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# INTRODUCTION



**Simon Glendinning**  
Head of the LSE European Institute

“One understands little about the world if one ignores Europe’s involvement, positive and negative, in patterns of globalisation. Conversely, one understands little about the European world if one ignores its historical tendency towards globalisation. ”

**W**hen the European Institute began its life in 1991, the Iron Curtain was lifting, and European supranational politics was intensifying. The rise of the emerging European Union was as momentous as the fall of the Soviet empire. The European Institute kept pace with these changes and has continued to do so in relation to events which have transformed Europe since then: the Euro crisis, the migration crisis, the rise of populism, ongoing pressures of financial globalisation, Brexit, Covid, climate change, global environmental spoliation, and today, with the war in Ukraine convulsing the political landscape, we see the dramatic return of geopolitics – with a conflict in Europe at its heart. These are all matters for academic analysis and investigation.

At the European Institute, we believe that studying Europe in isolation is not really to study Europe at all. Indeed, globalisation is a historical development that has always been caught up with processes of the movement worldwide of the cultural, political and economic world that had its origins in Europe. Europe is the beachhead of modern colonialism but also the birthplace of the welfare state, social democracy, inter-state integration, and much more; and it continues to shape developments globally, from political-economic-social transitions in its neighbourhood (or further afield, via trade agreements) to developments and policies with regard to climate change, energy transitions, disaster prevention, intellectual property rights, and of course universal human rights. One understands little about the world if one ignores Europe’s involvement, positive and negative, in patterns of globalisation. Conversely, one understands little about the European world if one ignores its historical tendency towards globalisation.

The multidisciplinary character of our teaching and research is what marks us out as an Institute. Our unity derives not from the methodological or disciplinary but from the singularity of our focus – Europe – and, in view of that focus, our collective commitment to methodological pluralism. We believe that an intellectually satisfactory focus on Europe in its internal complexity requires that methodological diversity. And we are not simply multidisciplinary. We are deeply interdisciplinary too, and we have been since we first opened our doors in 1992, when researchers with a background in economics teamed up with researchers with a background in political science to undertake teaching and research at the interface between politics and economics: political economy.

We strive to carry our interests in Europe in a direction that Europe itself has always done: in a direction beyond itself. When we take an interest in Europe we always do so with an eye to Europe’s position in the wider world. We have two connected strap-lines that summarise the kind of perspective on Europe that we emphasise: “Study Europe – Understand the World” and “Europe Beyond Eurocentrism”. These strap-lines highlight that there is an international or global context internal to whatever takes place in Europe. This does not imply that one can understand the world by studying one little corner of it – but that an adequate engagement with the culture, politics and economics of that little corner will inevitably draw in an understanding of international and global processes. It’s quite a world we’re living in – and we’re still working on it.

# OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE

## 18-22 Sep

The EI welcomes 238 new students to campus, including 235 MSc students and three new PhD students on our Doctoral Programme. The week featured welcome drinks, induction sessions led by the Head of the European Institute Professor Simon Glendinning and our Programme Directors, a treasure hunt, walking tours in London, as well as exciting activities across campus.

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## 27 Sep

**Gordon Brown**, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, visits the EI for an event to discuss his new book *Permacrisis: A Plan to Fix a Fractured World* with his co-authors Dr Mohamed A. El-Erian, Chief Economic Advisor at Allianz, and Professor Michael Spence, Emeritus Professor of Management at Stanford University.

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## 30 Oct

As part of its Beyond Eurocentrism (BE) Programme, the EI hosts a panel discussion for Black History Month on “**Black Feminism in Europe**,” welcoming Dr Mame-Fatou Niang (Carnegie Mellon University) and SM Rodriguez (LSE Gender Studies) for a discussion on the role of black women in social, cultural, and political movements historically and in our times.

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## 20 Oct

The **Justice Interactions and Peacebuilding (JUSTINT)** project holds a conference which gathers researchers, contributors, and practitioners working on the Western Balkans and other regions to place its research programme in a wider context of transitional justice research.

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## November

The **EI Alumni Mentorship Programme** is launched, matching over a hundred students together with alumni mentors from a wide variety of professional backgrounds and sectors.

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## 21-22 Nov

The European Institute welcomes Fudan University President Professor Jin Li and his team during their visit to LSE, celebrating its ongoing partnership with Fudan University through the **LSE-Fudan Double Degree in the Global Political Economy of China and Europe**.

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## 27 Nov

The **Hellenic Observatory (HO)** welcomes Professor George Gerapetritis, Minister of Foreign Affairs for Greece, at LSE for an event chaired by Professor Kevin Featherstone exploring the key issues affecting foreign policy on a national and international scale.

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## 19 Jan

The **Bank of England** and the EI co-host a one-day workshop on “Behavioural Macro and Finance” at LSE, providing a platform for researchers to present and discuss their latest research on the intersection of macroeconomic and financial theory and behavioural economics.

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## 11-12 Dec

The **Class of 2023 Graduation** takes place at LSE and the EI welcomes back its previous cohort of students who finished their coursework in August, celebrating their incredible achievements as they become a part of the active EI alumni community of 4,400 graduates around the world.

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## 23 Jan

As Belgium begins its presidency over the Council of the European Union, its Prime Minister **Alexander de Croo** speaks at LSE with Professor Chris Anderson about Belgium's goals for Europe, including fostering connections with the UK, and joins EI students, alumni, and guests for an exciting reception after the event.

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## 31 Jan - 2 Feb

Students attend the annual **EI Student Conference at Cumberland Lodge**, where they have the chance to dive into the theme of "Europe, Climate Change, and the Green Transition" through five keynote speakers and their unique perspectives which enabled discussions around the role of democracy, distributional politics, escalating geopolitical tensions, and migrant workers with regards to the green transition.

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## 22-23 Feb

Our PhD students organise the first edition of the **Critical Europe Conference** a two-day, workshop-based conference welcoming around 30 early-career researchers in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere to explore questions and issues around precarity and neoliberalism, memory and violence, and paternalism and migration.

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## 27 Feb

The EI welcomes back alumnus **Thomas Barton** (MSc European Politics, Class of 2019), to give a talk to our students and alumni about his journey at the EI and Polis Analysis, the startup he founded with his classmates after graduating from LSE.

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## 14 & 18 Mar

In March, the European Institute co-hosts two exciting events with Bocconi University to celebrate the anniversary of its **LSE-Bocconi Double Degree in European and International Public Policy and Politics**, bringing together students, alumni, and staff across Milan and London to reflect on some of the major challenges facing the EU this year, against the backdrop of the parliamentary elections in June.

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## 23 May

Following the recent adoption of the New EU Pact on Migration and Asylum by the European Parliament in April, through its Beyond Eurocentrism (BE) Programme, the EI joins hands with the Brussels-based European Network Against Racism (ENAR) and critical scholars to examine the interactions between border practices and the character of the EU by hosting a one-day conference on "**Race and Empire in Europe's Borders**".

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## 6 June

On the first day of voting for the pivotal **European Parliament elections** this year, the European Institute organises a compelling panel discussion with experts to exchange on the key issues and challenges facing the European Union.

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## 7 June

The 5th LSE Workshop on Political Economy of Turkey, co-hosted by **Contemporary Turkish Studies (CTS)**, the EI, the LSE School of Public Policy, and the Systemic Risk Centre at LSE, brings together researchers and policymakers to discuss new findings and identify areas where further academic and policy-oriented-work is needed on Turkey's political economy.

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## 12 Feb

**Christian Lindner**, the Finance Minister of Germany, visits the EI for an event to discuss the state of the German economy, addressing ways to strengthen the country's competitiveness and challenges the country needs to face for economic development. Prior to the event, some students have the chance to meet Mr Lindner for a chat over tea and scones.

