



**David Rennie**, winner of the 'Reporting Europe' Prize 2010

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## David Cameron's Conservatives and Europe

Edinburgh, 31 March 2010

*Tim Bale, University of Sussex*

In March 2010 at the Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association (PSA) in Edinburgh, the PSA specialist group on Conservatives and Conservatism (aka C&C) joined forces with UACES to run a panel on the impact of a Conservative government on the UK's relationship with Europe.

The panel featured Robert Hazell of the Constitution Unit, John Peet, Europe Editor of the Economist, Jonathan Isaby of ConservativeHome, and Mats Persson of the think-tank, Open Europe. It was chaired by Tim Bale of Sussex University, who has an ongoing research interest in the Tories and Europe and is also the convenor of C&C.

Robert Hazell concentrated on the European aspects of the Conservatives' plans for constitutional reform, a detailed assessment of which can be found in a typically excellent publication from the Constitution Unit, available online at [www.uaces.org/6408](http://www.uaces.org/6408).

Jonathan Isaby took the pulse of grassroots and parliamentary feeling on the issue, making it clear once again that the Tories are more thorough goingly Eurosceptic than they have ever been. This is a party that expects its leadership to deliver on its promises.

Mats Persson focused on what any new government feasibly could and, on the other hand, should try and deliver on, reminding us that not all governments in Europe were necessarily hostile to the Conservatives' agenda.

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John Peet, however, had recently travelled around the chancelleries of Europe and talked about the considerable anxiety about and, in some important respects, antipathy towards the Conservatives' declared intentions.

There were also some great questions and observations from the floor, as one might have expected from an audience which included luminaries well known to UACES members, such as Willie Paterson and Andrew Geddes.



Back row: John Peet and Robert Hazell  
Front row: Mats Persson, Tim Bale and Jonathan Isaby

Nobody at that stage of course was predicting a Lib-Con (or should that be Con-Dem?) coalition. Nor did anyone know that Mr Cameron would overlook the sceptical Mark Francois and instead choose the more emollient David Lidington as Minister for Europe. How much difference these developments will make will be fascinating to watch.

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## Chair's Column

Richard Whitman, University of Bath



For those of us who teach and research on Europe, the broadcast and print media are essential to keeping up-to-date with our areas of interest. News on Europe provides us with a constant streamed opportunity to validate, or

challenge, the ways in which we seek to understand Europe's political, economic and cultural practices and processes.

The unfolding drama of Greece's financial crisis, and the response of the EU and its member states, has provided me with a clear example of where the news agenda can be used to good effect in the class room. By giving students an opportunity to gauge their understandings of the processes and institutions of European integration against such a backdrop makes for a rewarding teaching experience.

Quality reporting on Europe is of key interest for our Association, involved as it is in promoting research and teaching in European Studies, as well as bringing together academics with practitioners active in European affairs. This interest in reporting on Europe provides the rationale for the annual UACES-Thomson Reuters Reporting on Europe prize. The prize is our chance to recognise the quality journalism that assists our members in deepening our understanding of today's Europe. The prize is jointly awarded by UACES, with Thomson Reuters, the leading international news agency. It is judged by a panel of both journalists and academics and is now an established feature in the calendar of media awards - but unique in its intention to reward stimulating reportage on European integration.

Cynical observers of reporting on Europe (especially those based in the UK) would say that there is little of quality produced by the media. However, as a first-time member of the jury I was struck by the quality of the nominated pieces and the short-listed pieces. You can see the quality of the journalism that was commended by its inclusion on the shortlist as it can be read and listened to at [www.uaces.org/media](http://www.uaces.org/media).

This year's prize for the best journalism went to David Rennie, The Economist magazine's Charlemagne columnist. For me David Rennie writes with a wit that is absent from much of the reporting on Europe. His column is the weekly 'must-read' for keeping a finger on the EU's pulse. Although I often disagree with his analysis I also find that he consistently provides me with an unrivalled insight into the machinations of political life in Brussels.

Nominating for the reporting on Europe prize is open to all our members and I do hope that over the weeks and months ahead as you listen, watch and read you will consider nominating the journalists who make our explanation, understanding and teaching of Europe possible.

# REPORTING EUROPE PRIZE 2010

David Rennie, EU correspondent and Charlemagne columnist, The Economist, scooped this year's 'Reporting Europe' Prize at a prestigious award ceremony in Canary Wharf, London on 27 April 2010.

The prize is jointly awarded by UACES and Thomson Reuters, the leading international news agency. It is judged by a panel of both journalists and academics and is awarded to work which excels in stimulating critical debate on European integration.

The judges praised David Rennie for his consistent ability to get to the heart of EU politics, as well as for the unexpected and excellent connections he often makes.

Summing up the judging process this year, Richard Whitman commented:

"All of the entries that were shortlisted for awards represent excellence in the quality of their reporting on Europe. Quality reporting on Europe is alive and well and demonstrated by the difficult task presented to the prize jury in choosing between these talented individuals."

**More information on this year's prize, including short videos profiling this year's shortlist can be found at:**

[www.uaces.org/media](http://www.uaces.org/media)

UACES would like to thank the following individuals for sitting on the Prize Jury:

- Dr Martyn Bond**, London Press Club
- Dr Amelia Hadfield**, University of Kent
- William Horsley**, Association of European Journalists
- Professor Tim Luckhurst**, University of Kent
- Janet McBride**, Thomson Reuters
- Sir Stephen Wall** Honorary President of UACES
- Professor Alex Warleigh-Lack**, Brunel University
- Professor Richard Whitman**, University of Bath



From left to right: Stephen Castle (International Herald Tribune), Jonny Dymond (BBC), David Rennie (The Economist), Sir Stephen Wall (UACES Honorary President), Oana Lungescu (BBC), Doreen Carvajal (International Herald Tribune) and Mark Thompson (Thomson Reuters)



Photos from this year's event are now available to view on the UACES Flickr page:

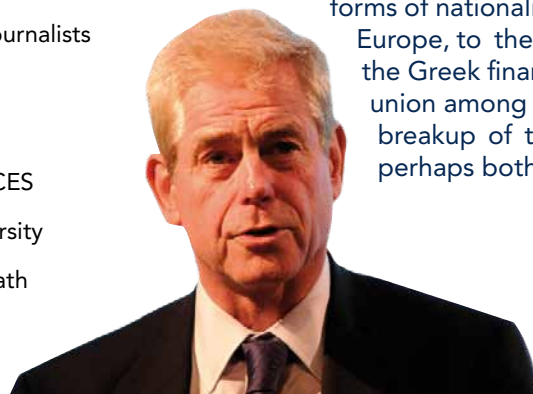
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The time is long overdue for the mainstream UK media, especially the public service media, which means our leading TV and Radio organisations, to make a strategic choice to invest a great deal more in original, in-depth coverage of the wider Europe and the world-changing stories that are staring us in the face.

They range from the fears and convulsions of many newly independent states of the former Soviet Union, to the grave threats posed by corruption and new forms of nationalism in more than one region of Europe, to the very pressing issue of whether the Greek financial crisis foretells a new fiscal union among the eurozone countries, or the breakup of the single currency zone -- or perhaps both.

