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Chair's Column | Nicholas Startin

I hope you and your friends and family are well during these troubling and uncertain times. The UACES office have been doing a great job working remotely from home since March 13 to keep us connected. These have included setting up a series of 'midweek meetups' where members have discussed a range of topics such as [work-life balance](#) and ideas for [online teaching](#).



Earlier this month, due to the continued uncertainty surrounding the COVID19 pandemic, the UACES officers took the difficult decision of cancelling what would have been our 50th Annual Conference. I, like many colleagues, was much looking forward to this milestone event in Belfast where I have great memories of the conference there back in 2002. I would like to say a big thank you to [Viviane Gravey](#), [Lee McGowan](#) and [Dagmar Schiek](#), the organisers at Queens University, for all of their hard work and endeavour.

Sadly, the Graduate Forum (GF) Annual Conference, which was scheduled to take place in Berlin in July, also had to be cancelled. My thanks to [Rachael Dickson](#) and the GF committee for all of their efforts preparing for this event. I am very pleased to report that a series of [GF virtual research sessions](#) was launched earlier this month.

I am happy to report that the inaugural workshop of our Erasmus+ Jean Monnet-funded project [DIMES](#) did take place as scheduled in March in Leiden. I would recommend that colleagues check out the [podcasts](#) and [video recordings](#) from this excellent workshop.

In terms of the governance of the association, I am delighted to announce that [Kathryn Simpson](#) will be the new UACES Secretary and that [Roberta Guerrina](#) will take up the new role of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Officer. [Koen Sloodmaeckers](#) will remain on the Trustees Committee and will be joined by [Benjamin Farrand](#). These roles will take effect from September 1. I look forward to working with them.

With both COVID19 and Brexit very much remaining live issues for the foreseeable future, I am sure that we will continue to face challenges ahead as an association. My thanks to all of you for your continued support of UACES. [Do please email](#) me if you have any suggestions about the Association and its future.

Nicholas Startin, University of Bath | [Read the full version of my message here](#)

Events

Events Calendar

Browse upcoming (online) events worldwide in European Studies.

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

[May](#) | [June](#) | [July](#)

Online Events

02 June [NORTIA roundtable: Covid-19, the EU and geopolitics](#)

12 June [The EU Migration, Border Management and Asylum Reform in the Aftermath of the "Refugee Crisis": Towards an Effective Enforcement?](#)

15-16 June [The role of Europe in global challenges: Climate change and Sustainable Development](#)

16 June [Webinar: EU development policy post 2020: norms and contestation](#)

19 June Webinar: The EU as a Good Global Actor

See more

**UACES 2020 in Belfast
Cancelled**

The decision to cancel the conference was a difficult one to make. Yet, as the uncertainty caused by COVID-19 continues, we think this is the best decision to protect the wellbeing of our members, our local hosts and our staff.

We are all extremely disappointed not to be in Belfast in September. The local organising committee – Viviane Gravey, Lee McGowan and Dagmar Schiek – have been working tirelessly to make the UACES 50th Annual Conference a special one and we want to thank them for all their hard work. We would also like to thank Visit Belfast for their support in putting the conference together.

Read a full statement about the effects of COVID-19 from the UACES office [here](#).

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Publications

JCER | Journal of Contemporary
European Research

2020 Luke Foster best article prize

Voting Deadline: 31 May 2020

Read the nominated articles:

The Ubiquity of the Level: The Multi-Level Governance Approach to the Analysis of Transnational Municipal Networks - **by Elisabetta Mocca**

On the Legitimacy of Fiscal Councils in the European Union: Trustees or Orchestrators of Fiscal Discipline? - **by Tobias Tesche**

Measuring Economic Reform Recommendations under the European Semester: 'One Size Fits All' or Tailoring to Member States? - **by Valerie D'Erman, Jörg Haas, Daniel F. Schulz and Amy Verdun**

The Relative Influence of the European Council in Common Foreign and Security Policy - **by Luigi Lonardo**

The Council's Amendments to the Country-Specific Recommendations (CSRs): More than Just Cosmetics? - **by Igor Tkalec**

Is it all about European Democracy? The Motives behind the Institutionalisation of the Spitzenkandidaten - **by Lukáš Hamřík and Petr Kaniok**

Expertise in European Economic Governance: A Feminist Analysis - **by Muireann O'Dwyer**

