



The Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

Annual Review of Activities, 2013-14

June 2014

1. Introduction

The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence was created in 2003 with the financial support of the European Commission under its [Jean Monnet Action](#) and co-funded by the University of Manchester.

At the end of a three-year funding period its focus was broadened away from its initial concern with the European Union to European Studies more generally. At the same time the JMCE became more broadly based with partners from the University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University and the University of Salford.

The JMCE aims to provide a platform for European Studies-related activities and research in Greater Manchester and the North West of England. The Centre aims to strengthen the intellectual community in European Studies, while also facilitating local, regional and international links with practitioners, researchers, students and others interested in European affairs.

JMCE Centre relies on subscriptions from its principal stakeholders for its operation and is grateful for their continuing support.

The following pages report specifically on the structure and achievements of the Centre during the academic year 2013-14.

Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou

Director of the Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence



2. Stakeholders

The Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence showcases European expertise across the three main Universities of the city. Its principal stakeholders are:

- **The University of Manchester**
 - School of Arts, Languages and Cultures
 - School of Social Sciences
 - School of Law
 - Manchester Business School
- **The University of Salford**
- **Manchester Metropolitan University**

3. Governance

The JMCE is governed by a Steering Committee, meeting at least twice a year in order to set approve the budget and set the priorities of the Centre.

The Director of the JMCE is Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou (UoM, SoSS)

The JMCE's administrator (p/t) is Fiona Daniel (UoM, SALC).

The members of the JMCE's Steering Committee are:

- Dr Kate Barker (UoM, MBS)
- Dr Christina Chiva (SHLSS, UoS)
- Dr. Tilman Frasch (History, MMU)
- Prof. Matthew Jefferies (SALC, UoM)
- Dr Liza Lovdahl Gormsen (Law, UoM)
- Marius Guderjan (MMU, student rep)
- Dr Filippo Nereo (HEA)
- Dr. Gabriel Siles-Brugge (SoSS, UoM)
- Tom Matby (UoM, student rep)
- Russell Yates (Centre for Enterprise, MMU)

4. Activities

The JMCE supports five types of activities:

1. On the basis of competitive bidding from members of its stakeholding Schools/Universities, the JMCE funds:
 - Conferences/workshops on 'Europe', broadly defined
 - Teaching and Learning activities on 'Europe', broadly defined
 - PhD bursaries for short research visits to Europe
2. A regular JMCE seminar series (centrally organised) on topics relating to Europe from all disciplinary perspectives.
3. A high profile Annual Lecture and Special Lectures delivered by major European public figures and/or academics.
4. An annual Graduate Conference in order to foster a vibrant doctoral community within the three participating universities.
5. Active involvement in public debates about Europe

6. Review of Activities, 2013-14

6.1 JMCE-funded Bids

Conferences/workshops

- *Moses Gaster (1856-1939): Eclectic Collector*
(Maria Haralambakis, SALC, UoM)
- *Retail and Media Markets*
(Mario Pezzino and Carlo Regiani, SoSS, UoM)
- *The European Union: a Cyber-Security Actor*
(Emmanuel-Pierre Guittet, SoSS, UoM)
- *Towards a Criminology of Mass Violence and the Corpse*
(Jon Shute, SoL, UoM)
- *Europe on the Move: the Great War and its Refugees, 1914-1918*
(Peter Gatrell, SALC, UoM)
- *Remembering Conflict and Trauma: Social and Cultural Dimensions of the First World War in Global Perspective*
(Pierre Fuller, SALC, UoM)

Teaching and Learning Activities

- *The Bilingual Café at MMU*
Benedicte Brahic (Department of Sociology, MMU)
- *Feminist Mobilizations in Response to the European Crisis: A Roundtable of Activists and Academics*
Adrienne Roberts, (SoSS, UoM)

PhD Bursaries

- Hannah C. Wadle (The University of Manchester)
- Sebastian Juhnke (The University of Manchester)
- Jon Las Heras (The University of Manchester)
- Aurelia Dercaci (European University Institute)
- Jamie Halliwell (MMU)