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## 25-26 April

The centre for **LSE Research on South Eastern Europe (LSEE)** co-hosts a two-day "Workshop on the Comparative Economics of South East Europe" with the University of Belgrade and Economic Annals, providing a forum for presentation of research on all aspects of economic transition and European integration in South Eastern Europe.

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# RESEARCH

Researching Europe has rarely been more challenging or more important than it is today. War on the European continent, economic sanctions, energy insecurity and new patterns of migration are among the crises of the present that are reshaping Europe and its place in the world. At the European Institute, we seek to use these unfolding events as the springboard to the study of all things European. Consistent with our interdisciplinary status, our research is focused on cross-cutting themes. The work of the EI's faculty, research staff, and our highly active doctoral community focuses on our four key research themes: Political Economy, Politics and Policy, Culture and Society, and Migration.

## Political Economy

Our research in Political Economy concentrates on the interaction between political and economic processes in Europe. We study these interactions in different areas, such as the monetary field, the field of international political economy, and the interaction between the labour market institutions and the economic governance of the EU and the Eurozone.



## Politics and Policy

Our research in this field examines politics and policymaking in the context of pressures for integration and fragmentation within the European Union (EU) and as a response to developments in the wider international system. We explore the policy challenges that arise for the EU from different crises and analyse political responses.



## Culture and Society

Our focus on Culture & Society examines the diversity of cultural, political and philosophical ideas invoked in Europe's name, the ways these have been politically contested and reshaped, and the extent to which they intersect with the lived experiences of Europeans. We combine the methods of philosophy, sociology, political science, and anthropology.



## Migration

Our scholars approach this topic from different disciplinary angles, exploring why migration policies are restrictive or liberal, why international attempts of sharing the burden and responsibility of refugee protection have been elusive, how migration transforms the cultural, religious, and memory landscape of the host and guest communities, and how racism plays out in Europe as a continent of migration.



# PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS



## Political Economy

### Professor Nicholas Barr

Individual Funded Pension Accounts and the World Bank: Evolving Views  
*Social Insurance. Theory and Practice.*, 2023.

### Professor Iain Begg

w/ Jacques Le Cacheux et al.  
Options for a Stronger and More Agile EU Budget  
Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs, Directorate-General for Internal Policies, European Parliament 2023.

Performance Framework for the EU Budget - Concepts and Practices  
Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs, Directorate-General for Internal Policies, European Parliament 2024.

### Lorenzo Codogno

w/ Giampaolo Galli  
Lessons from Italy's Economic Decline: Exploring How Some of Italy's Traps May Become Future Challenges for the UK Economy  
*Ending Stagnation A New Economic Strategy for Britain (The Economy 2030 Enquiry: Final Report)*, Resolution Foundation & Centre for Economic Performance 2023

### Professor Simon Glendinning

Philosophy and the Human Paradox: Essays on Reason, Truth and Identity, by Alan Montefiore  
*Mind*, Oxford University Press 2024.

### Dr Jennifer Jackson-Preece

Recommendations on the Effective Participation of National Minorities in Social and Economic Life  
Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe High Commissioner on National Minorities (OSCE HCNM) 2024.

### Professor Denisa Kostovicova and Dr Vesna Popovski

Women's Discursive Agency in Transitional Justice Policy-Making: A Feminist Institutional Approach  
*Review of International Studies*, Cambridge University Press 2023.

### Tommaso Crescioli

Reinforcing Each Other: How the Combination of European and Domestic Reforms Increased Competition in Liberalized Industries  
*European Journal of Political Economy*, Elsevier 2024.

### w/ Dr Angelo Martelli

Did the Euro Reduce Market Power?  
Promarket 2024.

### Professor Paul De Grauwe

w/ Nauro F. Campos & Yuemei Ji  
Structural Reforms and Economic Performance: The Experience of Advanced Economies  
*Journal of Economic Literature*, American Economic Association 2023.

### w/ Yuemei Ji

How to Conduct Monetary Policy. The ECB in the Past, Present and Future.  
*Journal of International Money and Finance*, 2024.

### Professor Waltraud Schelkle

w/ Dr Zbigniew Truchlewski  
Beyond the North-South Divide : Transnational Coalitions in EU Reforms  
*New Political Economy*, Routledge 2024.

### Professor Denisa Kostovicova

w/ Ellie Knott  
To Report or Not to Report on Research Ethics in Political Science and International Relations: A New Dimension of Gender-Based Inequality  
*American Political Science Review*, Cambridge University Press 2024.

### Dr Ivor Sokolić

Claims to Ignorance as a Form of Participation in Transnational Justice  
*Cooperation and Conflict*, 2023.



## Politics & Policy

### Gijs De Vries

European Cultural Policy and Climate Action  
*Cultural Governance : Current and Future European Perspectives*, Routledge 2024.

### Andréa Delestrade and Dr Spyros Economides

Europe, Ukraine and "the West"  
EUROPP – European Politics and Policy, LSE 2023

### Dr Gianmarco Fifi

A Serious Crisis That Didn't Go to Waste? The EU, the Covid-19 Pandemic and the Role of Ambiguity in Crisis-Management  
*Journal of European Public Policy*, 2024.

### Dr Marta Lorimer

w/ Lise Esther Herman  
Dancing With the Devil? Emmanuel Macron, Marine Le Pen and the Articulation of a New Political Divide in France  
*Nations and Nationalism*, Journal of the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism 2024.

### Dr Katerina Glyniadaki

Deciding On Asylum Dilemmas: A Conflict Between Role And Person Identities For Asylum Judges  
*Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 2024.

### Daniela Roxana Movileanu

Book Review: Criminalisation Does Not Deter Irregular Migration: Evidence from Italy and France  
*The International Spectator*, Italian Journal of International Affairs 2024.

### Friedrich Püttmann

w/ Kemal Kirişci  
The Global Refugee Forum Can Markedly Improve Refugee Economic Inclusion  
The Brookings Institution 2023.

### Dr Orkun Saka

The Political Scar of Epidemics  
*The Economic Journal*, Oxford University Press 2023.

### Professor Jonathan White

Constitutionalizing the EU in an Age of Emergencies  
*Journal of Common Market Studies*, 2023.

Technocratic Myopia: On The Pitfalls Of Depoliticising The Future  
*European Journal of Social Theory*, 2024.

WhatsApp Government: On Technology, Legitimacy, and the Performance of Roles  
*The Journal of Politics*, The University of Chicago Press 2024.

What Makes Climate Change A Populist Issue?

*Still the Age of Populism? Re-Examining Theories and Concepts*, Routledge 2024.

### Dr Matilde Rosina

Migration and Soft Power: The EU's Visa and Refugee Policy Response to the War in Ukraine  
*Policy Studies*, 2023.

### w/ Iole Fontana

The Tools of External Migration Policy in the EU Member States: The Case of Italy  
*Journal of Common Market Studies*, University Association for Contemporary European Studies and John Wiley & Sons Ltd 2024.

### Dr Niina Vuolajärvi

The Discipline of Hope: Abolishing the Prison of Immobility in Post-Deportation Narratives  
*Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 2023.



## Culture & Society



## Migration

# BOOKS

This year, our faculty also received awards and published new books which we celebrated with public event launches, video explainers for our social media channels, and our very first podcast. Discover them below!



