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## The EU in Israeli Eyes - Public, Elite, Civil Society and Media Perceptions

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Considering the number of issues affecting both Israel and the European Union (EU), one might question the urgency of analysing Israeli perceptions and misperceptions towards the EU.

From an Israeli perspective, there are several reasons. Europe is Israel's economic, cultural and, in many respects, political hinterland. The EU is Israel's most important trading partner and the second biggest source of research funding. Israel enjoys a unique status in its relations with the EU, a status that grants it extensive rights in many areas. Following a German initiative (during Germany's 2007 Presidency of the EU), in June 2008, Israel and the EU embarked on a process designed to upgrade their relations process. Following Israel's Cast Lead Operation in Gaza is this upgrade process is currently on hold.

And yet, over the years Europe was not central to Israeli strategic thinking and its political approach to the Middle East was viewed by Israel with deep suspicion. Although most Israeli governments were perfectly aware of the importance of the EU to Israel, Israel's strong ties with the U.S. led it to behave as if it were an island in the Atlantic Ocean rather than a Mediterranean country neighbouring the European continent. Indeed, to this day, many Israelis, and more significantly, leading Israeli policy-makers and policy-shapers, share the view that relations with the U.S. are far more crucial than relations with the EU.

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In view of this historical background, it is clear that if Israeli-EU relations are to develop further, Israel must recognise that the EU is a major global actor bordering the Middle East – an actor that has a potentially constructive role to play in shaping the political-economic-cultural-strategic future of Israel. To this effect, Israel should make a greater effort to understand, and in some cases even dispel, its (mis-) perceptions and images of the EU.

From a European perspective, there are several other reasons why should one pay attention to what Israelis think of the EU. The first reason is that now with the Lisbon Treaty and the establishment of the EEAS, the EU has become a rather consolidated player in the international arena, in general, and in the Middle East, in particular. If the EU really wants to have a chance to implement efficient policies in the Middle East, it cannot avoid taking into serious consideration what the expectations, images and perceptions of it are in a country as central to the future stability of the Middle East as Israel is.

Furthermore, looking at external images means looking at one of the variables that contributes to shaping a European political identity among Europe's citizens. Self-rhetorical representation, public debate and mirror images are fundamental components in making the EU's political identity. For this reason it is useful to understand what these external images are.

Finally, there is a major gap in the academic literature that needs to be filled. The long-held notion that the Union has a 'distinctive' role to play in Middle East politics needs to be further examined. So far research has been undertaken on evaluating the Union's coherence and effectiveness in world politics, but not enough has been done on how other international players, and of much more importance to this region how Middle Eastern players regard the EU. This area of enquiry therefore deserves further investigation.

This research explores some of the main images and perceptions of the EU in Israel. By providing empirical findings concerning the attitudes of Israeli public opinion, political elites, organised civil society and the media, this research offers insights into the overall assessment on the part of the Israelis of the EU's global Middle Eastern actorness. At the same time, the research also serves as an important indicator of how well European intentions have been translated into observable actions. The underlying assumption of this research is that only by understanding the various EU images and perceptions – and in some cases, misperceptions – will Israel and the EU be able to improve and upgrade their relations.

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## Chair's Column

Richard Whitman, University of Bath



Judged by the number of paper and panel proposals received for the 41<sup>st</sup> UACES annual conference in Cambridge in September, hosted by Robinson College, European Studies is in a very healthy condition. Proposals are at the same level as last year's conference which attracted a record number of applications. The proposals span a range of disciplines and the applicants range from new-generation scholars through to the more seasoned academics and practitioners. The UACES-funded Collaborative Research Networks (CRNs) are also well-represented within these proposals and illustrate that the networking of scholars under these auspices is generating an expanding range of activities.