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**William Horsley**  
Association of European Journalists



# Communicating European Citizenship

In the early part of 2009, UACES secured co-funding from the European Commission in order to undertake its latest large-scale, ambitious project entitled 'Communicating European Citizenship'.

In overview, the project comprises a series of linked and overlapping events concerned with EU citizenship that have brought together school-age students, trainee, newly-qualified and experienced citizenship teachers, civil society organisations, national and EU level policy makers, the media, and academics. Together the four events have explored the issue of 'communicating the EU' to the wider public.

## Event 2: Teachers' Continuing Professional Development Day

Bradford Academy, Bradford, 27 January 2010

*Jenny Fairbrass, University of Bradford*

Having launched the 'Communicating European Citizenship' project with a half-day conference in November 2009, the second in the series of events was held in January 2010 in Bradford. This took the form of a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) day attended by approximately thirty participants in total. The delegates included trainee, newly-qualified, and experienced secondary school teachers of citizenship, mainly drawn from West Yorkshire and the North West.

The main part of the programme for the day was expertly delivered by six local teachers: Andy Thorpe (Bradford Academy), Anna Neale (Longdendale Community College), Nazia Kazi (Greenhead High School), Hayley Ashe (Kettlethorpe High School), Sarah McGinty (St. Bede's RC Grammar School) and Anthony Devlin (Cockburn College). Participants experienced a varied and stimulating range of role plays, simulations and problem solving exercises designed to increase their knowledge and understanding of the EU and to explore ways of making the EU more accessible to them as teachers and their students. Three main themes provided the basis for the workshops. These included 'trade and the single market', 'freedom of movement' and the 'environment'.

In addition to participating in the role plays and simulations, the delegates were also asked to evaluate a range of materials produced by the European Commission and the European Parliament. The data captured through the assessment exercise was subsequently reported during Event 4 in the series – the closing conference on 22 March 2010.

## Event 3: Year 9 and 10 Schools Conference

University of Leeds, 3 March 2010

*Jenny Fairbrass, University of Bradford*

The Year 9/10 schools conference was the third of the four planned events that formed part of the 'Communicating European Citizenship' project convened primarily by Jenny Fairbrass, Stephen Fairbrass and Alex-Warleigh-Lack, supported by the UACES secretariat and co-funded by the European Commission. It marked a significant departure from the sort of event normally staged by UACES, in so far as it focused on secondary schools rather than higher education, but it was one that very substantially contributes to UACES' objective of providing a broader public benefit.

The Schools conference brought together approximately one hundred Year 9/10 secondary school students and their accompanying teachers from East Lancashire and West Yorkshire. The lively, informative, and highly interactive programme was planned and delivered by the current cohort of PGCE Citizenship students based at Bradford College, working under the guidance of two of the convenors of the 'Communicating European Citizenship' project, namely Stephen and Jenny Fairbrass.

During the course of the day, the school students took part in a range of role plays, games, simulations, and exercises focused on the European Union (EU), covering topics such as freedom of movement, the issue of individual and national identity, and how the European Parliament works. The day was clearly enjoyed by those who were there. Both teaching staff and students commented on how much they had learnt about the European Union (EU). Below is an example of the type of comment made by the participating teachers and students:

"I thought you might like to know what my lads have been saying about today - they loved it! They said they particularly enjoyed finding out about how the EU works, debating, working with kids from other schools and making new friends. One boy said he's now decided he wants a career in politics! The only criticism was that they would have liked to spend longer on some of the activities and wish the trip had been extended over 2-3 days - hardly a criticism really!! They were also all asking if they could go again next year" (Teacher, Bradford School).

The European Commission was also represented on the day by staff from 'Europe Direct Leeds' who provided an information desk and provided much appreciated additional materials on the EU to the conference participants.

*As a follow-up to the CPD day and the Schools conference the intention is to publish the role plays and others exercises generated.*



Above: Alison Rose (FCO)

## Event 4: Closing Conference

Lancaster House, London, 22 March 2010

*Jenny Fairbrass, University of Bradford*

The final event in the series of four organised as part of the jointly funded UACES/European Commission project entitled 'Communicating European Citizenship' took place in London, at Lancaster House, on 22 March 2010. The conference attracted approximately seventy delegates representing organisations as diverse as The European Ombudsman's Office, BECTA, the European Parliament, the European Commission, the National Foundation for Educational Research, the Labour Movement for Europe, the Citizenship Foundation and numerous UK and non-UK based Universities.



From left to right: Alison Rose, Richard Whitman and Jenny Fairbrass

The UACES Chair, Professor Richard Whitman, warmly welcomed participants at the start of the day and was immediately followed by Alison Rose (Head of the Europe Communications - Institutions, Treaty and Iberia Group, Foreign and Commonwealth Office) who gave a thoughtful and thought-provoking presentation on the topic of the FCO's 'Role in Communicating the EU to Young People'.

The second session of the day, presented by Jenny Fairbrass (Co-convenor of project & UACES Treasurer), furnished a summary of the data gathered from a survey of citizenship teachers and their students undertaken partly during the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) day held in January 2010 and the Year 9/10 Conferences held earlier in March. Crucially, the paper highlighted the issues and challenges identified by secondary school teachers in trying to make sense of the EU and make it accessible to their students.



From left to right: Don Rowe, Albert Weale, Alex Warleigh-Lack, Jean Lambert, Anna Neale and Andy Thorpe

The morning session closed with a lively debate sparked by the Round Table which comprised Professor Albert Weale (University College London), Don Rowe (Citizenship Foundation), Jean Lambert MEP and two secondary school teachers, namely Andy Thorpe (Bradford Academy) and Anna Neale (Longdendale Community Language College), chaired by Professor Alex Warleigh-Lack. Anna and Andy were able to give the conference a 'real flavour' of the challenges of teaching the EU to secondary school-age students and important insights.

The second half of the day offered an opportunity to academics and practitioners to exchange their ideas on the questions raised by the conference. Approximately thirty papers divided into ten panels provided insights and reflections on topics as varied as 'Education for European Citizenship, Democracy and Antiracism: European Policy and Political Complacency', 'Communicating the EU to its Citizens: The Civil Power of News', 'European Union Citizenship as an Experimental Institution' and 'Communicating European Environmental Citizenship'. These and other papers are available on [www.uaces.org/cec](http://www.uaces.org/cec).

*As a follow-up to the closing conference and the three earlier events that form part of the project, the plan is to publish the materials produced and the papers given. For further details please contact: Dr Jenny Fairbrass ([j.fairbrass@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:j.fairbrass@bradford.ac.uk)).*



Citizenship Breakout: Helen Bicknell, Áine Ryall, Elizabeth Monaghan and Lars Hoffmann

## Bilateral Relations with Russia and the Impact on a Common EU Policy towards Russia

London, 13 April 2010

*Maxine David, University of Surrey*

This UACES and European Security funded workshop took place on 13 April 2010 at King's College, London. Organised by Maxine David of University of Surrey and Jackie Gower of King's College, London, it drew interest from a range of people with expertise on both Russia and EU, reflecting the increasing salience of the EU-Russian relationship to both parties.