Who Is ERIC? The Politics and Jurisprudence of a Governance Tool for Collaborative European Research Infrastructures - **by Maria Moskovko, Arnljótur Ástvaldsson, Olof Hallonsten**

Macroeconomic Conditionalities: Using the Controversial Link between EU Cohesion Policy and Economic Governance - **by Martin Sacher**

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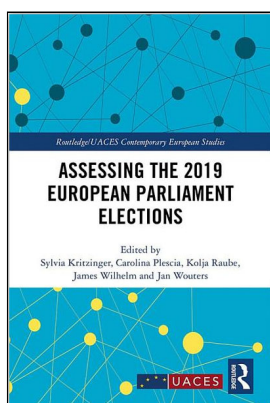
Transregional Europe

By William Outhwaite

Towards a Socialisation of the EU's New Economic Governance Regime? EU labour policy interventions in Germany, Italy, Ireland and Romania (2009-2019)

By Jordan, J., Maccarrone, V. and Erne, R.

[Browse more books by members...](#)



New Routledge/UACES Books

- [Assessing the 2019 European Parliament Elections](#) — Sylvia Kritzinger, Carolina Plescia, Kolja Raube, James Wilhelm, Jan Wouters

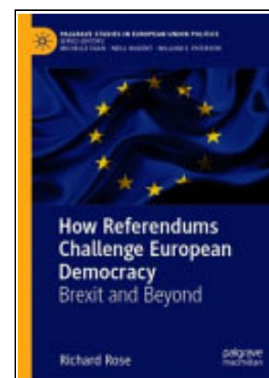
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Alessandra Renzi

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History, Memory, and Identity in Contemporary Ukraine

Edited by Anna Wylegała and Małgorzata Głowacka-Grajper

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Latest JCMS blog posts

- [The European Union and the Responsibility to Protect](#),
Edward Newman & Cristina G. Stefan
- [The Shifting Impact of Religion on Attitudes Toward the European Union](#),
Brent F. Nelsen & James L. Guth is William R. Kenan
- [In God we trust? Identity, institutions and international solidarity in Europe](#),
Nicholas Charron & Monika Bauhr
- [EU Narratives of Regionalism Promotion to ASEAN](#),
Laura Allison-Reumann
- [Do we know what our concepts do in our analyses?](#),
Henrik Larsen

Appointments and Achievements

Arantza Gomez Arana - Senior Lecturer in International Relations at Northumbria University

[Heidi Maurer](#) has joined the School of Psychology, Politics and International Studies (SPAIS) at the University of Bristol as Marie Curie Research Fellow for the Project “EuroDipl - European Diplomacy Practices post-Lisbon: Adding Value through Cooperation” under the supervision of Professor Ana Juncos.

Join us in welcoming our new UACES Committee Members for Sept 2020 - Sept 2023

[Prof Roberta Guerrina](#) (University of Bristol) is an expert in EU gender politics and policies. She is interested in understanding the impact of gender (hierarchies) on key policy areas traditionally seen as gender neutral, such as Brexit, Security and Defence. Currently, she is working on the unintended gender consequences of the UK's withdrawal from the EU. She has published in the area of Brexit; Women, Peace & Security; work-life balance; Identity politics and the idea of Europe. She held the Jean Monnet Chair in EU Gender Politics (2017-2019) and is co-founder of the UACES funded collaborative research network "Gendering EU Studies"

She will join our committee as **EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) officer** in the next term.

[Dr Kathryn Simpson](#):

"I have been a member of UACES since 2011 and I am delighted to have been elected as **UACES Secretary 2020-23**. As Secretary I have three core objectives:

- Use the knowledge I have gained through working with UACES to represent all members - PhD Researchers, Early Career Researchers (ECRs) and senior colleagues to best implement ideas within the organisation & shape its future direction
- Develop UACES' Outreach strategy working with schools, think tanks & other learned societies both nationally and internationally
- Continue to promote the development of European studies & contribute to both future & public discussions on the EU

I look forward to working with everyone at UACES representing and shaping an organisation I'm proud and passionate to be a part of."

