



CENTRE FOR BRITAIN AND EUROPE

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ACADEMIC STAFF



CBE Co-Director:

▶ **Professor Amelia Hadfield,**

Head of Department of Politics

Specialisms: European foreign and security policy; EU-UK relations, including Brexit; UK foreign and security policy, transatlantic relations.

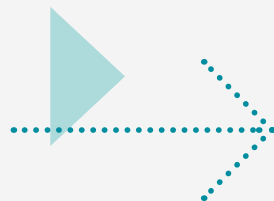


CBE Co-Director:

▶ **Dr Alia Middleton,**

Senior Lecturer in Politics

Specialisms: Electoral politics, party campaigning strategies, UK strategic political communication, party leadership/constituency relations, and UK general election candidate recruitment.





► **Professor Daniele Albertazzi**

Right wing populism, Italian politics, political communication and party organisation.



► **Dr Simona Guerra**

Domestic politics of EU integration, Brexit, democracy, discontent and populism, religion and politics, informality and corruption, and transnational Euroscepticism.



► **Dr Theofanis Exadaktylos,**

Europeanisation of national foreign policies, Eurozone crisis and populism, austerity politics, policy implementation & political trust, democratization and Europeanization (South-eastern Europe).



► **Dr Laura Chappell,**

EU Common Security and Defence Policy, European defence capability development, EU Crisis Management Operations, German and Polish Security and Defence Policies.



► **Dr Roula Nezi,**

Policy change and political attitudes, economic factors and political outcomes, European political behaviour, attitudes and representation.



► **Dr Evgenia Iliadou,**

Critical Migration and Border Studies; forced migration; border violence; refugee crisis; temporalities of migration; social suffering; state crimes.



► **Dr Nikolaos Gkotsis Papaioannou,**

European External Action Service (Somalia military ops), EU global actorness and EU normative power.



CBE VISITING STAFF

CBE Visiting Staff bring decades of experience in diplomatic, institutional and humanitarian sectors to CBE's teaching, analysis and outreach.

VISITING PROFESSORS



▶ **Sir Mike Aaronson,**

Former Chief Executive of Save the Children and UK Diplomat.



▶ **Susan Scholefield,**

CMG: Former Civil Servant in Cabinet Office and Ministry of Defence.



▶ **Dr Jamie Shea,**

Former NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges.

VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWS



▶ **Professor Paolo Graziano:**

Europeanization, European public policy, social movements and populist parties



▶ **Professor Simon Usherwood:**

Euroscepticism (pressure groups, and media profile), UK-EU relations, Brexit issues.



MISSION AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the CBE is to provide high-quality analysis that informs and develops scholarly and public debate on issues affecting the UK and Europe.

Operating at the intersection of academia, government, private sector and the media, the CBE is a forum for **research, analysis and debate** exploring the UK's evolving and future relationship with Europe, as well as providing critical analyses of specific British and European policies including diplomacy, security, defence, development, regional and international affairs, among others.

Within the University of Surrey, the CBE promotes cooperation between its home Department of Politics and other units and groups, encouraging and supporting research, analysis and teaching on key areas of British and European policies.

Externally, CBE events, outputs (articles, briefing notes, reports and blogs), and media engagement provide decision-makers, journalists, businesses, analysts, scholars, students and citizens with access to high-quality contemporary insights on salient British and European issues.

The CBE includes full-time academics and Visiting Professors in the **Department of Politics**, scholars from other parts of the University of Surrey, and a range of associates drawn externally from both academia and a variety of public and private sectors to ensure a wide-ranging core of expertise. The CBE also has a robust governance framework, relying on input from its range of associates and the role of its Advisory Board.



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Clearly, Britain is a reluctant European.... But then it seems clear today that Britain's manifest destiny is European. There is no other place in which it can share sovereignty while maintaining its unique and rightly cherished traditions.

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Ralf Darhendorf, On Britain





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The relationship between Britain and Europe has never been more fraught, nor more interesting. The outcome of the 2016 Referendum and the subsequent UK-EU Brexit deal will continue to bring about key changes in politics, security and defence, law, finance, trade, higher education, business and supply chains and more. Against this backdrop, the University of Surrey’s Centre for Britain and Europe aims to foster and sustain progressive insights on a wide range of UK and European policies and interactions.

