DIRECTORS’ MESSAGE

There was a time, in the not too distant past, when the study of Europe was considered a somewhat niche endeavour. We can probably say with some certainty that those days are over. In the past years, the work of the European Institute has acquired a wholly new significance and has had to address a seemingly never-ending stream of new challenges – both of which we have relished.

In our mission to increase the visibility and impact of UCL research on Europe, in 2018-19 we have organised 30 (mostly public) events, featuring speakers from 83 different organisations and attended by over 2500 people. Our showpiece event with former UK Permanent Representative to the EU, Sir Ivan Rogers, has since been watched over 110,000 times. A one-day conference on “Word Houses”, co-curated with the British Library to accompany their “Writing Exhibition”, brought together five UCL academics from four departments with writers, archivists, curators and library directors.

We also commissioned and published 66 pieces of original, academically grounded content. Our In Search of Europe video series and Talking Europe podcasts showcase the best of UCL research on Europe in the arts, humanities, and social and historical sciences. Our Brexit Insights papers, UCL Brexit Blog posts and public opinion surveys have been influential in informing politicians, civil servants, business and the wider public about key Brexit policy issues, from environmental legislation to data protection. We supported crucial research projects on topics such as LGBTQ migration and asylum in the EU, offered MA bursaries, commissioned an update of archival holdings in the SSEES library, and hosted an astonishing photo exhibition on the 1968 Prague Spring.

Some of this work has been supported by a prestigious Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence award from the European Commission (2016-19), which we have been successful in renewing until 2022 – so watch this space.

In our respective roles as Dean of UCL Laws and Pro-Vice-Provost Europe we have also been very engaged in UCL’s Brexit mitigation work, advising the university’s senior management, running staff and student clinics, and engaging in policy and advocacy work with sectoral organisations. Research of staff and associate academics is regularly featured in the national online and print media, and we have provided frequent commentary on Brexit and European politics on outlets like BBC News, ITV, Sky News and CNN.

2020 will mark the European Institute’s 10th birthday, as well as German philosopher Hegel’s 250th birthday (we plan to celebrate both)! It may also be the year in which the UK leaves the EU. Our work to ensure that the public, civil society, the media and policymakers are kept abreast with the latest, ground-breaking thinking on Europe and the EU has never been more important. We will strive to meet this challenge head on.
About UCL European Institute

Who we are

The European Institute is UCL’s hub for research, collaboration and engagement on Europe.

We exist to promote academic excellence in the study of Europe across the disciplines at UCL, to provide a leading forum for intellectual debate, and to act as liaison between the university and UK and European publics.

We offer a diverse programme of public events, provide expert analysis and commentary for media outlets and policymakers, coordinate and develop researcher networks, and support a wide range of researchers and Europe-focused research projects.

As a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, the European Institute is recognised for its facilitation of high-quality research and information on the EU.

Our place within UCL

UCL is London’s leading multidisciplinary university, with more than 13,000 staff and 42,000 students from 150 different countries.

Founded in 1826 in the heart of London, UCL was the first university in England to welcome students of any religion and the first to welcome women on equal terms with men. Today it is consistently ranked as one of the world’s best universities, and it is a world-leading institution for the research and study of Europe.

Over 250 academic staff are engaged in scholarship on European and EU-related fields at UCL, in subjects as diverse as law, history, economics, politics, philosophy, architecture, languages, health and cultural studies, and in dedicated departments and schools, including the School of Slavonic & East European Studies (SSEES) and the School of European Languages, Culture & Society (SE LCS).

Founded in 2010, and a core part of the UCL Institute of Advanced Studies, the European Institute works to support, promote, and strategically enhance the research and study of Europe across the university.

Our core team of 5 can speak 10 European languages: Catalan, Croatian, English, Flemish, French, German, Hungarian, Latin, Serbian and Spanish.

We were awarded our second Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Award in summer 2019. This will fund a major programme of activities between 2019 and 2022.

Over 2,500 members of staff are EU/EEA nationals (21% of the total)

UCL has the greatest number of EU27 students of any UK university

More than 5,200 EU students are currently studying at UCL (13% of the total)
UCL has strong intellectual and institutional ties to Europe. The Global Engagement Office (GEO) drives UCL’s strategy to create and strengthen partnerships with universities, the higher education sector and science and research policy worldwide.