A key aspect of the annual conference is that it is also the event at which we award the UACES prizes. These prizes present an opportunity to recognise and reward the continuing strength of European Studies research. The book prize is awarded for the most substantial and original contribution to European Studies published in the preceding year. The prize is not open to edited works but rather for monographs and multi-authored research volumes. The thesis prize will also be awarded in Cambridge and is awarded annually for the PhD thesis that has made the most substantial and original contribution to knowledge in the area of European Studies. Both the book and the thesis prizes are always hotly contested and the panel of judges faces a formidable task in working its way through a substantial of high quality research and writing. The deadline for nominations is fast approaching. Visit the UACES website to find out more.

For the last five years the annual conference has also been the venue for the granting of the UACES Lifetime Achievement in Contemporary European Studies award. Looking at the list of past recipients there is a formidable roll-call of academic talent and it is a reminder of the extent to which European Studies has attracted scholars of world-class repute. Final nominations (the deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> March) are welcome for candidates suitable for recognition of their significant lifetime of contribution to European studies and which will be celebrated in Cambridge.

The location for the 2012 annual conference is now confirmed and will take place at the University of Passau in Bavaria. The University is a young institution with state-of-the-art facilities and with the local hosts keen to show-case the University and the city. The city of Passau is beautifully situated at the foothills of the Bavarian Forest with a historic baroque old town at its centre and at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Iiz rivers. This will be the first visit of the UACES annual conference to Germany and please put 3-5 September 2012 in your diary.

## To Brussels and Back Again

*Paul Stephenson, Maastricht University*

If it's March it must be Brussels. The annual student trip to the EU institutions beckons. Ode to Joy or Ode to Dread? It's not that the two-days in the thick of it aren't informative, insightful, fun even, but simply, anything can go wrong. And does. Take the year before last, when it was a case of getting 70 twenty-something masters students onto a 7am bus in Maastricht for the short road trip to Brussels, some dog-tired, others excited – and loud. No sooner have we crossed the border into a wet and windy Wallonia, than our coach gets pulled over by a Belgian traffic cop. We park up in a lay-by and there we sit. Going nowhere fast. It is raining outside, and the second bus has continued on to Brussels. Our first appointment is at 10 o'clock at the European Economic and Social Committee. This shouldn't be happening; we'd factored in traffic jams, time for stretching legs, a cigarette and espresso on arrival. We had plenty of time.

The cop demands something from the drivers in French. But the drivers speak German. Why German? Because we went with a company from near Aachen because it was cheaper than taking a Dutch firm – now there's the barrier-free internal market at work! We shopped around to save money for the programme budget. My A-level German is rusty, so I translate the cop's demands from French into English for a student to then translate into German, the result of which the drivers understand the demand: he wants to see their driver's licences and road discs – the ones which all bus and lorry drivers must carry, and which indicate when they last took a break and the hours clocked up in recent days. Fair enough. Except they don't have them. Instant fine of several hundred euros, to be paid via an intermediary financial organisation (he hands the drivers their details) or else in cash. Here and now. We're going nowhere till the cop gets paid. Were they working yesterday?, the cop asks. 'No', they reply. 'Prove it', says the cop. 'Get your boss to fax your official holiday form....'

Meanwhile, the episode is being watched by an entire coach load of students, some of whom are now standing outside as it spits, sucking on their cigarettes. Others have traipsed off to the service station for coffee and the toilet. The curious and impatient approach me wanting to know how long it's going to be and to enquire why we didn't take the train instead? I bite my lip. Some students, remarkably, haven't budged an inch, are still sitting on the coach playing cards, and do so for hours, oblivious to the quiet panic around them. So we stare out and wait, and clock-watch, while the coach company boss drives from Aachen to the motorway lay-by to speak to the cop, who once he's arrived, demands a new total in Euros which he jots down for them (the official holidays forms are either dodgy or not forthcoming). I try to explain to the cop the importance of our MA programme and how precious the months of planning. I go to wave the print-out of our busy schedule with VIPs under his nose but he beats me to it, says 'Tant pis!' I wonder whether this is some kind of practical joke – am I on Candid Camera? Are my initiative and coping strategies being put to the test through some kind of warped experiment? Should we abandon the bus and walk, with me as the pied-piper, marching them across the fields in search of a railway station? Is it important to keep moving, in the direction of Brussels, or stay put? Where's my survival instinct? My flute?