The workshop served as an important first step in a collaborative project amongst academics from the BASEES-UACES research network that aims to produce the first coherent and fully comprehensive publication on the EU member states' bilateral relations with Russia.

Dr Fraser Cameron of the EU-Russia Centre delivered a keynote address that reviewed and updated the 2007 Report on: 'How Bilateral Relations Hinder a Common EU Approach to Russia.' Richard Whitman's paper on 'EU Member States Foreign Policies' was delivered in absentia. Both these papers set the framework for the discussions that followed.

Key policy areas identified included energy, trade and economics, security and defence, freedom, security and justice, the normative agenda and the Neighbourhood Policy / Eastern Partnership. In turn, these were set in the context of relations that were affected by factors such as history, culture and religion, diplomacy, geopolitical considerations and extent of economic independence. Debate turned then to the wider question of whether recent events in the bilateral relationships give cause for us to view EU relations with Russia with greater optimism, or whether such optimism would be greatly misplaced.

As a result of these and other discussions, a divided and complex picture began to emerge that suggested attitudes towards Russia had to be understood not only at the separate European and national levels but at the level of policy itself. The structures affecting each of the bilateral relationships elicit variable responses from the member states but that same variance is visible within the national responses too. Indeed, our preliminary work reveals the existence of fractured, even occasionally schizophrenic, relationships, which can only be understood at the level of policy.

The workshop was an extremely important step in establishing proper focus for the wider work of the project. In part this will entail mapping relationships in respect of both territory and issues to answer the question of what drives approaches in the bilateral relations towards Russia. Further, and in order to understand the EU's scope for developing a common policy towards Russia, the bilateral relations will be set within the wider European context to answer the question of the extent to which bilateral relations drive or hinder the EU's Russia policy.

Any enquiries about the project should be directed to either Maxine David or Jackie Gower.



Brussels, 31 March 2010

*Justus Schönlaue, PES Group in the Committee of the Regions*

'What's Left of the Single Market?' was the provocative title of the talk given by Dr Harm Schepel, Reader in Law at the University of Kent at Brussels at this year's first UACES Arena. In his presentation, Dr Schepel constructed a narrative of the Single European Market from the founding fathers' vision of a European Economic Community, via enthusiasm for trade liberalisation in the 1980s to current debates about the meaning of the precise scope and meaning of the term 'Single Market' in the light of regulatory responses to the global financial crisis.



Dr Harm Schepel, University of Kent

The discussion that followed, which was chaired by Professor Roger Vickerman, Dean of the University of Kent at Brussels, suggested that the European Court of Justice has been an important but inconsistent actor in the story of the Single Market. On the one hand, the Court has spurred trade integration in the EU through landmark judgements and its dialogue with national courts. On the other hand, recent rulings by the Court, most notably in response to the Viking and Laval cases, have fuelled controversy and uncertainty over the future course of the Single Market. What's left of the single market in 2010 is, therefore, a whole series of challenging questions for practitioners and scholars alike.

UACES Arena, which is organised by UACES and Edelman | The Centre in cooperation with the University of Kent at Brussels, invites leading scholars to challenge conventional wisdom in the policy-making world and present new ideas for a changing Europe. Details of past and future seminars may be found on the Arena website: [www.uaces.org/arena](http://www.uaces.org/arena).

## Group Members

### The 'Odysseus Academic Network'

*Philippe De Bruycker, Université Libre de Bruxelles*

The 'Academic Network for Legal Studies on Immigration and Asylum in Europe' was created in 1999 with the support of the Odysseus programme of the Commission by Professor Philippe De Bruycker from the Institute for European Studies of the Université Libre de Bruxelles. It brings together the best specialists from each Member State working on EU and Member States' rules in a comparative perspective.

The Network has published seven books about the regularisation of illegal immigrants, subsidiary protection, the European immigration and asylum policies, the acquis of the Amsterdam Treaty, freedom of movement of European citizens and will publish in 2010 two new ones about the external dimension of EU migration policies and the identification of vulnerable asylum seekers plus a code of EU immigration and asylum law. It organises a European Congress every two years: the next ones on integration will take place in October 2010 and on family reunification in 2011.

The Network is doing research for the Commission and in 2007 completed an enquiry concerning the implementation of 10 directives on immigration or asylum in the 27 Member States comprising 13,000 pages available at [www.uaces.org/6401](http://www.uaces.org/6401). It is also finalising a study on the future of the Common European Asylum System for the European Parliament to be published in the Autumn 2010.

The Network extended its activities to teaching. Since 2001 it has been organising a Summer School attracting 120 participants to Brussels during the two first weeks of July. A more in-depth Certificate gathers around 20 participants for week-end classes throughout the year. It develops with Member States the 'European Asylum Curricula' (EAC) based on long-distance training modules to be taken over by the European Asylum Support Office. The future Belgian Presidency of the EU has asked the Network to organise in a prospective conference on legal migration to the EU in November 2010.

More information is available at [www.uaces.org/odysseus](http://www.uaces.org/odysseus)

### The Centre For Freedom of the Media

*Jackie Harrison, University of Sheffield*

The 'Centre for Freedom of the Media' (CFOM) is an interdisciplinary research centre based in the Department of Journalism Studies, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom. The founding principle of CFOM is to illuminate where news media freedom is undermined or abused and to examine news media standards of independence and truthfulness through the study of:

- The contested nature of the terms "media freedom" and "freedom of expression"
- Areas of global conceptual commonality with regard to media freedom, standards and governance
- The behaviour of governments
- The effects of laws and regulation/deregulation
- The new media landscape opened up by fast-changing and new technologies
- The effects of increasing commercialisation of the media sector on news media
- The effectiveness of the media as civil journalism
- The links between media freedom and other parts of civil society and democracy

Recent events have included the following: February 2009 (conference) 'Twenty Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall: What Became of Press and Political Freedoms?'; April 2009 (conference) 'Freedom of Expression and the Media'; June 2009 (two day research seminar) 'The End is where we start from: Media Coverage of Genocide and Mass Violence'; March 2010, (research seminar) 'Reporting Religion: Issues of Definitions, Standards and

Accuracy with Reference to the Role of Specialist Journalists and Public Intellectuals in the Contemporary?' and in May 2010 'The initiative for an international framework to protect journalists from violence and counter impunity' was launched in collaboration with the Centre for Law, Justice and Journalism, City University, London. Sponsors of CFOM activities have so far included the Open Society Foundation, the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the University of Sheffield and the Clemens Nathan Research Centre.

Research has been undertaken for the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) on 'Respect for Media Freedom: Europe-wide Media Freedom Violations 2007-2009'. CFOM papers and articles have been published in the Chatham House journal *The World Today*, the House of Commons magazine and the journal of the London Press Club, and presented at the Council of Europe Conference (Tbilisi, Georgia), on Safeguarding Media freedom in the countries of the South Caucasus, Moldova and Ukraine, on the United Nation's World Press Freedom Day and at the UACES conference 'Communicating European Citizenship.'