In her role as Pro-Vice-Provost (Europe), European Institute Executive Director Dr Uta Staiger plays a strategic role in shaping and communicating UCL activities in Europe and developing vital partnerships for UCL. Since 2015-16, the GEO has funded over 266 UCL projects to further collaborative research and teaching-based initiatives with European partners.

The Office of the UCL Vice-Provost (Research) and UCL Public Policy strategically support curiosity driven research rooted in academic excellence and cross-disciplinary collaboration, especially where it seeks to address global challenges and inform public policy. They also inform UCL’s engagement with UK and European science and research policy.

UCL researchers engage with academics and universities across Europe, leading on a great many collaborative research projects with European partners. The European Research and Innovation Office works to keep UCL at the forefront of European collaboration in research and innovation and supports researchers in applying for EU funding. Consistently, UCL researchers are among the most successful at being awarded EU research grants. Across all EU programmes, UCL’s success rates in applying for funding has averaged three times – and sometimes six times – the EU average. Since the start of Horizon 2020, UCL has been awarded more than 490 projects totalling €312m, including 108 prestigious European Research Council grants.

Our core purpose is to enhance and develop UCL’s position as one of the world’s leading centres for the study of Europe and the EU.

To this end, we curate and create opportunities for research on Europe, both within and beyond UCL. Internally, we enable, develop and support research activities across the disciplines, and foster an environment where work on Europe can flourish at UCL. Externally, we promote UCL research expertise on Europe, and engage with policymakers, civil society organisations and the wider public to maximise the reach, significance and relevance of UCL researchers’ work.

Our work can be divided into seven core activities: supporting projects; convening events; commissioning research; connecting media and policy to research; supporting students; providing one-stop access to European expertise; and providing information and analysis on Brexit and the EU.

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Public and Policy Engagement

Events

Our annual events programme spans many disciplines and formats, ranging from full-day scholarly conferences to public panel debates, keynote lectures to workshops, Ask the Experts sessions to closed roundtables (see Annex 1 for full list).

A key part of our work to engage UCL research on Europe with wider constituencies—academics, students, policy officials, civil society and the wider public—it attracts thousands of people each year.

Sir Ivan Rogers: Where did Brexit come from and where is it going to take the UK? (January 2019)

The UK’s former Permanent Representative to the European Union delivered a keynote lecture and Q&A on all things Brexit in January 2019, critiquing the government’s Brexit policy and arguing that the risk of no-deal is being underestimated.

Word Houses: Dictionaries, Archives, Libraries and Beyond

Half-day conference held in collaboration with the British Library in June 2019. Speakers explored how encyclopaedias and archives, grammars and dictionaries, anthologies and libraries shape our words and our worlds. In a special session, Alberto Manguel, author and Director of the National Library of Argentina, was in discussion with poet Ruth Padel and UCL Professor of English John Mullan, chaired by journalist Boyd Tonkin.

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Sir Ivan Rogers: Where did Brexit come from and where is it going to take the UK? (January 2019)

Over 2500 people attended our events in 2018-19. Almost all were free and open to the public.

The European Institute organised and supported 30 events in 2018-19.

Protest - Performativity - Post-Truth: The Legacy of 1968

Symposium in November 2018— in collaboration with UCL SSEES and the Czech Cultural Centre London—which invited academics, artists and activists to explore the legacy of the 1968 Prague Spring and other global resistance movements through the perspective of art theory, gender, performativity and post-truth politics.

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Artificial Intelligence, Privacy and Big Tech: Europe’s Response

In June 2019, Věra Jourová, EU Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, delivered an insightful lecture on the EU’s approach to technology regulation in the coming years.

Our speakers came from 83 different organisations in 2018-19

Queer Asylum in Europe

Convened by Dr Richard Mole (UCL SSEES), this discussion brought together activists and policymakers with hands-on experience of working with LGBTQ refugees and asylum-seekers. Peter Grady, Senior Legal Officer at the UNHCR, gave the keynote speech.

Beyond Brexit: Towards a British Constitution

Professor Vernon Bogdanor (King’s College London) gave a lecture on the future of the British constitution post-Brexit to a packed audience in February 2019. A lively Q&A chaired by Dr Uta Staiger covered everything from human rights to the Monarchy.

Annual Events

Some events we convene every year, due to longstanding partnerships, important initiatives and traditions which we hold dear.

