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# Directors' Message

In 2020, the UCL European Institute celebrated its 10th anniversary.

It has been a tumultuous decade for Europe and the study thereof. Nearly half of it was marked by an intense, increasingly fractious debate about the very nature of Britain's relationship to Europe. We have witnessed firsthand how the UK's reluctant membership of the Union came to an end after 47 years. And as the future UK-EU relationship is yet to be determined, the ways in which we think about, describe, represent and analyse Europe continue to be most pertinent, and urgent.

Europe, in this decade, has been defined not only by geopolitical upheaval, but also by immense cultural production and forceful activism. We are now asking fundamental questions about the stability and fairness of our market economies, our responses to climate change and mass migration, the fragility of the rule of law, racism, and many other issues.

Now, one crisis has overshadowed all others—Covid-19 has challenged everyone and everything in unprecedented ways. While the pandemic has changed the conditions under which we work, it has also made us look for new avenues to promote research, teaching, public and policy engagement, and international collaboration on all things Europe.

In celebrating our first ten years, our huge thanks go to the hundreds of colleagues we've worked with across UCL and beyond. With your support, we have hosted hundreds of events and published countless blogs, briefings, papers, books, videos and podcasts. We've built relationships with key players in political, cultural, civil society and academic institutions, and we engaged the wider public with UCL's stellar academic research on Europe. Thank you also to the thousands of others who have attended our events and engaged with our work.

2010-2020 has been turbulent. While we hope there are smoother waters on the horizon, we are committed to navigating the challenges and opportunities that the study of Europe has to offer.



**Professor Piet Eeckhout**  
Academic Director



**Dr Uta Staiger**  
Executive Director

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Europe is much in the news these days. But we can only understand the day-to-day if we also understand the long-term cultural, social and political forces shaping Europe. The UCL European Institute does a magnificent job at providing that long-term view, while always being up to date.  
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**Professor Albert Weale Emeritus**  
UCL School of Public Policy



# Who we are

We are UCL's hub for research, collaboration and engagement on Europe.



A European Commission-designated Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence since 2016, the European Institute works with scholars from over 35 UCL departments – from law to literature, political science to computer science, philosophy to public health.



Our cross-faculty initiatives build networks, creating and curating opportunities for research on Europe. In addition to our own research work, we collaborate with UCL academics to publish articles, books, policy briefings, podcasts, and videos. Our events are attended by thousands of people annually, and we are closely involved in reforming and delivering teaching programmes.



Our UCL Europe Blog and UCL Brexit Hub provide academically-focused commentary on Europe and resources for staff and students, respectively. We create opportunities for UCL academics to engage with policy makers and politicians, businesses and diplomats; and to collaborate with think tanks, cultural institutes and other universities – nationally and internationally.



As Dean of Laws and Pro-Vice-Provost (Europe), our Directors are intimately involved in shaping UCL's engagement with European universities, research leaders and higher education policy, as well as Brexit and Covid-19 mitigation planning.



Our mission is to enhance UCL's position as one of the world's leading centres for the study of Europe and the EU across all disciplines.

- Internally, we enable, develop and strategically support UCL research and teaching activities, and foster an environment where work on Europe can flourish.

- Externally, we promote UCL's expertise, engaging with policy professionals, civil society and the wider public, to maximise the reach, significance, and relevance of UCL research.

## UCL and Europe

- UCL teaches over 30 European languages, and at least 300 academic staff work specifically on Europe
- Over 5,300 EU students currently study at UCL (12%), more than any other UK university
- 2,200 members of staff (21%) are EU/EEA nationals
- UCL maintains longstanding research and teaching partnerships with many leading European institutes and organisations
- 550 research projects under Horizon 2020, with nearly 2500 organisations, across 84 countries, including over 100 European Research Council Grants
- UCL leads on many aspects of the League of European Research Universities (LERU) and EU policy work in the Russell Group and Universities UK





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The European Institute is a vital resource to have in the University at a time of national, European and international pressures such as Brexit, migration, inequality and globalisation. Working with colleagues at the EI has been a delight and privilege, providing valuable support in terms of research and opportunities to engage a collegiate, dynamic and multi-disciplinary academic community.  
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Professor Sophia Psarra  
The Bartlett School of Architecture



# 10 years of the European Institute

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Congratulations to the UCL European Institute on its anniversary. The European Institute provided, in a national context riddled with lies and unfounded assertions, a beacon of evidence-based debate during the pre-referendum Brexit discussions and thereafter.  
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Professor Paul Ekins  
The Bartlett



**2010**

- UCL European Institute founded by Professor Richard Bellamy and Dr Uta Staiger, with a steering group of 15 academic staff from across UCL
- Sir Stephen Wall appointed first chair of Advisory Board



**2011**

- First major policy publication: The Future of Healthcare in Europe (over 50 policy reports published thereafter)
- First annual Sakharov debate (2010-2020), the beginning of a 10-year partnership with the European Parliament Office in the UK



**2012**

- Last of a three-year series of Belgian Salons with the Belgian Embassy
- Launch of a two-year Humanities Lectures and Colloquia Series with the French Embassy



**2013**

- Professor Mary Fulbrook takes over as Institute Director
- Britain & Europe I: first of several projects on Britain's relationship to the EU



**2014**

- Sir John Birch appointed Chair of Advisory Board
- Start of the three-year, UCL-funded project Passionate Politics, with the Centre for Transnational History and SSEES



**2015**

- Dr Claudia Sternberg joins the team
- Launch of the In Search of Europe video series



**2016**

- Awarded Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence grant by the European Commission
- Professor Piet Eeckhout becomes Academic Director
- Oliver Patel joins the team



**2017**

- Launch of the UCL Brexit Hub and UCL Brexit Blog
- Launch of the Talking Europe podcast series



**2018**

- Publication of two landmark books: Brexit and Beyond: Rethinking the Futures of Europe, and The Greco-German Affair in the Euro Crisis: Mutual Recognition Lost?



