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University of Manchester,
Manchester Metropolitan University,
and University of Salford*

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1 Foreword

The Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence was originally set up at the start of 2003 but has since widened its remit beyond its original focus on the European Union to include European Studies more widely. Its broad objective is to combine the resources of the Europe-related scholarship in the three Manchester universities – University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University, and University of Salford – thereby strengthening their collective profile in the interdisciplinary study of, and research on, Europe.

The following pages report specifically on the structure and achievements of the Centre since 2006.

We hope that this reports gives you a real sense of the growth the Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence has enjoyed since 2006, and how we envisage building on this progress further over the next years.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Filippo Nereo', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Filippo Nereo,
Administrator

2 Steering Committee

Steering Committee

The governance of the JMCE is assured by a steering group comprising fourteen representatives from all the institutional partners. Several members of the steering group hold chairs which have been co-funded by the Jean Monnet Action.

Directorship

In autumn 2007 the governance of the Centre was restructured. The Directorship passed from Professor Simon Bulmer (SOSS) to Professor Stefan Berger (SLLC), and three Deputy Directors were appointed from each of the three university stakeholders: Dr Cristina Chiva (Salford), Professor Neill Nugent (MMU), and Dr Dimitris Papadimitriou (SOSS, Manchester).



Director, Professor Stefan Berger

SLLC, University of Manchester

Research interests include: Modern and Contemporary European history; comparative labour history; nationalism and national identity; history of historiography, historical theory.



Deputy Director, Professor Neill Nugent

Department of Politics and Philosophy, MMU

Research interests include: European Commission, Cyprus and the EU, EU enlargement, EU policies.

Deputy Director, Dr Dimitris Papadimitriou

SOSS, University of Manchester

Research interests include: Greek politics, EU politics and public policy, EU enlargement, the EU's external relations, Europeanisation, Romanian politics, welfare state reform in the EU.



Deputy Director, Dr Cristina Chiva

School of English, Sociology, Politics and Contemporary History, University of Salford

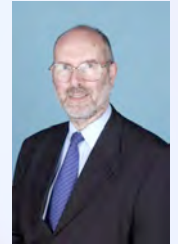
Research interests include: Enlargement of the EU, Democratic consolidation in South-East Europe, Women's representation in post-communist politics, Feminist political theory.

Other Members

Dr Christine Agius, School of English, Sociology, Politics and Contemporary History, University of Salford: *IR theory, Swedish and Scandinavian politics.*



Dr Claire Annesley
SOSS, University of Manchester
*Comparative politics, political economy
and capitalism with a focus on gender.*



Professor Clive Archer, Department of Politics and Philosophy, MMU:
Nordic region, European organisations.



Kate Barker
MBS, University of Manchester
Technology and Entrepreneurship Management and Policy.

Professor Jakob Edler

MBS, University of Manchester
*Internationalisation, evaluation and monitoring of public policy, modes
of governance, analysis and development of New Policy Concepts.*



Nuno Ferreira
School of Law, University of Manchester
International, European and Comparative Law, Human Rights.

Dr Till Geiger, SAHC, University of Manchester: *European integration history
since 1945, European economic history since 1850, Americanisation of Western
Europe.*



Professor Damian Grimshaw
MBS, University of Manchester
*Minimum wages in Europe, networked organisations, recruitment
and retention of care workforce.*

Dr Gaynor Johnson, School of English, Sociology, Politics and Contemporary History, University of Salford: *international history of the interwar period and
conduct and statecraft of diplomacy.*



Dr Christian Kaunert
School of English, Sociology, Politics and Contemporary History
University of Salford
*EU politics and European foreign policy, terrorism and homeland
security, international relations.*

3 JMCE Collaborative Projects

JMCE Collaborative Projects

Two large-scale projects are currently being pursued by the JMCE. They are benefitting from the range of multi-disciplinary expertise available within the Centre. Currently Clive Archer, Christian Kaunert, Till Geiger and Damian Grimshaw are developing a research group focused on the theme of 'Security'. Meanwhile, the project entitled 'Creating the Cosmopolitan City: Manchester Migrants Old and New', directed by Professor Margaret Littler, SLLC, is running under the auspices of the Manchester JMCE, and has been awarded a substantial European grant.