Festival of Culture

UCL’s Festival of Culture is an annual 5-day event with a packed programme of talks, panels, exclusive appearances, live performance, walking tours, film screenings and exhibitions, showcasing the world-class research being carried out by staff and students from across UCL. Each year, we organise several events as part of the Festival.

Sakharov Debate

The annual Sakharov Debate, co-hosted with the European Parliament Office in the UK, saw its 8th iteration in December 2018. It focused on Brexit, the People and Parliament, featured Gina Miller, Matthew Goodwin (University of Kent), Ronan McCrea (UCL Laws) and James Carver MEP (UKIP), and was chaired by Martine Croxall (BBC News).

The events are named in honour of the human rights champion and Russian physicist Andrei Dmitrievich Sakharov (1921-1989). They coincide with the European Parliament’s annual awarding of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought. Previous events have covered human rights dimensions of topics as diverse as online privacy, the refugee crisis, international courts, and LGBTQ rights.

European Careers event

Our annual European Careers event has become a fixture in the calendar of students interested in Europe at UCL. It helps students of all levels with their future career decisions by giving them the opportunity to connect with, and learn from, professionals at different stages of their careers representing a range of sectors and experience.

At this year’s event, we had speakers from government (European Commission, UK Foreign Office and French Embassy), public affairs (Edelman and Access Partnership), think tanks (European Policy Forum), and the media (Reuters).
The day spring ended: 21st August 1968

The original photographic images were exhibited as part of our conference “Protest - Performativity - Post-Truth: The Legacy of 1968”, co-convened with UCL SSEES and the Czech Cultural Centre in London (15 November 2018). Copyright: Robert Aish

“It is difficult to convey the sense of fear, shock and outrage which was experienced on that day. It is hoped that these images using different visual accentuations can give a sense of what it was like to be there. We cannot convey the surging mass of the citizens, the initial dialogue between the invaders and the invaded, the sounds and smells of the machines of war, then gun fire, people running, screaming, eventually the resignation to the inevitable. Let these images remind us fifty years on of the human cost of our present freedoms: freedoms which should never be taken for granted.” Robert Aish
## Analysis and Outputs

The European Institute commissions and produces a significant volume of analysis and commentary on European affairs. Our outputs span every discipline, and everything we publish is grounded in rigorous academic research.

Each year, we are committed to producing content in every conceivable format, to suit every possible audience. Through our blogs, policy briefings, research papers, videos, podcasts and comment pieces, we want to connect as many people as possible, from policymakers to the wider public, with UCL research on Europe (see Annex 2 for full list).

### Most popular content of 2018-19

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66 - overall number of outputs, such as publications, blogs, podcasts and videos, released in 2018-19

Over 110,000 views of Sir Ivan Rogers lecture
Podcasts and Videos

Our podcast and video series explore aspects of Europe relating to the arts, culture and humanities, examining the work of UCL's leading scholars in-depth.

The Talking Europe podcasts are conversations that explore humanities-based research on Europe in an informal and informative manner. In each of the half-hour instalments, we quiz UCL academics on their research projects, books, recent insights or longstanding fascinations with a specific topic. Popular favourites last year include episodes on whether the ‘the will of the people’ is a modern myth, on the role and cultural imagination of the Jewish minority in Italy, on Greek tragedy, modern family forms and consumer culture.

Our video series In Search of Europe gives glimpses into the intellectual worlds of UCL academics their research, interests and ideas – in five minutes and in a visually engaging, conversational manner. Last year’s highlights included Dr Peter Zusi taking us through a whirlwind re-appreciation of iconic modernist author Franz Kafka.

Brexit Hub

We created and manage the UCL Brexit Hub, the go-to resource for UCL research, academic content and expertise on all things Brexit. This online portal features hundreds of articles, blogs and videos, interviews and select committee submissions produced by academics across all UCL faculties. It is a regularly updated resource for academic analysis and commentary and reflects the wide range of high-quality work conducted at UCL.

250 pieces of original content of the UCL Brexit Hub

Brexit Insights papers

Our Brexit Insights series is a format of longer, yet accessible analysis pieces that provide in depth, policy-focused analysis on technical aspects of Brexit and European policy. Our papers were about EU-UK data flows, Northern Ireland and the backstop, future UK environmental legislation, extending Article 50, and the EU’s Brexit strategy.