**2019**

- Awarded second Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence grant by the European Commission
- Over 350 events organised and hosted in total
- Publication of over 370 blogs and articles in total



**2020**

- Relaunch of the UCL Europe Blog
- Lord Anderson of Ipswich KBE QC appointed chair of Advisory Board
- Institutional move to the UCL Faculty of Laws

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Since its launch, the UCL European Institute has been a genuine hub of exchange, transmission of ideas and debates on European matters.  
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Professor Philippe Marlière  
UCL SELCS

# Our Stories

**Britain  
and  
Europe**



**Religion,  
identity,  
and  
diversity  
in Europe**



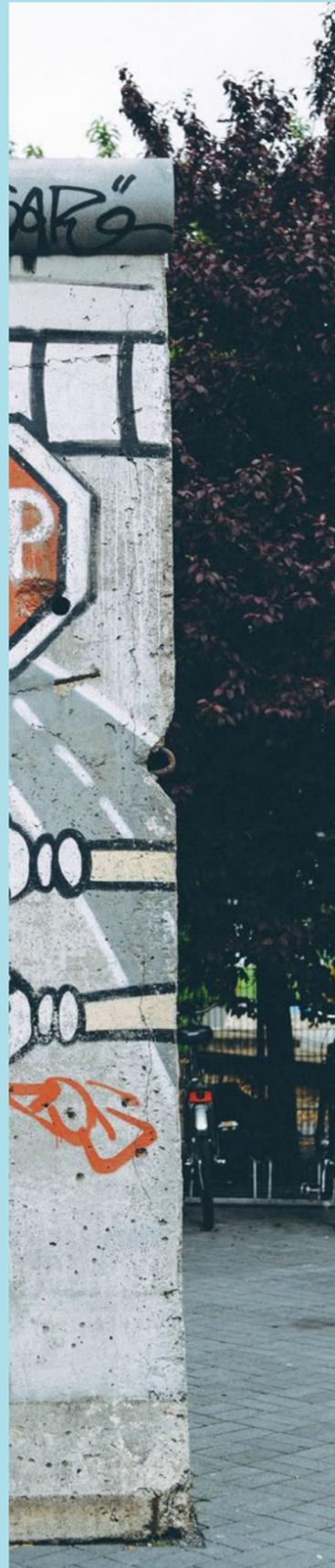
**Democratic  
deficits  
and  
renewal**



**Climate  
and health**



**Contested  
histories  
and digital  
futures**



# Britain and Europe

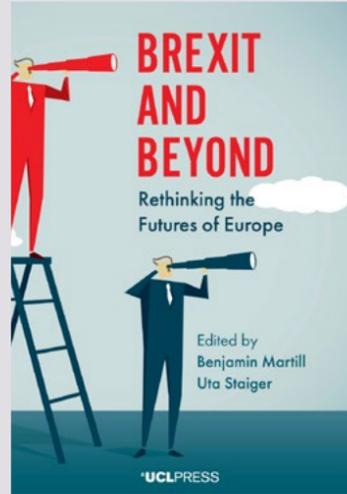
Britain's relationship to the European Union has been the focus of some of our most influential, impactful and multidisciplinary work. Before and after the 2016 referendum, we have worked to critically inform public discussion, advise policymaking processes and support UCL's leadership and wider community in responding to the complexities of Brexit. This has taken the form of journal articles, reports, media appearances, public events, academic-to-policy roundtables and more. We have covered topics from data protection to fisheries, constitutional law to trade and what it means to be European.

Our work is underpinned by the fundamental principle that high-quality academic research from across the disciplines should be at the heart of all institutional, societal and governmental efforts to understand the consequences of Brexit.

“ We have to understand how the EU works and negotiates, because we shall, like it or not, never be floating free of ties and responsibilities in the mid-Atlantic. We shall, like an outsized Switzerland, be negotiating on everything ... for as long as both the UK and EU exist.

”  
Sir Ivan Rogers, delivering a public lecture at the European Institute (January 2019)





**Brexit and Beyond:  
Rethinking  
the Futures of Europe  
(UCL Press, 2018)**

This open-access book, downloaded over 120,000 times to date, was edited by the Institute's Uta Staiger and Benjamin Martill, with 28 leading scholars from a range of disciplines charting the likely effects of Brexit on the future of Europe.



**A Constitutionalist Reading of Article 50.** Beginning as a humble European Institute Working Paper, this groundbreaking legal analysis by Piet Eeckhout and Eleni Frantziou ultimately had a major influence on one of the most significant Brexit legal cases. Piet Eeckhout acted as an academic consultant in the 2018 Wightman case, in which the European Court of Justice ruled that the UK could unilaterally cancel Brexit. This work is now a Research Excellence Framework (REF) impact case study.



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**Brexit would require a major review of retained EU law to ascertain what should be kept, amended, or discarded. This would dominate Parliament's agenda for an extended period.**  
”

Dr Nick Wright and Oliver Patel in 'Brexit: Its Constitutional Consequences for Britain and Europe' (April 2016)

**Brexit: Its Constitutional Consequences for Britain and Europe.** In partnership with the UCL Constitution Unit, this series of five public events and four policy briefings was one of the first initiatives to inform the public about the constitutional intricacies of Brexit prior to the 2016 referendum. Much of our analysis has stood the test of time.



**Supporting the UCL community.** Through our membership of the Brexit Mitigation Group and convening of the Brexit and Beyond Group, we played a leading role in UCL's strategic response to Brexit. We co-wrote the weekly all-staff UCL Brexit Update email, co-produced the institutional UCL and Brexit website and delivered countless advisory clinics and lectures to staff and students. We also curate the UCL Brexit Hub showcasing UCL research on Europe and ran the UCL Brexit Blog.