The coach boss rings contacts in Liège, who eventually arrive, a motley bunch, with a wad of used notes, which the cop counts and pockets, gives the drivers a receipt, and us the green light to proceed. And proceed we do, at speed. So we've missed two appointments but the day is not lost. It is not lost! It's 1.30pm but maybe we can ring our afternoon visits to say we'll be late? I tell the students to be prepared, to run when they drop us by the rond-point Schuman, as fast as they can: one group with me to the UK Perm Rep, the other with my colleague, Karolina, to the Council. We make it, then visit over, all trek with our shoulder bags (not forgetting the girl with a full suitcase on wheels for a one night trip) on to our late afternoon briefing at CEPS, by the end of which it is clear to see, the students are tired, beat, hungry. Once we get to the hotel and allocate keys, there's just an hour or two for dinner before our rendezvous with alumni at a hip bar, downtown in St. Géry.

Day Two goes according to plan, students yawning but physically present, some having walked back in the small hours, so I hear. Business Europe. The Egmont Institute. European Commission.... and the usual questions 'Do you offer internships?' 'How did you get your job?' and thankfully not a single, dreaded 'How much do you earn?' Phew, the relief. All in all the students are well-behaved, fine ambassadors for the university (later they tease me for parenting them too much). Then, after much quizzing about whether or not the bus will actually turn up to take us home, we see it pull up on Belliard (I didn't doubt it for a second) and we climb up and in. As we whirr down the motorway, not a cop in sight, the coach is silent, as heads loll and students snooze, dreaming no doubt about the ordinary voting procedure or the implications of the Lisbon Treaty on their future careers.



European Commission group visitor centre on rue Belliard

The following week, feedback: the trip was fantastic and they got plenty out of it, especially the four and half hours stuck in a Belgian motorway lay-by, getting to know lots of new people they'd never spoken to in Maastricht. And how many European Studies students can claim to have experienced the 'benefits' of EU legislation personally? Every single one of them now knows inside-out Directive 2002/15/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2002 on the organisation of the working time of persons performing mobile road transport activities (in force 4 April 2005). Anyway, must get back to the planning for the March 2011 trip...Wish us luck.



Above: Dame Helen Wallace presenting her keynote speech

Left: Roundtable participants

# The Lisbon Treaty Evaluated

## *Impact and Consequences*

Woburn House, London  
31 January - 1 February 2011

The Lisbon Treaty Evaluated: Impact and consequences conference afforded an excellent opportunity for academics and practitioners alike to reflect upon the impact, and the overall consequences for European integration, of the Lisbon Treaty.

The conference roundtable, chaired by Sir Stephen Wall, and composed of Andrew Duff, MEP; John Peet (The Economist); John Palmer (advisory council of the Federal Trust) and Charles Grant (Centre for European Reform) set the scene for the conference with the speakers each offering robust opinions on the impact of different aspects of the Lisbon Treaty.

Dame Helen Wallace's keynote address focused on the context of contemporary integration and, in particular, how the economic crisis and the travails of the Eurozone have over-shadowed the Lisbon Treaty – and where the UK's coalition government has orientated its European policy.

Each of the panel sessions were populated by papers divided into analysis of the modalities of the Treaty's implementation – and assessing the extent to which the Union's institutional order, policy domains and legal architecture have been significantly affected by Lisbon's provisions.

For those who did not attend the conference the roundtable, plenary and panel sessions are available via podcast from [www.uaces.org/lisbon](http://www.uaces.org/lisbon).