The papers in this series have been widely featured in domestic and international media outlets, a sign of their influence and role in informing the Brexit debate.

Brexit Blog

As editors of the UCL Brexit Blog, we continue to publish widely on the topic. With dozens of new posts and thousands of views, the UCL Brexit Blog features contributions on virtually every topic linked to Brexit, from both UCL and external authors. Posts included a series on the democratic legitimacy of a second Brexit referendum, the climate change implications of Brexit, and the mechanics of stopping Brexit.

137 posts on the UCL Brexit Blog

Doris cartoons

Ros Asquith, Guardian cartoonist for 20 years and author-illustrator of over 60 books for young people, has created a series of cartoons for us. Appearing monthly, they tackle topical aspects around Brexit and UK society, bringing some much-needed humour to an otherwise often dire state of affairs.

The cartoons feature Doris, a cleaning lady that witnesses the divides of a society shaken by Brexit. Doris appeared in The Guardian for ten years. Doris cleans for the chattering classes. We never see her speak, but her thought bubbles are to be reckoned with. She is someone who we are all too busy to listen to, but this autodidact is far better educated than most of those she serves.
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Policy Engagement

Our Advisory Board, which meets several times per year, comprises MPs, senior civil servants and diplomats, journalists, public affairs specialists, and heads of major cultural institutions. It is chaired by Sir John Birch, the UK’s former Ambassador to Hungary. As well as determining our broader strategic direction, the Board meetings ensure that key stakeholders are aware of—and engaged with—UCL work on Europe.

One of our key objectives is to ensure that senior civil servants and government departments working on Brexit and European policy have access to the highest level of academic expertise. To this effect, we organise roundtables and private workshops which bring together civil servants and leading academics to engage in detailed discussions on a range of policy issues. We also work closely with UCL Public Policy to ensure that UCL and its academics have strong relationships with—and access to—relevant policy circles.

Our staff, fellows and associates have presented evidence to select committees and participated in Parliamentary meetings on several occasions. For example, both Professor Maria Lee and Dr Nicholas Wright participated in select committee hearings after writing Brexit Insights papers for us. Our Brexit work is also featured in House of Commons Library briefings and reading lists, which are disseminated to all MPs and peers. We also maintain very close links to some of the UK’s foremost think tanks on EU matters.

We engage with policymakers through events, and act as a conduit between policy, academia and the wider public. Our events with Sir Ivan Rogers and EU Commissioner Věra Jourová serve as good examples. Our Ask the Experts events with the House of Commons Library and European Parliament gave members of the UCL community and wider public the chance to quiz parliamentary experts on the ratification of the Brexit deal, while enhancing our working relationship with key individuals and institutions.

Our Executive Director, Dr Uta Staiger, is also UCL’s Pro-Vice-Provost (Europe). In this latter role, she contributes to UCL’s strategic engagement with European partners, and plays a key role in shaping policy priorities and recommendations for the higher education sector. She sits on the Russell Group’s EU Advisory Group, as well as UCL internal advisory groups on Brexit. She regularly meets representatives from the sector, such as Universities UK International (UUK), the League of European Research Universities (LERU), the Wellcome Trust, the German Academic Exchange Services, among others, and represented UCL at the International Rector’s Conference in Prague in 2018. In 2018-19, she has participated in Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) conferences, All-Parliamentary Party Group discussions, Camden Council meetings, and embassy-led initiatives. European Institute staff also regularly participate in closed policy briefing sessions on Brexit with government departments such as the FCO.

The European Institute regularly hosts visits from a diverse range of organisations, including international government departments, authorities and agencies to offer information, analysis and expertise on European policy. We co-hosted a roundtable for the London Education & Research Network, with education attachés from several European embassies attended to discuss science, research and higher education policy with UCL academics and senior management.

UCL and Brexit

Our staff play a key role in informing and advising the UCL community about Brexit and European policy.

As Pro-Vice-Provost (Europe), Uta Staiger forms part of UCL’s Brexit Mitigation Group, chaired by Provost, which oversees seven workstreams and two subgroups preparing the university for all conceivable Brexit outcomes, including No Deal.

We helped to build and maintain the UCL and Brexit website. This crucial resource contains FAQs and practical information for staff and students, as well as info about available support and UCL research. We also co-author the now weekly Brexit Updates, which go out to all UCL staff.

Our staff regularly deliver information sessions for UCL staff on Brexit-related issues like student mobility, immigration, research funding, and continuity of service and supply.

