

Dear all,

The UACES Student Forum is pleased to invite you to its annual one- day Research Students' Conference which will take place at the European Commission and the European Parliament offices in London on Monday 10th November 2008. This is a conference aimed at all research students in the field of European Studies and those who are thinking of engaging in a research degree in the near future. The Conference covers many aspects of the PhD process and provides information on a range of topics such as research planning, interview techniques, managing supervision, field research, documentary search, career prospects and other topics particularly related to the field of European Studies. Please see below for a draft conference programme.

This event offers an ideal introduction to the UACES community as well as an opportunity to meet fellow academics who are engaged in related fields of research and practitioners from EU offices. The event is a particularly good opportunity for anyone wishing to get more involved in the activities of the Student Forum.

Conference registration fees are £20 for UACES members and £35 for non-UACES members.

Also at the conference, elections will take place for the new UACES Student Forum committee. Four posts in the Committee, Chair, responsible for the overall coordination of the Student Forum's activities, Conference officer, and two more committee members, responsible for contact development, outreach and the Student Forum website etc., will be contested. UACES student members are invited to indicate their interest in standing for elections for these posts or to nominate somebody else and to get involved so that the work of the Committee in organising events for fellow students across Europe can be further developed. Candidates for the post have to be student members of UACES or to be in the process of becoming one.

The deadline for sending nominations by e-mail (Tobias.Etzold@student.mmu.ac.uk) is Friday, 7 November 2008. Those attending the research conference in London on 10 November 2008, can also submit their application in person to the registration desk until 13.45h on the day.

For more information on procedures, a description of how it is like to be in the committee and a nomination form incl. a description of the individual posts, please see the Student Forum's website: <http://www.uacesstudentforum.org>

The UACES SF also has its mailing list, "Euroresearch", through which information relevant to the field of European Studies is disseminated. Everybody subscribed to Euroresearch can vote in possible online elections the new committee members (in case any positions are contested).

We are looking forward to seeing you at the London Conference! If you would like to know more about the Forum or if you want to get more involved in the Forum activities please contact any of the current Committee members or visit the UACES Student Forum website (www.uacesstudentforum.org). For more information and online registration for the conference please visit the UACES website: <http://events.uaces.org>

With kind regards,

Tobias Etzold

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Programme

09:15 – 09:45 Registration

09:45 - 10:00 Welcome Address

Prof Alex Warleigh-Lack, Brunel University, Chair of UACES

Mr Vasilis Margaras, Loughborough University, Chair of UACES Student Forum

10:00 - 11:00 Keynote Speeches and Addresses

Chair: Mr Vasilis Margaras

Keynote speech: Sir Stephen Wall GCMG LVO, Honorary President of UACES

Topic: Recent Developments in EU treaty negotiations after the Irish 'No': how to proceed?

Addresses:

Mr Dominic Brett, European Commission Representation UK, and Ms Caroline Boyle European Parliament Office in the UK Topic: The work of the European Commission and European Parliament Representations in the UK: Challenges and opportunities in communicating EU policies to an EU-sceptic public and media Followed by a Q & A session

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break (Sponsored by the Journal of Contemporary European Research -JCER)

Address by Dr Eamonn Butler, JCER Editor, University of Glasgow Announcing the first JCER article

competition winner: David Lutton (University of Strathclyde) "The European Union, Financial Crises and the Regulation of Hedge Funds: A Policy Cul-de-Sac or a Policy Window"

11:30 - 12:30 First Parallel Panel Session

A: Managing the stages of the PhD including the final phase

Chair: Dr David Galbreath, University of Aberdeen

Speaker: Mr Tobias Etzold, Manchester Metropolitan University

B: Planning and conducting European studies fieldwork

Chair: Ms Vicki Morris, Birkbeck College, University of London

Speakers: Ms Helena Ekelund, University of Nottingham

Dr Malte Brosig University of Portsmouth

12:30 - 13:15 Organised Networking Session

[Both the Commission building & the Parliament building are being used for this session. Standby for an announcement by the Chair in the preceding panel session.]

13:15 - 14:15 Buffet Lunch

14:15- 14:45 Student Forum Elections & presentation of the work of the Student Forum Committee

Mr Tobias Etzold, Mr Vasilis Margaras and Ms Vicki Morris UACES Student Forum

14:45 - 15:45 Second Parallel Panel Session

C: Finding e-resources and other material on European Studies

Chair: Ms Vicki Morris, Birkbeck College, University of London

Speaker: Ms Margaret Watson, Academic Services Librarian, Bodleian Law Library, University of Oxford

D: Getting published: effective writing, prioritising and targeting

Chair: Mr Tobias Etzold, Manchester Metropolitan University

Speakers: Dr David Galbreath, University of Aberdeen, Dr Eamonn Butler, JCER Editor, University of Glasgow

15:45 - 16:00 Coffee/Tea Break

16:00 - 17:00 Roundtable on 'What Next After the PhD': job opportunities in academia and the policy field

Chair: Dr Eamonn Butler, University of Glasgow

Speakers: Prof Alex Warleigh-Lack, Brunel University, Chair of UACES

Mr Dominic Brett, Head of Public Diplomacy, European Commission Representation

Ms Caroline Boyle, Head of Outreach, European Parliament Office

17:15 - 18:15 Wine Reception at the UK Office of the European Parliament (Sponsored by the European Parliament's Office in the UK)

Address by Mr Dermot Scott, Head of the European Parliament's Office in the UK followed by Q&A session

The University Association for Contemporary European Studies can be found at <http://www.uaces.org/>