



## JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

### EUROPEAN STUDIES POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE

Venue: **University of Manchester** Friday 25 January 2008

Conference URL: <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/jeanmonnet/pgconference.htm>

The Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence is a consortium of five Schools at the University of Manchester, Manchester European Research Institute (MERI) at Manchester Metropolitan University and Salford University's European Studies Research Institute.

As part of its commitment to supporting European Studies research in the three institutions, the JMCE organises its inaugural postgraduate conference on 25 January 2008. Postgraduate students, as well as any other interested persons, are invited to attend this conference. The conference will in the first place entail paper panels, where postgraduate students from different disciplines and from across Europe will present their work on different European integration related aspects. It furthermore entails a key note speech and round table on the new EU Reform Treaty with Richard Corbett, MEP, and David Phinnemore, Belfast, and a reception. Please see for a more detailed programme below.

Registration details: Participation in the conference is free of charge, but advance registration is required, please email [k.j.taylor@pgr.salford.ac.uk](mailto:k.j.taylor@pgr.salford.ac.uk)

Registration on the day will take place in the South Wing Foyer of the Samuel Alexander Building, formerly known as Humanities Lime Grove (turn right after the Students' Union on Oxford Road). Papers will be given in SG1 (next to registration) and LG12 (lower-ground floor).

Contact details:

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#### Programme

**9:00 Registration and Tea/Coffee**

**9:30 Welcome and Introduction: Dimitris Papadimitriou and Filippo Nereo, JMCE Manchester**

### **9:45 Parallel Session 1**

Panel A: Theory and Historical Discourse on European Integration

*\*Nataliya Yeremeyeva: Readiness to Include: Factors and Consequences of the Perception of Otherness in Contemporary European Societies*  
Polish Academy of Science

*\*Marta Magdalena Stachurska: Models of European Cooperation in the Interwar Period – Great Powers' versus Small States' visions*  
University of Oslo

Panel B: The European Union as an External Actor

*\*Golam Robbani: Regional Peace and Security through Economic Integration: Applicability of the EU Model in South Asia*  
United Nations University, Belgium

*\*Giovanni Faleg: Towards a hide-and-seek diplomacy? European External Action Service's tough job within the new CFSP framework*  
Universite Robert Schuman, Strasbourg

*\*Gulay Icoz: Understanding Turkey-EU relations through institutional change*  
Royal Holloway, University of London

### **11:15 Break**

### **11:30 Keynote Speech and Roundtable**

The EU Reform Treaty: A Discussion with Richard Corbett, Labour MEP for Yorkshire and Humber Region, and David Phinnemore, Queens University, Belfast

Chair: Neill Nugent

### **13:00 Lunch**

### **14:00 Parallel Session 2**

Panel C: Policy Harmonisation and Legal Issues in the European Union

*\*Patrycja Szarek: The European Union policy against corruption: achievement or missed opportunity?*  
University of Edinburgh

*\*Akos Domahidi: The legal status of horizontal clauses in the EC Treaty*  
Georg-August University, Goettingen

*\*Mike Hansen: Bologna Process of "Maastricht of Higher Education"*  
Liverpool John Moores University

Panel D: National Attitudes towards the European Union

*\*Peter Harvan: Role of national identity in EU enlargement - Switzerland in 1992*  
LSE, London

*\*Karolina Medwecka-Piasecka: The Polish Transition from Pre-Accession Funds to Structural Funds - A Process of Institutional Adaptation*  
University of Birmingham

### **15:30 Break**

### **15:45 Parallel Session 3**

Panel E: The European Union and Africa

*\*Norman Sempijja: Operation Artemis in the DR Congo: Factors why it was launched by the European Union*

*University of Kingston*

*\*Anita Wanki: Interregionalism and West Africa's Revival: The European Union a Trusted Mentor?*

*Vrije Universiteit, Brussels*

Panel F: The European Polity: The Institutional Set-up of the European Union

*\*Michael J. Geary: The politics of membership - the European Commission's relations with Britain 1957-68*

*European University Institute, Florence*

*\*Helena Ekelund: Institutional Unity and Diversity: exploring the role of the European Community Agencies in the governance of the European Union*

*University of Nottingham*

*\*Valerie Dye: Enhancing the Legitimacy of the European Union: Addressing Cultural Plurality*

*University of Manchester*

**17:15 Drinks Reception (sponsored by UK Grad)**

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