross-channel partnership with EU!RADIO

UACES is offering its members a new dissemination opportunity: a weekly radio column! Named “Ideas on Europe” after our association’s baseline, it is broadcast every Friday on the dynamic EU!RADIO channel and archived as podcast on the radio’s website (audio and text) as well as on Soundcloud. Since the launch on 1st October, five members have already seized the opportunity to contribute a compact editorial based on their research interests.

Find out who they are and what they have spoken about here.

What is EU!RADIO?

Created in 2007, EU!RADIO an award-winning not-for-profit media with a distinct European focus. More than that: it is an academy, training each year a number of young journalism students from all over Europe in order to develop their linguistic capacities and, most of all,
provide them with a European perspective and multicultural opening. EU!RADIO started with an FM frequency in the region of Nantes but has in the meantime been granted DAB+ frequencies in a large number of French cities (including Strasbourg) as well as Brussels (where they also have a studio and correspondent). Another remarkable feature is the musical programming, focusing on independent European productions and respecting a perfect gender parity.

Interesting in contributing a column about your work?

You’re more than welcome! Just drop an idea of a topic to UACES member Albrecht Sonntag (albrecht.sonntag@essca.fr), who serves as liaison on this project. Once a calendar slot is agreed upon, what is required is a 600-650-word script for a four-minute editorial that speaks about research findings in a way that is suitable for a broader public with a keen European interest. The columns are in English, but most of the public are non-native speakers. And Albrecht, who has himself produced some 130 such editorials over the last years, will assist in editing the final text. Recording is extremely easy – just like in an online talk on your computer.

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News from UACES Research Network ‘The Role of Europe in Global Challenges: Climate Change and Sustainable Development’

Dr. Rosa Fernandez is now Associate Professor in the Department of Global Sustainable Development at the University of Warwick. This new role fits perfectly with Dr. Fernandez research interests. As co-convenor of the UACES Research Network ‘The Role of Europe in Global Challenges: Climate Change and Sustainable Development’, Dr. Fernandez hosted its first virtual workshop in 2020, as a result of which, a Special Issue (co-edited with Dr. Jonas Schoenefeld and Prof. Thomas Hoerber, the other two network co-convenors, and Prof. Sebastian Obertuer) has now been published in the International Spectator. The Special Issue can be accessed here.

The RN continues with its work, and a new workshop, again virtual, hosted by the Institute for Housing and the Environment in Darmstadt, will take place on December 2nd & 3rd. The focus of this year is on housing, food/agriculture, and transport/mobility. If you would like to attend the sessions, please contact Dr. Fernandez (Rosa.Fernandez-Martin@warwick.ac.uk), Dr. Jonas Schoenefeld (j.schoenefeld@iwu.de) or Prof. Thomas Hoerber (thomas.hoerber@essca.fr). The programme for the event is being finalised now and will be circulated soon.

We are also working on the next event, which will be hosted by ESSCA in Angers in 2022, hopefully with a face to face format.

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Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)
COMPASS

The Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) COMPASS project, hosted by the University of Kent in partnership with the University of Cambridge (UK), ADA University (Azerbaijan), Belarusian State University (Belarus), TNU (Tajikistan) and the University of World Economy and Diplomacy (Uzbekistan), has been shortlisted for the International Collaboration of the Year at the Times Higher Education (THE) Awards 2021.

Find out more.

Appointments:

Dr Jonathan Evershed – Newman Fellow in Constitutional Futures at the School of Politics & International Relations, University College Dublin

Dr Rosa Fernandez – Associate Professor in the Department of Global Sustainable Development at the University of Warwick

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

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