[Koen Sloomackers](#): " I am a lecturer in International Politics at City, University of London and conduct research on Sexuality politics in Europe. I am delighted to have been elected as a **Committee Member of UACES** and looking forward being at service of the European Studies community. Building on my research agenda and expertise, I seek to bring my sensitivities to marginalisation and structure of exclusion into my work on the UACES committee. In particular, I will continue to work with the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

officer and working group to make UACES a organisation that is not only welcoming diversity, but provides a space for everybody to thrive. On a more academic level, I also aim to work within the committee to find ways to institutionalise the inclusion of the less traditional fields of European studies into its work and conference programming."

Ben Farrand: "My name is Ben Farrand, and I'm a legal scholar based at the Newcastle University Law School. Like many of you, I think my plans have changed substantially due to the upheaval caused by the spread of COVID-19. Some remain the same – one of my aims in joining the **UACES Committee** is to build on the excellent work undertaken by the Association in developing its research networks and further cementing its interdisciplinary approaches to the study of Europe in all its forms. This is of course complemented by the need to think about European Studies in the context of Brexit and other challenges to the integrity and functioning of the European Union.

Another aim I have is to work with the Committee during what will be a very difficult time, helping to ensure the future of the Association in times where international (and even local) travel can be heavily restricted. I will seek to do this through developing a UACES strategy for organising events, workshops, training and research collaboration digitally, ensuring that in this period of uncertainty we pay close attention to equality and diversity in terms of access to these events. With increased university loads and caring commitments likely to continue for the foreseeable future, my main objective for UACES is to help reinforce a supportive community for research while promoting the wellbeing of its members."

If you have news to share for the next newsletter (e.g. appointments, achievements and completed PhDs), please email admin@uaces.org

UACES Research Networks (RNs)



(Re)Imagining Territorial Politics in Times of Crisis

The Research Network (Re)imagining Territorial Politics in Times of Crisis recently

launched their blog and started analysing the COVID-19 crisis from a territorial politics perspective.

Read the first blog posts:

[The impact of the Covid-19 crisis on the federal dynamics in Belgium](#) - by Patricia Popelier

[Territorial politics, coronavirus and The UK: Cooperation amidst Crisis](#) - by Paul Anderson

[The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Covid-19 Crisis](#) - Dr. Soeren Keil

This network is supported by the James Madison Charitable Trust.

Coordinators: [Dr Paul Anderson](#), [Dr Karlo Basta](#), [Dr Anwen Elias](#)

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The Role of Europe in Global Challenges: Climate Change and Sustainable Development

This UACES Research Network is holding its first online workshop on 15 and 16 June. The programme will be available [here](#) shortly.

Online arrangements will allow more people to join as listeners and to participate in discussions, anyone who would like to attend should contact Dr. Rosa Fernandez (r.fernandez@chester.ac.uk) who will send a Microsoft Teams invitation.

The Research Network has now created a Twitter space, [EUClimSustain \(@clim_eu\)](#). Follow them for news and updates on the network's activities.

Coordinators: [Dr. Rosa Fernandez](#), [Dr. Jonas Schoenefeld](#), [Prof. Thomas Hoerber](#)

Gendering EU Studies

The recent article '[Imagining the European Union: Gender and Digital Diplomacy in European External Relations](#)' by Katharine A. M. Wright and Roberta Guerrina has been published in Political Studies Review. This is part of a special issue on crisis edited by crisis edited by Hanna Muehlenhoff, Natalie Welfens and Anna Van der

Vleuten which will be published in full this August.

Coordinators: Katharine A. M. Wright, Toni Haastrup,
Annick Masselot, Hanna L. Muehlenhoff, Roberta Guerrina

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Vacancies

- PhD scholarship: Transchannel projects in Anglo-European dynamics: mediatisation and territorialisation of cultural policies and (para)diplomacies (Université de Picardie - Jules Verne) *Deadline: 6 June*
- PhD Transchannel projects in Anglo-European dynamics: mediatisation and territorialisation of cultural policies and (para)diplomacies (Université de Picardie - Jules Verne) *Deadline: 6 June*
- Lecturer in EU Law and Theory (University of Central Lancashire, Cyprus campus) *Deadline: 7 June*

*The online [UACES Jobs Board](#) is updated weekly.
Email vacancies to admin@uaces.org for inclusion.*

News from the NORTIA Network



Political Justice and Multistakeholderism

Diana Potjomkina visited [ARENA Centre for European Studies](#) at the University of Oslo in the framework of a [NORTIA Early-career Researcher Residency](#) from



January-March 2020. She is a doctoral researcher at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Ghent University and United Nations University – CRIS, working on multistakeholderism in the EU's trade agreements ([GREMLIN project](#)).