6.2 JMCE Seminar Series

- Wednesday 2 October 2013, 14:00 @ University Place 4.213
Dr Greig Charnock and Dr Tom Purcell
(University of Manchester and Universitat Oberta de Catalunya),
Title: The Limits to Capital in Spain
- Wednesday 30 October 2013, 14:00 @ University Place 3.213
Professor Brigitte Young (University of Münster),
Title: The Battle of Ideas in the Eurozone Crisis Management: German Ordoliberalism vs. Post-Keynesianism
- Wednesday 13 November 2013, 14:00 @ University Place 3.213
Dr Bob Hancké (London School of Economics)
Title: Comparative Institutional Advantage in the European Sovereign Debt Crisis
- Wednesday 27 November 2013, 14:00 @ TBA
Speaker: Professor Justin Greenwood (Robert Gordon University)
Title: Participation, Representation and Interest Mediation in the EU
- Wednesday 11 December 2013, 14:00 @ TBA
Speaker: Dr Georgios Karyotis (University of Glasgow)
Title: The Drivers of Anti-Austerity Protest in Greece
- Wednesday 12 February 2014, 14:00 @ Roscoe 1.001
Speaker: Professor Tony Heron (University of York)
Title: Europe and the Global South in retrospect and prospect
- Wednesday 19 February 2014, 14:00 @ University Place 6.210
Speaker: Dr Dimitris Bouris (College of Europe)
Title: The European Union and Occupied Palestinian Territories: state-building without a state
- Wednesday 5 March 2014, 15:30 @ University Place 3.213
Speaker: Professor Lucia Quaglia (University of York)
Title: The Politics of Transatlantic Regulatory Disputes in Finance Before and After the Global Financial Crisis
- Wednesday 19 March 2014, 14:00 @ University Place 6.210
Speaker: Dr Christopher Kitchen (University of Sheffield)
Title: An 'Iraq Syndrome' in UK Foreign Policy? Libya, Syria and Britain's Continued Enthusiasm for Intervention
- Wednesday 2 April 2014, 14:00 @ University Place 6.210
Speaker: Professor Ian Bache (University of Sheffield)
Title: The Politics of Wellbeing
- Wednesday 30 April 2014, 14:00 @ University Place 6.210
Speaker: Professor Richard Whitman (University of Kent)
Title: Going Global or Staying Local? The European Union as a Global Security Actor



Dr. Bob Hanke (LSE) at the JMCE Seminar

6.3 Annual Lectures and Special Lectures

JMCE Annual Lecture 2013



Former Greek PM George Papandreou with JMCE Director Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou and Prof. Kenneth Dyson

George A. Papandreou

Former Prime Minister of Greece and President of the Socialist International

“The Eurozone crisis and the role of progressive politics in resolving it”

Wednesday 11 December, 17:00-18:30, Crawford House Th. 1, University of Manchester

JMCE Annual Lecture 2014

Guy Verhofstadt

Former Prime Minister of Belgium, ALDE (Liberal) Candidate for the Presidency of the European Commission

“Challenges for Europe”

Friday 21 March, 14:00-16:00, University Place, Room 1.219, University of Manchester



Former Belgian PM Guy Verhofstadt with JMCE Director Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou

JMCE Special Lecture 2014



Former Greek Costas Simitis with JMCE Director Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou

Costas Simitis

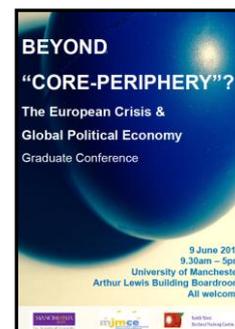
Former Prime Minister of Greece

“Where next for the Eurozone? A new European policy is necessary”

Wednesday 14 May, 15:00-16:30, Sam. Alex. Bld., Arts Theatre

6.4 JMCE Graduate Conference

On 9 June 2014 JMCE held its Graduate Conference *Beyond Core-Periphery? The European crisis and Global Political Economy*. The day-long conference included three panel sessions and a roundtable discussion. For more information visit: <http://www.manchesterjmce.ac.uk/category/phd-activities/>



JMCE Graduate Conference Poster

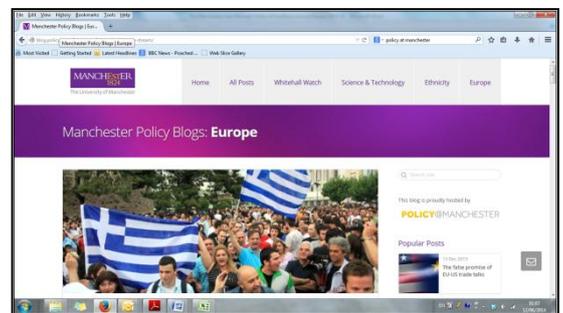
6.5. The JMCE in Public Debate



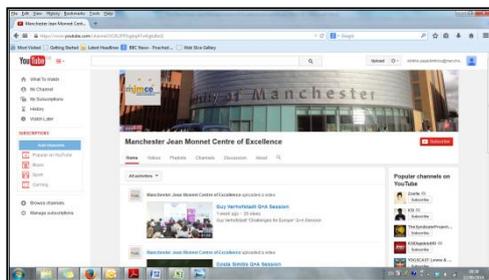
The new JMCE website, launched in early 2014

The JMCE has launched a brand new website this year, offering visitors a much better browsing experience and access to a much wider range of material.

A new collaboration between the JMCE and Policy@Manchester. A dedicated blog stream on Europe was launched in Spring 2014 attracting quality submissions and significant readership.



The new dedicated blog on Europe



The new JMCE uTube channel

The JMCE has launched its own uTube channel! Visitors can get full access to our Annual and Special Lectures.

Our Facebook page is updated regularly to inform friends of the JMCE of our latest activities. The Centre also has its own tweet feed. Join us!



The JMCE Facebook page