

In 2017 UACES will mark its 50th anniversary. When we began planning the celebrations we could not have known that 2017 would also see the start of negotiations between the UK and the EU27 to take the UK out of the European Union. The UACES committee confirmed in its meeting of 7 October 2016 that the association, from its base in the UK, remains committed to supporting its members in their academic study of European integration, and we welcome thoughts from our membership on how UACES may best do this in the coming years (admin@uaces.org). Members will find food for thought on the matter of the UK-EU saga in issue 4 of our online, open-access journal JCER in the form of substantial reflections from Helen Wallace (our honorary president), Michael Shackleton (UACES patron) and several other colleagues to whom we are very grateful for their time and support.

For now as an organisation we are focused on our sustainability. As far as the near future is concerned, UACES has been fortunate in securing generous funding from both the James Madison Charitable Trust and the European Commission for 2016-18. You can read more about this and other important sustainability issues (including UACES committee elections) in the [extended version](#) of my Chair's message.

Helen Drake, Loughborough University



Best PhD Thesis Prize

The 2016 prize for best PhD thesis is awarded to Paul Tobin for his thesis *Explaining Climate Policy Variation in Developed States*. The jury praised the thesis as 'outstanding' in all areas, 'a pleasure to read' and 'extremely well-written'.

[Read more](#)

Best Book Prize

The 2016 UACES prize for best book was awarded to Theresa Kuhn for her book *Experiencing European Integration: Transnational Lives and European Identity*.

Kuhn was praised for her 'rigorous quantitative analysis' and – as one member of the jury concluded – 'Kuhn's work offers an important refinement to one of the longer-standing ideas in European Studies, namely the value of transactions.



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Call for JCMS Annual Review Editors

UACES and Wiley invite applications for the role of Editors of the JCMS Annual Review. The closing date for applications is 31 January 2017.

[Find out more](#)

UACES Committee 2017

Nominations are invited from individual UACES members for the following posts:

- Secretary
- Committee members (2 places)

[Find out more](#)



UACES 46th Annual Conference, Queen Mary University of London, 5-7 September 2016

This year's UACES conference took place among the hustle and bustle of London's East End. The three-day event was attended by over 450 delegates many of whom presented their original research on all areas of contemporary European Studies.

Complementing the regular research programme was a well attended teaching workshop and a number of fringe events on the broader issues surrounding EU studies and the profession. There was also time for more informal discussions at two drinks receptions, the conference dinner and during a walking tour taking in the rich history of the East End.

UACES is grateful to all the staff and students at the University who helped make the event such a success. Particular thanks are due to Paul Copeland, Adam Fagan and Manisha Patel for all their hard work in ensuring the conference ran smoothly.

[Browse conference gallery](#)
[Read a report from the conference](#)
[Read the conference Storify](#)

Clive Archer

Neill Nugent and William Paterson pay tribute to Clive Archer who died in September. Clive was a long-time UACES member and served the Association in various capacities, most notably



as Chair at the turn of the millennium.

[Read tribute](#)

News



Bath 2018

UACES is very pleased to announce the venue for the 48th annual conference. Our hosts will be the [Department of Politics, Languages & International Studies](#) at the University of Bath. The dates of the conference are 3-5 September 2018. Find out more at www.uaces.org/bath.

Appointments

Davor Jancic has been appointed Lecturer in Law at Queen Mary University of London.

News from the ANTERO Network

Network Event, LSE, 16-18 November 2016

The ANTERO network on EU foreign policy is planning its second network at the London School of Economics and Political Science, 16-18 November. This will include research panels on the external legitimacy of EU foreign, security and defence policies, as well as panels devoted to teaching in EU foreign policy. A particular focus will be on the use of simulations in the classroom and innovative teaching methods.

Roundtable – Brexit and EU foreign policy

A feature of this network event will be a roundtable event and discussion on Brexit and EU foreign policy featuring contributions from Sven Biscop (Director of the Europe in the World Programme at Egmont), Nathalie Tocci (Deputy Director of the Istituto Affari Internazionali in Rome and directly involved in the work leading to the publication of the Union's new global strategy) and Ben Tonra (Jean Monnet Professor of European Foreign, Security and Defence Policy at University College Dublin). The event will be chaired by Karen Smith

(Professor of International Relations and Director of the European Foreign Policy Unit at LSE).

The roundtable event is free and open to all with no ticket or pre-registration required. Entry is on a first come, first served basis. For any queries contact events@lse.ac.uk or 0207 955 6043.

For participation in the rest of the ANTERO network event please contact ben.tonra@ucd.ie.

For information on conference funding, travel bursaries and research opportunities visit the ANTERO [website](#). The consortium is also keen to hear from colleagues willing to contribute ideas to the development of more teaching supports 'fiches' and making these available to colleagues world-wide.



