

Chair's Message



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This is my very final Chair's message, and I am sure if I were really clever I would adopt some sort of special style of writing to mark the occasion. On that score, I am afraid that I must disappoint. This Chair's message will more or less follow the pattern of the rest of them. I will update you on some major bits of UACES news, and add a few personal comments and votes of thanks.

By the time you read this, the AGM at Limerick may well be over and done with. In that case, I will have already departed and vacated the Chair, leaving it in the safe hands of Alex Warleigh-Lack. And by the way, I should not leave that point without congratulating Alex on two counts. He has had an exceptionally busy summer,

and getting ready to become Chair of UACES has not helped! He got married earlier this summer (hence the changed name, for those eagle-eyed enough to spot that), and in addition he has a new job as a Professor of Politics and International Relations at Brunel University from September this year. Luckily, this has not caused any rupture with regard to the organisation of the Conference at Limerick, which has continued to run smoothly. Anyway, for the first time in many years, UACES will have a Chair who is located within the broad London metropolitan area, and on a tube line. This will facilitate regular personal contact with the UACES office and also mean that attending functions in London will not be as arduous a task as it is if it involves travelling from the North of England, or Scotland.

Likewise by the time you read this, the identities of the winners of the UACES Prizes for the Best Book and Best Thesis will have been revealed. At the time of writing, we had recently transmitted the news to the happy winners, and they are arranging, so far as they can, to come to the Conference to receive their presentations. However, we also asked them to keep the outcome confidential until after the Annual Dinner, to increase the element of surprise. We had a slightly larger stock of books and theses to go through this year, and there was some excellent quality of work to review and consider. I don't think I am revealing any secrets when I say that the jury found it harder to reach a singular conclusion this year, and that one or more of the prizes will be split this year because it was impossible to separate two excellent works. What I can definitely do without revealing any secrets is deliver a personal and public thanks to the jury: to Michelle Cini, Anne Deighton and Drew Scott who have served for two years; and to Simon Bulmer who joined us this year. They gave very generously of their time at a busy time of year, for no reward (yep, definitely no backhanders) and only this rather meagre thanks. Thank you, one and all. On the subject of managing the competition, though, I would just want to comment that the one member of the jury who was involved in nominating one of the theses (not the winning thesis, as it happens) was not involved in any way in the thesis competition. I will include a report on the competition and particularly on the winners in the next Newsletter, and it will also be posted on the UACES website, as last year. Please note, however, that there is no individual feedback provided.

Before quitting the Committee myself, I also want to note a few more changes that are occurring this September. The following co-optees are standing down: Anne Corbett, Yelena Kalyuzhnova and Daniel Keohane, after each serving three years. New co-optees for 2006-2007 include Judith Clifton of the University of Oviedo, Andrea Ellner of the

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Reports on Events

 UACES Conference

Leading Europe? The UK EU Presidency Evaluated Chatham House, London, 12 May 2006

The joint UACES-Chatham House one day conference provided an opportunity for academics and practitioners to hold a post-mortem on the UK's 2006 Presidency of the EU. The conference attracted over 60 participants and through a detailed examination of the UK EU Presidency across four sessions examined both the manner in which the UK EU Presidency functioned, details of the Presidency agenda and the extent to which the UK Presidency realised its objectives.



Sir Stephen Wall

The conference opened with Nicola Brewer (Director General, European Union, Foreign and Commonwealth Office) offering an 'insider's' insight and evaluation from the heart of the Presidency, which was followed by a session offering a judgement on whether the Presidency had realised its objectives, with Sir Stephen Wall (Business for New Europe), Wolfgang Munchau (Financial Times) and Wyn Rees (University of Nottingham) providing an effective scene-setting on the Presidency by outlining how the backdrop of 'no' votes in France and the Netherlands on the EU Constitutional Treaty, an acrimonious summit under the Luxembourg Presidency in mid-June which failed to reach a deal on the EU budget and the Prime Minister's speech to the European Parliament were important to understanding the context of the Presidency. The London Bombings in the early days of the Presidency and the UK's dual Presidency of the EU and the G-8 were also examined as elements impacting on the Presidency.

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Aberystwyth

2006 Jean Monnet/Institute of Welsh Politics Public Lecture

Two of the most vibrant research centres in Aberystwyth's world-famous Department of International Politics are joining together to bring a leading international scholar to Aberystwyth. The Institute of Welsh Politics and the Jean Monnet Centre for European Studies are jointly hosting a major public lecture this autumn by Michael Keating, Head of the Department of Political and Social Sciences at the European University Institute in Florence.