**Influencing the media agenda and public debate.** At every critical Brexit juncture, European Institute staff and fellows offered commentary and analysis on TV, radio or in newspapers. UK and European Parliaments were among those citing our policy reports, and the Brexit Divisions guest editor series with the global media platform openDemocracy brought our work to new audiences. Overall, we have undertaken and facilitated over 200 media appearances for UCL, including with the BBC, Sky, ITV, CNN, The Guardian, Financial Times, France 24, Deutsche Welle, Al Jazeera and others.



# Religion, identity and diversity in Europe

Europe's diverse array of cultures, religions, and communities has been central in much of our work. Drawing on cross-disciplinary UCL expertise, we have returned in many guises to questions of identity and belonging in Europe—today and throughout history. In exploring topics such as religious freedoms, LGBTQ rights, immigrant identity and the legacy of colonialism, we have contributed to public discourse and debate on issues that are at once personal and political.

Through publications, workshops, digital resources, research and events, we aim to investigate the many experiences of Europe and being European, while acknowledging and addressing the structural challenges of these concepts.

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LGBT people often seek asylum in countries where LGBT rights are protected. But even though sexual and gender identity are grounds for refugee status, the success rate of LGBT people seeking asylum is very mixed.

”  
Professor Richard Mole speaking at 'Queer Asylum in Europe' event (June 2019)



**Negotiating Religion: Cross-disciplinary Perspectives** (Routledge, 2017) - This volume, co-edited by François Guesnet, Cécile Laborde and Lois Lee as a final product from a two-year project convened by the European Institute, explores the processes through which religious communities create or defend their place in a given society.



**The Paris Attacks:** How does extreme violence challenge our categories of thinking? Roundtable co-hosted with the UCL Institute of Advanced Studies (December 2015).

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As we Europeans gaze in dismay across the Atlantic at the generations of racism and discrimination that brought the United States to this sorry impasse, we must not, tempting as it seems, believe we are somehow superior when it comes to tolerance and multiculturalism.  
”

Khaled Diab, 'Black Lives Matter in Europe too' on the UCL Europe Blog (August 2020)

**Legacies of European Colonial Slavery** (March 2014) - Joint lecture and accompanying PhD workshop on slavery's role in shaping history in different European imperial contexts, led by Professor Catherine Hall (UCL History) and Professor Myriam Cottias (CNRS), supported by the Institut Français.



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When my name attracts attention and I'm asked 'where are you from' or 'when did you come over', I say with a shrug 'I was born here', so that's my identity. My father used to say that where he came from [in today's Belarus] they referred to themselves as My tuteishie [we are people from here]. I consider myself European through and through.  
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From 'Invisible Poles: A Book of Interview Extracts', research conducted by Dr Kinga Goodwin and Professor Anne White (2019)



