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Chair's Column | Simon Usherwood

Dear Colleagues,

To be able to see and talk with so many members and friends of UACES in Lille last week was an absolute joy. Having the time and the space to grab a chat, to catch up and to make new acquaintances is so important for our community and our hosts at ESPOL did a fine job of welcoming us. Huge thanks go to the local team of Sabine Weiland, Michael Holmes, Axel Gougelet, Oliwia Baran and all of the student helpers for all their hard work over the past two years.

The conference provided an excellent moment in which to consider where Europe, the EU and European Studies is. A recurring theme in our plenary interventions and the panel discussions was the extent to which we stand at a moment of opportunity: the language of the 'polycrisis' of the past decade seems to be giving way to a sense of how the EU's more coherent and substantial responses to Covid, climate change and the Russian invasion of Ukraine might be creating a new phase of integration.

Of course, the conference is also the moment that we acknowledge the contributions of colleagues to European Studies, through our prizes. You will find the winners further down in the newsletter.

The conference also marked the end of Prof Jocelyn Mawdsley's time as UACES Treasurer. Having known her since we did our Erasmus exchange together in Bonn a few years ago, I have always found her to be a thoughtful and considered colleague and a good friend. Her efforts in continuing to ensure the financial health of the Association are deeply appreciated and our thanks go to her once again. Of course, we also have a wonderful new Treasurer, Dr Rosa Fernandez Martin, who has already picked up the role with great aplomb.

Finally, let's remember that UACES is very much more than its conference. With my fellow Officers and the rest of the Committee, we are starting to develop a number of plans to better provide for members. This includes some work to revisit how we create and run the Research Networks, mainly with a view to allowing our support to extend as long as colleagues have activities to pursue: a new call will go out in due course.

Simon Usherwood, UACES Chair

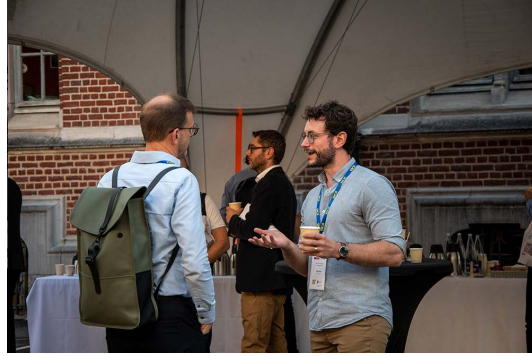
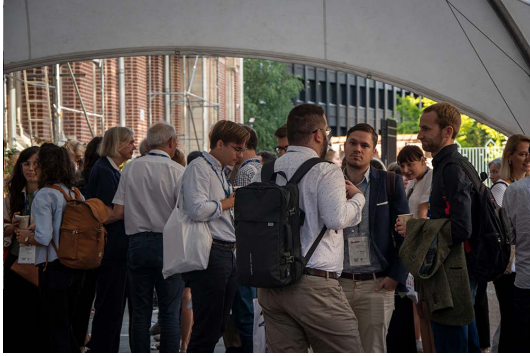
[Read the full Chair's message on the UACES blog](#)

Impressions from the Conference

Over 300 participants came together to discuss a variety of topics in the field of European Studies. Well visited plenaries and keynotes included Prof Helen Drake, Dr Andrew Glencross, Prof Amelia Hadfield, Paul Magnette, Prof Kalypso Nicolaidis, Prof Vivien Schmidt and Prof Amy Verdun, and Joseph DeWeck and Nadia Pantel as speakers. And we awarded the [UACES Lifetime Achievement Award](#), [Best Book Prize](#) and [Best PhD Thesis Prize](#) at the conference dinner at the L'Hermitage Gantois (an Autograph Collection venue).

We thank our hosts Sabine Weiland, Oliwia Baran, Michael Holmes and Axel Gougelet from ESPOL who went above & beyond to make everything run smoothly.





