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My Last Chair's Column | Helen Drake

What's in a [subject association](#)? UACES is above all a membership organisation. We exist first and foremost to deliver benefit to our members, and membership fees are a vital source of our income. In 2018 our Graduate Forum held its research conference at [KU Leuven](#), welcoming many new faces to our network of PhD and early-career researchers. In November, we hold our [Doctoral Training Academy](#) in Birmingham to further support these members.

Our members also make the UACES Annual Conference what we repeatedly hear is a friendly, well-run venue for the exchange of ideas on Europe where old and new members alike can feel at home. Bath 2018 is coming up very soon and the call for papers for [Lisbon 2019](#) will open in October 2018.

Many UACES members have over the years also served as trustees, and without them we would not still be here 50 years on. We have honoured many of these individuals with our Lifetime Achievement Award - this year's recipient is the inspirational [Drew Scott](#) - and mourned others who have left us before their time. Through our '[UACES at 50](#)' project we have deliberately delved into the past to help us face the future. We invite members to dip into our [new podcast series](#) for insights that are by turns amusing, enlightening and moving.

2018 is the first full year of the new [JCMS editorial team](#). An association's flagship journal exists to reflect and accommodate, if not shape the state of its subject discipline. Here, UACES and JCMS hold an interesting position amongst subject associations. European Studies never took hold as a fully institutionalised or professionalised academic discipline in its own right, and perhaps that is a key to the inclusive culture which UACES members tell us they value highly.

UACES is of course closely bound up with the UK's membership of the EU. The Association began as a small group concerned about the UK's failure to join 'the club', and I see no reason why it would not continue to thrive once the UK has left Brussels.

I step down as Chair at the Bath conference. It has been a huge privilege and inspiration for me to chair the Association since September 2012. I will miss it, but I'm relieved to hand over to my successor Nick Startin with UACES in relatively good shape. I am so grateful to all of the officers, committee members and staff who have made the job of Chair such a pleasure, however challenging things may have been on occasion. I also thank all the members for their ongoing interest in and support of the Association. I recently agreed to be interviewed on my experience as UACES Chair by Nick and committee member Adam Steinhouse, and those who are interested can [view the video here](#).

Helen Drake, Loughborough University London

[Read the full version of Helen's column here](#)

Get Involved...

UACES Elections

Nominations are now open from Individual and Early-Career Members for the UACES Executive Committee. We are looking for a new Treasurer & 2 new Committee members to start in 2019. Learn more: uaces.org/elections

Graduate Forum Elections

Are you interested in representing the postgraduate and early-career European Studies community? In November, we will be looking for a new Graduate Forum Chair and Committee member. Nominations open in October. Learn more: uaces.org/gfelections

Events

Events Calendar

Browse upcoming events worldwide in European Studies. Student & Early-Career Members receive funding for eligible events.

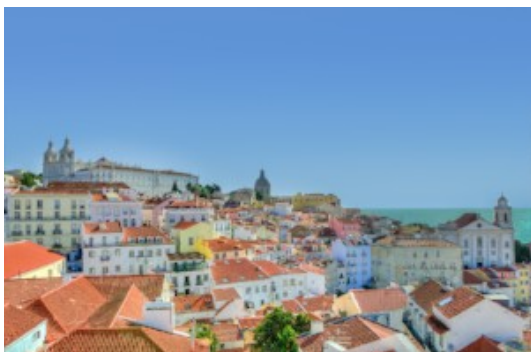
[September](#) | [October](#) | [November](#)

UACES AGM

All UACES members are invited to the Annual General Meeting, taking place at UACES 2018 in Bath (2 Sept 2018).

[Learn more & read annual report](#)

We look forward to seeing many of you in Bath for UACES 2018! Follow [#UACES2018](#) and join the [Facebook event](#) for updates, photos & videos.



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UACES 2019 | Lisbon, Portugal
1-4 September 2019

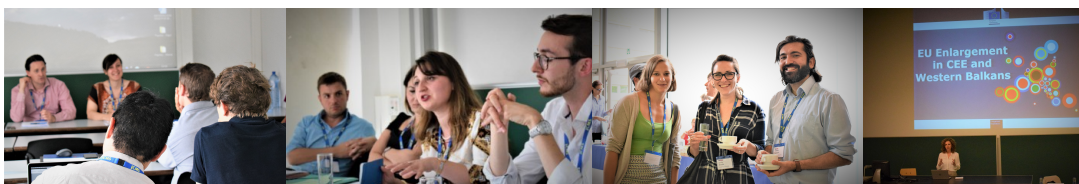
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UACES Doctoral Training Academy 24 November 2018, Aston University, Birmingham, UK

Come and learn more about publishing from fellow academics & industry experts.

Funded places available for PhD and early-career researchers.

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UACES Graduate Forum Conference 2018 | KU Leuven

On 12-13 July 2018, forty postgraduate and early career researchers gathered at KU Leuven in Belgium to present and receive feedback on their work on contemporary Europe and the European Union.