## Is the Lisbon Treaty delivering on its promises?

Following the debate of the roundtable on whether the Lisbon Treaty is delivering on its promises. We asked the same question to five conference participants:

**Doreen K. Allerkamp**  
University of Mannheim

“The Lisbon Treaty aims for many things – but leadership is not among them. In fact, it does not even mention leadership, nor is anyone leading or being lead anywhere. Guidance is the most it has to offer – mostly for the Commission, and mostly by one or the other Council. And yet it has created an abundance of leadership – three (s)electd Presidents, one rotating Presidency, and one hybrid Foreign Affairs Council President/High Representative/Commission Vice President. Where does it all lead to? A crowd on the international stage, and a leadership vacuum at home. A non-promise over-fulfilled, it appears – for now.”

**John Palmer**

Advisory Council of the Federal Trust

“The European Union is starting to deliver the modest, but important, measures strengthening the rights of European Union citizens set out in the Lisbon Treaty. But improved citizens’ rights also necessitate further steps to strengthen EU democracy. It is essential that voters are given clear-cut and substantial choices to make in future European Parliament elections about the kind of European society they wish to see. This can only happen if the embryonic European political parties contesting these elections establish their identities more clearly with public opinion and if they can exploit the openings created in the Lisbon Treaty to shape the political character of the Commission - the Union’s trans-national executive.”

**David Phinnemore**

Queen’s University Belfast

“What did Lisbon promise? Its authors identified three important challenges: enhancing efficiency, democratic legitimacy and coherence. So Lisbon was never intended to be a cure-all. Nor was it a treaty that anticipated current challenges facing the eurozone and economic performance more generally. Has it delivered improved efficiency, democratic legitimacy and coherence? It is too early to say. The potential exists if Lisbon’s reforms are implemented creatively and built on and if people see the EU addressing issues of concern to them and member states’ governments. A treaty’s reforms can only be part of the solution. It’s the EU’s actions that matter.”

**Ester Herlin-Karnell**

Vrije University, Amsterdam

“Barely one year after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty it is perhaps too early to say if it is delivering on its promise but there seems at least to be good reason to be optimistic that it will should we allow it a little bit more time. Regardless of the fate and future success of Lisbon, this two-day UACES conference in London 31 January - 1 February 2011 delivered on its promise and offered highly stimulating and thought-provoking presentations and discussions. All paper givers, political scientists and lawyers alike seemed united in the way they expressed concerns about where the EU is going by pointing at the difficulties the EU is facing in future. But after all, this is what academics do. I think there is still reason to be positive about Lisbon even if Fisher’s ‘core Europe’ speech in Berlin in 2000 seems as topical as ever.”

**Lars Hoffmann**

Maastricht University

“‘Not a Constitution’ was the promise when the Lisbon Treaty was signed. One year on, we bemoan Europe’s sluggish response to the dramatic events in Tunisia and Egypt, ponder treaty changes on economic governance, and have a growing feeling that the new institutional set-up won’t provide the needed bridge across the democratic legitimacy gap. Moreover, Lisbon’s long and painful ratification process has transformed EU treaty reforms from five-yearly routines into political no-go areas. Joseph Raz’s definition of a Constitution includes seven features including ‘stability and ‘entrenchment’ – it looks like the Lisbon treaty might become a Constitution for all the wrong reasons.”

Is the Lisbon Treaty delivering on its aims and promises?

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## EU External Relations Law and Policy in the post-Lisbon Era

*Paul James Cardwell, University of Sheffield*

The recently-launched Sheffield Centre for International and European Law (SCIEL) hosted a two-day conference, supported by UACES and the Modern Law Review, on EU External Relations Law and Policy in the post-Lisbon Era at the School of Law, University of Sheffield, on 13-14 January 2011.

The conference brought together 21 paper-givers from 15 different countries and drew on both legal and political science scholarship. The conference was an opportunity to discuss, in an interdisciplinary setting, the latest trends in the EU's external relations brought about by the Treaty of Lisbon after its first year in force. Some papers focused on the innovations or changes in the Treaty itself, whilst others used the wider context of the Treaty to analyse the changing nature of the EU in the global order. The legal and political aspects of the Common Foreign and Security Policy were discussed alongside other substantive and institutional dimensions to the EU's external relations including commercial policy, development, environment, Freedom, Security and Justice and European Neighbourhood Policy. Running themes, including the greater emphasis on consistency/coherence in EU external relations and the recent creation of the EU External Action Service (EEAS), cut across many of the papers.