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UACES-IACES Seminar Series



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

UACES-IACES Joint Seminar Series

Venue: Press Club Brussels Europe
Wednesday 19 October 2022, 17:30 pm (CET)

The Northern Ireland Protocol



The arrival of a new British Prime Minister raises once again the question of whether a settlement over the Northern Ireland Protocol is possible. As both the key to concluding the 2020 Withdrawal Agreement and the cause of much of the subsequent tension between the UK and the EU, the Protocol sits in an uneasy position, especially for the people of Northern Ireland itself. This event brings together insights from Ireland, the UK and the EU to consider whether the lived experience of the Protocol matches the rhetoric, the options open to the various parties involved and the question of whether the securing of a

mutually-acceptable outcome might start to rebuild the UK's relations with Ireland, the EU and beyond.

Date: 19 October - Start time 17:30 CET

Venue: Press Club Brussels Europe and online

Speakers:

Dr Mary C. Murphy (University College Cork)

Prof Simon Usherwood (Open University)

Chaired by Dr Giada Lagana (Cardiff University)

The event is funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.

[Register](#)

And the winner is...



Lifetime Achievement Award

We are delighted to announce that the recipient of the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award in European Studies is **Prof Loukas Tsoukalis**.

See what others say about Loukas [on our website](#).

Europe's
Coming
of
Age

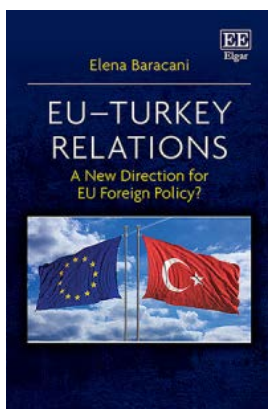


Loukas
Tsoukalis

Get 20% discount on his [latest book](#).

In this book, one of the world's leading authorities on Europe provides a lucid and wide-ranging appraisal of contemporary European affairs – of how the EU became what it is today and the key challenges Europeans must now confront. These challenges include the search for a common foreign and security policy that will also require a more symmetrical transatlantic relationship; the search for democracy beyond the nation-state; more inclusive societies; the development of the

euro into a fully-fledged currency; a higher degree of autonomy in high technology and the greening of economies.



Best Book Prize 2022

We congratulate Elena Baracani for winning this year's Best Book Prize with her book '[EU-Turkey Relations - A new Direction for EU Foreign Policy?](#)'.

Watch her [acceptance video](#).

The jury said:

Very well analysed and organised book, which reflects on many political issues. The book takes a novel approach to considering a much-studied question: EU-Turkey relations. By systematically unpacking the EU side of the equation, it demonstrates the role of contextual and contingent factors in the emergent 'EU' policy.



Best PhD Thesis Prize 2022

We congratulate Marij Swinkels for winning this year's Best PhD Prize with her thesis 'The role of EU leaders and ideas in managing the Eurozone crisis: navigating uncharted territory'.

Watch her [acceptance video](#).

The jury said:

This is an excellent thesis, well-written and clear. It leads to interesting conclusions and it is certainly making a contribution to the literature. After an extensive review, the author came up with a very useful categorisation of the study of ideas in EU politics which allowed her to offer a novel research design.

Funding

UACES Scholarships

The scholarships are travel bursaries designed to provide mobility to existing postgraduate students so that they can undertake research in another country.

For 2023, there are 4 UACES scholarships available for a fixed amount of 1,500 GBP to be awarded on a competitive basis to UACES members.

Upcoming deadline: 21 October 2022

[How to apply](#)

A banner for UACES Scholarships. It features a background image of a globe and a graduation cap. The UACES logo is in the top left, and an orange box in the top right says 'Next Deadline: 21 Oct 2022'. The main text reads 'Scholarships' in large white font, followed by 'Travel bursaries for postgraduate students doing essential fieldwork' in smaller white font.