The theme of this year's conference was 'An Actor on Multiple Stages: the EU as a Local, Regional and Global Power', featuring five research sessions over two days, a keynote lecture by Kolja Raube (KU Leuven) and a plenary session with Nisida Gjoksi (European Commission and academic) and Katja Biedenkopf (KU Leuven).

This event was supported by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union.

[Read event report](#) | [View Twitter Story](#)

Publications

New Open-Access JCER Issue

Special Issue: 'Beyond the Brussels Bubble? National Civil Society Organisations in the European Union'

JCER Vol 14, No 2 (2018)

Call for Reviewers

We will be running the JCER reviewer prize draw again in 2018, and the winner will have their attendance fee waived for UACES 2019 in Lisbon.

[Register as a Reviewer](#)

New JCER Blogs

- [The Strategic Use of Government-Sponsored Referendums in Contemporary Europe](#) (Cecilia Sottilotta)
- [Unless the EU Gets Its Act Together, It Will Lose a Trade War Against Both China and the US](#) (Astrid Pepermans, 2018 Luke Foster Prize Winner for Best JCER Article)
- [From 2005's 'Permissive Consensus' to TTIP's 'Empowering Dissensus': The EU as a Playing Field for Spanish Civil Society](#) (Luis Bouza and Alvaro Oleart)



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New Books by UACES Members

[European Civil Service in \(Times of\) Crisis: A Political Sociology of the Changing Power of Eurocrats](#) — Didier Georgakakis

[European Disintegration](#) — Hans Vollaard

[Negotiating the EU's 2030 Climate and Energy Framework](#) — Oscar Fitch-Roy, Jenny Fairbrass

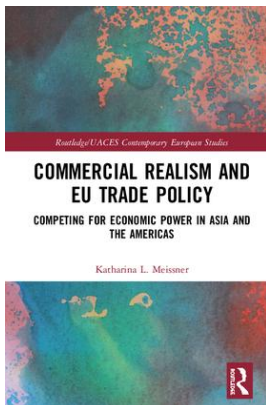
[Europe and Northern Ireland's Future](#) — Mary Murphy

[Understanding Brexit: A Concise Introduction](#) — Tim Oliver

[Europe's Brexit](#) — Tim Oliver

[How the EU Really Works](#) — Olivier Costa, Nathalie Brack

[Browse more...](#)



Routledge/UACES *Contemporary European Studies* Series

- *Commercial Realism and EU Trade Policy* — Katharina Meissner
- *The Democratisation of EU International Relations Through EU Law* — Juan Santos Vara, Soledad Rodríguez Sánchez-Tabernero (eds)

UACES Discount: Use the code UAC18 for a 20% discount on online purchases (paperback)

Appointments and Achievements

The UK in a Changing Europe has been awarded the Prospect Think Tank Award 2018 for best UK think tank in Global Affairs. Congratulations to the UACES members involved in the project.



Roberta Guerrina has been appointed Director of Equality and Diversity at the University of Surrey

Christopher Huggins has been appointed Senior Lecturer in Politics at the University of Suffolk, UK

Thomas Hoerber has been appointed Head of Department for International Affairs at ESSCA

UACES Lifetime Achievement Award 2018

In 2018 UACES will honour **Professor Drew Scott** of the University of Edinburgh with its Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to contemporary European Studies. The award will be presented at the Annual Conference Dinner in Bath.



[Read testimonials from Drew's friends & colleagues...](#)

[Interview with Outgoing Chair Helen Drake](#)



After six years as UACES Chair, Helen Drake steps down from her role during #UACES2018.

In this interview, Nick Startin (UACES Chair-Elect) and Adam Steinhouse talk to Helen about her career as an academic, her work on French and European Politics, and her time as Chair.

[Watch video](#)

New UACES Group Members



School of Law and Social Justice,
University of Liverpool, UK

Institute for Diplomacy and International Governance,
Loughborough University London, UK

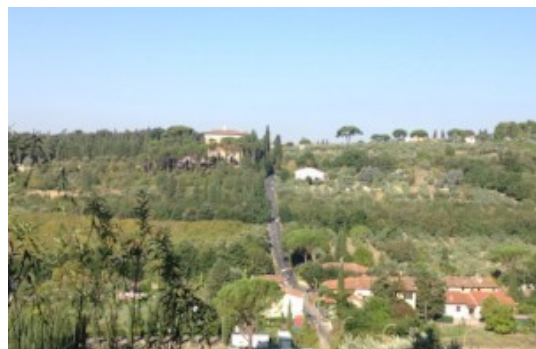


Economics Faculty,
University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini", Republic of Kosovo



Archival Grant Winner: Examining the 2008 Financial Crisis

Cleo Davies (University of Edinburgh) was awarded UACES archival research funding to examine the EU-UK relationship through the prism of the integration of banking regulation & supervision.