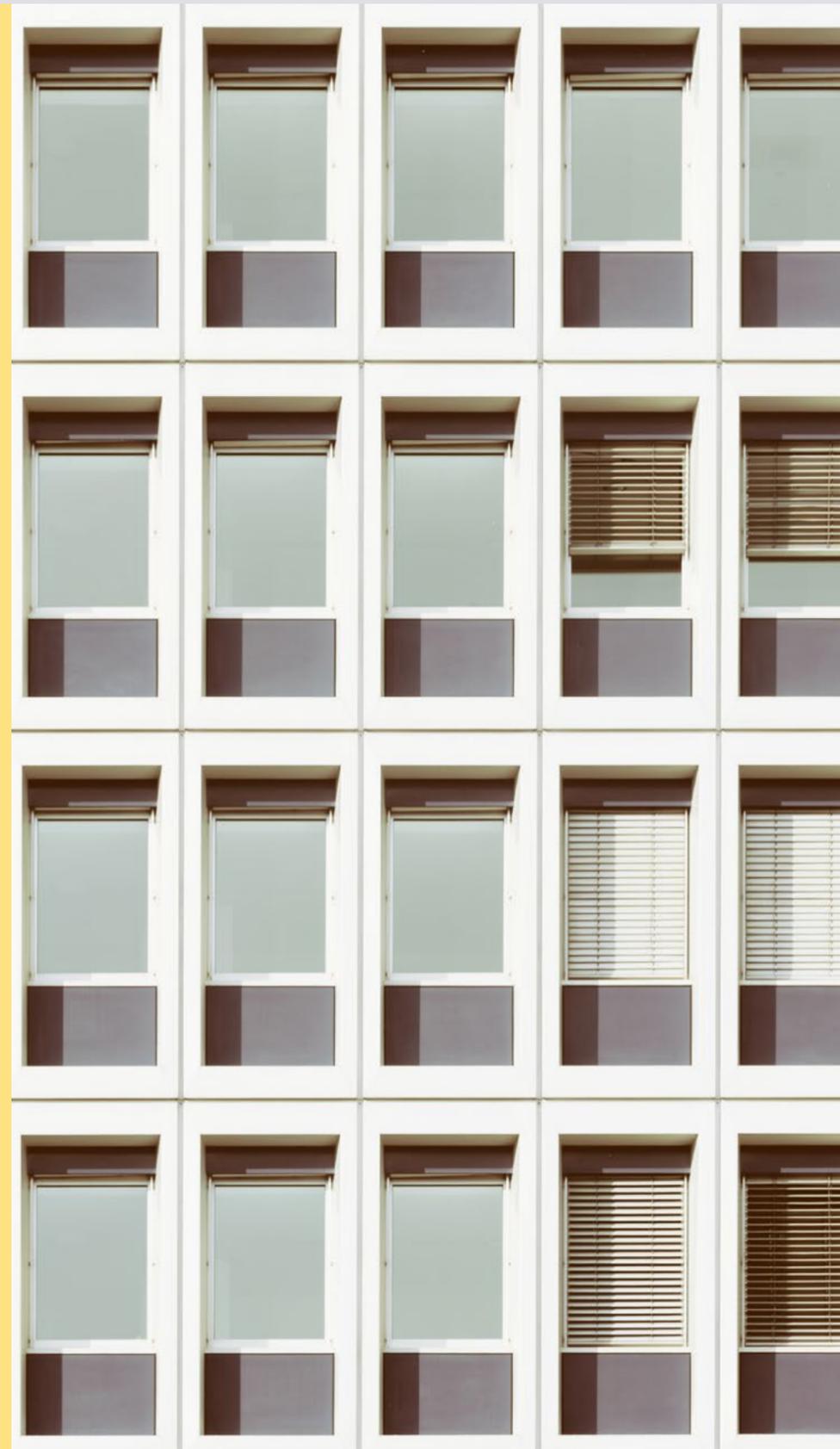
# Democratic deficits and renewal

In domestic politics as in European politics, there are profound disagreements about how we should reform and conceive of our common political frameworks to make them sustainable and democratic. With EU institutions expanding their competences into areas directly affecting national sovereignty, concerns over its 'democratic deficit' have deepened. Nationally, too, we worry about the dominance of executive decisions over parliamentary scrutiny, technocratic solutions over democratic accountability, populism over deliberation and the accommodation of regions and nations within a state.

Over the years, we have explored these questions through many projects, investigating changing standards of democratic legitimacy from a broad range of perspectives and in manifold contexts.

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Economic crisis has intensified existing claims for territorial independence or devolution. Political and social forces have strengthened their critique of existing models of power allocation and fiscal redistribution, demanding adequate means to steer and finance their own regional development.  
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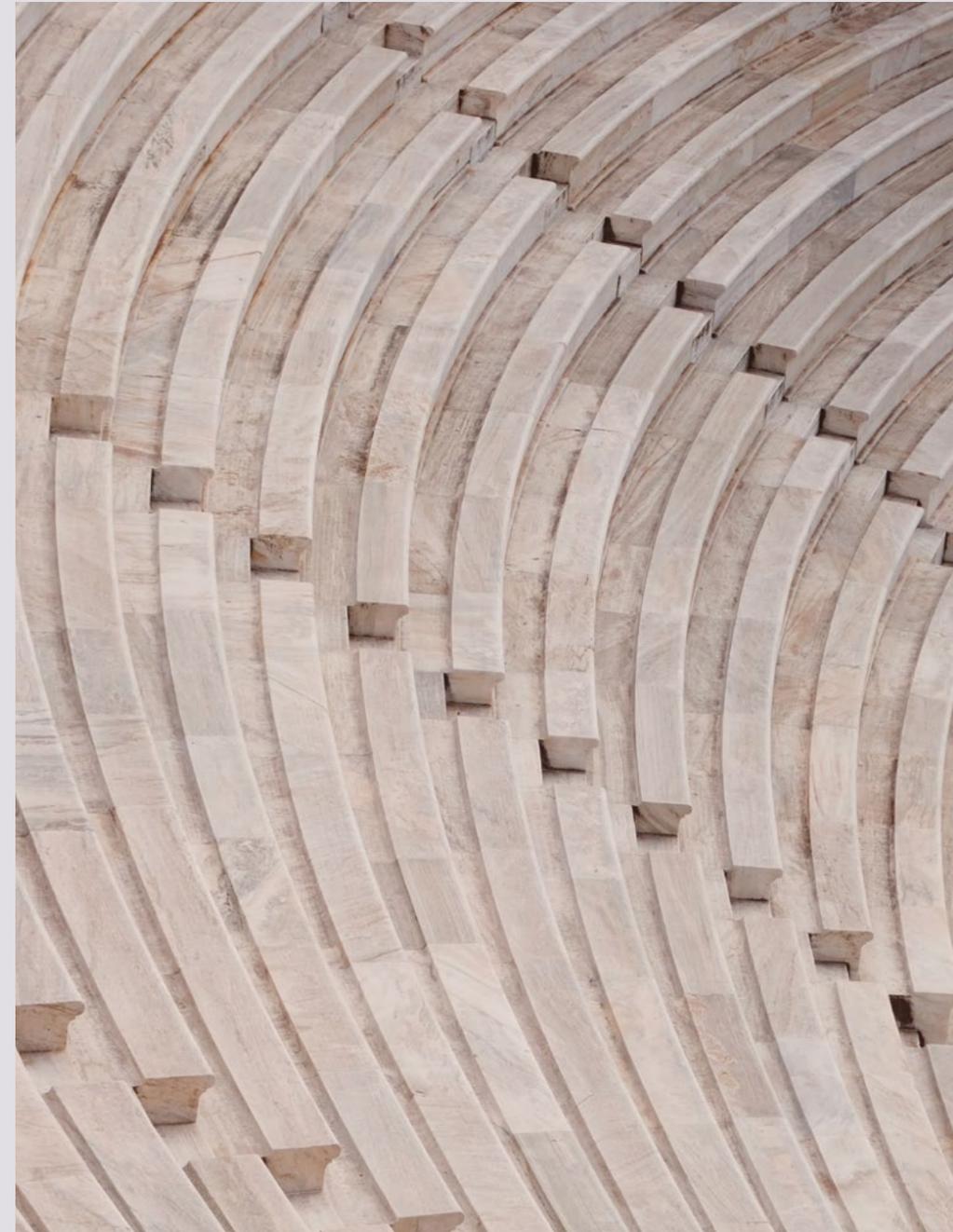
Claire Colomb, Kristin Bakke and John Tomaney in 'Shaping the Territory in Scotland, Catalonia and Flanders' (Working Paper, August 2012)





**Hungary and the Rule of Law** (April 2020), Webinar with Heather Grabbe (Open Society European Policy Institute) and Péter Krekó (Political Capital), moderated by Professor Ronan McCrea (UCL Laws).

**The Will of the People: A Modern Myth** (October 2018), Book launch for Professor Albert Weale (Emeritus, UCL Public Policy)



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**Democracies today are in the grip of a myth: the myth of the will of the people. Populist movements use the idea to challenge elected representatives. Politicians, content to invoke the will of the people, fail in their duty to make responsible and accountable decisions. And public contest over political choices is stifled by fears that opposing the will of the people will be perceived as elitist.**  
”

Professor Albert Weale in ‘The Will of the People: A Modern Myth’



**The Eurozone Crisis and the Democratic Deficit (2013)**, One-year grant-funded project involving our UCL-Yale PhD master class, public and policy engagement events and a published essay collection.