CFOM's goal is to develop a body of academic research into the special value of legitimate media freedoms and high standards of media ethics, and to work closely with policy-makers, journalists and other media professionals to address the real challenges of the fast-changing world of journalism. To this end the Centre collaborates closely with colleagues in many other universities and civil society and media organisations, as well as with public bodies and International Governmental Organisations.

CFOM welcomes correspondence from both individuals and organisations concerned with abuses and assaults on media freedom and with media standards. The Centre can be contacted at [www.cfom.org.uk](http://www.cfom.org.uk)



## Academic Career Development

London, 23 April 2010

*Ana E. Juncos, University of Bristol*

The first Academic Career Development conference took place on 23 April at the School of Public Policy, University College London (UCL), London. This one-day event was designed to support early career academics working in the field of European Studies in tackling the specific challenges that confront them in the first years of their post.



From left to right: Ana Juncos, Helen Bicknell, John Canning and Helen Drake

The conference was opened by the UACES Chair, Professor Richard Whitman, who explained that this conference was intended to add to UACES efforts to support its members throughout their career. The first session focused on research funding and grant applications, with contributions from Ms Rachel Tyrrell, from the ESRC Training and Development Team and Professor Andrew Jordan (University of East Anglia). Rachel Tyrrell discussed the different funding schemes for early career academics provided by this research council. Professor Andrew Jordan considered funding applications from an applicant's perspective and provided advice regarding different stages of the process. The second session centred on job applications and publishing. The speakers, Professor Michael Smith (Loughborough University) and Professor Richard Whitman (University of Bath) engaged with issues of how to build a successful post-doctoral publication strategy and the impact of the Research Excellence Framework (REF), as well as providing advice on job applications. Session three, entitled 'Surviving Academia', saw Dr Helen Drake (Loughborough University) dealing with issues of balancing the workload between teaching, research and administration. The role of the Higher Education Academy in the area of European Studies and the support it provides to newcomers to the profession, was presented by Dr John Canning (University of Southampton); and the panel finished with a look at academia outside the UK, looking in particular at the case of Germany, which was led by Professor Helen Bicknell (Hochschule Fresenius University of Applied Sciences).

Each of the panels was followed by a lively discussion with interesting contributions from the audience. The final network session provided participants with an opportunity to meet and talk to other UACES members and the conference speakers, and to learn about the current opportunities for new scholars offered by UACES.

Copies of supporting materials and several of the powerpoint presentations may be found on the conference website: [www.uaces.org/career](http://www.uaces.org/career).

## Realist Biography and European Policy

Leuven, 16-18 April 2010

*Jeffrey Turk, Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts*

Despite the volcanic eruption that prevented two of our keynote speakers from attending, the Realist Biography and European Policy workshop in Leuven, Belgium on 16-18 April 2010 proved a remarkable success. In all, over thirty of the expected 42 participants, speakers and panellists managed to attend this landmark event sponsored by UACES, the Centre for Sociological Research at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and the Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts. The ambitious goals of the workshop were to combine the strands of (critical) realist philosophy of social science with the growing field of auto-biographical narrative methods for use in European Union policy studies, putting together a workable toolbox for practical research. We therefore discussed how to weave together the various threads for a pan-European project to explore the emerging area of European social dialogue, in which (for better or worse) the European institutions are coming to play a coordinating role in the industrial relations systems of the member states.

The workshop was organised as the launch pad for a realist biography working group, which will pursue this type of research. We therefore have plans to publish a book based on the workshop, which is intended as a practical resource for promoting collaborative research in this area. Bob Carter (co-editor of *Making Realism Work: Realist Social Theory and Empirical Research*, Routledge, 2004) led the realist strand, while some of the key pioneers of biographical research, Fritz Schütze, Prue Chamberlayne and Tom Wengraf led the biography strand. We had a lengthy discussion of an interview transcript with a seconded national expert from an ongoing research project on the anthropology of European integration in order to demonstrate biographical approaches in practical research, as well as a panel discussion on a specific research proposal with additional external experts. The workshop was highly focused on an open dialogue between the various strands in a spirit of common purpose. We found an enormous amount of common ground and hope to work in close cooperation in well-grounded practical research on contemporary European issues.



Bob Carter

We will be presenting a panel from the workshop at the UACES annual conference in Bruges in September and hope to continue our cooperation with UACES in bringing increased attention to methodological issues in contemporary European Studies. The programme, presentations and photos can be found on the workshop web page via [www.uaces.org/6402](http://www.uaces.org/6402).



# Reflection Group

Lars Hoffmann, Tilburg University

Few people will have noticed at the time, as only six short paragraphs were dedicated to the original mandate of the Reflection Group Horizon 2020-2030 in the December 2007 European Council Presidency Conclusions. The EU's 27 heads of state and government formed the Group to "identify the key issues and developments which the Union is likely to face and to analyse how these might be addressed." Fearing another Convention-moment, it was added that the Group "shall [...] not discuss institutional matters." The European Council also decided at the time that the Group's Chair would be former Spanish Prime Minister Felipe González - a fitting choice seeing that the Group's mandate was to expire in June 2010, coinciding with the Spanish Presidency. In addition to the two Vice Chairs, UACES Patron Vaira Vike-Freiberga and the non-executive chairman of Nokia and Royal Dutch Shell, Jorma Ollila, nine further members were "selected from across the Union on the basis of merit." As many of you know, this selection included UACES Member and University of Oxford Professor of International Relations, Kalypso Nicolaidis. Throughout her twelve months stint as a Group Member, Kalypso kindly asked me to assist her in her work - becoming thus a self-proclaimed Reflection Groupee.

The Group began its work in December 2008 and the monthly meetings were held exclusively in the Council's Justus Lipsius building in Brussels. The Group took some time to find its feet and it emerged quickly that the leadership did not have a clear game plan for the proceedings and working methods. Even the launch of a Reflection Group website ([www.reflectiongroup.eu](http://www.reflectiongroup.eu)) was not a given. The first few meetings were spent listening to experts as well as presentations by Group Members. These focussed on a wide range of subjects most of which were reflected in the final Report. In addition, the Group's leadership arranged working lunches meetings with some grands hommes of Europe such as Jacques Delors, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and Javier Solana.

Unfortunately, there was never any effort on behalf of the leadership to consult with anyone other than elite experts. It fell to individual Group Members to launch their own, private consultations. Kalypso especially took this approach very seriously. Some of you might have seen her call for input on the UACES mailing list and, of course, UACES organised two well-attended workshops with Kalypso and interested UACES members in December 2008 and December 2009.

The Group's final drafting period was familiar to students of Giscard's Convention on the Future of Europe: a few days prior to the Brussels meetings the Group's Secretariat distributed (via email) certain draft sections and Members



Members and Assistants of the Reflection Group, including Lars Hoffmann (5th from left at back); Kalypso Nicolaidis (2nd person in front row) and Vaira Vike-Freiberga (4th person in front row). Two former Prime Ministers are in the front row: Lech Walesa of Poland (third from the left) and Felipe González of Spain (third from the right).

were given the opportunity to send in amendments and/or present their thoughts in person. Considering the diversity of the Group, there were of course times when a final coherent document seemed like a million miles away. But Europe would not be Europe if in the end a single document, based on consensus and compromise, did not emerge.