We also provide analysis, deliver academic guest lectures, and chair discussion sessions at UCL and for a wide range of organisations beyond, such as Cambridge University, Harvard, Yale, LSE, Chatham House, Dahrendorf Forum, University of Notre Dame, and the University of Westminster.
Policy engagement case study: a constitutionalist reading of Article 50

Our Academic Director Professor Piet Eeckhout is a leading legal expert on Article 50 and has contributed significantly to media and policy discussions on the topic. His work is being submitted as an Impact Case study for the UK’s Research Excellence Framework.

In January 2017, the UCL European Institute commissioned Professor Eeckhout and Dr Eleni Frantzioi to write Brexit and Article 50 TEU: A Constitutionalist Reading. This European Institute working paper was then turned into an academic article for the Journal of Common Market Studies.

In the Wightman case (December 2018), the European Court of Justice (CJEU) ruled that an EU member state which has notified the EU of its intention to leave can unilaterally revoke that Article 50 notification. This means that the UK can unilaterally cancel Brexit.

Professor Eeckhout acted as an academic consultant in the Wightman case, and was part of the Wightman legal team. The arguments put forward by Professor Eeckhout and Dr Frantzioi, on the subject of the revocability of Article 50, bear a close resemblance to the arguments put forward by CJEU advocate general Campos Sánchez-Bordona, in his official opinion. As such, this research has been highly influential and has contributed to shaping the Brexit process in a meaningful way.

In March 2019, Professor Eeckhout was part of a team of eminent QCs and lawyers who published a legal opinion on whether the UK would have to participate in the European Parliament elections if Article 50 was extended beyond 22 May. Lord Anderson of Ipswich KBE QC, UCL European Institute Advisory Board member, was the lead author of the legal opinion. In the Opinion, the authors dismissed concerns that a failure to hold European Parliament elections in the UK could invalidate subsequent EU laws.

Media Impact

One of our main objectives is to maximise the impact and reach of UCL’s work on Europe. To achieve this, we act as a bridge between UCL and leading media outlets. We also use our communications channels, including social media, websites and mailing lists, to promote UCL work as widely as possible.

Working with UCL’s media relations team, we connect UCL academics to journalists and have ensured that UCL experts regularly comment on European issues in the mainstream media.

European Institute analysts and fellows have made frequent media contributions throughout the year, especially to the Brexit debate. Professor Piet Eeckhout, Professor Philippe Marlière, Professor Ronan McCrea, Dr Uta Staiger, Oliver Patel, and Clément Leroy have all appeared on broadcast outlets including BBC News, BBC Radio 4, Sky News, ITV, CNN, Channel 5, France24, 3 Sat, TV3, Euronews, the Associated Press, Al Jazeera, and many more.


Ronan McCrea’s Sky News commentary was viewed over 1 million times on Facebook
Inside the Foreign Office was a three-part BBC documentary series which first aired in November 2018. The second episode, ‘Brave New World’, profiled the work of Caroline Wilson, who is a member of the European Institute’s Advisory Board.

Fieldwork in April 2019 found that the country was split between no-deal and remain, with compromise options unpopular. It also found that most Labour voters support remain. These findings were published in The Times, Huffington Post, New Statesman and politics.co.uk. Labour MP Owen Smith also wrote up the findings in a Guardian article on Labour’s Brexit position.

EXTENDING ARTICLE 50: LEGAL AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

“EU approval of an extension is not guaranteed, and will only be forthcoming if the UK offers a valid justification for such a request. But what exactly would constitute a valid justification? Thus far, the messaging has been mixed. The key question is how much detail and clarity does the UK need to provide for its extension request to be considered justified by the EU.” (Oliver Patel and Clément Leroy, UCL European Institute)
Research Support and Facilitation

In addition to its public and policy engagement activities, the European Institute also works to ensure that UCL research on Europe is as well-supported, connected and dynamic as possible. We enable, develop and support research activities across the disciplines, fostering an environment where work on Europe can flourish.

To this end, we have undertaken activities in a range of areas and across UCL in 2018-19. We have strategically funded and advised on projects, connected multiple researchers from different departments with one another, and continued to develop our ever-expanding network of UCL scholars working on Europe.

We are always open to supporting and funding cutting-edge research on Europe from any scholar, researcher or student at UCL.