Paul James Cardwell (Sheffield), Julia Schmidt (Edinburgh), Maria O'Neill (Abertay, Dundee), Tobias Lock (UCL)

The keynote speech, given by Prof Michael E. Smith, University of Aberdeen, put forward the case that although Lisbon represented a major departure for EU foreign policy, it had disrupted, rather than accelerated, the search for a 'grand strategy'. In outlining a three-level analysis of a possible grand strategy, he highlighted the gaps, trade-offs and inconsistencies evident in the Treaty, including the lack of detail on the EEAS, uncertainty over the 'double-hatted' role of the High Representative and lack of decision-making innovation. Michael's speech provided an excellent frame for the subsequent panel discussions and an opportunity to reflect on continuity and change within the EU's external relations at the end of the first year of the post-Lisbon era.



The city of Passau

UACES is very pleased to announce that the 2012 annual conference, to take place from 3-5 September, will be held in Bavaria. It will be the first time that the conference has been held in Germany and our hosts will be the University of Passau.

Passau is in the border region, close to both Austria and the Czech Republic and is known as the 'City of Three Rivers' because the Danube is joined at Passau by the Inn from the south and the Ilz from the north.



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## The EU Diplomatic System after Lisbon: Institutions Matter

Maastricht, 18-19 November 2010

This was the second workshop to be organised within the framework of the Jean Monnet Multilateral Research Network on 'The Diplomatic System of the EU: Evolution, Change and Challenges'. A very good attendance of over fifty academics practitioners and NGO representatives enjoyed an excellent two days of debate and discussion.

The workshop centred on themes related to:

- the institutional design of the EEAS;
- the training and recruitment of diplomatic staff;
- the legal dimension of EU diplomacy;
- the composition and role of EU delegations;
- questions of coordination and accountability.

The workshop did not come to any clear-cut conclusions but triggered discussion about a number of key issues deserving further attention:

- the changing inter-institutional dynamics provoked by the emergence of new players, both in Brussels, the national capitals and in third countries;
- the continuing relevance of past institutional arrangements and practices in shaping the new bodies;
- the legal challenges brought about by the sui generis character of the EU diplomatic system;
- the importance of taking into account the changing international context when modelling the emerging EU diplomatic system and the need to move beyond the normative power approach;
- the academic challenge to make sense of the recent developments possibly through comparative and interdisciplinary approaches.

The network's website, <http://dseu.lboro.ac.uk>, contains full details of the activities organised and publications produced by the network.

## AGM of the Standing Conference of Heads of European Studies (SCHES)

The AGM was held on 21/1/11 in London. Thanks were expressed to Carol Tully and Cillian Ryan who stepped down from the executive committee, and two new members (Sarah Colvin and Jim Rollo) were elected on to the committee. The new executive committee will meet in May to take forward action points from the AGM including representations to research funding bodies and new activities on teaching of European studies.

Meanwhile the chair will represent SCHES at the AGM of the UK Council of Area Studies Associations on 15/2/11.

The AGM expressed thanks to Alison Harcourt and Sarah Heeks (Exeter University) for their work on the survey of members undertaken by SCHES. Paul Furlong's analysis of the findings will be posted shortly on the SCHES website ([www.uaces.org/sches](http://www.uaces.org/sches)).



## British Academy 2nd International Engagement Day

London, 10 November 2010

The morning saw presentations on languages in higher education and on the future of area studies. Speakers highlighted the difficulties facing language-based area studies but argued that the UK's strategic interests and its development as a knowledge-based economy depended on its ability to collaborate with partners abroad, based on a deep understanding of the countries in which those partners are located.

