

The Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

Annual Review of Activities, 2018-19



June 2019

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 2018-19.

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. The Team

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.



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Director (UoM)



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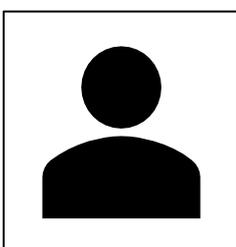
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4. Review of Activities, 2018-19

4.1. JMCE-funded Bids

Conferences/workshops

- Veteran Politics in Europe
Dr Kathryn Hurlock (MMU) &
Dr. Mercedes Peñalba-Sotorrió (MMU)
- Ireland and the EU in a Changing World: Crisis, Populism & Brexit
Dr. Kathryn Simpson (MMU)
- Contested Memories and Contentious Mobilization in New Europe
Dr. Olga Onuch (SoSS, UoM), Craig Proctor (SALC, UoM) & Anna Glew (SALC, UoM)
- Seamless Divisions: An exploration of the Effect and Outcomes of Brexit on the UK-Irish Border
Dr. Laura Coucill (MMU and UoM)
- States, Empires, Global Spaces: Visions of order beyond liberal internationalism
Prof. Stuart Jones (SALC, UoM) & Liam Stowell (SALC, UoM)
- EU Children: Youth, Europe and Culture
Dr Chloé Buckley (MMU) & Dr Eleanor Byrne (MMU)
- National Systems of Economy or European Integration – What can we learn from List for today?
Dr Phil Rössner (SALC, UoM) & Dr Nuno Palma (SoSS, UoM)

**Ireland and the EU in a Changing World:
Brexit, Crisis and Populism**

Date: 12th April 2019
Time: 9.00-15.30
Venue: Manchester Metropolitan University
Business School, All Saints Campus M15 6BH

Future Economies

Brexit fallout: where next for Ireland?

Teaching and Learning Activities

- Character and Citizenship in European Democracy
Dr Keith Crome (MMU) and Yaron Golan (MMU)
- Runcorn: Destination Europe
Dr. Laura Coucill (MMU) and Dr. Luca Csepely-Knorr (MMU)
- Homeownership and intergenerational responsibilities in a European comparative perspective
- Prof. Sue Heath (SoSS, UoM)

PhD Bursaries

- Xuan Zhao (SALC, UoM)
- Aliko Koutlou (SoSS, UoM)
- Yasmin Hussain (MMU)

International Workshop

Social movements and policy outcomes: How right-wing grassroots groups influence foreign policy
8 March 2019
University of Manchester, Conference Room, Ellen Wilkinson Building



Debating right wing Activism in Europe at SALC, UoM

Resurgences of national citizenship in Europe? Brexit and other restrictions

University of Manchester, Room F41, Sackville Street Building, M1 3WE, December 11, 2018

Another successful JMCE-funded event

4.2. JMCE Seminar Series

Semester I

- Wednesday 17 October 2018, 14:00 @ University Place, 6.206
Speaker: Dr. Kathryn Simpson (Manchester Metropolitan University)
Title: Making Sense of Brexit – The Political and Policy Implications for the UK's Devolved Administrations
- Wednesday 7 November 2018, 14:00 @ University Place, 6.206
Speaker: Dr. Rosa Maria Fernandez (University of Chester)
Title: National Interests as Barriers for Sustainable Energy Transitions in Europe
- Wednesday 21 November 2018, 14:00 @ University Place, 6.206
Speaker: Dr. Rachel Minto (University of Cardiff)
Title: Re-wiring European Networks post-Brexit: Continuity and change from a multi-level perspective
- Wednesday 5 December 2018, 14:00 @ University Place, 6.206
Speaker: Dr. Mustafa Kutlay (City University)
Title: Turkey in Turbulent Times: political institutions and economic development