Archival Grant Winner: Researching European Energy Policy

Marta Musso (King's College London) undertook a three-week UACES-funded visit to the Historical Archives of the European Union (HAEU), Florence, to study the collection related to the Energy Committee of EEC 1958-1974.

Funding Opportunities

- [UACES Small Event Grants](#) (deadline: 14 September 2018)
- [UACES Scholarships](#) (deadline: 12 October 2018)
- [UACES Research Network Funding](#) (deadline: 26 October 2018)
- [UACES Archival Research Funding](#) (deadline: 31 December 2018)



The European Union and the Northern Ireland Peace Process | Event Report 27 April, NUI Galway

Supported by a UACES Small Event Grant

Joined by academic experts, architects of the European Union peace programmes in Northern Ireland came together for the first time in twenty years to reflect on the role the European Union played in the Northern Ireland peace process.

[Read event blog](#)



Governance beyond the Anthropocene: Ecological Issues in European Political practice and Thought | Event Report 22 June, University of Hertfordshire



External Perceptions of the EU after Brexit | Event Report 28-29 June, University of Mainz

Supported by a UACES Small Event Grant

On the second anniversary of the British referendum and the “Leave” vote, this international workshop hosted at the University of Mainz addressed the impact of Brexit on external partners’ perceptions of the EU and, by extension, on EU foreign policy.

[Read event blog](#)



EU-NormCon Trade Politicisation Workshop, IBEI | Event Report 10 July, IBEI, Barcelona

[Supported by a UACES Small Event Grant](#)

On June 22nd the members of the Security & Governance research group at the University of Hertfordshire welcomed scholars working on ecological issues in Political Science, Political Theory and Law.

[Read event blog](#)

Several UACES members participated in this workshop on trade politicisation organized under the aegis of the EU-NormCon research project took place on July 2, 2018.

The meeting gathered researchers from different Universities interested in the politicisation of trade from a European Union perspective.

[Read event blog](#) (photo credit: IBEI)



News from the NORTIA Network

1st NORTIA Conference, Barcelona

UACES is a member of the [NORTIA Network](#) on Research and Teaching in EU Foreign Affairs — a Jean Monnet Erasmus+ network of 10 institutions led by Dr. Heidi Maurer and Dr. Gergana Noutcheva (Maastricht University).

Hosted by the IBEI, Barcelona (6-8 June 2018), the first NORTIA conference, “A Re-nationalisation and De-Europeanisation of EU foreign policy?”, brought together delegates from all partner institutions.



Event Report by Paula Lamoso

PhD student, Paula Lamoso (Autonomous University Madrid) gives her reflections & take aways from the NORTIA conference.

[Read report](#)



Meet the NORTIA Network Members

Find out about the academics coming together to develop research and teaching in EU Foreign Affairs.

[Watch video clips](#) | [View Twitter Story](#)

NORTIA Early-Career Residencies

Congratulations to the successful applicants for the [2018 NORTIA residencies](#), who are undertaking funded visits to partner institutions:

- [Daan Fonck](#) (KU Leuven) is visiting the EUI in autumn 2018 and will continue his interesting work on the role of the European Parliament (EP) as a diplomatic actor.
- [Dorina Baltag](#) (Maastricht University) is going to visit the University of Kent, Brussels Campus in autumn 2018 to continue her project on “EU Diplomacy in Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus after the inauguration of the EEAS”.
- [Elenore Heimsoeth](#) (LSE) is visiting the EUI during the summer months 2018 to continue her research on the role of the EEAS in European foreign policy making. Watch to learn about Elenore’s experience so far [here](#).
- [George Lamb](#) (Liverpool John Moores University) is going to visit UCD in autumn 2018 to continue his research on British and EU perspectives on the EU’s common foreign and security policy (CFSP) 2010-2016 and the implications of Brexit.
- [Irena Kalhousova](#) (LSE) is going to intensify her research about the Central European Visegrad countries (the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia) and their relations towards Israel at the EUI in summer 2018.
- [Irina Petrova](#) (KU Leuven) has been visiting the University of Kent in late spring 2018 to work on her project about Contestation between the EU and Russia in their shared neighbourhood. You can read more about Irina’s project [here](#).

Resources

[Does European Union studies have a gender problem? Experiences from researching Brexit](#) — Roberta Guerrina, Toni Haastrup, Katharine A.M. Wright, Annick Masselot, Heather MacRae & Rosalind Cavaghan (*International Feminist Journal of Politics*, Volume 20, 2018 - Issue 2)

New UACES Podcasts:

- [Brexit and Brussels: The Changing Relationship Between the UK and the EU](#)
- [Where Now for European Studies?](#) (UACES, IACES & EUSA Chairs in discussion)
- [Expert on Europe | Heidi Maurer on diplomacy, Austria, gender, project-based learning & PhD tips](#)



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