The afternoon sessions looked at ideas for engaging with research users (where a key theme was the need to interact face-to-face rather than relying on written diffusion of research findings), and at the future of area studies. In the latter workshop, speakers argued that a reliable census or audit of area studies is needed to increase visibility, as much excellent work is being produced outside of dedicated centres or departments.

For more information including slides of the presentations visit: [www.uaces.org/6704](http://www.uaces.org/6704)

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*Ian Bache, Stephen George & Simon Bulmer*

Oxford University Press  
ISBN: 978-0199544813  
GBP: 25.99

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*Elena Baracani (ed)*

European Press Academic Publishing  
ISBN: 978-8883980619  
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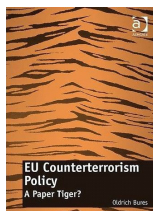
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## ESRC Funding for European Studies

At a presentation on 21/1/11, Prof Charlie Jeffery (University of Edinburgh & Chair of the ESRC's Research Council) gave an overview of the ESRC's new delivery plan, with particular attention to funding possibilities for European studies.

It was noted that although the ESRC budget had been maintained this represented a real cut of 10-12% over the period to 2014-15. As a result, the ESRC will cut its administrative budget and the resources available to graduate skills training (now only through Doctoral Training Centres). The overall message was one of concentration (around the key themes and programmes, larger grants, large datasets, and a shift from responsive to directed mode). The ESRC will remain committed to international collaboration, largely through the Open Area of Research scheme (details to be announced shortly) and European datasets.

For more info contact: Susan Milner ([s.e.milner@bath.ac.uk](mailto:s.e.milner@bath.ac.uk))

## British Czech & Slovak Association Writing Competition

Three women writers shared the prizes in the BCSA's 2010 writing competition. The winner was *A Night with the Vixen*, by Jitka Jenkins. It consists of the musings of a man of 70 as he listens in London to Janáček's opera *The Cunning Little Vixen* and thinks back to an idyllic visit to Czechoslovakia in 1962, and to his meeting then with a woman who was lovely but out of reach. Two second prizes were awarded, to Gerta Vrbová and to Frances Jackson.

The British Czech & Slovak Association's 2011 competition is now under way and is open to all.

Further information is available at: [www.bcsa.co.uk](http://www.bcsa.co.uk).

## New website for the EU-Russia Collaborative Research Network

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## Paradoxes and Contradictions

EU Democracy Promotion Efforts in the Middle East: a three year Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) funded research project.

[www.eumena.bham.ac.uk](http://www.eumena.bham.ac.uk)

## Appointments

**Dr Michelle Pace** (University of Birmingham) has been granted visiting academic status at the University of Warwick for her involvement in the EU-GRASP project ([www.eu-grasp.eu](http://www.eu-grasp.eu)).



Stephan Keukeleire

**Prof Stephan Keukeleire** (Jean Monnet Chair at the University of Leuven) has been appointed as the first part-time Chairholder of the new 'TOTAL Chair of EU Foreign Policy' at the Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies of the College of Europe, Bruges. His inaugural lecture 'EU Foreign Policy beyond Lisbon: The Quest for Relevance' will take place on 9 March 2011 in Bruges.

**Prof Richard Whitman** will be joining the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Kent as Professor of Politics and International Relations from 1 September 2011.

## Globalisation and workers' rights



Andreas Bieler

Prof Andreas Bieler, University of Nottingham, has been awarded a grant of £275,000 by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) for a project on 'Globalisation, national transformation and workers' rights: an analysis of Chinese labour within the global economy' (RES-062-23-2777). The project will start in October 2011 and includes a three-year fellowship for Dr Chun-Yi Lee, who will be responsible for the empirical research in China.

## Virtual Reference Collection

The Central Library of the European Commission has launched the 'Virtual Reference Collection' ([www.uaces.org/6701](http://www.uaces.org/6701)), a selection of quality web sites and search tools, freely available on the Internet, and regularly updated by our librarians.