Dr. Minto discussing Brexit



Turkey's troubles, Dr. Kutlay at the JMCE

Semester II

- Wednesday 13 February 2019, 14:00-15:00 @ University Place, 3.213
Speaker: Dr. Kostis Kornetis (University of Oxford)
Title: Memories of Democratic Transitions in Greece and Spain
- Wednesday 27 February 2019, 14:00-15:00 @ University Place, 3.213
Speaker: Prof. Simon Bulmer (University of Sheffield)
Title: Germany and the European Union: a reluctant hegemon?
- Wednesday 13 March 2019, 14:00-15:00 @ University Place, 4.214
Speaker: Dr. Nikos Skoutaris (University of East Anglia)
Title: Differentiated Brexit? Rethinking the position of Scotland and Northern Ireland in the context of the UK's departure from the EU
- Wednesday 27 March 2019, 14:00-15:00 @ University Place, 4.214
Speaker: Dr. Martin Steven (University of Lancaster)
Title: Euro-realism in Party Politics: the rise of the European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) at the European Parliament



Prof. Bulmer on Germany and the EU



Revisiting democratic transitions in Southern Europe with Dr. Kornetis

4.3. The 2019 JMCE Annual Lecture

The Future of Europe: an EU that empowers and protects

5 October 2019, 17:30-19:00, University Place, Theatre A



Mr. Margaritis Schinas

(Chief Spokesperson of the European Commission)

For the full video of this event click here:

<https://youtu.be/GDbXzeW6ca0>

A top Commission official discussing the future of the EU

4.4. Special Events

Brexit and European Citizens Rights: an information evening

2 November, 18:00-19:30, University Place 1.219, UoM

Lord Callanan

(Secretary of State in the Department of DexEU)



Lord Callanan assessing the implications of Brexit



European Parliament Election 2019 Special Debate

16 May 2019, 6:30pm, MMU Business School, Lecture Theatre 3

Speakers:

- Andrea Cooper (MEP Candidate, Change UK)
- Chris Davies (MEP Candidate, Liberal Democrats)
- Gina Dowding (MEP Candidate, Greens)
- Michael James Felse (MEP Candidate, UKIP)
- Sajjad Karim MEP (Conservatives)
- Julie Ward MEP (Labour)

Moderators:

- Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou (UoM)
- Dr. Kathryn Simpson (MMU)
- Dr. Paul Tobin (UoM)



Scrutinising MEP candidates: a heated debate over the future of Brexit



Brexit on the Brink: from uncertainty to cooperation?

30 May 2019, 17:30-19:00, Roscoe Bld, UoM

Speakers:

- Mr. Guillaume Bazard (Consul General of France)
- Dr. Hans-Günter Löffler (Consul General of Germany)
- Ms. Caroline Morgan (Senior Political Analyst, European Commission)

Moderator:

Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou



Top European diplomats reaching out to EU nationals in Manchester

4.5. Post-Graduate Activities, Alliance Manchester Business School

Workshop Series - Postgraduate Researchers' Careers in a Post-Brexit Scenario

A joint initiative of the JMCE and the Work and Equalities Institute (WEI)

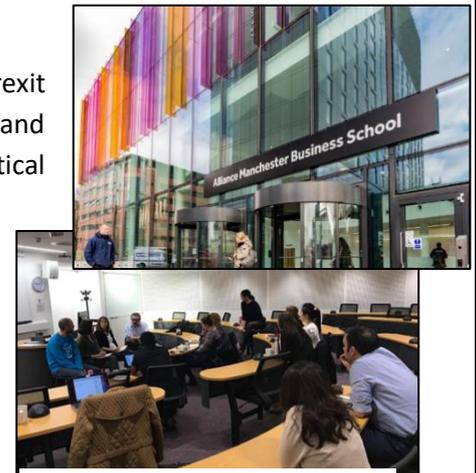
A student-lead series of workshops helping AMBS researchers to navigate the Brexit landscape. Bringing together academics from the UoM, external speakers and practitioners to provide doctoral students and early career researchers with practical advice on career development during times of uncertainty.

