



2012 European Voice EU Studies Fair

At this event on 11 February, UACES presented a seminar to prospective Masters students entitled 'What is European Studies?'. Thank you to Stijn BILLIET (left), Tom CASIER (above), David GALBREATH and Cristian NITOIU who spoke on behalf of UACES. A podcast of the session will be available soon.

Further information: www.uaces.org/7107

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Marking the 50th Anniversary of the JCMS

Michelle Cini and Amy Verdun, JCMS Editors

In March 2012 JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies celebrates its 50th anniversary. The editors of JCMS have chosen various ways in which to mark this occasion.

The editors are excited to announce that Jacques Delors has agreed to give a special commemorative Annual Lecture on economic governance. This will take place on Monday 16 April 2012 in Paris and will subsequently be published in JCMS. We will be providing more information on this event soon.

JCMS has a commemorative special issue of JCMS coming out in March, edited by Walter Mattli and Alec Stone-Sweet, and are also holding a competition to identify, by popular vote (supported by a committee of three experts in the field), the leading article in each of the five decades of JCMS's existence.

Later in the year, in early September, there will be a panel at the UACES annual conference in Passau, Germany, which will bring together former editors of the journal to reflect on JCMS, Europe and their experience as editors. The editors are preparing some visuals (posters) that show developments in JCMS publishing over the past decades. These will be displayed at leading conferences over the course of 2012.

Last but not least, readers of JCMS will notice that the 2012 issue has a different look and feel from the earlier print version. The editors and Wiley-Blackwell timed this redesign of the journal to coincide with 50th anniversary celebrations. This year alone the journal will have a 'golden' look.

Old Borders - New Frontiers

UACES 42nd European Studies Conference



Passau, Germany

3-5 September 2012

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The New Euroscepticism: Sources, Patterns and Implications

Brussels, 8 December 2011

Simon Usherwood, University of Surrey

Coming at the start of the December 2011 European Council where many of the tensions within the European Union were so frankly exposed, the presentation on 'The New Euroscepticism' was particularly pertinent and topical.

Dr Usherwood talked about how euroscepticism has become an embedded and persistent part of the European integration process and the need for practitioners to engage with the critiques that such individuals and groups offer. In particular, there was a suggestion that the 'Brussels bubble' was rather isolated from public debates, particularly where views did not coincide with the dominant discourse. While sceptics do not offer an answer to the travails of the EU, in part because they are so heterogeneous, they do pose questions on democracy, legitimacy and policy that speak to the heart of the integration process. If the Union is to survive in the medium-term, then it needs to make the effort to listen to, and speak with, those sceptical elements that have become ever more noticeable in the post-Maastricht era.

With an audience of over 50 representatives from European institutions, think tanks and pressure groups, there was a lively debate about how this might work and the on-going problems of developing the EU's agenda in democratisation and constitutionalisation. The event suggested that there was a need for a new European debate at a time when the European Union has been struggling to demonstrate their relevance to citizens' lives. Far from being an issue that only affects the 'usual suspects', such as the UK, there was an understanding that this was a pan-European question. This can not be resolved overnight, but will require a concerted programme by both European and national bodies to support a more developed public debate, information that is seen as unbiased and a willingness to accept that the outcomes might not be what are anticipated.

The coincidence of the seminar's timing with the European Council, literally down the road, and all its difficulties in finding consensual solutions, pointed very much to the rise of discourses about 'national interests' and the contingency of the whole integration process. This latter point was one covered in the seminar and reflected the way in which the way in which scepticism (in its most general sense) has had a corrosive effect on the structures of European governance. Ignoring or marginalising critical discourses has not been a success and has indeed only served to help normalise them as part of the landscape of debate. At a critical juncture in the Union's development, Polish Foreign Minister Radek Sikorski's eminently sensible words about resolving the eurozone crisis not coming at the price of European democracy look ever more pertinent than ever.

Further information: www.uaces.org/7106



Chair's Column

Richard Whitman, University of Bath



2012 will be a year of new experiences and opportunities for UACES and its members. I am delighted that Dr Helen Drake of Loughborough University will succeed me as the new UACES chair at our annual conference in Passau.

Our Association will be very well led with Helen at the helm for the next three years – I wish her the very best in her term of office.

