



The Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

Annual Review of Activities, 2017-18

June 2018

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 2017-18.

Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou

Director of the Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence



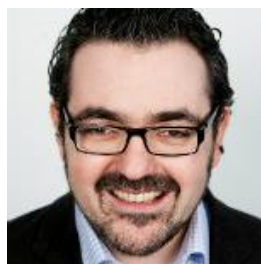
2. Stakeholders

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.



Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou,
Director (UoM)



Dr. Kathryn Simpson,
Board Member (MMU)



Dr. Tilman Frasch,
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Dr. Paul Tobin,
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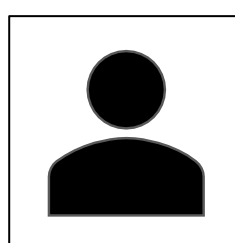
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Board Member (UoM)



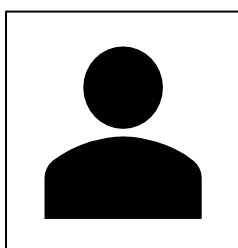
Russell Yates,
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Administrator (UoM)



Dr. Jenny Rodriguez,
Board Member (UoM)



Abigail Saffer,
Administrator (UoM)

4. Review of Activities, 2017-18

4.1. JMCE-funded Bids

Conferences/workshops

- Resurgences of national citizenship in Europe? Brexit and other restrictions
Prof. Bridget Byrne *et al* (SoSS, UoM)
- Social movements and policy outcomes: How right-wing grassroots groups influence foreign policy
Dr. Sofia Tipaldou and Prof. Vera Toltz (SALC, UoM)
- Within and Against the Metropole: Transnational Communism and Anti-Colonialism
Prof. Kevin Morgan (SoSS, UoM) & Daniel Edmonds (SALC, UoM)
- End to the War: Cultures of Violence and Humanitarianism in the aftermath of WWI
Dr. Alex Dowdall & Dr. Mercedes Peñalba-Sotorrío (UoM/MMU)
- Transformations of Identities among People Whose Sexual Attractions are not Limited to one Gender
Dr. Christian Klesse (Sociology, MMU)



Another successful JMCE sponsored event

Teaching and Learning Activities

- Dr. Catriona Howard (SALC, UoM), Negotiating Across Languages in the European Union
- Dr. Olga Khrushcheva, (PHP, MMU), Final countdown to Brexit: 180 days to March 2019
- Dr. Eleanor Byrne *et al* (Global Studies, MMU) Brexit Wounds: Cultural Responses to Leaving the EU

PhD Bursaries

- Jeremy Filet (MMU/ Université de Lorraine)
- Joseph Richardson (SALC, UoM)
- Tomás Costal Criado (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia)
- Yasmin Hussain (MMU)

4.2. JMCE Seminar Series

Semester I

- Wednesday 4 October 2017, 14:00 @ University Place 4.211
Speaker: Prof. Charlie Burns (University of Sheffield)
Title: Brexit: The implications for the UK and the environment
- Wednesday 18 October 2017, 14:00 @ University Place 4.211
Speaker: Dr. Paul Tobin (University of Manchester)
Title: EU Climate Policy at a Time of Crisis
- Wednesday 1 November 2017, 14:00 @ University Place 4.211
Speaker: Prof. Raymond Agius (Emeritus, University of Manchester)
Title: Health at work in the shadow of Brexit
- Wednesday 15 November 2017, 14:00 @ University Place 4.212
Speaker: Prof. Panagiotis Ioakimidis (Emeritus, University of Athens)
Title: The EU's future after the French and German Elections



Prof. Burns on Brexit and the environment

4.2. JMCE Seminar Series (cont')

Semester II

- 31 January 2018, 14:00-16:00 @ Alan Turning, G107
Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Franks, IMF and Prof. Nicos Christodoulakis, AUBE/LSE
Title: Economic Convergence in the Eurozone: Coming Together or Drifting Apart?
- 28 February 2018, 14:00-15:00 @ University Place 4.214*
Speaker: Dr. Kathryn Simpson, MMU
Title: The Political and Policy Implications for the UK's Devolved Administrations
- 14 March 2018, 14:00-15:00 @ University Place 4.214 *
Speaker: Ordoliberalism and economic policy in the EU
Title: Prof. Kenneth Dyson, University of Cardiff
- 18 April 2018, 14:00-15:00 @ University Place 4.214
Speaker: Prof. Helen Drake, Loughborough University
Title: Is France having a moment? The 2017 French electoral series and the populist challenge to the Fifth French Republic

**events cancelled due to the UCU strike*



Prof. Drake on Macron and France

4.3. Special Events

Brexit After the Election: What Happens Next?