If you are interested, you can find the final Report on the Group's website [www.reflectiongroup.eu](http://www.reflectiongroup.eu) and Kalypso has also included a summary, signed by the whole Group, on her website at [www.uaces.org/6403](http://www.uaces.org/6403). The Report points out the challenges for the EU over the next two decades. Although the outlook might be dim at times, the Group insists that the Union now faces "a choice: take advantage of a window of opportunity and follow a path to sustainable economic recovery and a more influential role on the world stage, or prepare for a managed decline into irrelevance - losing along the way the social and economic benefits the EU has sought to foster." In this, the Report points to the areas of energy sustainability, economic governance, social market economy, human capital, climate change, security issues, demographic challenges and of course the strengthening of ties between the EU and its citizens.

So for all the lack of consultation and the fact that the majority of Group Members were made-up of past leaders rather than future visionaries, the Report contains some interesting and challenging points - lest we forget an endorsement of Turkey's EU membership! What the European Council does with this Report and its recommendations remains to be seen - it's part of its June Summit agenda. Whether we - or the European Council for that matter - agree with all of the Group's recommendations is almost irrelevant. What is important is that the words of the twelve wise men and women will if not inspire then at least make us think about our future and how it is inevitably linked to the fortunes of the European Union.

## June...

### Turkey and the EU

*Istanbul, 16-18 June 2010*

Opportunities and Challenges in the Accession Process.

info: [www.uaces.org/200](http://www.uaces.org/200)

### Minority Politics within the Europe of Regions

*Clij-Napoca, 17-20 June 2010*

Organised by the ECPR Standing Group on Federalism and Regionalism.

info: [www.uaces.org/202](http://www.uaces.org/202)

### Joint PhD Symposium on South Eastern Europe

*London, 18 June 2010*

This event brings together young scholars working on a broad range of topics related to South East Europe.

info: [www.uaces.org/218](http://www.uaces.org/218)

### After Lisbon: The Future of European Law and Policy

*Birmingham, 24-25 June 2010*

Second conference on European Law and Policy in context.

info: [www.uaces.org/197](http://www.uaces.org/197)

### ECPR Fifth Pan-European Conference on EU Politics

*Porto, 24-26 June 2010*

Organised by the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union.



At the conference, Professor Kevin Featherstone, London School of Economics, will deliver the JCMS Lecture on the topic 'The Limits of Europeanisation: Greece and the Euro-Zone'.

info: [www.uaces.org/173](http://www.uaces.org/173)

### Assessment of the Year Abroad in Modern Language Degrees

*Bath, 25-26 June 2010*

Examination and sharing of current assessment practices with regard to a diverse range of residence abroad experiences.

info: [www.uaces.org/194](http://www.uaces.org/194)

### Western Balkans: An Opportunity or a Challenge for the Future of the European Union?

*Prishtina, 26-27 June 2010*

Looking at the prospects of the Western Balkans countries for EU integration and the role of the EU institutions in this process.

info: [www.uaces.org/214](http://www.uaces.org/214)

### Ethno-Political Conflict and Intervention in a Globalized World

*Exeter, 27-30 June 2010*

The role of ethnicity and nationalism in the 21st century.

info: [www.uaces.org/179](http://www.uaces.org/179)

## July...

### The Challenges of Sport Governance after the Lisbon Treaty

*Ghent, 1-2 July 2010*

5th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Sport and the European Union.

info: [www.uaces.org/221](http://www.uaces.org/221)

### Languages in Higher Education

*London, 1-2 July 2010*

Taking languages forward into the next decade.

info: [www.uaces.org/193](http://www.uaces.org/193)

Additional events  
are listed at:

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### **Negotiating Modernity: An Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Workshop**

*Bath, 8-9 July 2010*

Looking at the transformative forces of globalisation and its social, political, cultural and economic impact on modern society.

info: [www.uaces.org/222](http://www.uaces.org/222)

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### **The Governance of Sustainability**

*Leeds, 19-20 July 2010*

Investigating the influence of cognitive and normative factors in the EU's capacity to meet the challenge of governing sustainability.

info: [www.uaces.org/219](http://www.uaces.org/219)

## September...

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### **2010 APSA Annual Meeting and Exhibition**

*Washington DC, 2-5 September 2010*

The Politics of Hard Times: Citizens, Nations and the International System under Economic Stress.

info: [www.uaces.org/168](http://www.uaces.org/168)

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### **Exchanging Ideas on Europe: Europe at a Crossroads**

*Bruges, 6-8 September 2010*



Site Oud Sint-Jan, venue for the Conference Dinner and Reception

The 40th UACES Annual Conference, with over 400 research papers and an address by President José Manuel Barroso. The conference will be centred around the Verversdijk campus extension of the College, a former Jesuit monastery.

info: [www.uaces.org/bruges](http://www.uaces.org/bruges)

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### **ECPR 7th Pan-European International Relations Conference**

*Stockholm, 9-11 September 2010*

Politics in Hard Times: International Relations Responses to the Financial Crisis.

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### **3rd PSA Teaching and Learning Group Conference**

*Leicester, 14-15 September 2010*

An opportunity to discuss the current context of teaching and learning in Politics and International Relations.

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### **Repositioning Europe in an Era of Global Transformation**

*Vienna, 15-17 September 2010*

8th European Urban and Regional Studies Conference.

info: [www.uaces.org/223](http://www.uaces.org/223)

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### **The Political Economy of Taxation**

*Loughborough, 29 September 2010*

Themes include 'Taxation in the European Union' and 'The Politics of Tax Progression'.

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## October...

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### **Borderless Europe: Challenges, Opportunities**

*Pécs, 18-19 October 2010*

Interdisciplinary conference in Pécs, the 2010 European Capital of Culture.