Change is also afoot at the European Parliament Office in the UK from where UACES patron, Dr Michael Shackleton, has recently retired. During his time as Head of the UK Office, Michael has keenly supported UACES events, particularly those run by the UACES Student Forum. His enthusiasm and wealth of experience have been passed onto many attendees of Student Forum events. On behalf of UACES, I would like to thank him for his invaluable help over the last few years and wish him well in his role as Special Professor of European Institutions at Maastricht University.

The UACES 42nd Annual conference will be our first in Bavaria and looks set to be a great success judging by the number of paper and panel proposals received. The proposals span a variety of disciplines and the applicants range from new generation scholars through to the more seasoned academics and practitioners. Paper and panel proposals are at the same level as the previous two years, both of which attracted a record number of applications. The UACES-funded Collaborative Research Networks (CRNs) are well-represented within these proposals, illustrating 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 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 for monographs and multi-authored research volumes but is not open to edited works. The thesis prize will also be awarded in Passau for the PhD thesis that has made the most substantial and original contribution to knowledge in the area of European Studies. 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 amount of high quality research and writing. The deadline for nominations is at the end of March.

We look forward to your nominations for the book and thesis prize - and I look forward to seeing you in Passau where the prizes will be awarded.

The Evolution of International Norms and 'Norm Entrepreneurship'

Oxford, 11 January 2012

Gwendolyn Sasse, University of Oxford



Anne Deighton

This one-day workshop, co-organised by Prof Anne Deighton and Dr Gwendolyn Sasse and held at Wolfson College, University of Oxford, brought together social scientists, lawyers and historians with officials from the Council of Europe, the EU and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The emphasis on the Council of Europe, the arguably less visible actor in Europe's dense institutional environment, made for a concrete starting point to the discussion of the evolution of international norms and the idea of 'norm entrepreneurship'. Among the key questions considered were the following: How do norms come onto the international political agenda? How are they turned into political or legal instruments? Who are the norm 'entrepreneurs' in particular

issue areas, and how do they operate? Why do member states of the Council of Europe risk becoming entangled in an international normative and legal discourse about specific extensions of Europe's human rights agenda that their governments may try to avoid 'at home'?

The latter is part of what former Council of Europe Secretary General Terry Davis, who gave the concluding speech at the workshop, has referred to as 'the best kept secret in Europe'. The workshop participants engaged critically with the concept of 'norm entrepreneurship' which highlights the role of agency and points to the dynamic, non-linear and open-ended nature of a norm's development.



Terry Davis

In addition to different historical periods and specific examples of norm entrepreneurship in the Council of Europe, comparative examples from the EU and the UN were discussed. The workshop was generously sponsored by the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford; UACES, Wolfson College and its Foundation for Law, Justice and Society and the Oxford-Sciences Po Research Group.



From left to right: Michele Comelli, Michael Emerson, Zaki Laïdi, Giselle Bosse, Ian Manners

Re-evaluating the EU's Engagement with Authoritarian Regimes

Brussels, 1-2 December 2011

Giselle Bosse, Maastricht University

The topic of the conference was inspired by the popular uprisings against authoritarian rule in the Middle East and North Africa throughout 2011, which raised serious questions about the goals and logic of the EU's engagement with authoritarian regimes. The aim of the conference, which was organised by Maastricht University, the Trans-European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) and the Institut für Europäische Politik Berlin (IEP) was to bring together young and senior academics, and high-profile policy-makers to discuss past and present EU policy towards authoritarian regimes in the EU's southern and eastern neighbourhoods, and deliberate on the options for future EU democracy promotion in authoritarian regimes.

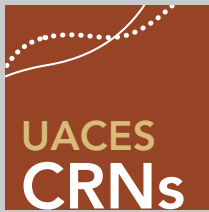
The contributions to the workshop presented innovative pathways to research EU relations with authoritarian regimes beyond the conventional focus on the EU as a 'normative' versus a 'strategic' power. Very detailed empirical research and political practice suggest that EU policy-makers face far more difficult choices, but also that the EU's policy towards authoritarian rule has become increasingly pragmatic, often blurring the line between 'critical engagement' and a partnership sustaining dictatorship.