## **Reconciliation by Stealth: How People Talk About War Crimes** by Professor Denisa Kostovicova

Professor Denisa Kostovicova Awarded Honourable Mention for "Best Book Joseph Rothschild Prize"

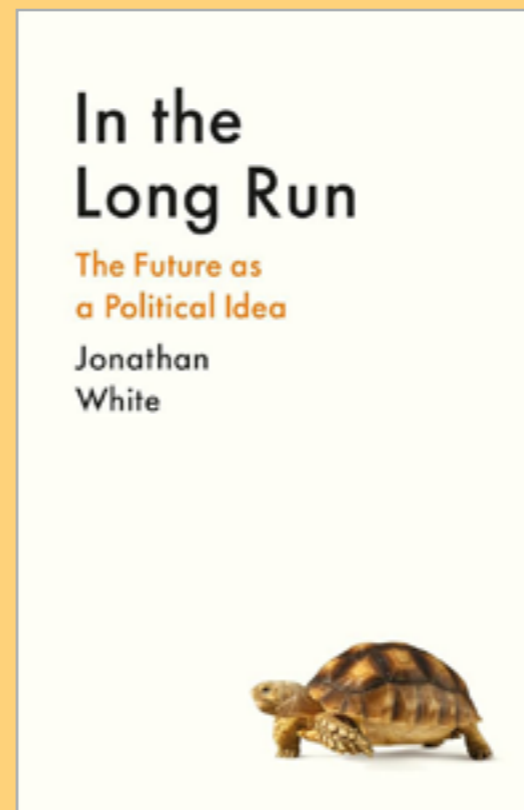
Our Associate Professor in Global Politics Denisa Kostovicova's recent book, *Reconciliation by Stealth: How People Talk About War Crimes* (2023), was awarded an Honourable Mention in May 2024 for the prestigious "Best Book Joseph Rothschild Prize in Nationalism and Ethnic Studies". This prize is awarded annually by the Association for the Study of Nationalities for an outstanding book published in the previous calendar year on Russia, Eastern Europe or Eurasia, in which substantial attention is paid to questions of ethnicity and/or nationalism.

[Discover the book.](#)

## **Late Soviet Britain: Why Materialist Utopias Fail** by Dr Abby Innes

In September 2023, our Associate Professor in Political Economy Dr Abby Innes released a new book, *Late Soviet Britain: Why Materialist Utopias Fail*, addressing why the United Kingdom, historically one of the strongest democracies in the world, has become so unstable. In her latest work, Innes explores for the first time how the 'governing science' in Leninist and neoliberal revolutions fails for many of the same reasons.

[Watch the video explainer.](#)



## **In the Long Run: The Future As A Political Idea** by Professor Jonathan White

In February 2024, our EI Deputy Head and Professor in Politics Professor Jonathan White published a new book, *In the Long Run: The Future As A Political Idea*. This new publication investigates how politics has long been directed by shifting visions of the future, from the birth of ideologies in the 19th century to Cold War secrecy and the excesses of the neoliberal age. White argues that a political commitment to the long-term may be the best way to safeguard democracy.

[Watch the video explainer.](#)

## **Europe as Ideological Resource: European Integration and Far-Right Legitimation in France & Italy** by Dr Marta Lorimer

How did the far right go from illegitimate fringe to contender for public office, and did Europe have anything to do with it? In March 2024, our Fellow in European Politics Dr Marta Lorimer released her first book, *Europe as Ideological Resource: European Integration and Far Right Legitimation in France and Italy*, arguing that European integration functioned as an ideological resource for far-right parties looking for legitimation by enabling them to refashion their political message in a more acceptable form, while maintaining the allegiance of their existing supporters.

Watch the [video explainer](#) & [podcast](#).



 To discover the latest publications from our academic staff, visit our news page at [lse.ac.uk/ei/news](https://lse.ac.uk/ei/news)



# CONTEMPORARY TURKISH STUDIES

**Contemporary Turkish Studies (CTS) is a recognised group consisting of academics affiliated with the European Institute and other LSE departments. The group mainly focuses on the politics and economy of Türkiye and its relations with the rest of Europe. It is led by the Chair in Contemporary Turkish Studies, Professor Yaprak Gürsoy, who provides academic leadership through interdisciplinary and critical research, teaching and related public activities.**

**In the 2023-2024 academic year, CTS convened five academic panels in collaboration with other LSE units and external research organisations, on topics related to the Turkish economy, politics and foreign policy. The CTS research group collaborated through their regularly organised colloquium series. Projects included research on the political feasibility of the adoption of the UNDP's "Türkiye Compact" funded by the Centre for Applied Turkey Studies (CATS) at Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) in Berlin.**

## Turkish Politics and Foreign Policy: A Centennial Reflection

On Friday 17 November 2023, Contemporary Turkish Studies at LSE marked the centenary of the proclamation of the Republic in Türkiye with a lecture in collaboration with the British Association for Turkish Area Studies (BATAS). Professor Şule Kut took a tour d'horizon of Turkish politics and foreign policy over time and across the major issues with a particular view for continuity and change.



## 5th LSE Workshop on Political Economy of Turkey

On Friday 7 June 2024, CTS co-hosted with the European Institute, School of Public Policy and Systemic Risk Center, the 5th LSE Workshop on the Political Economy of Europe. The workshop which was organised by Professor Berkay Ozcan and Dr Orkun Saka, featured presentations and discussions of six high-quality academic papers, on topics related to Turkish politics, firms and gender issues. The event concluded with a keynote speech by Professor Ufuk Akçigit from the University of Chicago, titled "The Hidden Risks of Industrial Policy: When More Isn't Always Better." Attendees included students, academics, practitioners, and experts from Türkiye, the UK, and Europe.



## Global Middle Powers and the Changing World Order

On Wednesday 12 June 2024, CTS and LSE IDEAS participated in the "LSE Festival: Power and Politics" by organising a panel, which discussed how emerging global middle powers assert their influence in their respective regions and on the global stage. The speakers, Professor Chris Alden, Dr Yolanda Spies and Dr Buğra Süsler examined the concept of middle powers and South African and Turkish perspectives on the international system.



 **Learn more about CTS at**  
[lse.ac.uk/contemporary-turkish-studies](https://lse.ac.uk/contemporary-turkish-studies)

# HELLENIC OBSERVATORY

The Hellenic Observatory (HO) is internationally recognised as one of the premiere research centres for contemporary Greece and Cyprus. Over the last 25 years, the HO has established its reputation by critically engaging with important issues concerning Greece and Cyprus. Its work is policy-driven and topical, aiming to facilitate genuine debate and open discourse.



## The Hellenic Observatory Becomes a Research Centre

In November 2023, in recognition of its 25-year record of significant achievements as a research unit, the Hellenic Observatory was established as an LSE Research Centre and launched a new programme of research on contemporary Greece and Cyprus, spanning politics, economy, and society. Starting in September 2024, the new Hellenic Observatory Centre for Research on Contemporary Greece and Cyprus (HO Centre) will continue broadening its research output and impact, through public engagement and knowledge exchange activities, under the leadership of Professor Vassilis Monastiriotes, Eleftherios Venizelos Chair in Contemporary Greek Studies.

## Five Years of Research Calls Programmes


The HO holds a unique position in its field as an agenda setter, with an impressive research output showcased through its Discussion Paper Series 'GreeSE' now approaching 200 publications but also its Research Calls Programmes on Greece (funded by the A.C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation and Dr. Vassili G. Apostolopoulos) and the Research Innovation Programme on Cyprus (funded by the A.G. Leventis Foundation). Over the past four years, the HO has received 93 high-quality applications, resulting in 26 completed research projects, covering a wide agenda spanning economic, social, political, and cultural questions affecting contemporary Greece and Cyprus. In 2023 the programmes published their fifth call: the Cyprus programme focused on the 'trilemma of environmental sustainability, energy security, and cost-competitiveness,' while the Greece programme focused on economic extroversion and integration into value chains, housing, and media (un)freedom. Four new projects secured funding and began in March 2024, promising significant contributions in the next 12 months.