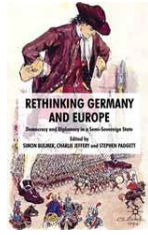
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# Recent Books

## Rethinking Germany and Europe: Democracy and Diplomacy in a Semi-Sovereign State

*Simon Bulmer, Charlie Jeffery & Stephen Padgett (eds.)*

Palgrave Macmillan  
ISBN: 978-0230236554  
GBP: 57.50



## Climate Change Policy in the European Union: Confronting the Dilemmas of Mitigation and Adaptation?

*Andrew Jordan, Dave Huitema, Harro van Asselt, Tim Rayner & Joost Berkhout (eds.)*

Cambridge University Press  
ISBN: 978-0521196123  
GBP: 60.00

## European Union Politics, 3rd Edition

*Michelle Cini & Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán*

Oxford University Press  
ISBN: 978-0199548637  
GBP: 25.99

## European Union History: Themes and Debates

*Wolfram Kaiser & Antonio Varsori (eds.)*

Palgrave Macmillan  
ISBN: 978-0230232709  
GBP: 19.99

## European Spatial Planning and Territorial Cooperation

*Stefanie Dühr, Claire Colomb & Vincent Nadin*

Routledge  
ISBN: 978-0415467742  
GBP: 34.99



## Old Cultures, New Institutions: Around the New Eastern Border of the European Union

*Ann Kennard*

LIT Verlag  
ISBN: 978-3643107510  
EUR: 39.90

## The Autonomy of European Union Agencies: A Comparative Study of Institutional Development

*Martijn Groenleer*

Eburon  
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## British Government and Politics: Balancing Europeanization and Independence

*Michael Mannin*

Rowman and Littlefield  
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GBP: 31.95, EUR: 34.95

## Vodka and Pickled Cabbage: Eastern European Travels of a Professional Economist

*Paul Hare*

Athena Press  
ISBN: 978-1847486905  
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## International Corporate Law Compendium

*Michael Pearson (ed.)*

Aspen Publishers  
ISBN: 978-0735595149  
USD: 265.00

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*Samantha Velluti*

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**The Student Forum** is a voice for students with an active interest in European Studies. Through research networks and events, it facilitates dialogue and the exchange of information between students at different institutions.



## Student Forum 11th Annual Conference

Bath, 29-30 April 2010

*Tomas Maltby, University of Manchester*

The Student Forum 11th Annual Conference took place at the University of Bath on 29-30 April. Attended by over fifty postgraduate students from Europe and beyond the conference afforded an opportunity to explore the beautiful city of Bath, and participate in two days of research papers spread across 13 panels. The research showcased ranged from migration to security, from culture and education to enlargement and more. The conference was fortunate enough to attract two established academics in the field, who gave stimulating keynote speeches; Dr Spyros Economides from the London School of Economics talked about the EU's role as a state builder and protectorate in the Western Balkans; and Professor Richard Whitman from the University of Bath, addressed the state of EU foreign policy and the effects of the Lisbon Treaty.

The conference proved to be a friendly and stimulating environment in which to exchange ideas, open up possibilities for future collaboration with other participants, and generally get an overview of the wide range of projects being researched under the broad umbrella of European studies by postgraduate students in the EU and from further afield.

Natasja Reslow was presented with the 'JCER | Journal of Contemporary European Research Prize' for the best paper from the previous years conference in Salford. The paper was subsequently published in the journal. The prize was presented by Dr Sarah Léonard from the University of the Salford and JCER Editor, who announced the 3rd Annual 'Best Conference Paper and Research Article' Competition

Sarah also gave valuable advice and encouragement regarding the importance of getting experience of the publishing process as early as possible. The JCER was highlighted by both Sarah and Natasja as a peer reviewed journal that encourages submissions from postgraduate students.

Finally, a thanks to all those who helped the conference run smoothly, especially the Dept of European Studies and Modern Languages at Bath who generously agreed to host the event and sponsor a wine reception, and the postgraduate students from the department who volunteered to assist and offer advice. We hope to see everyone back for the 12th conference in April 2011!

## Get Involved in the Student Forum

*Kamil Zwolski, Chair of the UACES Student Forum*

The UACES Student Forum soon will change its face. More specifically, there will be three new faces, because in November three posts will become available on the Student Forum Committee. Let me tell you more about the elections in a moment.

First, I would like to thank you for making the Student Forum 11th Annual Conference such a successful event. I would also like to extend my thanks to Professor Richard Whitman and to a number of PhD students from the University of Bath, most notably Marianne Sundlisaeter, Elisabetta Nadalutti, Christos Marazopoulos and Richard Guthrie.

Now, I'd like to tell you a little bit about the November elections. How would you like to get involved in the UACES Student Forum? Don't worry if you are busy with your PhD, we all are. Being on the Committee doesn't take much time but I can assure you, it is very rewarding. You would be part of a team and participate in organising two important academic events a year: the Student Forum Annual Conference (such as the one we just held in Bath) and the European Studies Research Students' Conference in London.

You don't have to decide yet, just give it some thought. Please also feel free to get in touch with me or any other Committee member to find out more about the UACES Student Forum. Later this year I will send more details to our EuroResearch mailing list, so make sure you are on it.

To learn more about Student Forum and to join the EuroResearch email list, go to [www.euro-research.eu](http://www.euro-research.eu).



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City of Bath

## New JCMS Editors Appointed

In July 2010 the present editors of the JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies, Jim Rollo and Dan Wincott, will end their term of office. Following a selection process, UACES and Wiley-Blackwell (the publisher) have appointed new editors.

They have been taking over during the past few months to ensure continuity. Its new editors are Professor Michelle Cini, University of Bristol, UK and Professor Amy Verdun, University of Victoria, Canada.

It is the first time that women editors have been appointed to edit the JCMS. The Journal is the UACES flagship publication and one of the leading European integration journals in the field. It has been around for almost 50 years. The new editors invite UACES members to consider JCMS as a publication outlet. JCMS is highly ranked: in the ISI Web of Knowledge it currently ranks 8th of 99 journals in Political Science with an impact factor of 1.837.

For more information or to discuss publication ideas please contact the editors directly: [michelle.cini@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:michelle.cini@bristol.ac.uk) or [averdun@uvic.ca](mailto:averdun@uvic.ca).

## Partial Victory for UACES



Verversdijk campus, College of Europe, Bruges

As you may have seen reported in the last newsletter, the UK government had announced the withdrawal of scholarship funding for UK residents to study at the College of Europe. The administrations in Wales and Northern Ireland followed suit.

Following a lobbying campaign coordinated by current and past chairs of the UK Selection Committee, Dr David Phinnemore (Queen's University Belfast) and Prof. Helen Wallace (LSE), the (outgoing) UK government backed down and agreed to fund 11 scholarships for 2010-11. Although this was less than the number of scholarships that have been available in previous years, the move was warmly welcomed.

The future of the scholarship scheme remains in doubt, however. A review is taking place under the wider auspices of the Government's 'Success in the EU' programme which aims to increase UK representation in the EU institutions. Needless to say, with a change of Government and a review of spending across the board, the prospects for 2011 remain very unclear.

## UACES Collaborative Research Networks (CRNs)

The following CRNs for 2010-2013 have been established:

### The EU Single Market in the Global Economy

The global economic crisis following the collapse of large sections of the financial industry in the United States and a number of European countries has fundamentally altered the parameters of the Single European market. The network will therefore concentrate on monitoring how national policy responses to the economic crisis influence the wider Single Market policy framework.

Network Coordinator:  
Christian Schweiger, University of Durham

### EU-Russia

The development of EU-Russia relations is a rapidly growing area of interest in global academic communities. The network will facilitate academic exchange between European and Slavonic Studies specialists together with engagement with the wider practitioner community.

