



The Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

Annual Review of Activities, 2016-17

June 2017

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 other local organisations.

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 2016-17.

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 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
 - Alliance Manchester Business School
- **Manchester Metropolitan University**
 - Centre for Enterprise
 - Department of History, Politics and Philosophy

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 Abigail Saffer (UoM, SALC)

The members of the JMCE's Steering Committee are:

- Dr. Dimitrios Doukas (Law, UoM)
- Fadil Ersozer (Administrator, Manchester Europe Direct Information Centre)
- Dr. Tilman Frasch (HPP, MMU)
- Prof. Matthew Jefferies (substituted by Dr. Christian Goeschel) (SALC, UoM)
- Ewan Munro (Student rep)
- Dr. Jenny Rodriguez (UoM, AMBS)
- Dr. Kathryn Simpson (HPP, MMU)
- Dr. Paul Tobin (SoSS, UoM)
- Russell Yates (Centre for Enterprise, MMU)

4. Review of Activities, 2016-17

4.1. JMCE-funded Bids

Conferences/workshops

- Picture and Conflicts
Prof. Jim Aulich; Dr. Simon Faulkner; Ms. Mary Ikoniadou (Manchester School of Art, MMU)
- Revisiting the Democratic Governance Theory 25 Years Later
Dr. Antal Berkes (Manchester International Law Centre, School of Law, UoM)
- Europe in the Age of Crisis: analyzing the socio-economic dimensions of peacebuilding
Dr. Birte Vogel (HCRI, SALC, UoM)
- EU-Ukraine Quo Vadis
Dr. Olga Onuch (SoSS, UoM)
- Brexit, Regulation and Society
Dr. Dimitrios Doukas (School of Law, UoM)



Another successful JMCE-funded event

Teaching and Learning Activities

- The First European Community? Printers and readers in Early Modern Europe
Dr. Rosamund Oates (HPP, MMU)

PhD Bursaries

- Sara Li-Chou Han (Manchester Fashion Institute, MMU)
- Guilherme Fians (SoSS, UoM)
- Fadil Ersozer (SoSS, UoM)

4.2. JMCE Seminar Series

Semester I

- Wednesday 5 October 2016, 14:00 @ University Place 3.209
Speaker: Dr. Silke Trommer (University of Manchester)
Title: Burn the Bills: Irish Responses to Austerity in Social Context
- Wednesday 19 October 2016, 14:00 @ Simon 5.08
Speaker: Daniel Šitera (Leipzig University/Charles University in Prague)
Title: Is the EU Cohesion Policy failing East-Central European countries?
- Wednesday 26 October 2016, 14:00 @ University Place 3.212
Speaker: Aron Bakos (Babeş-Bolyai University)
Title: Autobiographical and Oral Ethnographical Narratives of War
- Monday 14 November 2016, 15:00 @ University Place 3.212
Speaker: Prof. David Phinnemore (Queens University Belfast)
Title: Negotiating Brexit: The Challenges, Options and Constraints facing the UK Government
- Wednesday 14 December 2016, 14:00 @ University Place 4.214
Speaker: Dr. Julian Patrick Panke (University of Birmingham)
Title: Europe as Empire



Dr. Silke Trommer at the JMCE

4.2. JMCE Seminar Series (cont')

Semester II

- Wednesday 8 February 2017, 16:15 @ Geoffrey Manton bld. Lecture Th. 5 (MMU campus)
Speaker: Prof Dr Michael Gehler (Institut für Geschichte, Universität Hildesheim)
Title: The European Union: A new post-modern Empire?
- Wednesday 22 February 2017, 14:00 @ Simon_4.47
Speaker: Francie Molloy, MP
Title: Sinn Fein, Northern Ireland and Brexit
- Wednesday 8 March 2017, 14:00 @ Simon_4.47
Speaker: Reetta Toivanen (University of Helsinki)
Title: European fantasy of the Arctic region as a tabula rasa
- Wednesday 22 March 2017, 14:00 @ Simon_4.47
Speaker: Agata Gostyńska-Jakubowska (Centre for European Reform)
Title: Parliamentary Scrutiny of Brexit
- Wednesday 17 May 2017, 14:00 @ Simon_4.47
Speaker: Steven Hurst (formerly of the European Parliament)
Title: *Working with the Conservatives in the European Union: an insider's view*



Agata Gostyńska-Jakubowska of CEP at the JMCE

4.3. The 2017 JMCE Annual Lecture

Prof. Rodney Brazier, MVO, LLD, FRHistS

(Emeritus Professor, University of Manchester)

Brexit: Politics and British Constitutional Law

9 May 2017, 15:00-16:30, Crawford House, Theatre 1



Prof. Brazier and Prof. Papadimitriou at the 2017 JMCE Annual Lecture



For the full video of the event click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJ30sDpdPCw>

For the transcript of the lecture click here:

<http://www.manchesterjmce.ac.uk/lectures/>



A large audience and lively discussion at the 2017 Annual Lecture

4.4. Special Events

Britain after Brexit: political and economic challenges

A special Pankhurst Lecture by the Politics DA and the JMCE

Lord (Peter) Mandelson

(Former Cabinet Minister and European Commissioner for Trade)

4 October 2016, 17:00-18:30

Zochonis Building, Lecture Theatre A1



Lord Mandelson, Prof. Papadimitriou and Prof. Ford

For the full video of this event click here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvOXIEK8f_k



A full house and expert analysis on Brexit

EU Citizens in the Shadow of Brexit: A Panel with Manchester's Mayoral Candidates

9 April 2017, 6pm, UP Lecture Theatre A, UoM

Speakers

- **Sean Anstee** (Conservatives)
- **Jane Brophy** (Lib Dems)
- **Andy Burnham** (Labour)
- **Will Patterson** (Greens)

Moderator

Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou (UoM)

For the full video of this event click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0duX4gcaQVA>



A lively debate on the future of EU national in post-Brexit Manchester

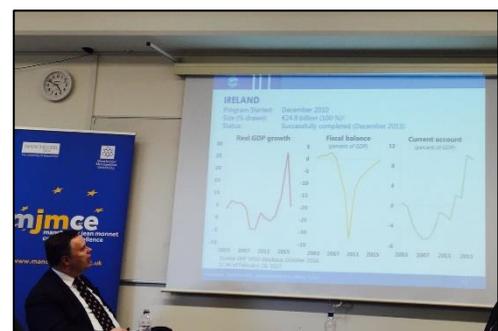


The IMF and the Eurozone Crisis: troublemaker or trouble-shooter?