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The euro crisis became a moment of renegotiation of who we are, and how we relate to each other. We are re-calibrating the acceptable balance between interference in each other's affairs and deference to each other's ways of doing things, and of being: we are engaged in managing the rules of recognition in Europe.

”

Claudia Sternberg, Kalypso Nicolaidis and Kira Gartzou-Katsouyanni in 'The Greco-German Affair in the Euro Crisis: Mutual Recognition Lost' (Monograph and podcast, 2018)



**Legitimacy Through the Looking Glass (July 2019)**: International workshop engaging researchers from multiple disciplines with each other's perspectives on political legitimacy, from philosophy to criminology over international relations and business studies to sociology.

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A public emergency is a situation which not only affects the public but requires the public to resolve it. The rights which are limited and derogated in a public emergency are the means through which the state brings order to public efforts to resolve the situation.

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Dr Nomi Claire Lazar (Yale-NUS) on the Talking Europe podcast, 'States of Emergency: Liberty, Authority and the Law' (May 2020)

# Climate and health



“ Although overall population health has improved in most countries, there is significant inequality in health across Europe, notably differences in life expectancy of about 16 years between countries, with even greater differences when account is taken of the inequalities within countries.

”  
Professor Michael Marmot, Dr Ruth Bell and Professor Peter Goldblatt, in *The Future of Healthcare in Europe*, (Policy report, November 2011)

The threat of climate change and global health challenges are issues that will continue to shape society in pivotal ways. As a multi-faculty university, UCL is in the unique position to bring expertise from public health, health informatics, environmental law and climate change, and the European Institute is proud to have facilitated some of this work.

Our work draws attention to the importance of the European perspective on these global trials, as illustrated through the significant inequalities in population health across Europe, and the environmental questions left in the wake of Brexit. The Covid-19 pandemic has brought a new urgency to our approach to these issues. Working with UCL academics, we are examining the social, political, economic and philosophical effects of public health and environmental issues within Europe and globally.



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**We should shift our thinking and focus on climate justice as the driving ideal, to safeguard the communities that are most vulnerable to climate change, to elevate the voices that need to be elevated, and to ensure inclusive and diverse discussion on the future of the climate.**  
”

Sophia Dyvik Henke, UK Youth Climate Strike Movement (9th annual Sakharov Debate with European Parliament Liaison Office in the UK, 2019)



“  
**States have a duty to respect, protect and promote health. One really striking development is how quickly social norms and the sense of what is politically possible has shifted since the coronavirus pandemic. The need for states to be more interventionist to protect the health of their populations now looks like common sense.**  
”

Professor James Wilson in 'The Philosophy of Public Health: From Coronavirus to the Neglectful State' (In Search of Europe video, April 2020)



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**With accountability at the heart of democratic government, it is paramount that our future environmental governance framework shall be considered and properly consulted on, and that it shall adequately address government accountability.**  
”

Maria Lee in 'Environmental Accountability After Brexit' (Working Paper, November 2017)



# Focus on Covid-19



- Quarantine Chronicles: A qualitative micro-research project collecting personal stories of life in lockdown across Europe. A brief survey revealed varied experiences and insightful comments about life as parents, students, and researchers in lockdown.



- European Perspectives on Covid-19: A webinar series with the UCL Cities Partnerships Programme and UCL partners in Paris and Rome convening leading researchers, policymakers and arts professionals to discuss the challenges posed by Covid-19 to teaching, research, mobility and cultural and artistic practices.



- The Pandemic and Europe: Three-part miniseries of our “Talking Europe” podcast, welcoming experts to analyse some of the less-discussed issues facing the continent.
  - Brexit and the EU’s Response
  - Hungary’s Coronavirus Protection Law
  - States of Emergency: Liberty, Authority and the Law