Network Coordinators:  
Derek Averre, University of Birmingham; Jackie Gower, King's College London and Graham Timmins, University of Stirling

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*These two new CRNs, are in addition to the four CRNs established last year:*

Assessing Accession: Central and Eastern Europe in the EU

<http://assessingaccession.eu>

European Foreign Policies in Transition: Continuity and Change in the European Union New Member States' Foreign Policies

The Governance of Sustainability: Multiple Dimensions, Multiple Approaches

Policing and European Studies

<http://policingandeuropeanstudies.abertay.ac.uk/>

[www.uaces.org/networks](http://www.uaces.org/networks)

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*If you lose your password - there is no way to get a password reminder, however when registering a new password it overwrites the old password.*

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[www.uaces.org/email](http://www.uaces.org/email)

## News Website On Europa

[www.uaces.org/6404](http://www.uaces.org/6404)

DG Communications has launched a news section on Europa which is designed partly to take the place of the Bulletin. News headlines link directly to reports from the Commission and the European Parliament rather than to press releases.

## New Online Database

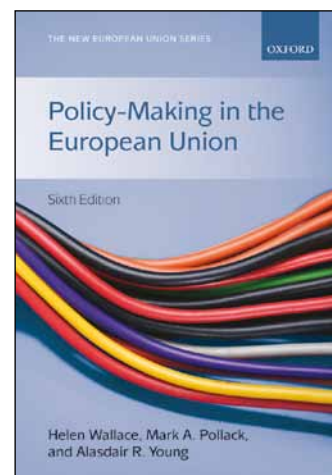
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This is a new online database of EU implementation and compliance studies. The database provides detailed overviews of all quantitative research on the transposition and implementation of EU laws and policies and allows for easy comparisons between studies.

The database is free and has been developed and is managed by Dimiter Toshkov (Leiden University) with the support of the Institute for European Integration Research of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

## Policy-Making in the European Union

Edited by **Helen Wallace**, Centennial Professor, European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science, **Mark Pollack**, Associate Professor and Jean Monnet Chair, Department of Political Science, Temple University, **Alasdair Young**, Professor of International Political Economy, Department of Politics, University of Glasgow



The sixth edition of this highly successful textbook includes new chapters on the EU's policy-making process in comparative perspective and on energy policy. The concluding chapter has also been updated to focus on the resilience of the EU policy-process in light of the enlargement to twenty-seven member states, the global financial crisis and constitutional changes brought about by the Lisbon Treaty.

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## Jean Monnet Multilateral Research Network: The Diplomatic System of the European Union

*Mike Smith, Loughborough University*

Loughborough University is the lead partner in a Jean Monnet Multilateral Research Network on 'The Diplomatic System of the European Union'. Loughborough and its two institutional partners, Maastricht University (Netherlands) and Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium) will form the core of what is intended to be an open network gathering together those who are interested in the conduct of diplomacy through the EU and providing a sounding-board for views on current developments in both the institutional framework and the practices of this diplomacy.

The initial conference of the network was held in Loughborough in December 2009, and proved to be a very stimulating event. Since then, we have been very busy developing the web site, planning the future programme and working on the first publications from the network.

The web site is now up and running, and contains general information about the project, the partner institutions and the activities to be carried out within the network. The address is <http://dseu.lboro.ac.uk>. It also carries a report of the initial conference.

We have been working recently on the first Policy Paper to be produced within the network. This will be a general evaluation of the prospects for the EU's system of diplomacy, based on the discussions at the initial network conference but also reflecting the developments of early 2010 in the debate about the new institutional framework. We are also actively working on a wider dissemination list, and would be grateful of any suggestions for additions to this list, either in the form of collective email addresses or those of individuals who would be interested in receiving the Policy Paper.

Research is also under way on the specific research strands within the network. These deal with the institutional framework for EU diplomacy (led by Maastricht), with the pursuit of EU strategic diplomacy (led by Loughborough) and with the practices of EU structural diplomacy (led by KU Leuven). The first fruits of this work will take the form of further Policy Papers to be produced in the next few months. Panels based on the research being conducted by the partner institutions will also be presented at the ECPR Standing Group on the EU Conference (Porto, June 24-26 2010) and at the UACES Conference (Bruges, 6-8 September 2010). We are planning further panels to be proposed for conferences taking place in 2011.

Finally, if anyone has suggestions for potential additions to the network list (including themselves!), we would be glad to receive them (including details of areas of interest linking with the project activities) and thereby to widen the net for what is proving to be a very timely project!



## Students' Presentation to EU President

The entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty has been celebrated by Dutch students with some hundred playing events of the EU Governance Game "Eurocracy". The winners were invited by the newly elected President of the European Council Herman van Rompuy for a special celebration of the treaty in Brussels. The students presented Mr Van Rompuy with a Welcome Gift from the Citizens, consisting of the definition of the EU as a "Union of Citizens and Member States" in all EU-languages. After the ceremony the present from the Citizens found its proper place in the offices of the new President!

## Jean Monnet and ECSA News

The Global Jean Monnet Conference is organised by the European Commission. Every two years, the Commission invites the worldwide network of European Community Studies Associations (ECSA-World) to join the event. On 25-26 May 2010 the Global Jean Monnet / ECSA-World Conference was held at the European Parliament in Brussels under the title: 'The European Union after the Treaty of Lisbon'.

Copies of the speeches, including the keynote given by José Manuel Barroso may be found on [www.uaces.org/6409](http://www.uaces.org/6409).

This year the European Community Studies Associations Hungarian ECSA President, Prof Tibor Palánkai was awarded the 2010 Jean Monnet Prize for special achievement in European integration studies.

Contributions and speeches given at previous Global Jean Monnet / ECSA conferences can be found at [www.uaces.org/6410](http://www.uaces.org/6410).





## JCER | Journal of Contemporary European Research

*Christian Kaunert and Sarah Leonard, JCER Editors*

The Spring 2010 issue of the JCER (volume 6, issue 1) was published at the start of May. It is a general issue featuring a range of research articles covering topics as diverse as EU foreign policy, British attitudes towards European integration and 'enlargement fatigue' in the EU. This issue also presents the winning article of the 2009 JCER-UACES Student Forum Annual Research Article Competition. The competition is designed to give student members of UACES an opportunity to experience the publication process, from the initial submission of an article through the review and revision stages. The winning article is entitled 'Migration and Development? An Assessment of Recent EU Policy Initiatives' and was written by Natasja Reslow, a PhD candidate at the University of Maastricht (the Netherlands). Congratulations to Natasja for this splendid achievement! To read these articles, please visit the JCER website at [www.jcer.net](http://www.jcer.net), where full access to past issues of the JCER is also available. Please note that free registration is required to access individual articles, book reviews and commentaries.

The 2010 edition of the JCER-UACES Student Forum Annual Research Article Competition has been launched at the Student Forum Annual Research Conference in Bath in April 2010. The winning article of the competition will be published in the Spring 2011 issue of the JCER.

The JCER is owned by UACES and is an open-access publication. It is committed to providing a forum for established scholars, practitioners and emerging scholars by allowing them to publish their ideas in a modern online setting. It promotes original research and insightful debate in European Studies by publishing academic articles, research comments, policy analysis and book reviews across a number of disciplines within European Studies, including Public Policy, International Relations, Law, Economics, Sociology and the History of Integration. Contributions from PhD students in the advanced phase of their doctoral research, post-doctoral fellows and academics in the early stages of their career are particularly encouraged.

