



**Rethinking Europe**  
**2025 PhD Conference of the Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence**

**9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
**University of Manchester**

**9<sup>th</sup> June – Editors Roundtable**

Times: 2-4pm

Location: Booth Street East\_G.04 ([Interactive map](#) | [The University of Manchester](#))

Panelists:

Gabriel Siles-Brügge, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, University of Bristol  
 Siobhan Hearne, *Contemporary European History*, University of Manchester  
 Sherilyn MacGregor, *Environmental Politics*, University of Manchester  
 Silke Trommer, *Globalizations*, University of Manchester

Informal get-together at Sandbar Manchester, 120 Grosvenor St, Manchester M1 7HL

**10<sup>th</sup> June – Doctoral Workshops**

Location: Alan Turing G.114 ([Interactive map](#) | [The University of Manchester](#))

| Time               | Event                                        | Papers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Discussants                                                                                                                                             |
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| 10-10:30           | Coffee,<br>Welcome –<br>Alan Turing<br>Foyer |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>10:30-11:50</b> | <b>Panel 1:<br/>Governing<br/>Europe</b>     | Michelle Corallo: Frozen<br>conflict and affirmative<br>biopolitics: exploring the<br>‘Cyprus Problem’ with<br>walking interviews and an<br>integrated theoretical<br>framework<br><br>Adeline Morais Afonso:<br>Behind the scenes of<br>Maastricht : Portugal and the<br>principle of subsidiarity | Davide Schmid,<br>Politics, Manchester<br>Metropolitan<br>University<br><br><br><br><br><br>Gabriel Siles-Brügge,<br>Politics,<br>University of Bristol |

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|                  |                                                         | Lucas Morisette: The Rise of the Far-Right in Western Europe: A Game Theoretical Rationale                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Gabriel Siles-Brügge, Politics, University of Bristol                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 11:50-1:20       | Lunch: Krobar                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>1:20-2:40</b> | <b>Panel 2: Art, Culture and Politics in Europe</b>     | <p>Shuwen Wang: The Transformation of European Art in Qing Court Paintings: With Giuseppe Castiglione as a Case Study</p> <p>Ruoyi Zheng: When Maoism Became Intermedial: The Scuola di Piazza del Popolo and Italian Neo-Avant-Garde Art</p> <p>Ekaterina Kamenskaya: The Czechoslovak crisis of 1968 as a critical point in the European history in the letters to Radio Liberty</p>                                                                                   | <p>Louise Clare History, University of Manchester</p> <p>Louise Clare History, University of Manchester</p> <p>Alice Naisbitt, Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester</p>                                              |
| 2:40-3           | Coffee – Alan Touring Foyer                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>3-4:45</b>    | <b>Panel 3: Making and Remaking European Identities</b> | <p>Una Quinn: 'Are We There Yet?': The Sociotechnical Construction of the Irish–Northern Irish Border</p> <p>Ellen Hietsch: Franco Was Never Dead: Fantasies of Harmony and Affective Postmemories in Democratic Spain</p> <p>Catalina Catana: Populist Co-optation of European Civilizational Identity in the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Aleksandra Szymczyk: The public/private distinction and tradition-constituted rationality in Polish local self-governments</p> | <p>Gemma Bird, Politics, University of Liverpool</p> <p>Gemma Bird, Politics, University of Liverpool</p> <p>Dimitris Papadimitriou, Politics, University of Manchester</p> <p>Dimitris Papadimitriou, Politics, University of Manchester</p> |