The project aims to initiate a dialogue among and between academic and non-academic partners on the contribution of migration (past and present) to the shaping of the cosmopolitan city. It takes Manchester as a case study of an old industrial and commercial centre which owes much of its urban regeneration and creative energy to successive waves of migration. Through historical and cross-cultural comparative analyses, the project aims to inform future EU policy on migration with robust empirical and theoretically elaborated research into the historical complexity and future potential of migrants to participate in urban restructuring and rebranding. Still to be explored, despite extensive EU policy debates on migration within and into the EU, are the ways in which synergies of migrants and natives contribute to a city's ability to reinvent itself as a dynamic hub of knowledge, creative industries and cultural exchange that comprise contemporary cosmopolitan urban centres. The project will address the impact of the following in shaping today's Manchester: Migration flows and migrant populations in their historical and contemporary dimensions; EU policy on borders, migration and integration; Migrant contributions to artistic, commercial and political urban restructuring (creativity, representation, attraction of transnational investment, industries, corporate headquarters, global talent). The Target Groups include: Academics, City Council, Community organizations, Migrant business associations, Urban developers and promoters, Representatives of knowledge and creative industries, EU representation at local government level.

4 Grants

The JMCE co-organises around a dozen conferences and workshops at the three partner institutions per annum. There are twice yearly deadlines for funding applications, and we look forward to receiving more high-quality proposals for the next funding rounds in 2009.

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/jeanmonnet/act.htm>

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/jeanmonnet/previousactivities.htm>

2008

New Directions in Postcolonial Studies: The Environment and the Cosmopolitan, Dr Anastasia Valassopoulos

Do elections offer voters meaningful choices?
Professor Rachel Gibson

Global wounds, Dr Laurence Brown

Adapting Byron, Dr Laura Tunbridge

Enlightenment Cosmopolitanisms, Professor Galin Tihanov

Translating Europe, Alison Scott, (Courses for the Public)

May '68, Dr Peter Bratsis

Writing of National Histories, Professor Stefan Berger

Future of European national models, Professor Jill Rubery

Europe on Screen, Dr Nuria Triana

The History of European Armaments Cooperation,
Andrew James

ESTI, Dr Christian Kaunert

Muslims in Europe, Professor James Nazroo

Small States and the European Security and Defence Policy, Professor Clive Archer, April 2008

2007

Looking out and looking in: towards a theoretical framework of studying identity politics in enclaves, Professor Stefan Berger

Work of Cities and Regions, Professor Kevin Ward

Empires, Nation-States and Regions, Professor Stefan Berger

The Lisbonization of Europe, Dr Claire Annesley

Corruption and Democracy in Europe, Professor Jim Newell

The Finnish Presidency of the EU 2006, Professor Clive Archer

Identity and self-representation in European communist life histories, Professor Kevin Morgan

Europe and Gender, Dr Kirstein Rummery

Border Crossings: European integration, crime and criminal justice, Dr Toby Seddon

Scandinavia, the EU, and Post-9/11 Challenges, Dr Chris Agius

2006

Institute of Innovation Research Seminar Series, Dr Thomas and Dr Ramlogan

The Peace in the Feud: History and Anthropology 1955-2005, Dr Conrad Leyser

Better EU Regulation Seminars, Dr Anna Verges

The Northern Dimension of the EU: Where Next? Professor Clive Archer

5 Young Researchers

Young Researchers

Providing support and motivation to the next generation of researchers of Europe is one of the key aims of the Centre. The Centre is committed to the facilitation of knowledge transfer, and the promotion of European Studies in its widest sense. To this end, it has sought to raise its profile amongst the postgraduate and post-doc community, and to reposition itself as active player in the learning and training of young researchers.

Conference

In late January 2008 the Centre's first Postgraduate Conference on European Studies was held at the University of Manchester. The lead organiser was Filippo Nereo who was assisted by a student committee comprising postgraduate members of the three institutions. Thirteen high-quality abstracts were selected by the student committee for presentation at the conference which attracted postgraduates throughout the UK and Europe who were carrying out research on Europe. The committee secured additional external funding for the event from the UK Grad programme.



Guest speakers Dr Richard Corbett (l.), Labour MEP for Yorkshire and Humber Region, and Dr David Phinnemore (r.), Queen's University, Belfast discussed the EU Reform Treaty. The roundtable was chaired by Professor Neill Nugent (c.).

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

Yearbook

Conceived as a project to strengthen the collaborative work undertaken by postgraduates for postgraduates, and to build on the work done for the postgraduate conference, the Manchester JMCE Yearbook 2008 seeks to publish the most innovative articles from postgraduates on the broadly-defined concept of Europe, as well as original thinking on sub- and supra-European issues. Interdisciplinary and wide-ranging, the Yearbook is a forum for discussion in any aspect of Europe including, for example, social sciences, business, law, arts, histories, languages, linguistics, and cultures. The Yearbook aims to be at the cutting edge of research on Europe; to establish a reputation for challenging preconceptions about our understanding of the area; and to open new approaches to the study of Europe via the inclusion of new, alternative disciplines of research. All advanced research students, in particular postgraduates at JMCE-affiliated institutions in the UK and across Europe, were eligible to submit. All articles received were peer-reviewed by experts in the field, including the Steering Group members of the Manchester JMCE. <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/jeanmonnet/yearbook.htm>

Studentship

The Centre allocated money for a full-time PhD studentship for the academic year commencing September 2006. Eligibility criteria included an offer of a place from one of the Manchester university stakeholders, research for the PhD fit within the remit of the Centre, i.e. European Studies, and experience of and skills in administration, organisation of conferences, and computer literacy including website maintenance. The studentship was awarded to Filippo Nereo, a student in SLLC who now works as Administrator for the Centre. In this capacity he supports the Director, Professor Stefan Berger, in running the JMCE, undertakes administrative duties, and maintains the website. He was also lead organiser of the JMCE postgraduate conference, and spearheaded the JMCE Yearbook in spring 2008. His PhD is an interdisciplinary investigation into the German Minority in the Czech Republic.



