



The Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

Annual Review of Activities, 2015-16

July 2016

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 2015-16.

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 Fiona Daniel (UoM, SALC).

The members of the JMCE's Steering Committee are:

- Dr. Jenny Rodriguez (UoM, AMBS)
- Fadil Ersozer (Administrator, Manchester Europe Direct Information Centre)
- Dr. Tilman Frasch (History, MMU)
- Prof. Matthew Jefferies (subsisted by Dr. Christian Goeschel) (SALC, UoM)
- Dr. Dimitrios Doukas (Law, UoM)
- Ewan Munro (Student rep)
- Dr. Gabriel Siles-Brugge (SoSS, UoM)
- Russell Yates (Centre for Enterprise, MMU)

4. Review of Activities, 2015-16

4.1. JMCE-funded Bids

Conferences/workshops

- European Postmodernism in Architecture and Urban Design

Dr. Isabelle Doucet (SEED, UoM)

- European Holocaust Memory and the Postcolonial 'Turn'

Prof. Antony Rowland (English, MMU)

- Cultures of diplomacy Workshop

Dr Christian Goeschel (SALC, University of Manchester)

- Everyday Revolutions in Southern & Eastern Europe

Dr. Piotr Goldstein (SALC, University of Manchester)

- European Beat Studies Network Conference

Dr. Douglas Field (SALC, UoM)

- Celebrating 400 years of literary culture: Shakespeare and Cervantes

Dr. Idoia Puig (LIC, MMU)

- Migration and Families in Europe: National and local perspectives

Dr. Kitty Lymperopoulou (Centre on Dynamics of Ethnicity, UoM)

Dr. Lindsey Garratt (Centre on Dynamics of Ethnicity, UoM)

- Leibniz: Legacy and Impact

Dr. Lloyd Strickland (HPP, MMU)

Teaching and Learning Activities

- Youth, Politics and Activism in Europe

Prof. Hilary Pilkington (SoSS, University of Manchester)

- Against all odds: how to encourage students from underrepresented groups to participate in study abroad in Europe?

Yasmin Hussain, (MMU)

PhD Bursaries

- Fadıl Ersözer (Politics, UoM)
- Mustafa Çıraklı (Politics, University of Lancaster)
- Áron Bakos (Department of Hungarian Ethnology and Anthropology, Babeş-Bolyai University)
- Daniel Šitera (Graduate School of Global and Area Studies, University of Leipzig)



Shakespeare and Cervantes in discussion

4.2. JMCE Seminar Series

- Speaker: Dr. Anna Sophie Maas (College of Europe Natolin)
*Title: **EU-Russia Relations 1999-2015: From Courtship to Confrontation***
5 October 2015, 2pm, University Place 3.212
- Speaker: Prof. Martin Seeleib-Kaiser (University of Oxford)
*Title: **The UK Welfare State, EU Membership and Free Movement***
21 October 2015, 2pm, University Place 3.211
- Speaker: Dr Mark Langan (University of Leicester)
*Title: **The Moral Economy of EU Association with Africa***
11 November 2015, 2pm, University Place 4.214
- Speaker: Dr. Maurizio Carbone (University of Glasgow)
*Title: **The rise and fall of aid effectiveness in the European Union***
25 November 2015, 2pm, University Place 5.207
- Speaker: Dr. Adonis Pegasiou (University of Cyprus)
*Title: **The EU's Response to the Financial Crises in Ireland and Cyprus***
9 December 2015, 2pm, University Place 5.207
- Speaker: Dr Gabriel Siles-Brügge (University of Manchester)
*Title: **The Truth about the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership***
Wednesday 10 February 2016, 14:00 @ University Place 5.204
- Speaker: Prof Neill Nugent (College of Europe, Bruges)
*Title: **The Supposed Decline of the European Commission***
Wednesday 24 February 2016, 14:00 @ University Place 5.206
- Speaker: Arlinda Rrustemi (University of Leiden)
*Title: **Statebuilding in Kosovo: Comparing the International and Local Perspectives***
Wednesday 9 March 2016, 14:00 @ University Place 5.209
- Speaker: Dr Elizabeth Monaghan (University of Hull)
*Title: **A Good Start? The European Citizens' Initiative and Participatory Democracy in the EU***
Wednesday 13 April 2016, 14:00 @ University Place 5.209
- Speaker: Dr Ben Richardson (University of Warwick)
*Title: **Working Beyond the Border: Labour Standards and EU Trade Agreements***
Wednesday 27 April 2016, 14:00 @ University Place 5.209
- Speaker: Prof Michael Shackleton (University of Maastricht)
*Title: **Ever closer Union? Changing relations between the Commission and the European Parliament***
Wednesday 4 May 2016, 14:00 @ University Place 4.213