14 March 2017, 16:00-17:30, University Place, Room 2.218

Dr. Jeffrey Franks

(IMF, Europe Director)



Taking Bailouts. A top IMF official at the JMCE

4.4. Special Events (cont)

Title: Fighting for Europe

A Special Lecture by the JMCE, Manchester for Europe and the European Affairs Society of the UoM

Prof. Anthony Grayling

(Master of the New College of the Humanities, London)

Sunday 12 March, 14:00-15:00, University Place, Theatre B



For the full video of the event click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sTeiniDXFY>



A passionate address by Prof. Grayling to a big audience

4.5. Partnerships

A New European Affairs Society at the University of Manchester

The Manchester JMCE is delighted to announce the creation of a European Affairs Society at the UoM Students Union. The Centre has supported this initiative and has already collaborated with the Society on a number of events.

Follow the Society's Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/UoMEuropeanAffairsSociety/>



Manchester for Europe / Britain For Europe



The Manchester JMCE is collaborating with the Manchester branch of Britain for Europe, seeking to promote a closer relation between the UK and the EU. We have already worked together to organise a number of events in Manchester and the JMCE will be hosting the national meeting of Britain for Europe at the University of Manchester in July 2017.

Follow the Manchester for Europe Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ManchesterforEurope/>

The Three Million

The Manchester JMCE has supported the activities of the 3 Million organisation, seeking to safeguard the rights of EU nationals in the UK.

Follow the 3 Million Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1454925024531154/>

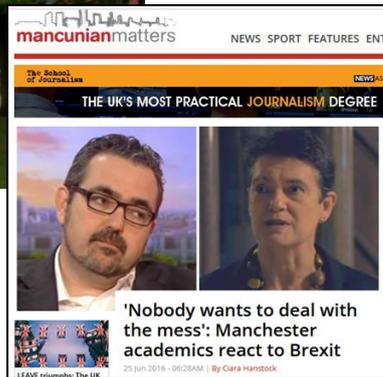


4.6. The JMCE in the News

i. Media Work and Awards



The JMCE Director commenting on Brexit and the UK election to the Finnish national broadcaster, YLE



The JMCE Director, Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou, has made many media appearances on Brexit and the 2017 UK election.

JMCE Board member, Dr. Paul Tobin, was presented with the prestigious Best Lecturer in Humanities award at the University of Manchester and the Best Dissertation Award at UACES.



Recognising Dr. Tobin's research & teaching excellence



Dr. Simpson making sense of Brexit

JMCE Board Member, Dr. Kathryn Simpson, in one of her many appearances over Brexit.

JMCE Board member, Fadil Ersozer, writing in the Guardian on the peace process in Cyprus

For the full article click here:

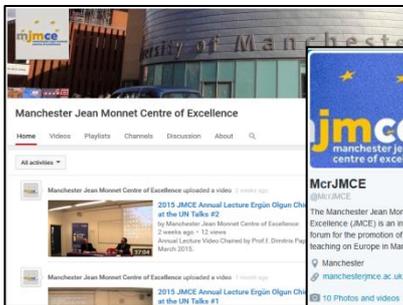
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/feb/08/peace-cyprus-cypriots-conflict-talks>



ii. Web Presence and Social Media

The Manchester JMCE has a new webpage with a more modern interface and is frequently updated and more enriched with media files from the JMCE's activities. So far our dedicated utube channel has received over 5,000 views! Our Facebook and Twitter pages are followed by over 1,000 people. Members of the Manchester JMCE also contribute regularly to the Europe stream of Policy@Manchester, available here:

<http://blog.policy.manchester.ac.uk/category/europe-stream/>



The JMCE Utube channel



The JMCE on Twitter



The JMCE Facebook page



The Blog on Europe at Policy @Manchester

4.7. Europe Direct Manchester



In collaboration with the School of Social Sciences, the Manchester JMCE operates the Europe Direct Information Centre (EDIC) in the Arthur Lewis Building.

EDIC, Manchester acts as an interface between the EU and the people of Greater Manchester. There are 17 Europe Direct information centres in the UK and over 500 across the whole of the EU.

The Europe Direct information network aims to:

- Enable local citizens to obtain information, advice, assistance and answers to questions about the European Union's institutions, legislation, policies, programmes and funding opportunities
- Actively promote local and regional debate about the European Union and its policies
- Allow European institutions to improve the dissemination of information tailored to local & regional needs
- Give the public the opportunity to send feedback to the European Union institutions in the form of questions, opinions and suggestion

For more information visit EDIC, Manchester at: <http://www.manchesterjmce.ac.uk/edicmcr/>

4.8. Forthcoming Events & Diary Dates

- **September 2017:** Watch out for the publication of our regular seminar series
- **October 2017:** First call for JMCE Funding: Workshops, T&L Activities and PhD Bursaries
- **April 2018:** The 2017 JMCE Annual Lecture
- **May 2018:** Second call for JMCE Funding: Workshops, T&L Activities and PhD Bursaries