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UACES Research Network Funding

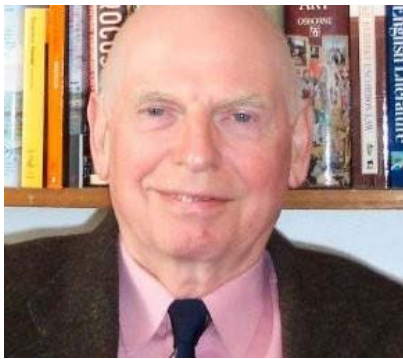
Due to changes being made to the application process, we are postponing the deadline for Research Networks until early 2023. More information will be available in the next issue of UACES news.

From Member to Member

Obituary: Professor Malcolm Anderson



UACES is sad to announce the death of Prof Malcolm



Anderson (1935 -2022).

In his period as chairman of UACES (1984-88), Malcolm had a profound impact. This impact owed a huge amount to his easy familiarity with France. Malcolm ran UACES in a collegial manner. Together with Eva Evans and Clive Church, Malcolm was successful in raising money for UACES from the European Parliament Office in London. When William E Paterson followed Malcolm as Chair, they took the decision to finance UACES by taking a financial stake in the JCMS.

Malcolm was the crucial link between the founding fathers and the new generation of European scholars. We owe him an immense debt for maintaining UACES in the fallow years, for his role in establishing the Jean Monnet Initiative and for his careful stewardship of the Europa Institute.

Read the full obituary by William E Paterson [here](#).



News from Research Network The role of Europe in global challenges: Climate change and Sustainable Development

The third event of the Research Network ‘The role of Europe in global challenges: Climate change and Sustainable Development’ took place on June 13th and 14th, hosted by Prof. Thomas Hoerber at the EU-Asia Institute of ESSCA School of Management in Angers.

The conference was organised as a hybrid event, giving the opportunity for some researchers to network in person for the first time since the pandemic began, though a good number of participants joined online. The title of the event was ‘Sustainability in Contemporary Europe – A Changing Agenda?’ and there was variety in the topics covered, with some common areas emerging for discussion: the energy and cost of living crisis created by the invasion of Ukraine, looking into alternative sources of energy and for

instance, the role of hydrogen; but also the changes in the understanding and use of the sustainable development concept (and its three pillars: economic, social and environmental) by European institutions and member State governments alike.

All the events of the Research Network have a dedicated space for PhD students and early career researchers. While in the first two events the focus was on different career paths and advice, organised as Q & A sessions between participants with different profiles and stages of professional career, in the last event the focus was put on grants capture, with really helpful insights from successful recipients of large grants and professionals dedicated to help in with the bidding process. The rationale behind this was to consider possible steps beyond the life of the Research Network, so that the expertise and common interests can be put to work towards something productive and with real impact, beyond academic publications, which of course, we will continue working on.

We hope to continue with the growing number of members of the network and we have seen many new friends attending our panel at the UACES Annual Conference in Lille. Watch the space for more events next year, as we launch calls for papers for special issues and new research and collaboration projects. We also have reasons to celebrate, with the conferment of Jean Monnet Chair awarded to our co-convenor Prof. Thomas Hoerber.

Rosa & Thomas & Jonas

Multimedia

At our 52nd Annual Conference, Hugo Noirtault interviewed some of our conference participants for [EURadio](#).

Listen to Dr Duncan Freeman, Dr Andrea Cattaneo, Dr Patrick Bijsmans, Prof Amelia Hadfield, Joseph de Weck and Dr Natasza Styczyńska.



The image shows a SoundCloud player interface. On the left is a portrait of a man with a "Privacy policy" link below it. The main area features the "euradio" logo, a play button, and the title "La Chine propose deux récit, l'un à ses citoyens, l'autre au re...". Below the title is a waveform visualization. In the top right corner, there is a "SOUNDCLOUD" logo and a "Share" button. A progress bar at the bottom right shows a play icon and the number "28".



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