Dr Elizabeth Monaghan



Prof Michael Shackleton



Dr Ben Richardson

4.3. The 2016 JMCE Annual Lecture

Will Straw

Executive Director of the 'Britain Stronger in Europe' Campaign

Where Will Brexit Leave Britain?

Thursday 28 April 2016, 15:30-17:00, The Kanaris Theatre, Manchester Museum

For the full video of the event click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2XTSGJomVs>

For the Storify feed click here: <https://storify.com/UoMPolicy/jmce>



Will Straw and Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou at the JMCE Annual Lecture

4.4. Special Events

EU referendum – Should we stay or should we leave?

19 May, 16:00-18:00, Lecture Theatre G.36, Manchester Metropolitan University



A packed event at MMU

- Dr. Damian Mather (MMU)
- Dr. Kevin Albertson (MMU)
- Cllr Kevin Peel (Manchester City Council)
- Prof. Stephen Whittle (MMU)
- Cllr. Angeliki Stogia (Manchester City Council)
- Dr. Dimitrios Syrrakos (MMU)
- Prof. Heinz Tüselmann (MMU)

For a video of the event please click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FeDC6ns5hZM>

“Where Next for the UK and the EU? An Irish perspective”

Daniel Mulhall

Ambassador of Ireland to the UK

5 February, 16:30-17:30 University Place, Room 3.211, UoM.



An Irish perspective on Brexit

The EU referendum: An academic perspective



Debating Europe with students

3 March 2016, 6pm, Academy 2, the Students' Union, UoM

- Prof. Rob Ford (UoM)
- Dr. Clara Sandelind (University of Huddersfield)
- Dr. Dimitrios Syrrakos (MMU)
- Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou (UoM)
- Dr. Olga Onuch (UoM)

4.4. Special Events (cont)

Title: Does EU Free Movement Work For Manchester?



21 October 2015, 6pm, Friends Meeting House 6 Mount Street, M2 5NS

Rebecca Ehata, University of Oxford

John Stanyer, Chair, UKIP Northwest

Kevin Peel, Labour & Co-operative councillor, Manchester city centre

Burden or Asset? European workers in Manchester

Title: Putting people before Place: making devolution work for communities of identity

22 October 2015, 4pm, Kanaris Theatre, Manchester Museum

- **Tony Lloyd**, Interim Mayor of Greater Manchester
- **Mariya Voyvodova**, elected Deputy Mayor for Gothenburg
- **Paul Martin OBE**, Chief Executive, the LGBT Foundation
- **Prof. Francesca Gains**, UoM
- **Prof. Berthold Schoene**, MMU



Manchester Devo in European perspective

For the full video of the event please click here: <https://youtu.be/EFGs-Q6g6JI>

4.5. The 5th JMCE Biannual Graduate Conference

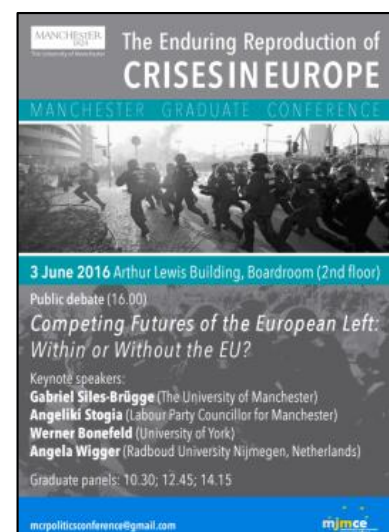
Title: The Enduring Reproduction of Crises in Europe: Competition, Competitiveness and Competing Narratives