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JCER: Journal of Contemporary European Research

Call for New Editors

UACES is seeking to appoint from the UACES membership two new co-Editors for JCER. The co-editors will work with current editor Maxine David who will remain as Editor-in-Chief. We would welcome proposals from individual scholars as well as teams of two, and encourage both early career and experienced colleagues to apply. The closing date is Friday 6 January 2017.

[Find out more about the role and how to apply](#)

JCER Call for Special Issue

Applications are invited for the guest editorship of a special issue of JCER to be published in 2018 (Volume 14, Issue 2) under the general supervision of the JCER editors. The deadline for proposals is 16 December 2016.

[Find out more and how to submit a proposal](#)

Call for panels & papers open

UACES 47th Annual Conference

Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

4-6 September 2017

[Find out more](#)

JCMS Prize 2014

The JCMS Editors are pleased to announce the winners of the 2014 JCMS Best Article Prize. The joint winners are:

Swen Hutter and Edgar Grande for '[Politicizing Europe in the national electoral arena: A comparative analysis of five West European countries, 1970-201](#)'

Ulrich Sedelmeier for '[Anchoring Democracy from Above? The European Union and Democratic Backsliding in Hungary and Romania after Accession](#)'

[Find out more](#)

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Recent Books

[Euro-scepticism as a Transnational and Pan-European Phenomenon](#) - *John FitzGibbon, Benjamin Leruth, Nick Startin (eds)*

[The EU Enlargement and Gay Politics: The Impact of Eastern Enlargement on Rights, Activism and Prejudice](#) - *Koen Sloopmaeckers, Heleen Touquet, Peter Vermeersch (eds)*

[The Human Face of the European Union: Are EU Law and Policy Humane Enough?](#) - *Nuno Ferreira, Dora Kostakopoulou (eds)*

[Security Relations between China and the European Union: From Convergence to Cooperation?](#) - *Emil J. Kirchner, Thomas Christiansen and Han Dorussen (eds)*

Why the UK Voted for Brexit: David Cameron's Great Miscalculation - *Andrew Glencross*



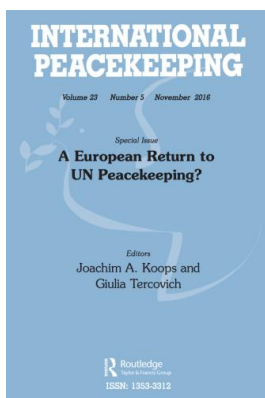
UACES supports six [Collaborative Research Networks](#). Below is a round-up of CRN news.

Innovations in financial accountability: first workshop for EUFINACCO

On 26 and 27 May 2016 the EUFINACCO network held its first two-day workshop in Maastricht. Hosted by Paul Stephenson, of the Department of Political Science at Maastricht University, alongside Maria Luisa Sanchez-Barrueco and Hartmut Aden, the three network conveners welcomed 16 researchers, including two PhD students and three officials from the European Court of Auditors, all of whom presented papers. The five sessions looked at: institutional innovations (past, present and future); conceptualizing and measuring financial accountability; issues of financial accountability in cohesion and other redistributive policies; financial accountability in EU external relations; and the EU budget and beyond, focusing on new tools and financial management post-crisis. A second workshop shall take place in Berlin in the spring of 2017, and a call for proposals will be circulated via the UACES email list. For further information contact:

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EUFINACCO website: www.uaces.org/eufinacco



A Return to United Nations Peacekeeping

The CRN published the most recent Special Issue of International Peacekeeping titled *A European Return to United Nations Peacekeeping?*. The collection is the result of the two workshops held in February and May 2016 and the two panels presented at the 2016 EU in International Affairs (EUIA) Conference.

Return to United Nations Peacekeeping website:

<http://www.uaces.org/peacekeeping>

Europe and the Everyday

The 'Europe and the Everyday' CRN held its [first workshop](#) on 20 September, at Aston University Birmingham. Featuring two panels, 'Everyday Politics in Contemporary Europe' and 'Crisis and Discourse in the



South-Eastern Periphery', papers were presented on a range of topics, including the politics of austerity, LGBT rights and the refugee crisis. The second workshop will take place at Canterbury Christ Church University in Autumn 2017.

Europe and the Everyday website:

<http://www.uaces.org/eueve>

Ideas on Europe

A selection of recent posts from blogs hosted on the UACES blog hosting service, Ideas on Europe:

[Ref: France \(2017\), Campaigns, Elections, Hangover \(forthcoming\) - Albrecht Sonntag](#)

[the challenges to ban fossil fuel cars from 2030 - Helene Dyrhaug](#)

[Heathrow expansion in the shadow of Brexit - Viviane Gravey](#)

[The Great British Muddle Through - Simon Usherwood](#)

[Six Unrealistic Brexit Expectations the UK Government Should Avoid - Anthony Salamone](#)

[The Politics of Higher Education Tuition Fees and Subsidies - Julian L. Garritzmann](#)

[The European Union has lost its creativity: We need a new vision of Europe - Igor Merheim-Eyre](#)

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