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Chair's Column | Nicholas Startin



As I write this column, there is still a lack of clarity as to whether the UK will remain part of Erasmus+ and whether it will feature as a part of the UK's future relationship with the EU. My fellow UACES Officers and I issued the [following statement](#) about this in January.

Despite these uncertainties, UACES as an association remains as active and as vibrant as ever. Last month we hosted an event in Brussels with Viviane Gravey and Paul Tobin titled 'UK and EU Environmental Policies post-Brexit: Towards "Rivalrous Emulation"?' A [video recording](#) of the event is available and you can listen to Viviane and Paul discussing this topic further in [this podcast](#).

Preparations continue for our [50th Annual Conference in Belfast](#) in September 2020. The programme and panels are currently being finalised and registration will open in late March. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there.

On 5-6 March we launch our Jean-Monnet-funded project [DIMES](#) in Leiden. We have had an excellent response to our call for papers for the project's inaugural workshop. I am sure this will be a stimulating event to launch this exciting project.

Nominations have now closed for the roles of UACES Secretary and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Officer and for the 2 vacancies on the Committee of Trustees. Watch out for further news on these roles by email in due course.

I am delighted to announce that Melina Dieckgraber has joined UACES as our new Digital Communications Manager and I am sure that colleagues will want to join me in welcoming her to the UACES community.

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

Events

Events Calendar

Browse upcoming events worldwide in European Studies.
Student & ECR members receive funding to attend selected events.

[February](#) | [March](#) | [April](#)

UACES 2020 in Belfast

Registrations open in March 2020

Our landmark **50th Annual Conference** takes place in **Northern Ireland's buzzing capital** on **6-9 September 2020**.

Join 100s of colleagues for our **3-day interdisciplinary conference** to present & discuss the latest research on **Europe & the EU**.

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DIMES

Jean Monnet Project



Diversity, Inclusion and Multidisciplinarity in European Studies

5-6 March 2020

University of Leiden

UACES is pleased to announce the inaugural workshop of the Jean Monnet Project, **DIMES (Diversity, Inclusion and Multidisciplinarity in European Studies)**, in conjunction with ESA-SSA (European Studies Association of Sub-Saharan Africa). This event will bring together academics from across the

international community, where they will work together to produce a range of outputs that afford visibility to underrepresented perspectives and voices in the discipline of European Studies.

To get involved with DIMES and to be updated about our activities, [join](#) the mailing list. (1-4 email updates per month)



UACES Graduate Forum Conference 2020

2-3 July 2020, Berlin

We are delighted to announce that the 2020 UACES Graduate Forum Conference will take place in Berlin on 2-3 July 2020. This year's conference is kindly hosted by Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, with support from the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. [Learn more.](#)

Spring 2020

UACES Committee Elections

Look out for your invitation to vote for a new **UACES secretary**.

Elections open in **March 2020**.

Publications

JCER | Journal of Contemporary
European Research

[New JCER Articles](#)

[Editorial: European Democracy in 2019 \(Christopher Huggins\)](#)

[The European Parliament after the 2019 Elections: Testing the Boundaries of the 'Cordon Sanitaire' \(Ariadna Ripoll Servent\)](#)

[Backsliding Away? The Quality of Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe \(Ben Stanley\)](#)

[Is it all about European Democracy? The Motives behind the Institutionalisation of the Spitzenkandidaten Procedure \(Lukáš Hamřík and Petr Kaniok\)](#)

[Browse more \(open-access\)](#)



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New Books by UACES Members

[The Jewish Contribution to European Integration](#) — Sharon Pardo, Hila Zahavi

[On Brexit: Law, Justices and Injustices](#) — Elaine Fahey, Tawhida Ahmed

[Slipping Loose, The UK's Long Drift Away From the European Union](#)
— Martin Westlake

[Legal Challenges for the Far-Right](#) — Natalie Alkiviadou

[Governance and the European Social Dimension](#) — Paul Copeland

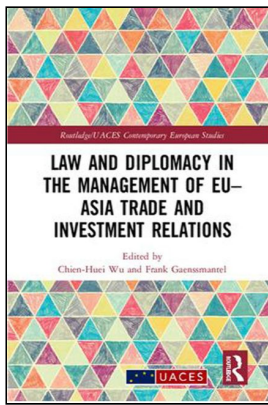
[European Disintegration?](#) — Douglas Webber