One of the highlights of the conference was the lively dinner debate with Polish MEP Jacek Saryusz-Wolski and His Excellency Roland Schäfer, Deputy Head, Permanent Representation of Federal Republic of Germany to the EU, who reminded the audience that political prudence and passion still exist, co-exist and ought to play a role in EU policy, especially taking into account the expectations and future of the many young people in the EU's closer neighbourhood.

The conference involved 26 speakers from across the EU and neighbouring countries, and over 80 participants, many from EU institutions, think tanks and NGOs in Brussels. The conference was generously sponsored by UACES, the European Commission Europe for Citizens Programme, the Universiteitsfonds Limburg/SWOL, the Otto Wolff - Stiftung, and the Permanent Representation of Poland to the European Union/The Polish Presidency, and hosted by the Brussels Campus of Maastricht University. The organisers would like to thank the sponsors for their kind support. The contributions to the round-table conference will be published in a special issue of a leading journal in due course.

Policy Briefs produced for the conference are available online.

Further information: www.uaces.org/7102



UACES supports eight Collaborative Research Networks. Presented here are reports from two which have recently held events.

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Prospects for a Strategic Partnership: relations between the EU and Russia

Brussels, 22 November 2011

Derek Averre, University of Birmingham



Sergei Kopyrkin (right), speaking at the second EU–Russia Conference

The conference was convened by the EU-Russia CRN (convened by Jackie Gower, Graham Timmins and Derek Averre), working in collaboration with the Czech Association for International Affairs (Maria Staszkiwicz and Jakub Kulhanek) and the EU-Russia Centre in Brussels (Fraser Cameron) and brought together leading policy practitioners and experts to focus on the prospects for a new strategic partnership between the EU and Russia.

The conference, which attracted around 80 participants in total, explored concrete steps which the Russian and European policy communities might take in order to build a more durable and meaningful partnership. Keynote speakers were Mr Sergei Kopyrkin, Deputy Permanent Representative of Russian Federation to the EU, Gunnar Wiegand, Director for Russia, the Eastern Partnership and Central Asia in the European External Action Service; and the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the EU, Her Excellency Milena Vicenova. Among the other participants were Mr Hannes Swoboda, AFET Rapporteur for the new EU–Russia Agreement in the European Parliament, and Mr Vladislav Maslennikov, Deputy Director of the Department of European Cooperation at the Russian Federation Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The principal outputs from the conference are a report and executive summary, disseminated via the organisers' networks to the policy and academic communities and available on the CRN website. The conference was generously funded by the Czech Association for International Affairs, the EU-Russia Centre in Brussels, the UACES EU-Russia Collaborative Research Network and the University of Birmingham (School of Government & Society).

Further information: www.eu-russia.eu

Euroscepticism: Beyond the Party System and into Civil Society

Loughborough, 5 November 2011

Simona Guerra, Loughborough University

The workshop opened with the current research of some of the network members, discussed the agenda of the sub-group on civil society and closed with a keynote speech by Professor Cees van der Eijk.

The CRN addresses two main questions:

1. Has Euroscepticism become an embedded part of the integration process?
2. Is the label 'Euroscepticism' still appropriate for providing a conceptual framework for the phenomenon, or has it rather become part of the problem in understanding the complexity of the situation?

This workshop examined Euroscepticism and how it is framed into a national discourse with two empirical case studies and into civil society. After Maastricht, EU politics is no longer an elite-driven process, and the role of public opinion is a determinant in shaping its agenda. Mass attitudes have become part of the process of European integration and the EU has responded with an increasing dialogue with civil society. A key theme that emerged from recent debates was that the concept of Euroscepticism needs to be challenged and refined to take into account the multi-varied contestation at the EU level that has developed in the current climate of the European integration process.



Workshop participants

The aim of the CRN is to expand our understanding of the term Euroscepticism so that the complexity and diversity of opposition to European integration is fully reflected. The sub-group will address the following question: Where do opportunities for civil societies emerge? (i.e. lack of political leadership; lack of debate; failure of the representative system to represent issues and interests; frustration against international constraints).

Further information: www.uaces.org/euroscepticism

ideas on europe

Informed Analysis, Comment and Debate

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The blurring of journalism and blogging has had an impact on academia. Blogs, op-eds and journalistic essays have become an integral part of the daily intellectual debate for many researchers. Of course, writing for the public is different from writing for academic journals. It is, however, a great way to network with others, debate ideas and influence the current policy debate. The blogs of academics

such as Stephen Walt, Daniel W. Drezner or Paul Krugman are examples of how to use online tools to shape the public debate.