Professor Clive Archer (MMU) discusses the applicability of the EU Security model to South Asia with PhD student Golam Robbani (United Nations University, Belgium) at the 2008 postgraduate conference

Post-docs

In 2008 the Centre welcomed Dr Hakan Samur as a visiting fellow. Dr Samur works at Dicle University in Turkey. During his time at the JMCE, he successfully completed three articles, two in Turkish, and one in English.

Three postdoctoral bids for Newton Fellowships from overseas researchers were also submitted in 2008 and are currently undergoing consideration.

New MA

The Manchester JMCE is championing a new initiative to launch a cross-faculty MA in European Studies which will benefit greatly from the range of expertise across the Manchester institutions. The basic structure of the MA is in place and the directors are currently exploring possibilities of linking the MA to one of the stakeholders of the JMCE.



Left to right: Janet Beer (Dean of Humanities, Law and Social Science, MMU); Judge George Arestis; Neill Nugent; and John Brooks (MMU Vice Chancellor) at the 2007 JMCE Annual Lecture. <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/jeanmonnet/annuallecture.htm>

6 Public lectures and seminars

Public lectures and seminars

The Manchester JMCE believes that Europe should also be accessible to general, non-specialised audiences. With this in mind we have implemented a number of ideas to make this possible and have thus been successful in engaging the wider community in European topics.

Seminar Series, 2007-09

The Seminar Series was launched in autumn 2007 and built on the success of the Jean Monnet Cafes. Distinguished guests were invited to give a lunchtime talk on their areas of expertise. Guests included John McClintock (European Commission), Dr Charlie Dannreuther (Leeds), Dr Gülnur Aybet (Kent), Dr Spyros Economides (LSE), Professor Lee Miles (Liverpool), Dr Leighton James (York), Catharina Wale Grunditz (EU Council Secretariat, Brussels), Dr David Phinnemore (Belfast), Professor Magnus Ryner (Oxford Brookes), Dr Ian Bache (Sheffield), Professor Anand Menon (Birmingham), and Dr John Russell (Bradford).

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/jeanmonnet/events>

Translating Europe

In November 2008 this series explored European issues with Manchester JMCE academics (Professor Neill Nugent, Dr Till Geiger, Dr Dimitris Papadimitriou and Dr Claire Sutherland) in an open forum together with interviewer Dr Alan Sennett.

Annual Lecture

The Manchester JMCE Annual Lecture has proved very popular drawing large numbers of academics and students to see internationally distinguished speakers. In 2007, the lecture was given by Judge George Arestis, Cypriot Judge on the European Court of Justice whose talk was entitled 'Towards an EU Citizenship?'. In 2008 we welcomed Distinguished Professor emeritus Beate Kohler-Koch from the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research who gave a paper entitled 'Civil Society in EU Governance: Towards a more efficient and democratic Union?'.
<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/jeanmonnet/annuallecture.htm>

7 Outlook: future developments

Outlook: future developments

Over the next few years we hope to build further on the successes of the Manchester JMCE over the last three years. We endeavour to make the Manchester JMCE a world-leading hub of European studies by

- continuing to support high-quality academic conferences and workshops on all aspects of European Studies;
- building interdisciplinary research groups involving members from all of the JMCE's stakeholders to prepare quality funding proposals at European level;
- setting up a Masters programme on European Studies;
- providing a conducive home for young researchers through organising postgraduate conferences and attracting externally funded postdocs to the Centre through schemes such as the Newton Fellowships;
- publishing the best research in all fields of European Studies through the annual Yearbook;
- strengthening our links with the community by organising more public events and liaising with interested endusers of research on Europe, such as Manchester City Council, the North West Regional Development Office and the Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

Since the revamped Manchester JMCE came into being through the initiative of Simon Bulmer late in 2006, it engaged more than fifty scholars from all the stakeholders in its activities and functioned as a meeting point of Europeanists working in a variety of different disciplines – often with overlapping interests. It fulfils an important function in providing a forum for all three Manchester-based universities where these Europeanists can meet regularly, exchange ideas and pool their expertise in ways which produces innovative results and attracts outside funding as well as postgraduate and postdoctoral students.