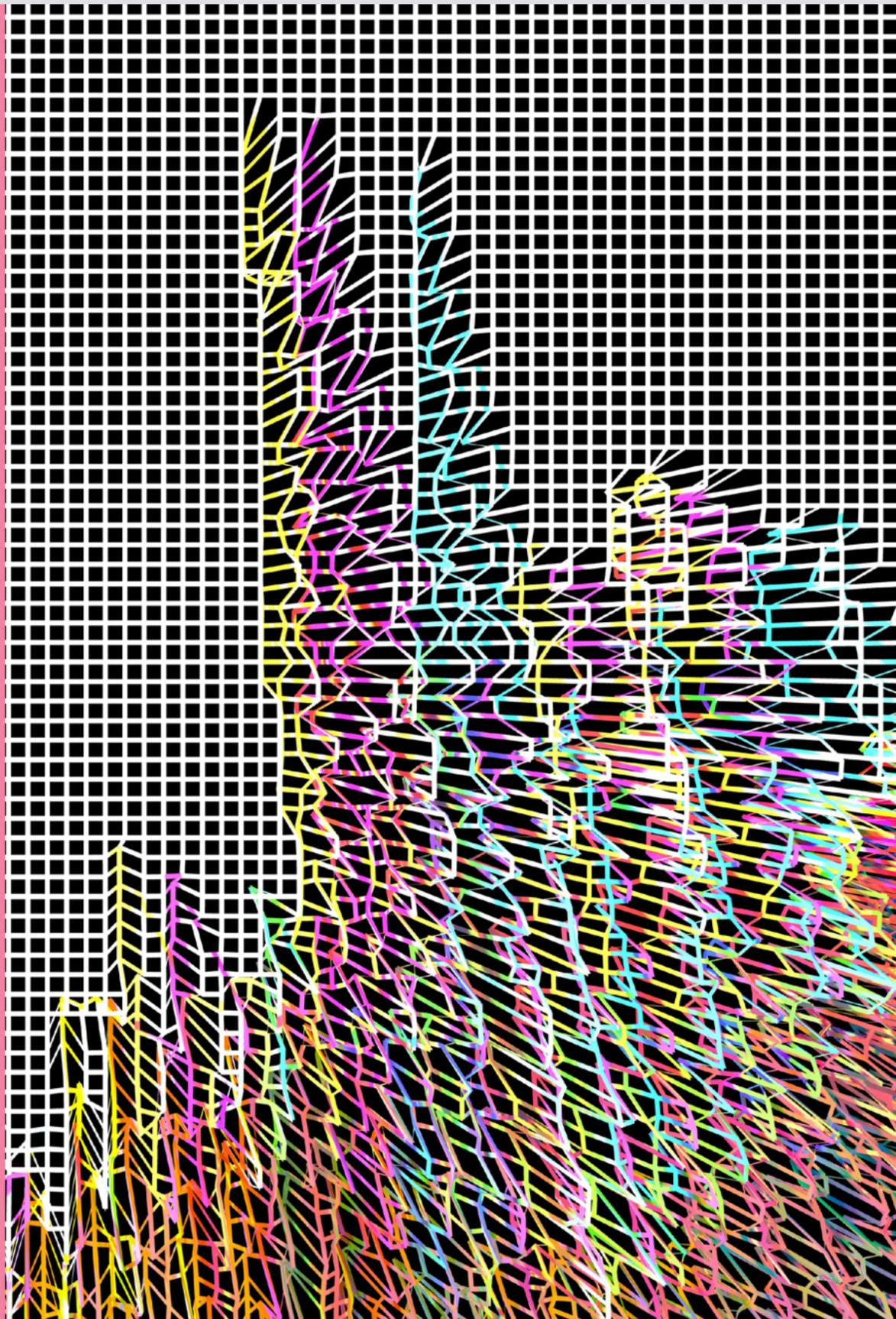
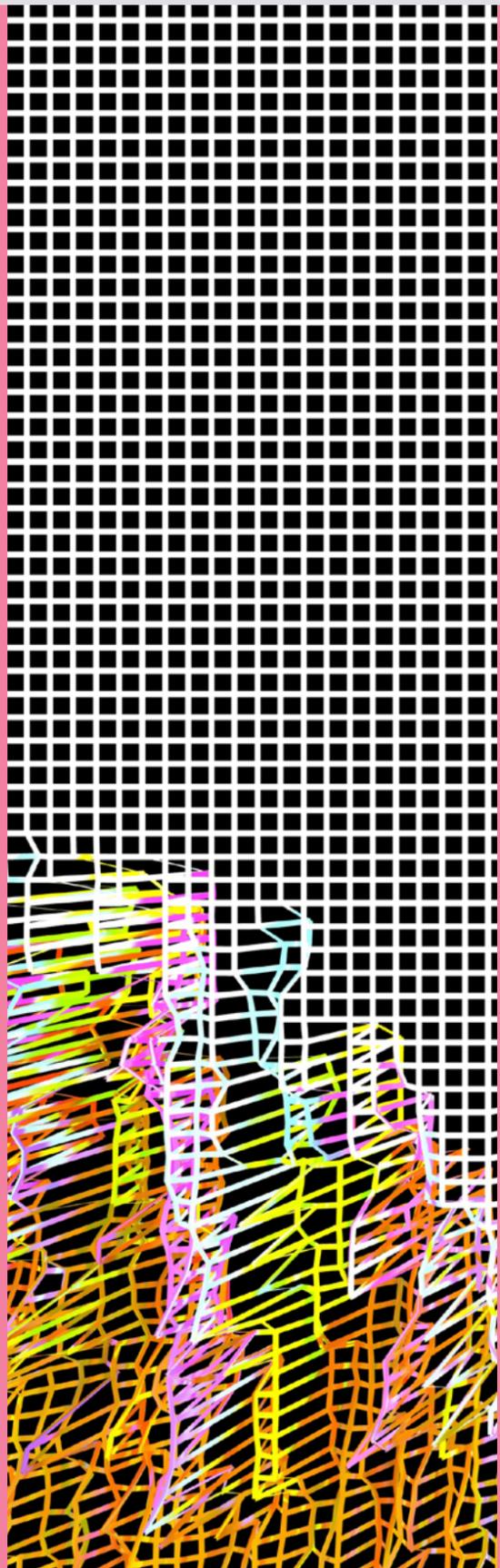
# Contested histories and digital futures

There is no making sense of our world without the study of languages, literatures, thought, fine art and history. Over the past decade, we have engaged with UCL's outstanding arts and humanities scholars to defamiliarise entrenched narratives, confront uncomfortable truths, re-contextualise ideas and probe translations. From performances to podcasts, videos to webinars, exhibitions to maps, we have sought to critically interact with Europe's vibrant stories.

We have also turned an eye to the future, looking at technological advancements and their associated ethical, legal and policy challenges as they manifest in Europe – including work on data protection, artificial intelligence and internet regulation.

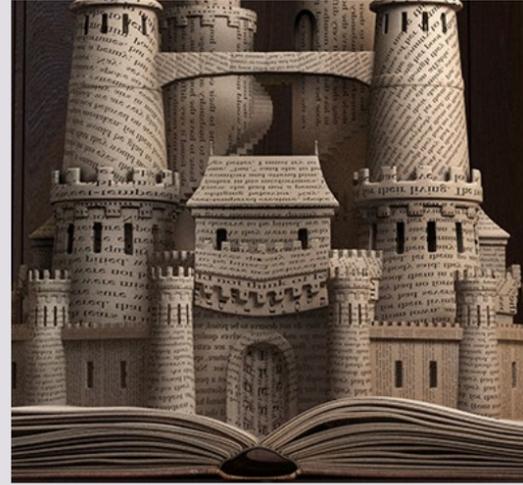
“ We must apply this principle: what is illegal offline should also be illegal online. Hate speech is prohibited by criminal law across the EU. However, although the tech platforms should be socially responsible, they should not be held legally liable for harmful content. ”

EU Commissioner Věra Jourová,  
on AI, Privacy and Big Tech:  
Europe's Response (Public  
lecture, June 2019)





**Variations of Carmen** (February 2011):  
An exploration of the story of Carmen across times, cultures and media, by way of dance, video art, orchestral music and a conference, curated and convened by UCL Mellon Fellow Dr Mi Zhou.