## An Outstanding Year for Public Outreach

This year, the HO continued its tradition of hosting highly topical public events. Among the distinguished policy and academic speakers were Regius Professor of Economics Sir Christopher Pissarides, the Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs Prof. George Gerapetritis, the Greek Ambassador to the UK Yannis Tsaousis, the Leader of the Greek Opposition Stefanos Kasselakis, Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain, and the Governor of the Bank of Greece Yannis Stournaras. In the HO Research Seminars series, nine experts and academics from the UK and abroad shared their findings on key questions for Greece and Cyprus, covering topics across the themes of economy and growth, politics, migration, and society. Beyond borders, the Hellenic Observatory partnered with Kathimerini, the Delphi Economic Forum, and the Cultural Foundation of the National Bank of Greece to host a landmark conference in Athens, commemorating 50 years since the Greek Metapolitefsi, reflecting on the achievements and deficits of the Third Greek Republic. Finally, in December, the HO led the School initiative to honour one of its most distinguished Greek alumni, former Greek PM Costas Simitis, with an LSE Honorary Fellowship at a special event in Athens.



 Learn more about the HO at [lse.ac.uk/ho](https://lse.ac.uk/ho)

# LSE RESEARCH ON SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

LSEE was officially launched at the start of the 2009/10 academic year as a research unit established within the LSE European Institute. Over the last years, LSEE has developed the School's expertise on South East Europe, drawing on the strength of existing and new academic expertise at LSE, supporting new collaborations, and providing a platform for critical debate by policy and academic actors through its events programme.

## LSEE Joins the Hellenic Observatory Centre



Following fifteen years of achievements in its role as a Research Unit of the European Institute, marked by substantial contributions to research output and public engagement activities in the field of South Eastern Europe, LSEE is now moving forward and joining the new Hellenic Observatory Centre for Research on Contemporary Greece and Cyprus (HO Centre). LSEE will continue its activities and research programme as a dedicated group led by Professor Denisa Kostovicova and its core members ( Vassilis Monastiriotes and Spyros Economides) will still be a part of the academic family of the European Institute as members of its faculty, including through their specialist teaching on the 'Western Balkans' and 'Post-Conflict Justice and Reconciliation in Europe and Beyond'.

## Professor Denisa Kostovicova Appointed as LSEE Director


In September 2023, Professor Denisa Kostovicova, a leading scholar of post-conflict reconstruction with a particular interest in post-conflict justice processes, was appointed as the new LSEE Director. LSEE's long-standing Director, Professor Vassilis Monastiriotes, was appointed Eleftherios Venizelos Chair in Contemporary Greek Studies and will undertake the Directorship of the Hellenic Observatory Centre as of September 2024.

"I was pleased to take over LSEE and to see through an exciting transformation of the Unit following the upgrade of the Hellenic Observatory (HO) into one of LSE's centres," Professor Denisa Kostovicova commented. "The continued focus on South East Europe within the HO demonstrates the importance of research and public engagement in this research for a better understanding of European politics, economics and security."



## Event Highlights

This year, LSEE co-hosted a two-day "Workshop on the Comparative Economics of South East Europe" with the University of Belgrade and Economic Annals and the online event "Unlocking the Growth Potential: Regional Economic Corridors in South East Europe" with the Hellenic Observatory. Dr Tena Prelec also delivered a keynote lecture about kleptocracy and the need for accountability ecosystems to counter corruption at the First Conference on Forensic Accounting and was co-coordinator of the project 'The Geopolitics of the Green Transition in the Western Balkans'.

 [Learn more about LSEE at lse.ac.uk/lsee](https://lse.ac.uk/lsee)

# JUSTICE INTERACTIONS AND PEACEBUILDING

The 'Justice Interactions and Peacebuilding (JUSTINT)' is a five-year project supported by the European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant and directed by Professor Denisa Kostovicova. Focused on the four former Yugoslav countries: Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Croatia, the JUSTINT project provides a novel way of analysing how post-conflict justice practices advance or hinder peacebuilding by studying the interactive and dynamic aspects of discourse.

## 2023 JUSTINT Conference

On 20 October 2023, the JUSTINT project held a conference which gathered researchers, contributors, experts and practitioners working on the Western Balkans and other regions. It put the findings of the JUSTINT research programme, which is focused on the question how people interact with each other across ethnic, national, gender and age groups in different deliberative domains, in a wider context of transitional justice research.



## Notable Citations of JUSTINT Research by the Council of Europe and UK Government

In November 2023, Professor Denisa Kostovicova's collaborative research on transitional justice and post-conflict reconstruction was cited in the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights report, titled: "Dealing with the Past for a Better Future: Achieving Justice, Peace and Social Cohesion in the Region of the Former Yugoslavia".

On 31 January 2024, House of Lords European Affairs Committee published the report, "The Ukraine Effect: The Impact of Russia's invasion on the UK-EU Relationship," citing Professor Kostovicova's and Dr Cooper's evidence submitted to the parliamentary enquiry. Professor Kostovicova in particular referred to the JUSTINT's research on the role of women in shaping transitional justice policymaking.



## Publications

**Professor Denisa Kostovicova, Dr Sanja Vico and Dr Ivor Sokolić**  
Inter- and Intra-Ethnic Dialogues on War-Time Violence and its Legacies  
European Research Council 2023.

**Dr Sanja Vico**  
Social Media, Stereotypes, and the Acknowledgement of War Crimes  
*Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, 2023.

**Dr Sanja Vico**  
Polarization and Dialogue on Social Media  
*Digitalization and Democracy in the Western Balkans*, Aspen Institute Germany 2024.

**Professor Denisa Kostovicova and Lanabi La Lova**  
Grandstanding Instead of Deliberative Policy-Making: Transitional Justice, Publicness and Parliamentary Questions in the Croatian Parliament  
*Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, 2024.

 Learn more about JUSTINT at [lse.ac.uk/european-institute/research/justint](https://lse.ac.uk/european-institute/research/justint)

# 'EUROPE IN QUESTION' DISCUSSION PAPER SERIES

The 'Europe in Question' (EIQ) discussion paper series promotes high-quality, cross-disciplinary research on a broad range of questions touching on Europe and the EU. It publishes papers, from scholars at the LSE and beyond, that seek to influence the academic and policy debates concerning the future development and governance of Europe, broadly defined. Contributions to EIQ span a variety of disciplines, from political science, political theory, political economy, and public policy, to law, sociology, geography, and history. The working paper format maintains a formal and rigorous in-house review process while aiming above all at the dissemination of ideas and discussion among scholars.

## Papers



### Stefan Collignon

Profits, Wages and Inflationary Dynamics in the Euro Area and the US in the Context of Uncertainty

EIQ Paper No. 183, September 2023



### Emilio Congregado, Vicente Esteve and Maria A. Prats

Optimal Public Deficit and Tax-smoothing in the Spanish Economy, 1850-2022

EIQ Paper No. 184, December 2023



### Roberta De Santis, Lorenzo Di Biagio and Piero Esposito

"Un-sustainable" Development Goals as a New Dimension of the European Monetary Union Core-periphery Dualism

EIQ Paper No. 185, February 2024



### Stefan Collignon and Davide Orsitto

Varieties of Ideology. Reassessing Europe's Open Society and Its Enemies in the Euro Area

EIQ Paper No. 186, April 2024

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[lse.ac.uk/ei/eiq](https://lse.ac.uk/ei/eiq)

# CONFLICT, JUSTICE AND PEACE PLATFORM

The Conflict, Justice and Peace platform (CJP) embraces the multidisciplinary nature of research on conflict, justice and peace conducted by academics, researchers, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows at LSE.