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## Launch of Interdisciplinary Political Studies (IdPS)

IdPS is the first Italian English-language graduate journal in political studies launched by the CIRCAP, University of Siena and the SIS, University of Trento. It will be edited by Stefano Braghioli and Nelli Babayan and its inaugural issue can be viewed online at [www.idps.unisi.it](http://www.idps.unisi.it).

Contact: [idps.journal@unisi.it](mailto:idps.journal@unisi.it), ISSN: 2039-8573

## New Series Editor

Routledge and UACES would like to acknowledge and thank Roger Scully who is stepping down as a Series Editor of our Contemporary European Studies book series.

The Series has grown strongly during Roger's tenure; his inexhaustible expertise as well as his Welsh sense of humor have greatly enriched the series.



Mark Pollack

Roger will be replaced by Mark Pollack, Jean Monnet Chair and Associate Professor in the Dept of Political Science at Temple University in Philadelphia, USA.

He will join the existing Series Editors, Federica Bicchi and Tanja Börzel.

## New JCER Book Review Editor

Elizabeth Monaghan (University of Hull) has stepped down as the JCER Book Review Editor. Our warmest thanks are due to Liz for her sterling work during her term. The new Book Review Editor is Scott James (King's College London).

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If you have reviewed a book for the JCER before, or have already provided your details, Scott would be very grateful if you could re-send them so that the database can be updated.

## New British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship Scheme

Proposals are invited for a new scheme of British Academy Mid-Career Fellowships. The aim of the scheme is to allow successful applicants to obtain time freed from normal teaching and administrative commitments. The Academy intends, through this scheme, both to support outstanding individual researchers with excellent research proposals, and to support outstanding communicators who will promote public understanding and engagement with humanities and social sciences.

The deadline for applications is 9 March 2011 with decisions will be announced in late May.

Applications must be submitted via <https://egap.britac.ac.uk/> or email the British Academy ([grants@britac.ac.uk](mailto:grants@britac.ac.uk)) for further information.

## Campaign for Social Science

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## JCMS Special Issue

### Security Co-operation beyond the Nation-state

*Guest Editors: Bastien Irondelle, Chris J Bickerton and Anand Menon*

The security policies of the European Union have in recent years become a central concern for researchers and policy-makers alike. A senior EU official has commented wryly that, whilst only around 200 officials actually 'do' the EU's common security and defence policy (CSDP), there appear to be many thousands of academics and students all over the world who engage in its study (Howorth, 2007). Leading European officials regularly cite security policy as central to the role and purpose of contemporary European integration. In Javier Solana's words, in the past the EU was intended to secure peace in Europe; today, it is about being a peace-builder in the rest of the world (Solana, 2007).

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## JCER Special Issue

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*Guest Editor: Maria Garcia*

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## Re-launch of Studia Diplomatica



Studia Diplomatica: The Brussels Journal of International Relations has been re-launched for 2011 and is now co-edited by Egmont and Clingendael, with Prof Sven Biscop as Editor-in-Chief. The focus of the journal is policy-oriented articles on the process of European integration and on the role of the EU as a global actor.

Contact: [studies.diplomatica@egmontinstitute.be](mailto:studies.diplomatica@egmontinstitute.be)  
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## The EU Council Presidency 2.0: New treaties, new member states, new communication

*In this extract from his Polscieu blog on ideasoneurope, Ronny Patz and fellow bloggers meet Gergely Polner, spokesperson for the Hungarian presidency of the EU Council:*

"In more than two hours of a very open and informal discussion, we covered many different topics, which, from a political science point of view, would each offer their own research paper.

Gergely agreed that most of the discussion would be "on the record", so we were talking frankly while being able to blog about the topics touched upon in our discussion. The first thing is the new role of the Council presidency, now that the Lisbon Treaty is fully in place. In this new role, relations with the EU Parliament (EP) have become more important since this institution has much more power than before.

Gergely estimated that about 50% of what they, as the presidency, do today is involving the EP. He said that this was a gut figure, but even the perception of the relevance of the EP may change its actual influence.