**Word Houses: Dictionaries, Archives, Libraries and Beyond** (June 2019):  
Dictionaries, Archives, Libraries and Beyond. A conference held in cooperation with the British Library, discussing how encyclopaedias and archives, grammars and dictionaries, anthologies and libraries shape our words and our worlds. At a time when texts are spawned and stowed in virtually limitless variations, how does the way we house our words matter?

**Protest – Performativity – Post-Truth: The Legacy of 1968** (November 2018):  
A symposium co-hosted with the Czech Cultural Centre, bringing together academics, artists and activists to explore the legacy of the 1968 Prague Spring through the perspective of art theory, gender, performativity and politics.

**Brexit, EU-UK data flows and EU-US Privacy Shield:**

Restrictions on the free flow of data has become one of the great transatlantic disputes in the digital era. The European Institute has been ahead of the curve, publishing two major policy reports on this topic in 2019 and 2020, followed by a widely cited evidence submission to the House of Lords EU Committee.

**European Literary London: A map** (September 2020):  
Curated for the Inspiring Minds Season of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities with the input of UCL academics and National Institutes of Culture in London, this interactive map acts as a guide to the city through the eyes of Europe’s literary, musical, artistic and scientific minds.



**Rosalind Nashashibi webinar** (June 2020):  
A film screening and webinar with Turner Prize nominee and National Gallery Artist in Residence Rosalind Nashashibi, discussing her piece ‘Part One and Part Two’, which draws on an Ursula K. Le Guin short story.

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**Post-Brexit, the UK may have to decide what is more important: data flows with the EU or the US?**  
”

Oliver Patel in WIRED (July 2020)



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Watching the toppling of Bristol’s Edward Colston monument, I was struck by echoes of the fate of another dubious statue: Kyiv’s Lenin monument. ... The destruction in both cases was relatively spontaneous but not a mindless act: they were targeted, symbolically charged performances.

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Dr Uilleam Blacker, ‘Echoes of the past: Toppling statues of Colston and Lenin’ on the UCL Europe Blog (June 2020)

# Ongoing pillars

## UCL Europe Blog

Originally launched with a Brexit focus, in 2020 we refreshed the design and expanded the interdisciplinary focus of the UCL Europe Blog to create a go-to source for UCL academics, students and others writing on European issues. This online space hosts commentary on topics from food insecurity to Black history in Europe, reaching readers in the academic, policy and public spheres.

## In Search of Europe video series

Featuring interviews with academics from many fields, our videos showcase the breadth and quality of UCL's European-related research. From post-socialist domestic space in Bucharest to horror films, night-walking in London and the politicisation of Italian opera, the videos feature a diverse array of disciplines and European contexts.

> **Professor Stephanie Bird, UCL SELCS:** *Humour and Suffering in Post-War German Culture*

> **Professor Matthew Beaumont, UCL English:** *Nightwalking and insomnia in the city*

> **Professor Sophie Page, UCL History:** *Angels, Demons and Hungry Dogs: Magic in the Middle Ages*

> **Professor Sophia Psarra, The Bartlett:** *The Venice Variations: Tracing the Architectural Imagination*

“ As humans we are wired to look for ideal patterns, stories and places, in art, literature, film, technology, science and mythology. Venice is one of those artefacts that provides us with models and constructs of experience. ”

Professor Sophia Psarra in 'Venice Variations' In Search of Europe video, May 2018

## Talking Europe podcast

Our Talking Europe podcast represents another arm of the Institute's embrace of new media in bringing conversation and thought on European culture, history and politics to our audience.

📍 **Professor Philippe Sands, UCL Laws:** *East West Street: On the Origins of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity* (April 2017)

📍 **Dr Carlotta Ferrara degli Uberti, UCL SELCS:** *Making Italian Jews: Family, Gender, Religion and the Nation, 1861-1918* (July 2019)

📍 **Professor Miriam Leonard, UCL Classics:** *Hannah Arendt and the Ancients* (June 2018)

📍 **COVID-19:** *The Pandemic in Europe* (Three-part series, Summer 2020)



## Supporting UCL students

We support UCL students throughout their academic careers and beyond, offering research opportunities, an annual European careers event, internships and seminars exclusive to UCL students. We have encouraged student research through our Junior Research Forums and by hosting UCL students under the Laidlaw Research and Leadership Programme, which offers undergraduates six weeks of intensive research experience.

In the turbulent years since the Brexit referendum, we have also kept students informed through the UCL Brexit Hub, providing practical advice and support for EU students at UCL.



“ I was exposed to real research on Brexit at the UCL European Institute very early into my undergraduate studies. The obvious highlight was a trip to Brussels in which I got to co-interview senior EU experts and policy-makers. I was fascinated by the number of senior people willing to speak with researchers, share their knowledge and help academia. ”

Anton Gromoczki  
2017-18 Laidlaw Scholar



# Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

We became a Jean Monnet  
Centre of Excellence  
under the EU's Erasmus+  
Programme in 2016 and  
renewed this status in 2019.

Our two three-year work  
programmes were organised  
in thematic strands, enabling  
projects led by academic  
colleagues from across UCL.