The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence award, a three-year grant from the Erasmus+ Programme of the EU, has enabled us to provide significant support to a selection of fantastic research projects. The award’s work-programme, which is now completed, was divided into five core strands.

Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Award, 2016-2019
Jean Monnet Activities (2016-19)

Challenging Europe

With colleagues from across UCL, we designed a new strand for the UCL Global Citizenship Summer School. This enabled students to engage critically with contemporary Europe, its cultures, languages and political challenges, whilst giving them the opportunity to develop diverse skills such as filmmaking, ethnographic research and languages. The UCL Global Citizenship Programme is an annual two-week programme for UCL undergraduate and postgraduate students to investigate real global issues and how they could be addressed through research and action.

Migration: Polish people in the UK

Professor Anne White (UCL SSEES) and Dr Kinga Goodwin conducted research on how British-born people of Polish descent have experienced the recent increase in the Polish population of the UK. The stories of 28 interviewees are gathered together in the open access book *Invisible Poles: a Book of Interview Excerpts*. *Invisible Poles* is a tribute to anthropologist Keith Sword and his research, which began at SSEES in the 1980s and 1990s.

Professor White also designed and taught a new MA module, “Migration in the European Union”. Four UCL Master’s students were offered bursaries to conduct independent research and fieldwork over the summer.

LGBTQ Migration and Asylum

Dr Richard Mole (UCL SSEES) directed a project on the legal, political and social aspects of LGBTQ Migration and Asylum. This project made a major contribution to this emerging field of research, and an edited volume is forthcoming with UCL Press. We co-convened an academic workshop, an international conference, and a research-to-policy workshop, which brought together lawyers, academics, activists, and policy practitioners. Several videos and blogs on the topic were also produced.

Sovereignty

A key part of the Jean Monnet Centre’s work programme related to questions of national and parliamentary sovereignty—both in Britain and beyond. A full-day academic conference, *Revisiting Sovereignty in Europe? The Catalan Crisis in Context*, featured discussants from both sides of the debate, and perspectives from Scotland, France and beyond. This strand also encompassed a considerable part of our Brexit events and analysis.

Legitimacy

Dr Claudia Sternberg (European Institute) directed a research-focused strand that brought together normative ideas with the empirical study of what makes people accept something as legitimate or not. It culminated in an international workshop on *Through the Looking Glass: Political Legitimacy from Multiple Angles*, which brought together academics from across the world to discuss disciplinary approaches and understandings of legitimacy. Dr Sternberg also co-authored a book on denials and promises of mutual recognition in the Euro crisis, endorsed by the Greek and German foreign ministers (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019).
As well as funding and supporting research from the bottom-up, we also act as a matchmaker within UCL, developing researcher networks and connecting researchers with one another, with the aim of promoting collaborative, interdisciplinary research. Our knowledge and overview of European work at UCL means that we are well-placed to make introductions and support academics with particular aspects of their projects. For example, with UCL Public Policy, we convened a roundtable in December 2018 which discussed European and international regulatory standards concerning digital medical devices. Several UCL academics and external experts from academia, industry and government discussed challenges and opportunities in this domain. We are also working on a cross-faculty, inter-institutional doctoral mobility programme, and have co-convened a workshop series, led by Professor Albert Weale, on Political and Economic Constitutionalism in the European order.

We engage with students primarily to support their work, academic interests and contribute to their career development. For the third year running, we participated in the Laidlaw Scholarship Programme, a prestigious initiative for talented UCL undergraduate students. The programme aims to create the leaders of the future through a mix of training and intensive summer research periods. We plan on hosting a UCL Laidlaw Scholar each summer.

In summer 2019, Will Chantry, first year Geography student, undertook a research internship at the UCL European Institute. He worked on a project exploring the data privacy and security relationship between the EU and the US, during which he conducted interviews with officials, completed literature reviews and wrote blogs.

Each year, we will hire a new Communications and Outreach Intern, which will give UCL students the opportunity to work for us going forward. Our former Intern, Fjoralba Kodrasi, worked to increase our engagement with UCL’s many student societies. We work particularly closely with UCL European Horizons and UCL’s European Society.

We provide financial and organisational support for students wishing to organise events and conferences or pursue other projects alongside their studies. While the European Institute is not an academic department and does not offer teaching or modules on Europe, its staff do occasionally teach modules and deliver guest lectures on relevant topics.