Another observation related to the Lisbon Treaty is the relevance of the new European External Action Service. During our meeting, the secretary of the communications team came to say that a large international media company was calling. Gergely left the room and we started joking around what a similar call we could get as bloggers. But before we could come up with a good idea, Gergely was back in the room and told us that the question that he had been asked by the media laid in the competence of Catherine Ashton and that he'd refrained from interfering in her field. The latter shows that, beyond losing the leadership in the European Council (held by European Council President van Rompuy) and having to share powers with the EP, the presidency has clearly lost an important part of its former external action role, including in communications."

*This is an example of how blogging can get you in touch with policymakers in Brussels. Read the full blog and find out how to get involved with future meetings at: [www.uaces.org/presidency2.0](http://www.uaces.org/presidency2.0).*

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## Quiet Dimplocay? The EU and its neighbours

*Sir Stephen Wall*



There is a lot of criticism, as I write this at the start of February, of the silence of the EU on the events in Egypt. This is, the argument runs, our neighbourhood and we should care about what is happening there.

Caring, and being able to do something about it, are two different things. For fifty years we wanted freedom for eastern Europe but the West maintained embassies throughout the communist empire, compromised with nasty governments, did deals and had inevitably limited engagement with dissidents. How to be in with the outs without being out with the ins is the unheroic reality of most diplomacy. And is one reason why embassies are not good at predicting revolution. If they knew about it, so would the government in power. Any diplomat thought to be encouraging dissent would soon be expelled.

Of course outsiders can exert pressure for change, as much of the world did on South Africa and, as in the case of South Africa, it can have some effect. But what serious claim can the West make for provoking Perestroika? Or for inspiring the velvet revolution?

What the European Union did do then, and can do now, is to be ready with political and practical support. The West could offer both NATO and EU membership to the countries of eastern and central Europe and, with a few lurches, managed to bring both to fruition with commitment and skill. But we were working with countries for whom NATO and the EU were their natural home and who had chosen the path of liberal democracy.

As Palestine has shown, we are not so deft when democracy produces awkward results which pit our respect for free choice against our clear view of what is the right choice. One man's freedom fighter, and all that. As late as 1989, Margaret Thatcher was banning all British ministerial contact with the ANC. And yet Nelson Mandela did not resent her. The reason? Partly because, in private, and with Margaret Thatcher's approval, the British Embassy in South Africa was supporting health and development projects which were ANC-led. Partly because he knew that, in private, Mrs Thatcher was talking toughly to de Klerk, the South African Prime Minister, and partly because he saw that, unlike some other leaders, she was not a hypocrite.

Any policy that has to be agreed by twenty-seven governments and which, as in the case of the Middle East, has to have an eye to the attitudes and interests of the United States and Israel is not likely to be radical or heroic. So silence may be prudent. Lack of preparation would not.

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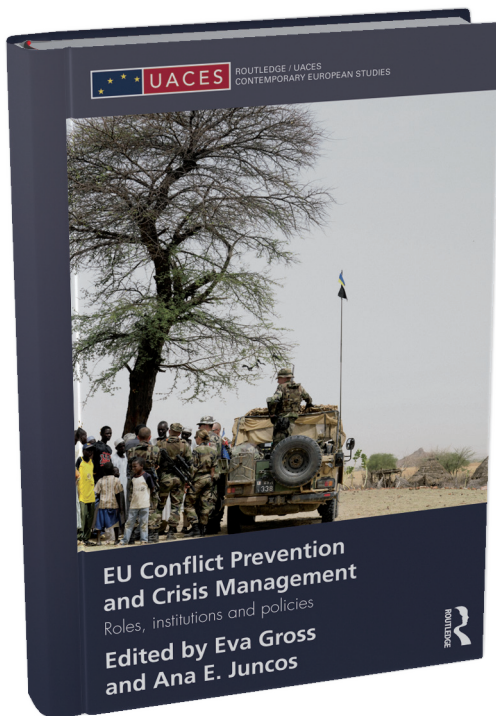
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