The platform is a joint initiative by the European Institute, Department of International Relations, Department of Government and Department of International Development. It fosters integration, linkages and the exchange of ideas among LSE researchers in diverse disciplines, and specialists on different global regions. The platform disseminates the latest publications and commentary on justice, conflict and peace issues at LSE. The CJP promotes understanding of the complexities of war, justice and peace, while seeking to engage with practitioners and contribute to policymaking.

### Featured Research – *Human Rights, Human Remains: Forensic Humanitarianism and the Politics of the Grave*

Project led by Dr Claire Moon,  
Associate Professor at LSE  
Sociology



 Learn more about CJP at  
[lse.ac.uk/cjp](https://lse.ac.uk/cjp)

The European Institute has one of the most active events programmes in the School, making LSE one of the leading platforms globally for informed public discussion on the history and identity of Europe, and the policy challenges confronting the EU and the UK.



# EVENTS

# ENGAGING WITH GLOBAL LEADERS

The past year has been remarkable for the LSE European Institute, as we had the privilege of hosting three distinguished Heads of State, each bringing unique insights and perspectives to our community.



We welcomed **Gordon Brown, former Prime Minister of the UK**, for the launch of his latest book, *Permacrisis: A Plan to Fix a Fractured World* with co-authors Mohamed El-Erian, President of Queen's College, University of Cambridge, and Michael Spence, Nobel Laureate in Economics and Professor at Stanford University. The event provided an analysis of the current global crises and proposed actionable solutions to address them.

We were also honoured to host **Alexander De Croo, Prime Minister of Belgium**, for an event in which he addressed the strengths of the European Union, its relationship with the United Kingdom, and the ways in which the EU needs to reform to stay in shape.



Our third prominent event featured **Humza Yousaf, former First Minister of Scotland**, who delivered an inspiring speech in which he reflected on the UK's economic challenges, compared the success of European models combining social solidarity and economic dynamism, and considered the potential benefits of an independent Scotland within the EU post-Brexit.



# INSIGHTS FROM POLICY LEADERS

The LSE European Institute also welcomed renowned figures from the policy sector, providing our community with invaluable insights into contemporary economic and geopolitical issues.



The academic year started with an event with **Mikael Damberg, former Finance Minister of Sweden**, titled "The Transition Paradox: Navigating the Path to Becoming the World's First Fossil-Free Welfare State". The speaker shared his insights on how Sweden could navigate the intricate path to becoming the world's first fossil-free welfare state.

**Pierre Moscovici, former French Minister of Finance and European Commissioner**, joined us for an event on "The Future of European Union Integration in Light of Economic and Geopolitical Challenges" in which he presented the audience with his vision of what the European Union could become in the future.



We also hosted **Christian Lindner, German Finance Minister**, for an event in which he discussed the new realities facing Germany and how to strengthen the country's competitiveness for the benefit of its economy and its partners.

# FOCUS ON THE 2024 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

In anticipation of the 2024 European Parliament elections, the LSE European Institute organised a series of insightful events to explore the political dynamics and challenges that lie ahead. These events provided a platform for expert analysis and vibrant discussions, enhancing our understanding of the electoral landscape and its implications for the future of Europe.

We organised a compelling panel discussion that addressed a wide range of topics under the title “The 2024 European Elections and the Challenges Ahead”. This event featured **Tony Barber**, European Comment editor at the Financial Times; **Heather Grabbe**, Senior Fellow at Bruegel and Visiting Professor at University College London and KU Leuven; and **Sara Hobolt**, Sutherland Chair in European Institutions and Professor in the Department of Government at LSE. The panel was chaired by Chris Anderson, Ralf Dahrendorf Professor of European Politics and Society at the LSE European Institute.

We also hosted **Klaus Welle**, former Secretary General of the European Parliament (2009-2022) and Visiting Professor in Practice at the LSE European Institute for an event titled “The 2024 European Elections and Beyond - Understanding the Politics of the Coming Brussels Power-Play”.



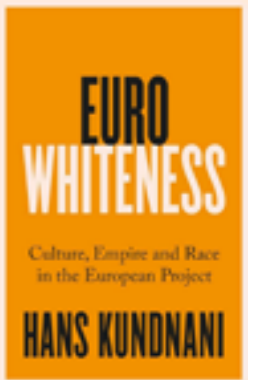
 [Catch up on all our event recordings and podcasts at lse.ac.uk/ei/events](https://lse.ac.uk/ei/events)

# THE BEYOND EUROCENTRISM PROGRAMME

The Beyond Eurocentrism (BE) programme highlights existing and upcoming research, events and activities that demonstrate our commitment to going beyond Eurocentrism at the European Institute. The 2023/24 academic year has been a successful and busy year for the BE programme, which hosted a full-day conference on *Race and Empire in Europe's Borders* and two public events.

## Eurowhiteness: Culture, Empire and Race in the European Project

On Tuesday 3 October, Professor Simon Glendinning chaired an event on Hans Kundnani's latest book, *Eurowhiteness: Culture, Empire and Race in the European Project*. The event explored how narratives of European integration emphasise the lessons of war and the Holocaust, but not the lessons of colonial history, and discussed the relationship between ideas of Europe and ideas of race amidst the refugee crisis.



## Black Feminism in Europe

On Monday 30 October, the EI hosted a panel discussion with Dr Mame-Fatou Niang, Associate Professor of French and Francophone Studies at Carnegie Mellon University and SM Rodriguez, Assistant Professor in the Department of Gender Studies at LSE. The event explored the role of black women in social, cultural and political movements historically and in our times and was part of LSE's programme celebrating Black History Month UK.

## Race and Empire in Europe's Borders

Following the recent adoption of the New EU Pact on Migration and Asylum by the European Parliament in April, the LSE European Institute joined hands with the Brussels-based European Network Against Racism (ENAR) and critical scholars to examine the interactions between border practices and the character of the EU. The conference, which was chaired by our Fellow in International Migration and European Politics Dr Eva Połońska-Kimunguyi, took place on Thursday 23 May, offered a novel reading of the European Union that challenges the normative and liberal theories of the EU. It explored how the new lines of inclusion/exclusion drawn in Europe's peripheries and on distant shores inform the political identity of the EU and asked questions about the relationship between Europe's borders/ing and its past and present colonialisms.



 [Learn more about the BE programme at lse.ac.uk/ei/be](https://lse.ac.uk/ei/be)





**With four Master's Degrees, four Double Degree programmes, and a Doctoral Programme, the European Institute provides one of the broadest offerings on Europe in the world.**

**Within each MSc programme, students study a combination of core and optional courses, with a wide range of multidisciplinary courses to choose from. Our flexible curriculum allows our students to engage with foundational principles, as well as gain a sophisticated understanding of Europe at the interface of politics with economics, culture, policy, and migration.**

**We have also partnered with esteemed institutions around the world to offer bespoke two-year Double Degree programmes with Sciences Po (Paris), Bocconi University (Milan), Fudan University (Shanghai) and Columbia University (New York City).**

**A degree from the European Institute also provides a wealth of experiences beyond the classroom with our extensive Student Engagement Programme, which helps students kickstart their careers, gain insights into European institutions, and begin to build their network through professional skills and practitioner training.**



# STUDENTS

# CELEBRATING OUR DOUBLE DEGREE WITH BOCCONI IN MILAN AND LONDON

**To celebrate the anniversary of our LSE-Bocconi Double Degree in European and International Public Policy and Politics, this year we co-hosted two exciting events with our Italian partners bringing together students, alumni, and staff across Milan and London to reflect on some of the major challenges facing the EU this year, against the backdrop of parliamentary elections in June 2024.**

Our first event was hosted by Bocconi University in Milan and featured a panel on “Major Economic Challenges facing The EU After the Elections.” Joining us for this fascinating discussion were Catherine De Vries, Dean for International Affairs at Bocconi University, Stefano Caselli, Dean of the SDA Bocconi School of Management, and Professor Nicholas Barr, Professor of Public Economics at the LSE European Institute.

