

JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies

WITH AN IMPACT FACTOR OF 4.0. JCMS IS AMONG THE **TOP 10** JOURNALS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, THE **TOP 30** IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND THE **TOP 90** IN ECONOMICS.¹

UACES and Wiley invite applications for the positions of Editors of *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*.

We are seeking to appoint a multidisciplinary editorial team of scholars of international standing that have clear strategic objectives and a credible delivery plan for their realisation.

JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies is a multidisciplinary journal that leads debates on European integration and comparative regionalism. For over 60 years we have encouraged original, meaningful and challenging research that pushes boundaries across the fields of political science, international relations, law, economics, sociology and more.

Each year JCMS publishes six issues plus the Annual Review.

Since 2022, the journal has continued to publish high-quality submissions including:

Special Issues on:

Volume 60, Issue 1 (January 2022): *Macroeconomic Policy Coordination and Domestic Politics: Policy Coordination in the EU from the European Semester to the Covid-19 Crisis* – Guest Editors: Amy Verdun, Valerie D'Erman

Volume 61, Issue 6 (November 2023): *European Integration Outside-In: Third Country Influence on EU Law and Policy-making* – Guest Editors: Sandra Lavenex, Marja-Liisa Öberg

Volume 62, Issue 4 (July 2024): *The Geoeconomic Turn of the Single European Market* – Guest Editors: Anna Herranz-Surrallés, Chad Damro, Sandra Eckert

Volume 63, Issue 5 (September 2025): *Towards Allyship in Diversity? Critical Perspectives on the European Union's Global Role* – Guest Editors: Dimitris Bouris, Nora Fisher-Onar, Daniela Verena Huber

¹ * 2025 Journal Citation Reports (Clarivate Analytics): 85/626 (Economics) 10/173 (International Relations) 28/332 (Political Science)

Volume 64, Issue 5 (September 2026): *Tracing Frame Trajectories in Policy Debates: Placing the EU in Global Discourse Networks* – Guest Editors: Ece Özlem Atikcan, Anna Holzscheiter, Jean-Frédéric Morin, Tim Henrichsen

The new Editorial team would be appointed to phase-in their work from January 2027 and their term would start on 1 July 2027.

Further Information

Aims and Scope

JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies is a leading multidisciplinary journal that publishes high quality and accessible articles advancing debates in European and comparative regionalism studies. JCMS seeks to reach beyond the traditional grounding of the field, which focuses on the politics of European Integration.

For over 60 years, JCMS has been the forum for meaningful discussions in European Studies, drawing on the research of and/or challenging boundaries within the field. JCMS thus has the scope to examine a broad set of research questions.

JCMS publishes research articles of 6500 – 8500 words.

We also publish research notes and policy commentaries.

Ownership

JCMS is jointly owned by Wiley and UACES and both have an interest in the strategic development of the Journal. Wiley has responsibility for marketing, administrative and production arrangements. UACES is responsible for overseeing the Editorial arrangements. All editorial aspects, including the day to day running of the Journal, are the responsibility of the Editors.

Publication

JCMS is currently published six times a year: in January, March, May, July, September and November. In addition, the *JCMS Annual Review of the European Union* is published as an extra 'seventh' issue and comes out in September. The Annual Review is subject to separate editorial arrangements, although liaison with the JCMS Editors is required.

Editorial Responsibilities

The Editors carry full responsibility for the publication of the JCMS and for its editorial strategy. The Editorial team is responsible for production of six issues each year. Editors are responsible for identifying referees, quality control, and for corresponding with authors. The Editors are responsible for ensuring that the production schedule is adhered to. This responsibility includes working with the JCMS Editorial Assistant in liaising with the publisher concerning the day-to-day management of the publication arrangements. The publisher will provide administrative and editorial support for the journal. The Editorial team has a broad remit to promote the Journal in the wider academic and policy-making

constituencies. They are also expected to liaise with the publisher and provide input and feedback into the marketing plans developed by Wiley to support their editorial strategy. The Editors will work with the Social Media and PR Assistant (Journals) to support the promotion of journal articles and special issues.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The Editors must adhere to and advance Wiley's and UACES's commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion. The current editorial team have worked hard to develop this area of the journal and it is important to both UACES and Wiley that there is no regression on this front.