Co-funded by the  
Erasmus+ Programme  
of the European Union



## 2016-2019



- **Challenging Europe:** Students engaging with diverse European London communities through creative, ethnographic and linguistic research. Programme under the UCL Global Citizenship Summer School (Led by Eszter Tarsoly and Jelena Čalić, UCL SSEES)

- **Migration:** Exploring practical and emotional experiences of EU migrants and their host societies through a teaching module, open-access book *Invisible Poles* (2019) and online resource guides (Led by Anne White, UCL SSEES)



- **LGBTQ Migration and Asylum:** Examining individual lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer experiences of migration and refuge in Europe through a conference, workshops and online resource guide (Led by Richard Mole, UCL SSEES)

- **Sovereignty:** Challenging discourses of national and parliamentary sovereignty through a conference and two webpages collating research, academic commentary, videos, policy engagement and resources on Brexit (Led by Uta Staiger, UCL European Institute)



- **Legitimacy:** Bringing together normative ideas and the empirical study of what makes people accept authority as legitimate or not, through an international workshop, monograph and scholarly articles (Led by Claudia Sternberg, UCL European Institute)

## 2019-2022



- **Challenges to the Rule of Law:** Taking on a pressing issue facing the Union from several member states through a conference, roundtable, seminar and LLM module (Led by Piet Eeckhout and Ronan McCrea, UCL Laws and Heather Grabbe, OSEPI-ADD)

- **Left-wing Populism:** Asks if leftist politics can ever be popular in Europe, through a public event, academic workshop and academic volume (Led by Philippe Marlière, UCL SELCS)



- **Perverting the Power Vertical:** Exploring resistance, illiberalism, politics and aesthetics in the Global East, through a virtual seminar series and symposium, and the Birzhastation pavilion at the 2020 Tbilisi Architecture Biennale (Led by Michał Murawski of UCL SSEES, with Maria Mileeva and Denis Maksimov)

- **Scotland, and how small and regional states influence the EU:** Policy-focused events, papers, and blogs in collaboration with the Scottish Centre on European Relations (Led by SCER Director Kirsty Hughes)



- **Britain and Europe 2.0:** Continuation of all our work—events, podcasts, videos, the UCL Europe Blog—on the UK's relationship with Europe

# Our most impactful content from the past 10 years ↓

## Where did Brexit come from and where is it going to take the UK?

Video of public lecture by Sir Ivan Rogers (2019)



## Brexit and Beyond Book: Rethinking the Futures of Europe

UCL Press book edited by Uta Staiger and Benjamin Martill (2018)



## Jacob Rees-Mogg's alarming cry of "Illuminati"

Michael Berkowitz, UCL Europe Blog (2019)



## UCL Brexit Hub website

(2017 - present)



## British exceptionalism is an intellectual trap

Helene von Bismarck, UCL Europe Blog (2019)



## What Does Europe Want?

Talk by Slavoj Žižek and Srećko Horvat (2013)



## The Philosophy of Public Health: From Coronavirus to the Neglectful State

In Search of Europe video by James Wilson (2020)



## A General Election is looking more likely – what are the implications for the two main parties?

Christina Pagel and Christabel Cooper, UCL Europe Blog (2019)



## EU-US Privacy Shield, Brexit and the Future of Transatlantic Data Flows

Oliver Patel and Nathan Lea, European Institute Policy Paper (2020)



## Talking Europe Podcast Series



# Looking ahead →

We look back on our first decade of activity with immense pride, as well as with some astonishment at the transformative geopolitical events that shaped it. As we enter our second decade, we do so in a fundamentally changed political, cultural and higher education environment.

We also enter it with a strategic reform of the European Institute, which has found a new institutional home in the Faculty of Laws. New academic endeavours and a new funding model will bolster our role within UCL, with our remit to serve the whole university unchanged. After Brexit dominated our activities of the past few years, we look forward to re-calibrating our portfolio. We are also moving into teaching, Europe-related curriculum development and research facilitation. At the same time, we will continue to use our position and influence externally, engaging in consulting, informing policymaking and strengthening ties with UCL alumni.

Key intellectual puzzles we aim to tackle in the coming years include the rule of law, data and digital policy,



climate change, public health and knowledge-generation. By leveraging cross-disciplinary strengths and building research networks, we will push forward with ground-breaking projects to inform public debate and policymaking and raise the profile of UCL's research on Europe.

Whatever upheavals the coming decade holds, we look forward to continuing to do our part in making UCL's world-class community of students and academics thrive, and in connecting it to the wider world in London, the UK, Europe and beyond.

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**In ten short years the UCL European Institute has managed to establish itself as a major player in European studies and in the broader policy environment in London and Brussels. Whenever I look for research collaboration, policy outputs or advice on current topics, the European Institute is always the first place I think of.**

”  
Dr Benjamin Martill  
University of Edinburgh



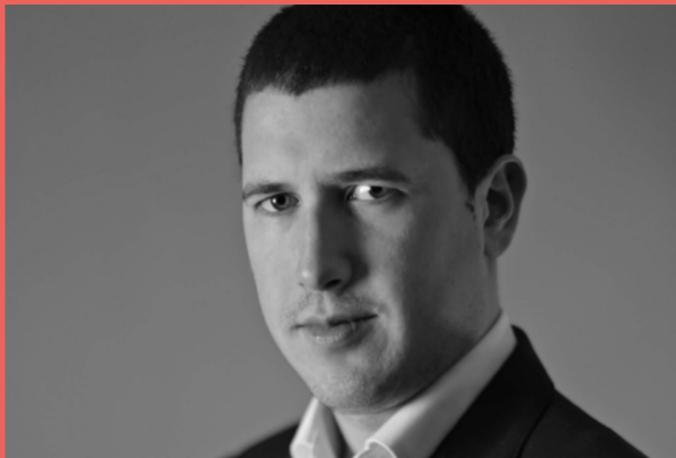
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Sir John joined the board in Autumn 2013 and took over as Chair a year later. He had supported UCL in other capacities previously, having sat on UCL's Council and the advisory board of the School of Slavonic and East European Studies.

His tenure with the EI spanned the tumultuous years following David Cameron's Bloomberg Speech, during which – as the UK decided to leave the European Union – “Europe” moved centre stage of public, political and academic debate.

On 6 May 2020, John passed away at the age of 84, following a short illness.

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