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Chair's Column | Simon Usherwood

Dear Colleagues,

In the few months since my last message to you, Europe has changed, perhaps fundamentally.

The unprovoked and unjustified Russian invasion of Ukraine earlier this year has been simultaneously a humanitarian disaster and an attack on the values of liberal democracy and free association in Europe. As an association, we condemn the invasion and express our solidarity with all those fighting to preserve and protect Ukraine from aggression.

Our [Annual Conference in Lille](#) this September is now open for registrations, with a great

line-up of plenary speakers, panels and networking opportunities. For those of you unable to join us in person, we have an additional day of virtual sessions.

For our student and early-career members, the [Graduate Forum Research Conference](#) in Maastricht in June will be another moment to make connections and reflect on European integration on the thirtieth anniversary of the eponymous treaty.

We're also very pleased to share the redevelopment of the [Ideas on Europe](#) blogging site. This has been one of the leading forums for those wanting to produce timely and informed content on all aspects of European Studies. For those of you looking to get your work out to a bigger audience, I can personally testify to the site's value in generating interest and opening new conversations.

We also continue to strengthen and develop our links with sister organisations. Within the UK, we have been involved in on-going discussions with other social science bodies about how we can make meaningful improvements in Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, drawing on our exemplary work under Prof Roberta Guerrina.

Just as democracy stands on the participation of its citizens, so too does the association stand on the involvement of its members and we have been particularly fortunate to have so many of you be part of our work. The recent committee elections reflected this with a healthy slate of candidates from across the membership and I am looking forward to new members starting this autumn. UACES continues to work because of all your efforts and I applaud you all.

Simon Usherwood, UACES Chair

[Read the full Chair's message on the UACES blog](#)

Events Calendar

Browse upcoming (online) events worldwide in European Studies.

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

[Calendar](#)



Early Bird registrations open!

Register now to join us at [UACES 52nd Annual European Studies Conference in Lille](#).

Paper-givers as well as audience participants need to register to be able to attend. There are different price rates, depending on your membership and professional level.

The Early Bird rates end on **31 May 2022!**

[Register now](#)


Graduate Forum Research Seminars
 for PhD & Early Career Researchers
UK Foreign Policy after Brexit
25 May, 11 AM (UK)

[UACES Graduate Forum](#) presents their latest research seminar on UK foreign policy after Brexit.

Chaired by Niall Robb (Queens' University Belfast) the seminar will feature research

papers from:

- Catarina M. Liberato (Rutherford College, University of Kent) and
- Lucia Frigo (International Security Centre, Royal Holloway, University of London).

Discussant: Dr Joris Larik (Universiteit Leiden)

[Register](#)

UACES Elections

We are delighted to announce our elected Committee Members and UACES Treasurer for the upcoming term from Sept 2022 - Sept 2025:



Dr Giacomo Benedetto from Royal Holloway, University of London will join the UACES Executive Committee as Committee Member:

"Past academic service has included being Director of European Studies at my university, Chair of the Exam Board, and external examiner for programmes at other institutions. I wish to offer this experience to the UACES community, and to contribute to the mentoring of young scholars done by UACES."

Dr Rosa Maria Fernandez from the University of Warwick will join the UACES Executive Committee as Treasurer:

"I'm aware of the challenges that both Brexit and the pandemic exert on organisations like UACES, and I think my experience with distance learning and management positions can help me in this role. I have been a member of UACES since 2008 and I would like to see its future thrive."





Dr Stella Ladi from Queen Mary University of London will join the UACES Executive Committee as Committee Member:

"I would love to serve at the UACES Executive Committee since I am passionate about its purpose and values. I feel that this is the time for me to offer to the European studies community what I had the privilege to enjoy as an Early Career Scholar."

Microgrants

The next round of Microgrants funding is open. This grant scheme aims at supporting research for our Early-Career and Individual Members. It will provide grants of between £100 and £500 to UACES members to assist them to cover the costs of undertaking their research.

Upcoming deadline: 31 July 2022

[How to apply](#)

UACES Member Marianna Lovato shared in a blog post how she used her funding. Read it on the [UACES blog on Ideas on Europe](#):



The UACES Blog

News and comment from UACES and the UACES community



About The UACES Blog

UACES is the association for contemporary European Studies. We share news, events and other activities on this blog.

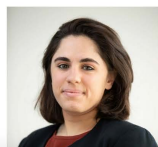
The Author

Articles on this blog are edited by the UACES Office. We also publish articles by Members who share their experiences, make announcements or share other news in the wider field of EU studies.



Grappling with online interviews: the costs of confidentiality

UACES blog | 6 May 2022



A UACES Microgrant report by [Marianna Lovato](#), PhD candidate, School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin.

The Covid-19 pandemic has made online interviewing an everyday reality for qualitative research and turned us all into tech wizards (or, at least, self-proclaimed ones).

My research project, which investigates member states' bargaining strategies and negotiation success in EU foreign policy, heavily relies on qualitative interviews, by virtue of the more secretive and confidential nature of CFSP/CSDP decision-making.