- **Publishing an Academic Article (28 February)**

Speakers: Prof. Sharon Clarke, Prof. Debra Howcroft

- **Postgraduate Research Careers in a Post-Brexit Scenario (29 March)**

Speakers: Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou, Dr Mat Johnson, Dr Safak Tartanoglu-Bennett, Dr Gwen Oliver



Expert career advice at the workshop



Writing Funding Applications: post-Brexit developments and changes (31 May)

Speakers: Prof. Miguel Martinez-Lucio, Dr Luke Postlethwaite

- **How to Use Social Media in Academic Research (28 June)**

Speakers: Prof. Melanie Simms, Andrei Rydzkowski

Discussing publication strategies at the AMBS

Doctoral student organisers: Daina Bellido de Luna, Sajia Ferdous, Eva Herman, Kara Ng, Nathaniel Tetteh, Abbi Winton

4.6. New Book Series on European Politics

The JMCE teams up with Manchester University Press to relaunch the European Politics Series



Prof. Papadimitriou, Dr. Simpson and Dr. Tobin are the new series editors

Previously published under the European Policy Research Unit (EPRU) name, this long-established and highly respected series combines an important scholarly legacy with an ambitious outlook on European Studies at a time of rapid change for the discipline. Its geographical coverage encompasses the European Union, its existing and aspiring members, and 'wider Europe', including Russia and Turkey.

The series actively promotes disciplinary, theoretical and methodological diversity.

The editors welcome critical scholarship on the politics and policy making of the European Union, on comparative European politics, and on contemporary issues and debates affecting the future of Europe's socio-political and security outlook. Key areas of interest include Brexit, the environment, migration, identity politics and the ever-changing face of European integration.



For more details visit: <https://www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/series/european-politics/>

4.7. Partnerships

The European Affairs Society at the University of Manchester

In 2017 the Manchester JMCE was instrumental for the creation of a European Affairs Society at the UoM Students Union. The European Affairs Society has made a very significant contribution during the first year of its operation with a number of well attended, student-led, 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 joint events in Manchester and the JMCE has been facilitating the group's meetings in campus.

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

The 3Million

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/>



Out Future, our Choice!

In 2018 the Manchester JMCE has established a close partnership with Our Future, Our Choice! (OFOC), leading to our first joint event in April. OFOC's main aim is to mobilise young people in work, at school, or in training against Brexit.

You can follow the activities of OFOC here: <https://www.ofoc.co.uk/home/>

4.8. The JMCE in the News

i. Media Work and Policy Engagement



The JMCE Director discussing Brexit options at the BBC

The JMCE Director, Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou, has made a number of media appearances on Brexit and the Eurozone crisis.



A full house at the UoM Alumni Office event on Brexit. The JMCE Director joined Prof. Fieldhouse and BBC journalist Jim Hannock. Watch the full video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4-AvQyfg4>



JMCE Board Member, Dr. Kathryn Simpson, is a leading commentator on Brexit.



Dr. Simpson on the red sofa

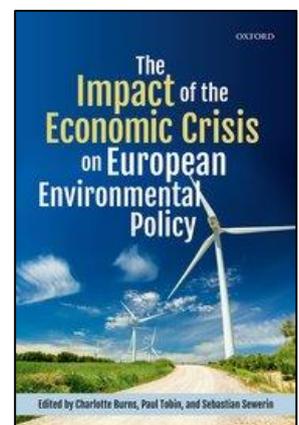


Dr. Simpson at the influential IIEA think tank



Dr. Tobin speaking in the House of Commons on youth and politics

Board member, Dr. Paul Tobin, is a leading expert in environmental politics in Europe and has been a member of the senior leadership team of the PSA for the past three years.

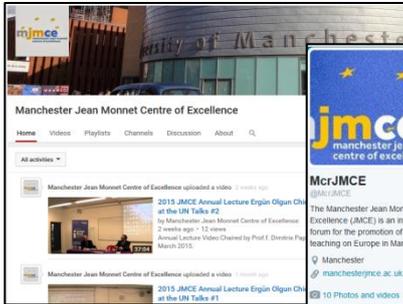


Dr. Tobin's latest book is now out

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 1,500 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

4.9. Forthcoming Events & Diary Dates

- **September 2019:** Watch out for the publication of our regular seminar series
- **October 2019:** First call for JMCE Funding: Workshops, T&L Activities and PhD Bursaries
- **Autumn 2019:** Call for papers for the JMCE Graduate conference
- **Spring 2020:** The JMCE Annual Lecture
- **May 2020:** Second call for JMCE Funding: Workshops, T&L Activities and PhD Bursaries
- **June 2020:** The JMCE Graduate conference