1 July, 17:00-18:30, University Place 1.219, UoM

Richard Corbett MEP

(Member of the European Parliament,
former adviser of the European Commission President)



For the full video of this event click here:

<https://youtu.be/oeJGRnHuKuQ>



A full house and expert analysis on Brexit

Brexit and Citizens Rights: Settled Status and Alternative Proposals

18 December 2017, 6:30pm, UP Lecture Theatre A, UoM

A special event co-organised by the JMCE and the 3Million

Speakers

- **Nicolas Hatton** (Founder and Chairman, the 3million)
- **Elena Remigi** (Author, *In Limbo: Brexit testimonies*)
- **Luke Piper** (Solicitor)
- **Costanza de Toma** (Chief strategist, the 3million)

Moderator

Prof. Dimitris Papadimitriou (UoM)



For the full video of this event click here:

<https://www.facebook.com/the3million/videos/1667599436609111/?t=0>



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

Economic Convergence in the Eurozone: Coming Together or Drifting Apart?

31 January 2018, 14:00-16:00, Alan Turing Building, G 107



Dr. Jeffrey Franks

(IMF, Europe Director)

&

Prof. Nicos Christodoulakis

(Greece's former Finance Minister)



On the same boat? A top IMF official and a Greek Finance Minister at the JMCE



Brexit and the North West

21 April 2018, 13:00-14:00, University Place 1.219

A special event organised by the JMCE and Manchester for Europe

Wajid Khan MEP

(Member of the European Parliament)



Youth Mobilisation and the (anti)-Brexit Campaign: where next?

27 April 2018, 18:00-20:00, University Place 1.219

A special event organised by the JMCE and Our Future, Our Choice

Kate Green, MP

(Member of Parliament for Stretford & Urmston)

4.4. The 2018 JMCE Annual Lecture

25 May 2018, 17:30-19:00, Sackville Street Building, Council Chamber

Sergii Leshchenko

(Member of the Ukrainian Parliament, leading democracy activist)

Understanding Ukraine's Goals of and the Main Obstacles to European Integration



A captivating speaker and a lively discussion at the 2018 Annual Lecture



For the full video of the event click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BuzrUAeWwQ>

4.5. 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/>



Our 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/>

4.6. The JMCE in the News

i. Media Work and Awards



The JMCE Director discussing stereotypes on laziness in Europe

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



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



Dr. Simpson on the red sofa

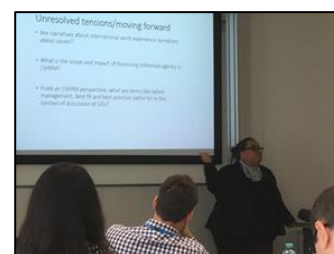


JMCE Board member, Dr. Paul Tobin, published an award-winning article on the Paris Climate Change pledges (Best Article for 2018). See here for more details:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0959378017304259>

Dr. Tobin mapping climate change progress

JMCE Board Member, Dr. Jenny Rodriguez, received the Best Paper Award at the British Academy of Management (Human Resource Management SG) for her work on "Contextual embeddedness and international work experience of SIEs"



Dr. Rodriguez at the Annual Conference of the BAM



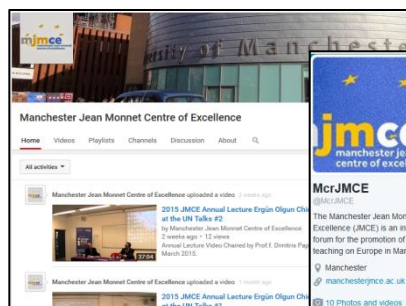
JMCE Board Member Prof. Matthew Jefferies has been awarded £350,000 by the Leverhulme Trust to work with his colleague Steve Parker on the Prussian lawyer, civil servant and politician Heinrich Simon; one of the few leaders of Germany's 1848 revolutions to fight for Polish and Italian

independence, as well as a German nation-state.

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

A Brexit video diary



Why do people protest against Brexit? We sent one of our students to the London march against Brexit to find out!

See the full video here:

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

4.8. Forthcoming Events & Diary Dates

- **September 2018:** Watch out for the publication of our regular seminar series
- **October 2018:** First call for JMCE Funding: Workshops, T&L Activities and PhD Bursaries
- **October 2018:** The Commission President's Spokesperson, Margaritis Schoinas, will deliver the 2018-2019 JMCE Annual Lecture
- **May 2019:** Second call for JMCE Funding: Workshops, T&L Activities and PhD Bursaries