The JCMS diversity statement is as follows:

JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies is committed to scholarship that is respectful of diversity. Diversity in our journal includes considering and publishing scholarship from scholars with different institutional affiliations, different nationalities, and at different stages of their professional careers; In particular, we encourage submissions from those that are underrepresented within academia, due to race, ethnicity, gender identity, disability, or other protected characteristics. We especially encourage our authors to engage with and cite sources historically excluded from academia and engage with the work of scholars based in the countries about which they are writing. We expect guest-editors of symposia and special issues to ensure gender balance of authors and to include an appropriate institutional and geographical mix.

Manuscript Management

JCMS uses an online submission system called Research Exchange. All Editors will be required to be familiar (or become familiar) with this system. Training will be provided.

Special Issues

JCMS currently publishes two special issues per year. The theme is chosen by the Editors following an open call for proposals. The Editors are required to work with the Guest Editor(s) to ensure that the required standards of the journal are met.

Book Reviews

Book reviews are the responsibility of separate Review Editors.

Editorial Board / Editorial Advisory Board

The Editors of the JCMS are supported by an Editorial Board and an Editorial Advisory Board. In both cases, membership is subject to approval of the UACES Committee of Trustees. The role of the Editorial Boards is generally to support the Editors in the matters relating to Editorial policy, including the development of the Journal over the longer term.

Finance

The Editorship of the JCMS carries with it an honorarium. In addition, the Editors will have a budget available to them to help them carry out their role as Editors. This includes provision for conference attendance, marketing the journal, Annual Lectures etc.

In consultation with the Editors, the budget is reviewed and approved each year by UACES. The first budget period for the incoming Editors will be for the year commencing 1 January 2028 to 31 December 2028.

Other Responsibilities

The Editors, by their appointment, automatically become ex officio Charity Trustees of UACES, a registered charity in England and Wales, unless they give notice in writing of their unwillingness to act in this capacity. Should Editors give notice in writing of their unwillingness to act in this capacity, they will remain on the UACES Committee as a co-opted Committee member. This does require the Editors to join UACES as a member if they are not already and abide by the UACES Constitution, Bylaws and Terms of Reference for UACES Committee members.

The Editors will also be responsible for running the JCMS blog which is published on Ideas on Europe: www.ideason europe.eu.

Applications

There is no set form for applications. Applicants will need to demonstrate that they would have the full support of their department should they be appointed and be able to specify others who would be part of the editorial team. Applications should include plans for developing as well as managing the journal in keeping with UACES's mission statement and commitment to EDI as well as that of JCMS. Applications must also include a CV for each member of the proposed editorial team.

Applications should arrive by Friday 25 September 2026.

Serious contenders should make contact well in advance of the deadline to express their interest.

Applications should be sent by email to UACES at admin@uaces.org with the subject line: JCMS Editors Application and will be acknowledged on the next working day. If you do not receive this acknowledgement, please contact us before the deadline.

Commitment to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) are core values at UACES, and all Editors are expected to demonstrate their commitment to our EDI policy.

We are passionate about building and sustaining an inclusive and equitable environment for UACES members, committees, and staff. The UACES community strives to be one where people feel safe, where differences are accepted, where engagement is apparent and where all contributions are encouraged, valued and respected.

We particularly welcome applications from candidates that are underrepresented in the Higher Education sector.

We are committed to making reasonable adjustments to support you throughout the application and selection process, on commencement, or once in post. You can request support by contacting Kerry Cole, Executive Director at kcole@uaces.org.

Our EDI Officer is available for a confidential conversation with applicants with specific questions or concerns regarding our EDI policy.

Interviews

Short-listed applicants will be invited to attend an interview online at the beginning of October 2026. The interview panel will consist of representatives from UACES, Wiley and JCMS. An appointment will be made thereafter.

Start Date

The incoming Editors will be responsible for new submissions from 1 January 2027 onwards and would have Editorial control from 1 July 2027. This coincides with Volume 65.

Duration

The appointment is for a period of five years, subject to a probationary period. The Editorship can be extended by an additional two years, subject to agreement by the owners. The maximum term of the Editorship is seven years.

End Date

A five-year appointment would end on 30 June 2032. This coincides with Volume 70, Issue 5 which will be published in September 2032. The Editors, if seeking to extend their appointment, are required to express their intentions to UACES by September 2031. If extended, the appointment would end on 30 June 2034. This coincides with Volume 72, Issue 5 which will be published in September 2034.

Questions

Questions should be directed to:

- The current JCMS Editors, Professor Paul James Cardwell
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- Rebecca Walter, Director, Social Sciences and Humanities, Publishing Development, (rwalter@wiley.com) at Wiley if about the production process;
- Kerry Cole, Executive Director, (kcole@uaces.org) at UACES if about the appointment process.