For our second anniversary event in London, the LSE European Institute was delighted to welcome the President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Odile Renaud-Basso, for a talk on “Supporting Ukraine’s European destiny” at LSE. The event was chaired by Angelo Martelli, Assistant Professor in European and International Political Economy at the LSE European Institute, who was also joined by Eric Neumayer, Interim LSE President and Vice Chancellor, and Catherine de Vries from Bocconi University for institutional remarks. Prior to the event, students had the opportunity to meet and chat with President Renaud-Basso at a lively reception.



“The double degree between our two institutions, celebrated with a double-act event in Milan and in London, serves as an idea and as an extraordinary opportunity for our students to pursue knowledge without national barriers – and I underline this from my personal journey, being a proud alumnus of both Bocconi and LSE, with dual Italian and British nationality, from Southern Italy and strongly European. Paths like those we imagined with our partnership, beyond the achievement of a top qualification, foster intellectual and human encounters and comparisons, cultural and disciplinary contaminations, which in our modern times are deeply needed.”

**Dr Angelo Martelli**

Programme Director at the LSE European Institute  
for the LSE-Bocconi Double Degree in European and  
International Public Policy & Politics



# MSC CULTURE AND CONFLICT IN A GLOBAL EUROPE (CCGE)

## A Message from CCGE Programme Director, Professor Jonathan White



**“We had great students as always on the CCGE programme, embracing the study of conflict in society while not shying away from it in university life. We look forward to the arrival of our new joint-degree students from Columbia University in the autumn.”**

## About the programme

Staying true to its multi- and inter-disciplinary approach, the MSc in Culture and Conflict in a Global Europe programme offered a range of courses this year, investigating the nexus of politics, culture, identity, and international relations. Students analysed how culture shapes conflict and affects its resolution through our varied curriculum. With a comprehensive knowledge drawn from social and philosophical realms, the programme continued to shed light on the intricacies of European debates and policies on culture and conflict within a global context.



**Julie Uszpolewicz**  
MSc CCGE, Class of 2024

**“I don’t think there are many courses that explore Europe and European politics from a cultural and philosophical perspective, which is what drew me to do this programme. If you’re interested in digging deeper into European identity and more sociological aspects of European politics, this is a perfect programme to do it.”**

# MSC EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY (EIPP)

## A Message from EIPP Programme Director, Dr Mareike Kleine



**“This past year has been extraordinary for the EIPP programme. Our students have been exceptionally engaged and enthusiastic, and their diverse interests have brought a wealth of perspectives to our community. Teaching two core courses has given me the chance to meet all our students, and I am incredibly impressed by their curiosity. My colleagues and I have seen a wide variety of topics explored in the dissertations and Applied Policy Projects, and we can’t wait to see the final products. It’s been a wonderful year, and I’m eager to see how our students progress, and how the programme continues to evolve.”**

## About the programme

Our MSc in European and International Public Policy welcomed students interested in exploring the world of policy and governance challenges across domestic, EU, and global landscapes, this academic year. The dynamic programme not only offered world-class research-led teaching, but also offered students the opportunity to engage with policy practitioners working at European Union governments and political institutions, equipping them with essential policy knowledge for the future. Students gained a unique understanding of the multi-faceted realm of European politics and policy, domestic and international ramifications of European integration, and policy decisions that will help them transition into their chosen careers.



**Jule Sommer**  
MSc EIPP, Class of 2024

**“The main takeaway for me from the EIPP programme was studying in London and getting a different perspective on the EU. Between the EU countries and transatlantic ones, London has a very specific perspective on the EU and I thought it was very interesting to study here.”**

# MSC INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY (IMPP)

## A Message from IMPP Programme Director, Dr Patrick McGovern



“After twelve years, the programme is firmly established within the LSE and we now have more than a dozen courses with strengths in the politics and sociology of international migration, not only for post-colonial and settler societies but also for the newly receiving countries in Europe. One of the joys of being at the LSE is working with students of the calibre admitted onto the IMPP programme. It is wonderful to see them taking concepts and theories that were developed in one national context and applying them with considerable insight to others with vastly different histories of migration.”



**Kaylie Dolan**  
MSc IMPP, Class of 2024

“The interdisciplinary nature of the European Institute meant that I didn’t have to take a specifically IR or development focus, but instead was able to dip into multiple overlapping, yet distinct perspectives, to better understand migration and policy issues. The diversity of the cohort and the faculty at large was very enriching for the whole experience.”

## About the programme

Our MSc in International Migration and Public Policy welcomed students from all over the world interested in studying policy responses to migration at national and international levels, where supra-national organisations such as the European Union have a growing role. The multi-disciplinary course tackled major contemporary debates, going beyond the many myths and controversies that have developed around this highly politicised issue, and analysed the intricate relationship between migration, globalisation, and public policy. From research-led teaching to engagement with policymakers, our IMPP programme equipped our students with skills which will help them to tackle real-world challenges in migration policymaking and practice.

# MSC POLITICAL ECONOMY OF EUROPE (PEE)

## A Message from PEE Programme Director, Dr Abby Innes



“The Political Economy of Europe cohort did themselves proud this year with both their mutual support of each other and with their very active engagement not just inside the seminar rooms but in their attendance of public events and the Cumberland Lodge weekend on the complexities of the green transition. For several years now, the political economy programme has been keen to integrate the challenges of the ecological transition into its teaching, and the enthusiastic engagement with our new course on the Political Economy of the Green Transition affirms that we are right to extend our capacity here.”

## About the programme

Our PEE programme continued to offer a historically grounded, multi-disciplinary exploration of the intricate relationship of European political economy and how it influences - and is influenced by - international markets, this academic year. Informed by innovative research, students engaged with key topics such as European integration and fragmentation, welfare states and labour markets, finance, and global trade. The programme’s distinctive blend of analytic elements and political theory also engaged with contemporary issues such as industrial policy and inequality, and as of this academic year, a discussion of the challenges brought on by the green transition through a new course on the topic.

“If you want to have a broader view of general EU politics and policymaking, I think the political economy of Europe master is a great choice! Also, a big advantage we have here at the European Institute is the EU450 workshops. I particularly enjoyed the course on political risk, where you get to learn how to analyse the politics in a country that you may not be familiar with in the first place.”



**Adrien Mayer**  
MSc PEE, Class of 2024

# DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

## Double Degree in European Politics, Conflict and Culture (with Columbia University, New York City)

This year, we launched a new partnership with Columbia University in New York City, offering students the chance to explore the role of globalisation in shaping Europe politically and culturally, as well as its role as a global actor and in global conflicts, from across the Atlantic. Our new double degree combines an MA in European History, Politics, and Society at Columbia University in the first year, followed by an MSc in Culture and Conflict in a Global Europe at the LSE European Institute in the second year.

Our first cohort of students have completed their first year at Columbia University this year, where the curriculum encompassed a wide range of courses in social sciences and humanities, offering students a comprehensive and internationally informed perspective on European affairs. We look forward to welcoming the students at the LSE European Institute in London for their second year of study, pursuing the CCGE programme, where they will have the opportunity to expand their academic and career horizons.



## Double Degree in European and International Public Policy & Politics (with Bocconi University, Milan)

The joint programme offered by Bocconi University and the LSE remained a one-of-a-kind programme providing students with the opportunity to study European politics and policymaking globally. Like previous years, new students commenced their study at Bocconi with the MSc Politics and Policy Analysis, while second-year students continued at LSE for the MSc European and International Public Policy. Taught by world-leading researchers and policy practitioners, the curriculum spanned the social sciences and enabled students to acquire comprehensive knowledge from two prestigious institutions, with a focus on European and International Public Policy and Politics.