Europe is at a crossroads and we at UACES have the responsibility to explain what is happening and develop ideas on how to overcome the current crisis. With this in mind, we have re-launched *Ideas on Europe* in order to provide a platform for UACES members to share ideas and have an impact on the wider public debate on the future of Europe and the politics of the European Union. We've improved not only the design but also added new functionality. For example, there are new possibilities available for research networks and departments to write for a global audience.

Get in touch now to be part of the new www.ideason europe.eu.

So, what are Ideas on Europe contributors and commentators debating and discussing?

George Kyris

georgekyris.ideason europe.eu

Empty Rhetoric: EU Presidency and the Cyprus Problem

"Recently, political elites and analysts project Cyprus upcoming EU presidency as a deadline (and catalyst) for the resolution of the Cyprus problem, the dispute between Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriots on the fate of their island. In reality, this is nothing more than empty rhetoric and the EU remains powerless in affecting the resolution of the dispute."

Full article: www.uaces.org/7108

European Geostrategy

europeangeostrategy.ideason europe.eu

Britain will never accept German leadership

"Why won't the United Kingdom accept German leadership of the European Union? What will Britain do to prevent German primacy? What might the implications be? And how can Britain contribute to a stronger Europe?"

Full article: www.uaces.org/7109

Miguel Otero-Iglesias

ESSCA, Angers

The Euro Marriage

"The creation of the euro is an epoch-making event. For the first time in history independent nation-states have decided to merge their monetary sovereignties in a single currency. From the start, however, the project has been based on a marriage between France and Germany. France has always been the weaker partner in the relationship."

Full article: www.uaces.org/7110



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Beijing, 5-6 March 2012

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London, 8 March 2012

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Cambridge, 15-16 March 2012

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Birmingham, 26-28 March 2012

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Europeanization: Do We Still Miss the Big Picture?

Brussels, 29-30 March 2012

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New challenges for the EU Internal Security Strategy

Dundee, 30 March 2012

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Washington DC, 10 April 2012

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Cambridge, 11-12 April 2012

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The European-Atlantic Movement Study Tour to Brussels

Brussels, Belgium

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Widening and Deepening of European Integration: Challenges and Strategic Choices facing the EU

Halifax, 11-13 April 2012

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are listed at:

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Comparing and contrasting 'Europeanization':

Athens, 14 May 2012

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Reporting Europe Prize - Award Ceremony

London, 24 May 2012

www.reportingeurope.eu

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**Rethinking the Grand Strategy of the
European Union**

Loughborough, 25-26 May 2012

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EU External Relations Law and Policy in the Post-Lisbon Era

Paul James Cardwell (ed)

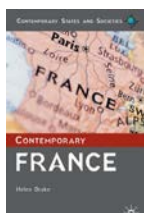
TMC Asser Press
ISBN: 978-9067048224
GBP: 126.00



Contemporary France

Helen Drake

Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN: 978-0333792445
GBP: 21.99



The European Minority Rights Regime: Towards a Theory of Regime Effectiveness

David Galbreath & Joanne McEvoy

Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN: 978-0230236462
GBP: 57.50

UACES Best Book Prize
Did you have a book published in 2011?

Nominations are currently being sought for the Best Book of 2011 in the area of contemporary European studies.

Nomination Deadline: 31 March 2012

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The European Union and its Eastern Neighbours: Towards a More Ambitious Partnership?

Elena Korosteleva

Routledge
ISBN: 978-0415612616
GBP: 85.00



Development Policy of the EU

Martin Holland & Mathew Doidge

Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN: 978-0230019904
GBP: 26.99



European Energy Policy: An Environmental Approach

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Edward Elgar
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GBP: 58.50

The Political Economy of Europe's Incomplete Single Market

David Howarth & Tal Sadeh (eds)

Routledge
ISBN: 978-0415677684
GBP: 85.00



The Evolving EU Counter-terrorism Legal Framework

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Cambridge University Press
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Doing Business in Europe

Gabriele Suder

Sage
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GBP: 32.99



The Security Governance of Regional Organizations

Emil Kirchner & Roberto Dominguez (eds)

Routledge
ISBN: 978-0415782357
GBP: 26.99



Readjusting the Council Presidency: Belgian Leadership in the EU

Steven Van Hecke & Peter Bursens (eds)

ASP (Academic & Scientific Publishers)
ISBN: 978-9054878520
EUR: 26.95

UACES Scholars 2012

UACES would like to congratulate the successful students who will be receiving UACES Scholarships this year.