[Differentiated Integration and Disintegration in a Post-Brexit Era](#)
— Stefan Gänzle, Benjamin Leruth, Jarle Trondal

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New Routledge/UACES Books

- [Law and Diplomacy in the Management of EU–Asia Trade and Investment Relations](#) — Chien-Huei Wu, Frank Gaenssmantel



Use the code UAC18 for 20% off online purchases on all Routledge titles.

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Other Publications

The Politicisation of Evaluation: Constructing and Contesting EU Policy Performance — Paul Stephenson (Univ. Maastricht), Jonas Schoenefeld (Tech. University Darmstadt), Frans Leeuw (Univ. Maastricht).

This special issue of Politische Vierteljahresschrift, Volume 60, Issue 4, provides fresh perspectives on policy evaluation in the EU in various substantive policy fields - including its institutions (e.g., Regulatory Scrutiny Board, Better Regulation), evaluation actors/interests (Commission, Parliament, Agencies), design (methods and theory), and evaluation purpose (use).

Which ideas should guide US Foreign Policy?

Holding fundamentalist policy paradigms to account — Matthew Johnson and Russell Foster, "International Politics", 2020

This article traces the failure of neoconservative and neoliberal thinkers to revise positions in light of changing US fortunes, to highlight the need to evaluate paradigmatic contributions to US Foreign Policy.

10 YEARS OF CSDP

Four in-depth analyses requested by the Sub-Committee on Security and Defence of the European Parliament (EP) — Sophia Besch, Professor Christoph Meyer, Dr Ben Jones, Dr Benedict Wilkinson

A series of in-depth analyses assessing the achievements, state of play and future prospects for the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy.



Latest JCMS Blogs

- **Economic Nationalism and Bank Resolution in Italy,**
Shawn Donnelly
- **Conducting EU foreign policy in times of crises and dissent,**
Anna Michalski & August Danielson
- **Surveillance policies and party cohesion in the European Parliament,**
Mihail Chiru & Valentin Stoian
- **Economic Recovery Strengthens Public Support for the Euro,**
Felix Roth

Appointments and Achievements

Welcome to New UACES Group Member



TALLINN UNIVERSITY

School of Governance, Law and Society, Tallinn University

UACES Scholarship Recipients 2020



Giulia Casartelli National and Kapodistrian University of Athens – EU Identity in Relation to EU Cultural Policies

Timothy Heffernan University of New South Wales – The Politics of Belonging amid Crisis in Europe



Rachel Schoner University of California, San Diego – Repressive Regimes and Individual Petitions in the Human Rights Committee



Larissa Versloot University of Copenhagen – Trust in Diplomatic Practice: Negotiating Coalitions



UACES / JMCT Scholarships 2020

Alexander Mesarovich University of Edinburgh – The Impact of Informal Political Networks on the European Union Accession Process of Former Yugoslav Countries



Jonathan Pugh University of Portsmouth
– Staffing International Organizations:
Scandinavia Influencing Global Politics
(1970-2020)



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)



Introducing New Research Network: **Network of EU-Africa Research (NEAR)**

EU-Africa relations are a foundational pillar of the European project. The relationship requires urgent collaborative analysis as it undergoes radical transformation in relation to Brexit, the creation of the post-Cotonou trade and development treaty, and the ambition for a bi-continental Africa-Europe free trade area. NEAR brings together researchers, policy-makers and third sector

representatives to work collaboratively on a global scale to examine these emerging challenges and opportunities within EU-Africa relations, and to inform the future direction of the partnership. It consciously fosters genuine and close collaboration between African and European researchers in this endeavour.

Our key aims are:

- To facilitate genuine and close collaboration between African and European researchers in the study of EU-Africa relations.
- To examine the consequences of the challenges and rapid transformation of EU-Africa relations for European and African states and societies, as well as for the EU and African regional organisations.