# Bocconi



# SciencesPo

## Double Degree in European Studies (with Sciences Po, Paris)

This year, students with an interest in European studies opted for our double degree programme offered in partnership with Sciences Po, taking advantage of the prestigious multi-stream European Studies qualification combining the strengths of leading social science institutions in the UK and France. In the first year, students studied the Master Affaires Européennes (Master of European Affairs) at Sciences Po, expanding their intellectual horizons. In the second year, students continued their studies by pursuing one of our four MSc programmes at the LSE European Institute. Delivered by academic experts with practical policymaking experience, the programme complimented our students' first year abroad with a diverse and comprehensive curriculum covering culture, politics, economics, and EU policies and institutions.

## Double Degree in the Global Political Economy of China and Europe (with Fudan University, Shanghai)

Our MSc Double Degree with Fudan University remained popular with students who wished to gain a comprehensive expertise of political and economic processes in Europe and China within a global framework. In the first year, students studied the MSc in the Political Economy of Europe in the World at the LSE European Institute and completed a policy incubator, as opposed to the traditional dissertation, exploring and proposing solutions to a real-world policy challenge. In the second year, students undertook the Master of Management Science in Public Policy in Shanghai, with some opting for Mandarin language courses to improve their language skills.



Learn more about graduate study at the EI at:  
[lse.ac.uk/ei/study](https://lse.ac.uk/ei/study)

# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

**In the European Institute, our students' rich educational experience extends beyond the classroom. Our Student Engagement Programme offers the opportunity to connect with our community, make the most of living in London, and begin to build a professional network and skills for a successful career.**

## Socials and Engagement Activities

During the early weeks of Autumn Term, we explored London with our trusty London Tour Guide Tim Kidd, who provided three bespoke guided tours about 'Political London', 'Financial London', and 'Migration London'. In October 2023, we visited the Wellcome Collection exhibition *Genetic Automata* with students studying Dr Niina Vuolajärvi's EU4A8 course, "Migration From Below: Theories and Lived Experiences of Borders". In March 2024, the European Parliament Liaison Office in the UK invited our students to Europe House for a lively discussion of the upcoming European elections and careers opportunities in the EU.

We have also welcomed several student initiatives this year. The EI Film Club, devised and run by two European Institute PhD students (Andréa Delestrade and Melanie Erspamer), is open to all students and staff and screens films concerned with alternative or marginal representations of Europe. Another initiative introduced in response to student feedback is the EI Coffee Morning, which enabled students and staff to connect and check in during a very busy Winter Term over tea and coffee. Moreover, to further support our students' wellbeing, we introduced a student yoga session in collaboration with the LSESU and went on a countryside walk around Ivinghoe Beacon.



## Professional Skills Sessions: Engaging with Europe

This is a zero-credit course offered to all European Institute MSc students. The course is comprised of a series of workshops which give students an insight into potential industries and help them to develop valuable skills and networks for their future careers. This year, we welcomed back several workshop conveners including Mujtaba Rahman (Managing Director and Practice Head, Europe, Eurasia Group), Maria de Melo (Principal, Energy Policy at European Bank for Reconstruction and Development), Pierre Hausemer (EY Consulting Partner for EU Institutions) and Greg Garramone (Senior Advisor UN Management and Reform, United States Department of State). In total, 202 students received a certificate for completing at least one set of workshops.



## The EU in Practice Seminar Series

This seminar series is convened by two Visiting Professors in Practice at the European Institute: Anthony Teasdale, former Director General of the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS), and Dr Martin Westlake, former Secretary General of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). This year, speakers included João Vale de Almeida, Klaus Welle, Andrew Moravcsik, Anu Bradford, Molly Scott Cato, and Aleksandra Tomanić, covering timely themes such as climate change, digital policy, the EP elections, and political change in the EU. As part of the series, 43 EI students received a certificate of completion for attending the seminar series.



## Alumni Advice Career Panels

Students also gained further insights into potential careers through themed alumni advice panels. Chaired by Visiting Fellow Dr Marina Cino Pagliarello, the panels ran throughout the Autumn Term and Winter Term, inviting our alumni to share their experiences and top tips with current students who are looking to work in various industries including the EU, the government sector, migration policy, and consultancy.



## Student Conference at Cumberland Lodge

The EI's annual student conference at Cumberland Lodge took place between 31 January and 2 February 2024 and was attended by 80 students. This year's theme was "Europe, Climate Change, and the Green Transition" and featured presentations by Robert Falkner (LSE Department of International Relations), Federica Genovese (Oxford), Tim Clack (Oxford), and Claire Kumar (ODI), as well as a session debating various visions for a sustainable Europe.



Learn more about our student engagement programme at [lse.ac.uk/european-institute/study/Student-Engagement-Programme](https://lse.ac.uk/european-institute/study/Student-Engagement-Programme)

# DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The MPhil/PhD in European Studies offers research students the opportunity to make an original contribution to the study of contemporary Europe by undertaking an MPhil or PhD. We offer expertise in Political Economy, Politics and Policy, Culture and Society, and Migration subfields. Students benefit from being situated in a world-class social science institution with a powerful public profile and have earned the prestigious UACES doctoral prize on four occasions.

## Congratulations to our PhD Graduates

Dr Tommaso Crescioli produced three papers in fulfilment of his PhD, touching on the themes of European liberalisation, EU competition policy, and Euro currency. Three other students also successfully defended their PhD theses and passed their viva: Dr Tahir Rashid with his thesis titled "Making Sense of Evil in a Secular Age"; Dr Sean Deel with his thesis titled "Freedom through Movement? The Promise of EU Citizenship and the Limits of a Transnational Life"; and Dr Jacob Lypp with his thesis titled "A Spiritual State: Civic Education, Christianity, and the Governance of Islam in Germany".



Learn more about our doctoral programme at [lse.ac.uk/european-institute/study/mphil-phd-programme](https://lse.ac.uk/european-institute/study/mphil-phd-programme)

## Welcoming New PhD Students

This past academic year, the EI welcomed three new PhD students. Among these, Elena Pro is researching the political identities and political behaviour in a European context, while Benedetta Morari's research is focused on the EU's inherent multilateralism translating into collective diplomatic and negotiation practices in external multilateral contexts. Additionally, Nilüfer Gunes' research explores the essentialized Western knowledge production structures incurred by the "East-West dichotomy," through the case study of Turkey's liminality within the international system.



## Critical Europe Conference

In February 2024, the EI held its first Critical Europe Conference, organised by a PhD students Andréa Delastrade, Sarah Gerwens, Noa Krikler, Jacob Lypp, and Daniela Movileanu. The two-day conference welcomed around 30 early-career researchers, exploring questions and issues from a wide range of topics, such as precarity and neoliberalism, memory and violence, and paternalism and migration.

## Benedetta Morari awarded the Nova Best Humanities and Social Science Student Award

PhD student Benedetta Morari was selected as the Nova Best Humanities and Social Science Student for her work on EU foreign policy this year. Commenting on the award, Benedetta said:

“Having my work recognised as the Nova jury's choice in the field of Humanities and Social Sciences is humbling, but most importantly, it is a testament to the importance of EU foreign policy studies in the current state of international affairs. This further motivates me to contribute, through my PhD work and the European Institute's stimulating environment, to both theory and practice in the field.”