[Read more](#)



NORTIA residency at IBEI: from close interaction to social distancing

Sharon Lecocq had the opportunity to join the [Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals \(IBEI\)](#) as a [NORTIA early career residency researcher](#) from the University of Leuven. While embarking on her second year of PhD research, the objective of her stay at IBEI was to further develop the ideas in a stimulating academic environment that revolves around research topics similar or complementary to hers.

[Read more](#)

NORTIA roundtables

The network organises weekly online roundtables on topics like 'Covid-19, the EU and geopolitics' and 'Celebrating 50 years of European foreign policy scholarship'. See a full list of planned online exchanges [here](#).

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UACES Graduate Forum



UACES Graduate Forum PhD & ECR Online Meetup

11 June 2020 - Migration, Home Affairs & Justice

Join us for a discussion on Migration, Home Affairs & Justice and the presentation of up to two research papers.

Register [here](#).

25 June 2020 - Environment

Join us for a discussion on Environment and the presentation of up to two research papers.

Register [here](#).

2 July 2020 - Virtual Graduate Forum Drinks Reception

Join us for a virtual drinks reception and the presentation of up to two research papers.

Register [here](#).

9 July 2020 - Governance and Crisis Management

Join us for a discussion on Governance and Crisis Management and the presentation of up to two research papers.

Register [here](#).



Resources



Diversity, Inclusion and Multidisciplinarity in European Studies

The inaugural DIMES workshop was held in Leiden before the lockdowns came into effect. Through a series of events, this project seeks to explore ways to increase diversity within the field of European Studies, in particular with regards to the ethnicity, disciplinary focus and geographical location of its participants.

The first event brought together academics from across the international community. We produced a range of multimedia outputs and we invite you to watch the presentations or listen to the podcasts of our participants.

Watch the videos of the presentations:

[Keynote](#)

[Panel 1: Rethinking Migration in EU Politics](#)

[Panel 2: Decolonial and Gendered Narratives of the EU](#)

[Panel 3: Africa-EU relations: Trade, Development and Climate](#)

Listen to the podcasts with:

[Frank Mattheis & Bahar Yesim Deniz](#)

[Julia Schöneberg & Sarah Delputte](#)

[Toni Haarstrup & Miriam Mona Müller](#)

[Zane Sime & Oluwole Olutola](#)



Online learning also happens when you're not around

Some of the most widespread complaints about teaching online are linked to the lack of personal interaction, low student engagement and the inability to replicate the classroom dynamic. While the physical distance between teacher and students does create a different teaching and learning environment, it does not necessarily have to be a change for the worse, as it is too often perceived nowadays.

[Read the full article](#)

UACES #MidweekMeetup

After the announcement of the worldwide pandemic, we started hosting virtual coffee meetups to bring together colleagues from across the UACES network. During the meetups, tips were exchanged on working during the COVID-19 pandemic, how to look after ourselves while working from home and how to combine work and life at home.

Read the summary of [Online teaching and learning](#)

Read the summary of [How to look after your mental health while working from home](#)

Read the summary of [Work-Life Balance](#)

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Creating connection when teaching online

Dr Rachael Dickson, University of Birmingham

The move to online teaching across higher education due to Coronavirus comes with many challenges. There are new platforms and technologies to master, changes to assessment and delivery methods, and how to keep the dog/cat/children from invading your camera space. One thing that is concerning many of us, is how to establish connections with students, support them in their learning, and ensure they don't fall through the cracks. While continued learning is important, the wellbeing of students during this time is a parallel concern.

[Read the full article](#)

Other

#FeatureFriday

Meet our members, our community and network. Keep an eye out for UACES #FeatureFriday on our social media channels. We want to bring the community closer by introducing and presenting our members, their achievements and their

research on Fridays via our channels.

We were kicking it off with [Bahar Yeşim Deniz](#), who is pursuing her research on the rights of the disabled at Sapienza University and continued with [Patrick Bijsmans](#) and the short video on Euroscepticism for his students.

Do you want to be featured next? Get in touch via email admin@uaces.org.

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