Coordinators: [Sophia Price](#), [Mark Langan](#)

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Introducing New Research Network:
The Role of Europe in Global Challenges: Climate Change and Sustainable Development

This UACES Research Network brings together academics in different stages of their careers, practitioners and policymakers, to lead scholarly debates on sustainability and climate policy in the EU and beyond. It intends to promote interdisciplinary research looking at the role of the EU as a global actor. The declaration of climate emergency in several countries, and the engagement of younger generations in climate activism, cannot be ignored. Changes in the global landscape require questions to be asked, such as how will the EU respond to this new environment if it is to remain a leader in the climate and sustainability debate? How will the EU reconcile its international commitments with the national interests of Member States, in a climate of populism and Euroscepticism? Or how citizens' demands are incorporated into the new climate policy agenda? The network will address these questions looking at the Who, How and Where of policymaking decisions and upcoming initiatives. It is open to multiple disciplines and it is organising its first workshop in Chester (UK) on June 15th and 16th 2020. Call for abstracts is open till the 16th of February.

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

Introducing New Research Network:
(Re)Imagining Territorial Politics in Times of Crisis

Reimagining Territorial Politics in Times of Crisis is a research network (RN) bringing together academics and practitioners from a range of disciplines (political science, sociology, psychology,

political economy, law and, political anthropology and political geography) to explore the drivers and consequences of territorial conflict in multilevel societies. The network aims to provide new insights into the construction and mobilisation of territorial grievances in multilevel states in order to understand how and when structural features of territory are translated into political and territorial contestation; how territorial claims are constructed, defended and contested by different political and civic actors; and how actors and institutions in multilevel systems are experienced, perceived and (re)imagined in the lived experiences of ordinary citizens and communities.

The network has 5 key questions:

1. What are the key drivers of territorial mobilisation in multilevel systems and how are these (structural/political/institutional/identity) features translated into political contestation?
2. How do perceived economic, political and social crises inform the construction of territorial perspectives/grievances?
3. How are territorial grievances framed and 'lived' in everyday life?
4. How are institutional solutions for managing territorial grievances (such as federalism and devolution) given meaning and experienced in different contexts?
5. To what extent does the development of territorial politics in one state resonate and influence political systems elsewhere? Our approach will bring new and broader insights into the contemporary dynamics of territorial politics in pluri-national states, and will allow the RN to advance a distinctive research agenda that addresses key limitations in extant work on territorial politics.

This network is supported by the James Madison Charitable Trust.

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

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Effective Enforcement of EU Law and Policy

The UACES Research Network (RN) on the Effective Enforcement of EU Law and Policy (2018-2021) continues to bring together scholars at different stages of their careers who are exploring the multifarious aspects of the enforcement EU law. In November 2019, a half-day workshop was held at Cardiff University in partnership with Cardiff University's Centre for European Law and Governance.

The first session focused on the effectiveness of the enforcement of EU law, and how it can be improved with papers on the enforcement of EU Air Passenger Rights (Sara Drake), the General Court's judgment in T-330/18 Carvalho (Samvel Varvastian) and the enforcement of civil judgements across the EU (Wendy Kennett).

The second session turned its attention to Brexit and its impact on enforcement for EU citizens (Stijn Smismans), Environmental and Agricultural Law (Ludivine Petetin) and Air Quality Law (Ben Pontin). The Brexit theme will be explored further by network members at the UACES for the Annual Conference in Belfast in September 2020.

On the **31 March 2020**, the network will hold a workshop at Cardiff School of Law and Politics, in partnership with Cardiff University's Centre for European Law and Governance, which will explore the use of conditionality in the EU as a tool to secure compliance, and how it is enforced. The workshop papers will be published as an edited collection with a leading publisher in 2021. The network organisers are offering two bursaries of £300 to cover attendance at the workshop by PhD or Early Career Scholars, **application deadline: 17 February 2020**.