3 June 2016, 10:00-18:00 pm, Boardroom, Arthur Lewis Building, UoM

Four panels (over 20 participants)

Plenary Session: Competing Futures of the European left

- **Dr. Gabriel Siles-Brügge** (UoM)
- **Angeliki Stogia** (Labour Party Councillor for Manchester)
- **Prof. Werner Bonefeld** (University of York)
- **Dr. Angela Wigger** (Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands)



Food for thought by our doctoral community

4.6. The JMCE in Public Debate

i. Media work and expert advice



Debating the EU in Manchester Town Hall

The JMCE Director, Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou, at a live ITV debate on the EU referendum broadcasted from Manchester Town Hall.

For the full debate please click here:

<http://www.itv.com/news/granada/update/2016-06-09/are-you-leave-or-remain/>

JMCE Board member, Dr. Gabriel Siles-Brugge, at the launch of his co-authored book *TTIP: The Truth about the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership*, at the House of Commons.



Taking TTIP at the House of Commons



Discussing governance at the ECA

The JMCE Director, Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou, delivering a keynote address at the European Court of Auditors on the Greek bailout.

The JMCE Director, Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou, touring the North West in a 1975 Vauxhall Chevette discussing the UK's membership of the EU for a series of special ITV Granada Reports.

For the full reports click here: <http://www.itv.com/news/granada/story/2016-05-17/special-series-eu-referendum/>



Touring the NW for the EU referendum

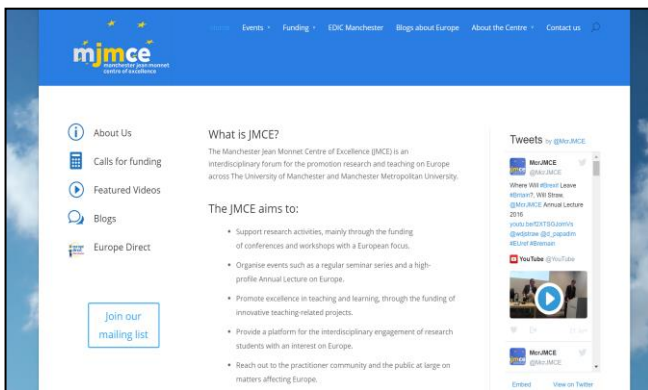


Prof. Papadimitriou on the BBC sofa

The JMCE Director, Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou, discussing the Eurozone crisis on BBC Breakfast

For the full interview click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS3-BHZO43k>

ii. Web presence



The Manchester JMCE has a new webpage with a more modern interface, which is also adaptable to mobile devices and is frequently updated and more enriched with media files from the JMCE's activities.

iii. Blog on Europe

Launched in 2014 in partnership with Policy@Manchester, the JMCE blog on Europe has now become a very popular platform for discussing topical issues affecting Europe.

For more details, visit:

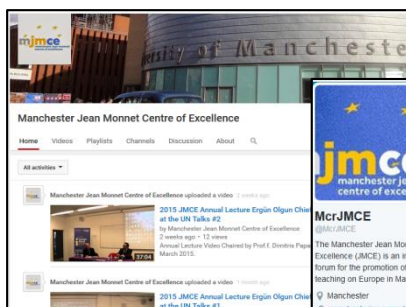
<http://blog.policy.manchester.ac.uk/category/europe-stream/> or contact dimitris.papadimitriou@manchester.ac.uk.



The Blog on Europe at Policy @Manchester

iv. Social Media

The Manchester JMCE also has a vibrant presence in the social media. We now produce regular tweets on our activities and video recordings of our main events are available on our own YouTube channel.



The JMCE Utube channel



The JMCE on Twitter



The JMCE Facebook page

4.7. Forthcoming Events & Diary Dates

- **September 2016:** Watch out for the publication of our regular seminar series
- **October 2016:** First call for JMCE Funding: Workshops, T&L Activities and PhD Bursaries
- **April 2017:** The 2017 JMCE Annual Lecture
- **May 2017:** Second call for JMCE Funding: Workshops, T&L Activities and PhD Bursaries