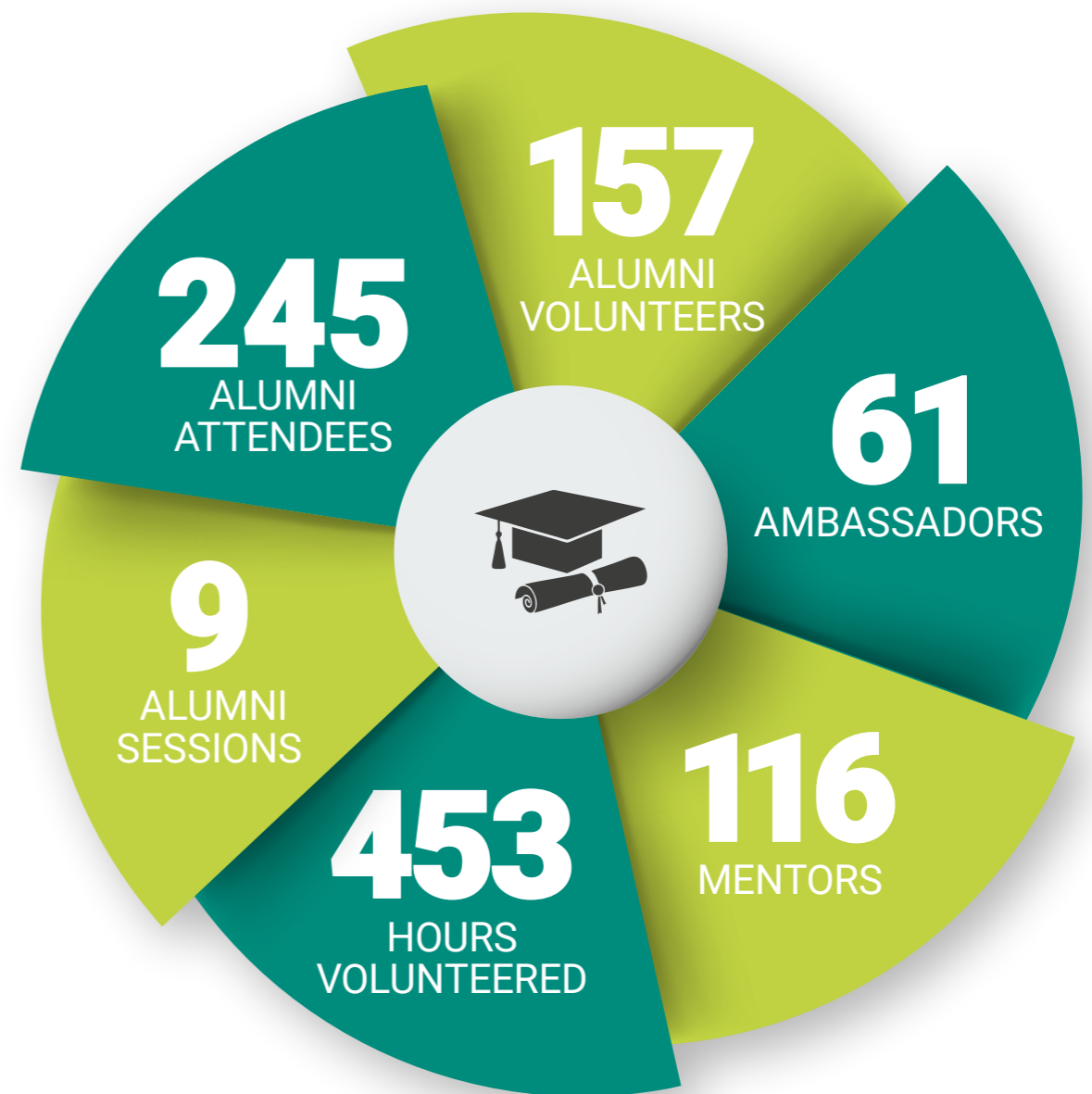




# ALUMNI

The European Institute is known for its tremendous community spirit and supportive atmosphere. Nowhere is this better exemplified than in our alumni, who regularly return after graduation. Our alumni community is truly diverse: based in 116 different countries and working in organisations ranging from EU institutions and international embassies to sustainability consultancies and refugee charities.

In the past academic year, the EI held nine alumni events, including professional development sessions and our annual networking reception. It has been a delight to see alumni return to campus to reconnect, as well as to support our ongoing volunteering initiatives. As well as our pilot mentoring scheme, our alumni have supported us through career panels, outreach videos, and connecting one-on-one with students seeking career advice. Overall, EI alumni gave back over 400 hours of time to our community this year, and we look forward to working with them to continue making the EI such a vibrant learning experience.





# ALUMNI MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

This academic year, we launched the EI Alumni Mentorship Programme, an initiative in which alumni volunteer their time to be matched with an EI student and take part in a series of career conversations. Alumni mentors share professional insights and advice with our students, giving them an insider's glimpse into their chosen sector and helping them prepare for the next stage of their career journeys.

Over 110 alumni took part in the programme's very first year. Our mentors come from a wide variety of professional backgrounds and shared their experiences in government affairs, public policy, research, sustainability, international organisations and NGOs. Our students have been very enthusiastic about how helpful the programme has been for them, and we look forward to continuing this scheme in the new academic year.



**Sondre Myge Haugland**  
MSc PEE, Class of 2018

“The EI mentorship programme is an excellent initiative to facilitate experience sharing and insights on how to translate the very valuable skillset that a degree at the EI provides for the labour market. As a mentor, it has been motivating to see the level of ambition and dedication of the students and to address some of the questions, tension and stress that come with transitioning from studies to employment.”

“My mentor was very supportive and helpful in discussing career goals and how to navigate the job market, and I am very grateful for his support. Hearing about my mentor's experiences and how he made career choices has been really insightful, especially when we discussed his experience at the EU. It has been very valuable for my future and my current process of finding out what to do next. I highly recommend signing up for the mentorship programme to get support and better prepare for life after LSE.”



**Kezia Wexø-Mikkelsen**  
MSc EIPP, Class of 2024

# ALUMNI IN FOCUS

## EI Alumna Theresa Bischof Listed on PR Week UK's '30 Under 30 Newcomers'

This year, EI alumna Theresa Bischof (MSc EIPP, Class of 2020) was recognised as one of PR Week UK's '30 Under 30 Newcomers'. Theresa is a Senior Media and Communications Adviser at the Confederation of British Industry, as well as the CBI's chair of the Health, Neurodiversity & Disability Network, and this award recognises her for her work in effecting government policy change.



**Theresa Bischof**  
MSc EIPP, Class of 2020  
*Senior Media and Communications Adviser*  
*(Confederation of British Industry)*

“I was honoured to see my work recognised by those at the top of the game. I wouldn't be where I am if it wasn't for the great peers and mentors that have not only helped me strengthen my voice, but also encouraged and inspired me. So, to anyone starting out in their careers: don't be afraid to reach out and ask for advice – whether it's from your lecturers, your course mates, or someone who has inspired you. Try to find and connect with “your” people - the ones that see your strengths – and you'll learn lots about yourself and where you want to go.”

## Alumni Profiles

“As part of my work, I have travelled to Syria, Kuwait, Iraq, UAE, and Australia to check on the conditions of Filipino migrant workers. I even helped bring home Filipino human-trafficking victims across Southeast Asia.”



**Armand Louis Dulay**  
MSc IMPP, Class of 2022  
*Foreign Service Officer*  
*(Philippine Embassy, Buenos Aires)*



**Yentl Stutterheim**  
MSc PEE, Class of 2020  
*Policy Advisor (Ministry of Finance, Netherlands)*

“It was a dream come true to be able to study in such a diverse and inspiring group of European students and professors in the heart of London. I still think about the inspiring lectures that I followed on European welfare states, political economy of finance, monetary integration.”

“Whether in class, at the library, at the LSE chess club, or on Zoom, the discussions that filled my days are all key lessons that help me have a better analytical understanding of EU energy and climate policy.”



**Sam Williams**  
MSc EIPP, Class of 2021  
*EU Policy Manager, EPICO*  
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