Ideas on Europe



www.ideason europe.eu

Our Ideas on Europe blog has a new look!

Over the last year we have implemented the blog into our membership benefits. This enabled us to develop the site after over 10 years of its existence. The blog is a platform for analysis, comment and debate about European issues and we invite our members to start their own blog - individually or as a collaboration.

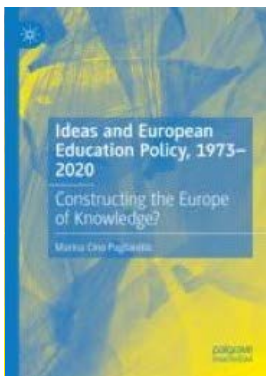
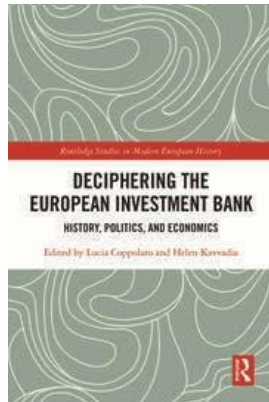
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New Publications

Routledge

Deciphering the European Investment Bank

by Helen Kavvadia, Lucia Coppolaro



Springer

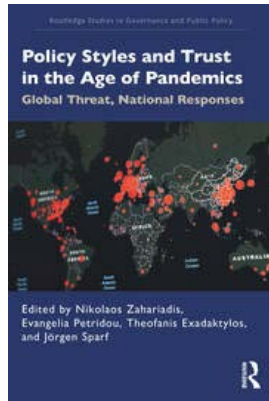
Ideas and European Education Policy, 1973-2020

by Marina Cino Pagliarello

Routledge

Policy Styles and Trust in the Age of Pandemics

by Nikolaos Zahariadis, Evangelia Petridou, Theofanis Exadaktylos, Jörgen Sparf



Vacancies

Check out recent vacancies on our [jobs board](#):

University of Nottingham

Postdoctoral Research Fellow in French Politics and Social Media

Application Deadline: 13 May 2022
Nottingham, United Kingdom

Politics and International Relations

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Maastricht University

Post-doc Democracy, Politics, Security and Rule of Law

Application Deadline: 15 May 2022
Maastricht, Netherlands

Studio Europa Maastricht (SEM)

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Maastricht University

Post-doc Prosperity, Welfare and Inequality at Studio Europa Maastricht

Application Deadline: 15 May 2022
Maastricht, Netherlands

Studio Europa Maastricht (SEM)

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Maastricht University

Post-doc Knowledge, Technology and Digitalisation at Studio Europa

Application Deadline: 15 May 2022
Maastricht, Netherlands

Studio Europa Maastricht (SEM)

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Maastricht University

Post-doc Identity, Heritage and the Citizens' Perspective at Studio Europa

Application Deadline: 15 May 2022
Maastricht, Netherlands

Studio Europa Maastricht (SEM)

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Loughborough University

PhD Diplomacy and International Governance

Application Deadline: 16 May 2022
London, United Kingdom

Institute for Diplomacy and International Governance



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ARENA Centre for European Studies

PhD Candidate in European judicial politics

Application Deadline: 18 May 2022
Oslo, Norway



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ARENA Centre for European Studies

2 x PhD Candidate related to the ENROL project on the EU's rule of law crisis

Application Deadline: 18 May 2022
Oslo, Norway



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Newcastle University

Lecturer in Political Philosophy - Political Theory

Application Deadline: 23 May 2022
Newcastle, United Kingdom

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Multimedia



**THE UK, IRELAND &
THE EUROPEAN UNION
IN A TIME OF CRISIS**

UACES-IACES Joint Seminar Series

Seminar 4
Thursday 24 March 2022, 12:30 – 2:00 pm (GMT)

**Security and Defence in
the EU, Ireland and the UK**

The rise of new complex, multifaceted and global insecurities has posed important questions for defence and security policy across Europe and beyond. This seminar probes the shared defence challenges currently confronting Ireland, the UK and the EU. It interrogates the re-emerging debate about neutrality in Ireland, explore post-Brexit UK defence strategy and positioning, and critically examines the EU's approach to defence and security in the wake of the invasion of Ukraine.

With guest speakers: Dr Maxine David (Leiden University), Dr Jocelyn Mawdsley (Newcastle University), Prof John O'Brennan (Maynooth University), Prof Ben Tonra (University College Dublin)

Chair: Prof Richard Whitman (University of Kent)

[Watch the Recording](#)



**GRADUATE
FORUM**

Graduate Forum Research Seminars
for PhD & Early Career Researchers

EU Foreign Policy

27th april, 11 AM (UK)

UACES Graduate Forum presents their latest research seminar on EU foreign policy (including actors, processes, and institutions).

Chaired by Filiz Dogan (Universiteit Leiden) the seminar features research papers from Dr Luigi Lonardo (University College Cork, Sciences Po Paris), Dr. Andi Hoxhaj (University of Warwick) and Ahmet Tüzgen (University of Southampton).

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