For details of the programme and the application form, please refer to [our website](#) or contact network co-ordinator, Sara Drake at drakes@cardiff.ac.uk

Coordinators: [Sara Drake](#), Monica Garcia Quesada

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Differentiated Integration in the European Union after 'Brexit'

Since the early 1990s, the use of differentiated mechanisms of integration has become increasingly prominent within (and outside) the European Union. Much like the study of Euroscepticism, differentiated integration became a genuine sub-field of European Studies. Since the recent Brexit vote, an increasing number of scholars and practitioners have paid particular attention to the study of differentiation, especially since the United Kingdom's process to leave the European Union is best understood as a ground-breaking mechanism of differentiated *disintegration*. While Brexit effectively opened a new chapter in the history of European integration, there is still an important gap to fill in the existing literature on differentiation, and key questions remain to be answered: How can we define differentiation in the European Union – taking into account different disciplinary perspectives? Does differentiation eventually create more challenges or opportunities for the European Union? Are we finally moving away from an 'ever closer Union' and heading towards an 'ever more differentiated Union'?

1) **UACES Research Network final conference "Differentiated Integration in a post-Brexit Europe" at the University of Agder, Kristiansand (Norway), April 29 and 30, 2020**

These are some of the questions that we will deal with at our UACES Research Network conference "Differentiated Integration in a post-Brexit Europe" at the University of Agder, Kristiansand (Norway), Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th of April 2020. The aim is to compose a Handbook on the Differentiation of European Integration to be published in 2021.

2) **"Differentiated Integration and Disintegration in a Post-Brexit Era", edited by Stefan Gänzle, Benjamin Leruth and Jarle Trondal, Routledge 2020**

The book assesses the consequences of Brexit on EU policies, institutions and members. It theoretically examines differentiated integration and disintegration, focuses on how this process affects key policy areas, norms and institutions of the EU, and analyses how the process of Brexit is perceived by and impacts on third countries as well as other organizations of regional integration in a comparative perspective. This edited book brings together both leading and emerging scholars to integrate the process of Brexit into a broader analysis of the evolution, establishment and impact of the EU as a system of differentiation.

3) European Integration Summer School (EISS) on “differentiated (dis)integration”:

The European Union in Crisis: Differentiation or Disintegration? (10 ECTS), July 14 – July 31

Please note that EISS (University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway) still accepts applications for summer 2020! Established in 1990, EISS is Norway's oldest summer school dedicated to the study of issues in the field of European Integration in general and the European Union (EU) in particular. **Deadline for application: March 1, 2020.**

For more information please visit [our website](#).

Coordinators: [Benjamin Leruth](#), [Stefan Gänzle](#) & [Jarle Trondal](#)
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Gendering EU Studies

A collaboration between Newcastle University (Katharine A. M. Wright) and the Quaker Council for European Affairs (Olivia Caeymaex) has received ESRC funding to produce a guide and accompanying YouTube clips on the value of gender for peace and security. These will be launched in Brussels in April 2020. The collaboration came out of a Gender EU Studies event held in Brussels in November 2018. Find more information [here](#).

Coordinators: [Katharine A. M. Wright](#), [Toni Hastrup](#),
[Annick Masselot](#), [Hanna L. Muehlenhoff](#)
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INTERSECT: Technology-Security-Society interplays in Europe

The Research Network INTERSECT was established in 2017 to create a cross-European structure for advancing the knowledge on the many facets of the interplays between technological developments, security practices, and societal changes in Europe. Since its creation it has provided an open forum in which established and early career academics working on related issues meet and develop research ideas while engaging with civil society.

The third and final INTERSECT workshop addressed the topic ***The Future of EU Security: issues, concepts and approaches***. The event was held at the University of Amsterdam in 6-7 February 2020. The workshop was organised in cooperation with the FOLLOW project, which main objective is to advance on a future research agenda for EU security that will unfold within the triangle of INTERSECT.