The JCER publishes both general and special issues. Scholars interested in guest-editing a special issue of the JCER are invited to contact the Editors ([christian.kaunert@jcer.net](mailto:christian.kaunert@jcer.net) and [sarah.leonard@jcer.net](mailto:sarah.leonard@jcer.net)) to further discuss their ideas.

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## Call for Papers

### Policing the Frontier in Post-Stockholm Europe

Deadline for call: 30 September 2011

Since the publication of the EU's Stockholm Programme, there is now a strategy which will bring many changes to EU cross border policing, both within the EU, and with third countries. As such, this UACES funded collaborative conference on Policing and European Studies will be holding its second mini-conference in order to explore these important political and legal changes. This network plans to hold its second mini-conference on this theme, on 25 February 2011 at the University of Abertay Dundee.

We invite research papers (maximum of 6,000 words) from doctoral and early career researchers, as well as more established academics, practitioners and policy makers, from across a range of disciplines such as police and security studies, law, criminology and sociology, political science, International Relations, European studies, psychology, and management and organisational change.

Proposals for papers are invited covering these strands, in particular, but in no means confined to the following areas:

- Policing human trafficking and the EU
- Policing economic crime in the EU
- Policing political crime in the EU
- Policing drugs trafficking in the EU

Please send an abstract of 150–200 words to Maria O'Neill ([m.oneill@abertay.ac.uk](mailto:m.oneill@abertay.ac.uk)) by 30 September 2010. You will be notified if your application is successful by Friday 15 October 2010, with registration for the mini-conference being opened after that date.

Limited funding will be available to assist with expenses of PhD students or early career academics.

### Policing and European Studies

*A UACES Collaborative Research Network since 2009*

Please contact the CRN organisers if you require further information as to this event, or the research network generally.

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## What a Difference a Day Makes

*Stephen Wall, UACES Hon President*



When I served as a young diplomat in Haile Selassie's Ethiopia, there was a local Amharic phrase (shum shir) which encompassed what disillusioned Ethiopians saw as the musical chairs of their political system: there were different bums on different seats but, fundamentally, nothing changed.

Later, in the early 1980s, I very nearly abandoned my day job to go and work for the new-found SDP, the political party that seemed set to break the mould of British politics, leaving behind the leftist, Europhobic, unilateralist Labour Party and establishing a radical, broadly based consensus at the centre-left of British politics. It ended in tears, though the tears were to water the ground for what later became New Labour. I was sadly disappointed.

Now, I think something really exciting has happened in British politics. We are about to see the end of three of the more corrupt features of our political system. The Prime Minister will no longer be able to cock a snook at the electorate by turning a five-year term into a three or four year one when the entrails tell him that the omens are favourable. We may at last get a system which, even if not PR, will mean that every vote counts. And we may finally see the back of the most shameful feature of our constitution: a legislative chamber whose members are mostly good old boys, chosen by other good old boys, untainted by the slightest contact with an elector and unsackable by anyone except the grim reaper. And judging by the number of wheelchairs lined up at the Peer's entrance, the House of Lords is often more about care in the community than care for the Community. I realise good work goes on there but the notion of an elite who know better than the people what is good for us is what kept most of the population disenfranchised until a century ago.

One recently re-elected Labour MP, of long experience, told me the other day that, as he canvassed this time, he found that the electors had a much more sophisticated view of politics than the media allowed.

Few of us voted for a hung parliament as such but most of us resisted the scaremongering nonsense talked by Ken Clarke and others warning us that only a single party could wield effective authority. Today, we have a form of government which, a month ago, seemed unthinkable and now seems entirely natural. And it might just mean that, on European issues, the habit of coalition brings to an overdue close the British zero sum approach to European negotiation. What's not to like?

## Should the EU Raise its Game in its Relationship with China?

Brussels, 30 April 2010

*Stijn Billiet, European Parliament*

On Friday April 30, the UACES Brussels Arena seminar series welcomed Professor Jing Men, the Inbev-Baillet-Latour Professor of European Union - China relations at the College of Europe. Before a full house, she shared her thoughts on whether the EU should raise its game in its relationship with China. The speaker painted a clear image of EU-China relations by highlighting a series of key events. She stressed that while there obviously are many differences between China and the EU, there is more than sufficient ground for further collaboration. In fact, the speaker was convinced that the EU and China are partners whether they like it or not and that they do not have any other choice than to work together and to continue to doing so. The presentation, which excelled in clarity, was followed by a dynamic and interactive Q&A session, masterfully moderated by Dr Tom Casier. It was notable that many officials from several of the European Institutions took the floor. Topics that were covered included whether China's (and the EU's) Africa-policy can be seen as a test-case for EU-China relations, the changing position of China as a world actor (for example in the Copenhagen climate talks), and the often difficult process of the Human Rights dialogue. As always, time ran out too quickly, leaving many participants to look forward impatiently to the next UACES Brussels Arena.



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Details of past seminars, which have focused on such topics as the EU's relations with China, the future of the single market and the EU's security strategy in the Western Balkans, are available on the Arena website. UACES members are invited to apply for the first two UACES Arena Bursaries worth £500 each at: [www.uaces.org/arena](http://www.uaces.org/arena).

The deadline for applications is **13 September 2010**.

## Election Results

In what was undoubtedly the most important and most closely contested election of 2010, we are pleased to announce that Dr Simona Guerra and Dr Albrecht Sonntag have been elected to the UACES Committee. Along with Dr David Galbreath, our Treasurer-elect, they will commence office in September.

The success of UACES, as with any membership association, is dependent on the active participation of members at all levels. We would like to thank the three unsuccessful candidates for taking part in the election - they are probably somewhat relieved now, knowing that their free time will not be devoted to UACES activities.

Finally, thank you to all those who voted in the elections.



David Galbreath

As well as his new role as UACES Treasurer, David will also be commencing a new position at the Department of European Studies and Modern Languages at the University of Bath. He has also been the Editor of the 'European Security' journal since 2009.



Simona Guerra

Simona has been an active UACES member since 2004 and is one of a growing number of young academics making an impact in European Studies. Simona is currently a Teaching Fellow at the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham.



Albrecht Sonntag

Albrecht is Professor in European Studies and Associate Dean at ESSCA School of Management in Angers. As our local organiser for the 39th UACES Annual Conference, he was instrumental in delivering a superb and very enjoyable conference.

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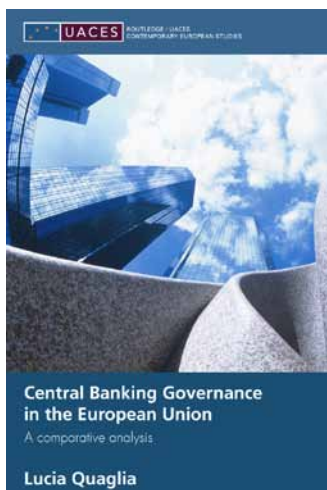
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