Asked to comment on this event, Dr Roger Scully, Director of the Jean Monnet Centre, remarked, 'Michael Keating is the leading scholar in his field. No-one studying or thinking about the nature and implications of nationalism in today's Europe can afford to be unfamiliar with his groundbreaking work.'

The title of Keating's lecture is 'Plurinational Democracy: Europe and the Nationalities Question'. The lecture will be held on Monday 23 October at 7pm and will be the first major public event to be held in the prestigious new International Politics Building on the Penglais Campus. All are welcome. For further information please visit www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/eust/.

Newcastle

The Jean Monnet Centre at Newcastle University is organizing several high-profile events for the coming academic year.

The Centre's well-established European seminar series will open with a public lecture from the University's Chancellor, the Rt Hon Lord Patten of Barnes. Entitled 'Is there a European Foreign Policy and should there be one at all?', the lecture takes place on Tuesday 3 October at the University. Recent speakers in this series have included Neil Nugent (Manchester Metropolitan University), Alberta Sbragia and Martin Staniland (both University of Pittsburgh), and Ernest Wistrich CBE.

This will be followed on 2 November by the Innovation Symposium, supported by the European Commission. Organized with the cooperation of the North East of England Office in Brussels, the programme will feature representatives of the European Commission, as well as both academics and practitioners. It will provide an opportunity for the University to showcase and discuss developments emerging from Newcastle Science City in the context of EU policy.

Earlier this summer the Jean Monnet Centre and the University's Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies co-sponsored an ESRC seminar: 'The New Regional Management: a consequence of multi-level governance and meta-governance?' The proceedings of this meeting are to be published later in the year.

Further information about these events, seminar papers and publications can be obtained from the Jean Monnet Centre (Department of Politics, 40-42 Great North Road, Newcastle University, NE1 7RU; Tel: 0191 222 7743; Email: janet.sharpe@ncl.ac.uk).

East Midlands

Sport and European Union politics discussed at Loughborough

The Department of Politics, International Relations and European Studies at Loughborough University hosted on 30 June and 1 July a workshop entitled 'Sport and the European Union 10 years after Bosman: Situation and Perspectives'. The seminar, organised jointly with the Association for the Study of Sport and the European Union (www.sportandeu.com) was sponsored by the Department of Politics, International Relations and European Studies, the School of Sport and Exercise Sciences and the East Midlands Eurocentre.

The workshop brought together 21 academics and practitioners from 14 institutions in 3 different countries with the aim of assessing the origins, current status and possible future developments of the European Union's involvement in sport-related matters and to review the state of academic research on the topic. The seven papers presented and the

guest speakers covered a range of issues from a truly interdisciplinary perspective.

Richard Parrish (Edge Hill University, UK) provided a very helpful introduction to the workshop. He drew the delegates' attention to issues surrounding the extent of legal certainty in the regulation of professional sport and the possible emergence of a space of supervised autonomy for sports governing bodies. He also emphasised the need for appropriate analytical frameworks in the study of the discipline.

The conference was relatively football-centric despite the best efforts to secure papers on a wider range of sports. Papers covered subjects like the issue of stakeholder representation in the governance of football; the development opportunities open to British basketball players after the ruling of the Bosman case; the new transnational efforts to create a regime against doping; the new FIFA rules for international transfers in force since 2005; the tension between representation and power in football; attitudes of EU citizens towards an increased EU role in the field of sport; and the question of what European integration studies can get out of analysing football.

It was evident in the debates that in the study of sport and sport policy at European level we are dealing with a multiplicity of actors and venues in relation to EU policy on sport, with 'joined-up thinking' often lacking. It is also important to be careful about treating sport as unique or exceptional. Some systematic comparison with other EU policy arenas would be welcome. We must also be careful about confining ourselves to the EU level. It is necessary to know more about sports policy in the 25 member states and how EU policy impacts at the member state level.

As Wyn Grant (Warwick University, UK) concluded, this workshop illustrated 'that the study of sport and the EU is now being taken much more seriously than it was, that interest in the area does not simply reflect a perception that it offers light relief and that the quality of work is improving by leaps and bounds'.

More information about the workshop, including downloadable versions of the papers can be found at www.sportandeu.com/workshop.

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