Einion DAFYDD

Dept of International Politics, University of Aberystwyth

How does the relationship between Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) and their domestic political parties influence the way MEPs carry out representation?



Claire BULLEN

Research Institute for Cosmopolitan Cultures, University of Manchester

Everyday cosmopolitanism in Liverpool and Marseilles? Developing a comparative framework of inter-ethnic relations and cultural policies at the city-level



Moritz LIEBE

Dept of Politics & International Relations, University of Edinburgh

Public-Private Partnerships in the European Union: Understanding the emergence and promotion of an infrastructure policy



Gareth PRICE-THOMAS

School of Social Sciences, University of Manchester

Western European Green party responses to the financial crisis

New Members Elected

UACES is pleased to welcome two new members to the Student Forum committee. They replace outgoing committee members Simon Orth and Tomas Maltby.



Lara KENNEDY, Cardiff School of European Studies, Cardiff University. Lara is a first year Political Philosophy PhD student. As part of the Student Forum Committee, she hopes to organize future networking events and increase the accessibility of journal publication for PhD students.



Lena SUCKER, Dept of Politics, History and International Relations, Loughborough University. Lena is in the second year of her PhD looking at 'Pan-European epistemic security cooperation'. She hopes to provide PhD students with a strong voice within UACES and promote their needs at the start of their professional career.

UACES Best PhD Prize

Did you complete your thesis in 2011?

Nominations are currently being sought for the Best PhD Thesis of 2011 in the area of contemporary European studies.

There is a modest cash prize and the winner will be invited to receive their award at our annual conference in Passau in September.

Nomination Deadline: **31 March 2012**

Further information, including eligibility requirements and how to enter, can be found on our website.

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NEWS...

Appointments

Paul James CARDWELL has been promoted to Reader in EU External Relations Law and Director of the Sheffield Centre for International and European Law.

Sara HOBOLT has been appointed the first Sutherland Chair in European Institutions at the London School of Economics & Political Science.

Björn KJELLSTRÖM has been appointed as the new Head of the European Parliament Office in the UK following the retirement of Michael SHACKLETON.

EU contribution to the modernisation of higher education in Europe

Read what Anne CORBETT, UACES member, and others had to say to the House of Lords EU Sub-Committee G – Social Policies and Consumer Protection, on the Bologna Process and higher education as part of the EU 2020 strategy. The committee is due to report in the spring before the next meeting of Bologna ministers of higher education (Bucharest April 17-18).

Further information: www.uaces.org/7101

PSA Awards 2011

William PATERSON (Aston University) received a Special Recognition Award from the Political Studies Association for 'ground breaking work on German politics, British-German relations and European integration'. Professor Paterson has previously received the UACES lifetime achievement award (in 2007) and a lifetime achievement award from the International Association for the Study of German Politics (in 2004).



New UACES Chair

The UACES elections are underway with two places on the UACES Committee being contested; the deadline to vote is Monday 16 April 2012. As the only candidate for UACES Chair, Helen DRAKE (Loughborough University) will be taking the helm from September onwards.

European Research Council grants

The ERC offer grants to support individual researchers who wish to pursue frontier research. In particular, they encourage proposals that cross disciplinary boundaries, pioneering ideas that address new and emerging fields and applications that introduce unconventional, innovative approaches.

UACES member Anneli ALBI (University of Kent) has been awarded 1.2 million euros by the European Research Council for a five-year research project entitled 'The Role and Future of National Constitutions in European and Global Governance'.

Further information: www.uaces.org/7104



THESEUS Awards 2011

Clara PORTELA, Singapore Management University (second from left), has won the Award for Promising Research on European Integration for her PhD thesis 'The Efficacy of Sanctions of the European Union' and Beate KOHLER KOCH, Universität Mannheim (second from right), won the Award for Outstanding Research. Prof Dr Kohler Koch has previously received the UACES lifetime achievement award (in 2009).

New Year Honours 2012

UACES Patron, Paul ADAMSON has been awarded an OBE for services to promoting the European Union.