We are delighted that our Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence award status has been renewed, and we will begin a new three-year programme of activities from 2019-2022! These activities will be on the theme of Passionate Politics and the Future of Europe.
Our People

The European Institute has a small core team of five permanent staff members, who work with over 250 outstanding academics specialising in European research across UCL’s many departments and faculties.

Professor Piet Eeckhout
Academic Director

Piet is Professor of EU Law and Dean of the UCL Faculty of Laws, as well as Academic Director of the European Institute. He advises on the strategic direction and academic focus of the Institute, especially with regard to our work on Brexit. He is a leading authority on EU law and international economic law, and has particular interests in EU external relations, constitutional and human rights law.

Dr Uta Staiger
Executive Director

Uta is the co-founder and Executive Director of the UCL European Institute. She is responsible for its strategic direction, designs the work programme, and forges relationships with key stakeholders. As Pro-Vice-Provost (Europe), she shapes UCL’s engagement with Europe, and advises on EU matters. Her research is on the relationship between European thought, culture and politics.

Dr Claudia Sternberg
Principal Research Fellow

Claudia joined UCL in May 2015 and was the Institute’s Acting Deputy Director from May 2015 to January 2016. She works on the Institute’s public, policy and media engagement, and develops its research profile. Her own research explores the relationship between citizens and political power, and the roles that ideas, ideologies, and narratives can play in shaping it.

Oliver Patel
Institute Manager and Research Associate

Oliver is responsible for the management of the Institute, and for matters of finance, communications, HR and operations. Oliver also coordinates the Institute’s events and external engagement programme. Oliver’s research focuses on the legal, political, and constitutional implications of Brexit for the UK and the EU, as well as EU data protection law and policy.

Clément Leroy
Research and Policy Engagement Associate (Brexit)

Clément is a Brexit specialist at the European Institute. He is responsible for coordinating the dissemination of research, curating events, and managing the UCL Brexit Hub and the UCL Brexit Blog. Clément works jointly for the European Institute and the Office of the Vice-Provost (Research). His goal is to ensure that UCL’s cross-disciplinary expertise informs Brexit policy in the UK and beyond.
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- **Tim Beasley-Murray**  
  Associate Professor of European Thought and Culture  
  UCL BASc

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  Professor of German Studies  
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  Professor of Energy & International Governance  
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  Professor of German History  
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  Professor of Energy & International Governance  
  UCL Institute of Sustainable Resources

- **Philippa Guesnet**  
  Reader in Modern Jewish History  
  UCL Hebrew and Jewish Studies

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- **Kevin Inston**  
  Senior Lecturer  
  UCL SELCS (French)
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27.09.2018
The Future of Scientific Advice in Europe
Panel discussion, co-hosted with UCL Public Policy
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The Future of the People: A Modern Myth
Book launch
11.10.2018
Reforms are Too Important to be Left to Reformers
Book launch
15.11.2018
Protest - Performativity - Post-Truth: The Legacy of 1968
Conference with the Czech Centre London, UCL FRINGE Centre and UCL Institute of Advanced Studies.
11.10.2018
Brexit and Migration [The Agora Europe Series on the European Political Space]
Co-hosted with UCL Institute of Advanced Studies
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Brexit and Migration
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Sakharov Debate 2018: Control Taken Back? Brexit, the People and Parliament
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06.12.2018
Euroconstitutionalism and its Discontents
Book launch, co-hosted with UCL Laws
08.12.2018
Economic and Political Constitutionalism in the European Order
Academic workshop
05.06.2019
How to Be Both: A Celebration of Multiple Belongings and Creative Trajectories, in Europe and Beyond
Panel discussion, co-hosted with UCL Grand Challenges at the UCL Festival of Culture
05.06.2019
Word Houses: Dictionaries, Archives, Libraries and Beyond
Conference, co-hosted with the British Library
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21.03.2019
Improvising Politics on the European Stage: a conversation with Luuk van Middelaar
Lecture and Q&A
21.04.2019
A Republican Europe of States: a conversation with Richard Bellamy
Book launch
29.01.2019
Poland and Hungary: Jewish Realities Compared
Conference, co-hosted with the Institute for Polish-Jewish Studies and the UCL Institute of Jewish Studies.
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Monsters and Monstrosity in Jewish History. From the Middle Ages to Modernity
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