Coordinators: [Bruno Oliveira Martins](#), [André Barrinha](#), [Mireille Hildebrandt](#),
[Marieke de Goede](#), [Karen Lund Petersen](#)

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European Energy Policy

**Special Issue “Renegotiating Authority in EU Energy and Climate Policy”
in the Journal of European Integration, Volume 42, Issue 1, 2020.**

This special issue results from the work of the recently concluded UACES Research Network on European Energy Policy, convened by Jenny Fairbrass, Anna Herranz-Surrallés and Israel Solorio. It gathers 9 contributions, seeking to understand the confluence of integration and centrifugal tendencies in EU Energy and Climate policy. Together the papers cover topics as varied as public opinion attitudes towards EU energy policy (Jale Tosun & Mile Misic), the new regulation on the governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action (Pierre Bocquillon & Tomas Maltby), the role of private energy transmission operators in the internal market (Sandra Eckert & Burkard Eberlein), the evolution of EU renewable energy and efficiency policies (Israel Solorio & Helge Jörgens, and Claire Dupont), the dilemmas of the EU regulatory power in the gas market (Andreas Goldthau & Nick Sitter), the local and external dimensions of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline controversy (Anke Schmidt-Felzmann), and the impact of foreign policy challenges on EU energy policy (Richard Youngs). We particularly thank our UACES research network colleagues for all of the great discussions along the way! We also gratefully acknowledge UACES for its support.

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Coordinators: [Jenny Fairbrass](#), [Anna Herranz-Surralles](#), [Israel Solorio Sandoval](#)
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Vacancies

- **Lecturer in British and European Politics and Public Policy** (The University of Manchester - Humanities). Deadline: 2 March
- **Professor of Law** (The School of Law, Liverpool John Moores University). Deadline: 8 March
- **Postdoctoral Fellow - The Hellenic Bank Association Postdoctoral Fellowship in Contemporary Greek and Cypriot Studies** (LSE, London). Deadline: 5 April

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

News from the NORTIA Network



What no one told you about doing fieldwork in your country of origin

Olga Burlyuk shares insights from her 10+ years of experience doing research on and fieldwork in her country of origin (Ukraine), while living and working abroad (at a Dutch, a UK, a Belgian and a US university).

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The Commission, Brexit, and my time in Leuven!

Anke Schwarzkopf stayed two month at KU Leuven's institute for International and European Studies (LINES) to continue her research on the EU in the negotiations towards an Arms Trade Treaty.

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The Security and Defence of Small European States - joint IIEA/NORTIA seminar 2

The Institute of International and European Affairs, in cooperation with NORTIA, organised the first of three seminars in Dublin about "**The Security and Defence of Small European States**", under the leadership of **Prof Ben Tonra**. Three contributors summarised their main arguments also in a blogpost, which is now available online:

Hanna Ojanen: Small states contribution to security and defence: the Finnish way - [blog post](#)

Nick Witney: The Small State Advantage - [blog post](#)

Niklas Granholm: The Problems of Mortgaging Détente: The case of Sweden - [blog post](#)

Listen to the session on Soundcloud via [this podcast](#).

Watch they keynote by Nick Witney on [youtube here](#).

Watch the contributions by Hanna Ojanen and Niklas Granholm on [youtube here](#).

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UACES Graduate Forum



Save the Date: **UACES Graduate Forum Conference 2020**

2-3 July 2020, Berlin

We are delighted to announce that the 2020 UACES Graduate Forum Conference will take place in Berlin on 2-3 July 2020. This year's conference is kindly hosted by Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, with support from the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.

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Resources

UK and EU Environmental Policies Post-Brexit: Towards 'Rivalrous Emulation?'

Thanks to Viviane Gravey, Paul Tobin and Ariel Brunner for the great discussion that was hosted at ... in Brussels. For those who couldn't make it, we recorded the evening and produced a continuative podcast:

[Watch the presentation](#)

[Watch the discussion](#)

[Listen to the podcast](#)





The Six Reincarnations of Research-Led Teaching

Olga Burlyuk (Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) and Ghent University) reflects on six types of research-led teaching.

[Read the full article](#)

One-Day International Workshop “EU Cross-Border Cooperation Activities and Governance of its Eastern Neighbourhood”

The workshop was funded by the UACES small event grant and a grant from the European Studies and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the University of Victoria, Canada. The aim of the workshop was to discuss, inform, and connect junior and well-established border and governance scholars from different regions and universities for future projects, facilitate field trips in Eastern Europe and provide a collaborative venue for researchers to discuss their work in an interdisciplinary setting.

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