JCER Special Issue

Recently published and available online is the special issue, 'Developments in European Security' edited by Maria O'NEILL, Sarah LÉONARD and Christian KAUNERT.

Further information: www.jcer.net

JCMS EU Presidencies Virtual Issue

Originally published in the JCMS Annual Review of the European Union, now in one place and available as free downloads. The articles not only chart the priorities, preferences, achievements and failures of the respective holders of the EU rotating presidency, but offer an insight into the changing nature of the role.

Further information: www.uaces.org/7105

JCMS Special Issue

'Regional Integration and the Evolution of the European Polity: On the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Journal of Common Market Studies', guest edited by Walter MATTLI and Alec STONE SWEET.

Further information: www.uaces.org/7111

Surviving the Age of Austerity

Sir Stephen Wall



A cartoon shows two men buried up to their necks. One says to the other "I don't know what it is but I do know we are deep in it". We do and we are.

I felt it even more so after an away-day presentation on the British economy by a leading financial think-tank. We might just be emerging from the economic mire in twenty years or so which, by my amateur actuarial calculations, is about the moment when I shall be due to shuffle off this mortal coil, barring the earlier intervention of the proverbial, or metaphorical, bus.

A friend with young children expects them, as adults, to be gawping in peasant-like awe at the splendid shop windows in the capital cities of countries which most of us today would be hard pressed to pinpoint on a map. In much of Europe, at the same time, we shall be visited, not for our prosperity, but for our abiding hold on the picturesque.

Yet decline is both tolerable and tolerated because it is generally gradual, relative and inconsistent. Few of us today enjoy the leisured prosperity of a 'gentleman' in a Trollope novel. Yet one of Trollope's heroes is engaged to be married in the autumn, and dead before the spring. Would he and his bride not have exchanged their prosperous leisure for a cure for the consumption that carried him away? How much more so the parents of those Victorian infants whose names adorn the gravestones of so many English churchyards? Rich or poor, we do not fear cholera or tuberculosis or smallpox as our forebears did. My friend's children will benefit from even greater advances, whether they are invented in Europe or India or Central Asia.

Victorian prosperity was built in a century in which most British citizens enjoyed peace, something most of us post-war babies have enjoyed as well. But they did not all enjoy plenty. In search of the country of Curtis Sittenfeld's compelling novel, *American Wife*, I spent two September days in Madison, Wisconsin. In the Madison museum, an 1860s railway timetable is written in German, the language of many of the immigrants. They came to fertile Wisconsin from European countries as far north as Finland and as far south as Italy. They left their homes, many of them, because they were starving.

Our peace and our prosperity owe much to the creation, and continued success, of the European Union. It has thrived in times of plenty. Can it now survive in an age of austerity? If we hang together as fellow-Europeans we may come through. But if we do not hang together we shall, as they say, surely hang separately.

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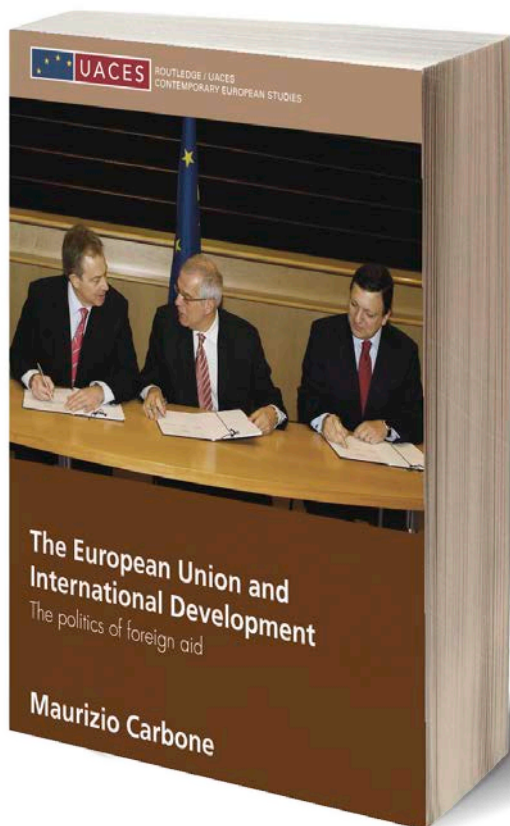
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