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Professor Amelia Hadfield
CBE Director



JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

In August 2020, the Centre for Britain and Europe (CBE), based at the University of Surrey's Department of Politics was awarded the prestigious Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence by the European Union, for 2020-2023. Connected to the wider Erasmus+ programme, Jean Monnet projects have for many years supported the development of universities, departments, academics, and students, provide funding to support teaching, research and outreach that facilitates knowledge and practice exchange on a wide range of European issues. Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence, such as the CBE operate as a hub of research, teaching and outreach, bringing together students, scholars and a range of key stakeholders to provide insight into challenging, contemporary aspects of European policy.

'OPEN DOORS AND BUILDING BRIDGES'

The CBE's Jean Monnet funding acknowledges the strong track-record already established by the Department in teaching and research and new projects to reach out to policy makers, media, industry and civil social alike, helping to provide much-needed insights on the emerging relationship between the EU and the UK, during and after Brexit.

CBE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Organised around key themes, the CBE produces a series of events, outputs, and activities:
 - The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Award 'Open Doors and Building Bridges'
 - De-Europeanisation and Re-Europeanisation
 - Gender and Identity
 - Electoral Behaviour
 - European and British Security and Defence
 - Local Government: mapping Surrey's post-Covid and post-Brexit growth strategy,
 - Sustainability: engaging with local, regional, national and international audiences on climate policy
 - H2020 PROTECT: upholding and advancing an effective global refugee protection system within today's turbulent political context.
 - Reforms in health policy during the Greek bailouts: What makes reform successful and why?
 - Populism, political communication and party organisation.



CATALYSING LOCAL GROWTH AND CHANGE

The CBE has been involved over the last 18 months in a variety of projects with key stakeholders in Surrey and the wider region. The initial project primarily focused on the impact of Covid-19 on businesses across the county within the key sectors of SMEs, aviation, healthcare, and knowledge. It was followed up by a second project looking at community-based growth within the themes of localism, sustainability, inward investment, employment, and skills. These projects have showcased the desire of the CBE to link academic expertise with the needs of the local community, working with key stakeholders to achieve meaningful change. Projects partners of the CBE include Surrey County Council, Enterprise M3 LEP, Coast to Capital LEP and Guildford Borough Council.



CBE OUTPUTS

The CBE website hosts our latest outputs, news, and upcoming activities, plus CBE Briefing Notes, commissioned reports, and submissions to official enquiries.

► <https://www.surrey.ac.uk/centre-britain-and-europe>

BRIEFING NOTES

Reset or Recalibration? Brexit's Impact on UK and EU Foreign Policy, Autumn 2021

Analysing Brexit's impact on UK small and medium-sized enterprises

Analysing Brexit's impact on UK higher education

Analysing Brexit's impact on UK defence

REPORTS

Charting Community-Based Growth in Surrey: Local Responses and County Drivers, June 2021

Charting Surrey's post-Covid rescue, recovery and growth report - Autumn 2020

Post-Covid Report executive summary - Autumn 2020

Fog in the Channel? The impact of Brexit on EU and UK foreign affairs – 2021

COMMENTARY

Blog about the Post-Covid Report: Covid-19 recovery: collaborative civic engagement in Surrey - October 2020

Surrey Research Park newsletter article about the Post-Covid Report (pages 36-37) - 2020

CBE VLOGS: regular 10-15 minute video-based updates exploring a range of British, European and international issues, these include our 'Bridge to Brussels' series, more general politics content, and archival access to Professor Simon Usherwood's long-running 'Brexit Club' series.

EURADIO: The CBE is a monthly contributor to the EURADIO 'Ideas on Europe' segment, drawing extensively on the in-house expertise on topics that are affecting Europe. Recent features have included the normalisation of right-wing populism and the affect of crises on EU integration. The features fall under the guidance of UACES, the University Association for European Studies.

CBE BLOG PAGE: regular, insightful blogs on a range of UK-EU issues.

► <https://blogs.surrey.ac.uk/centre-britain-and-europe/>

EVENTS

The CBE produces a wide variety of events that cover a range of UK-EU topics via intensively scholarly seminars and workshops, including making sense of Brexit, reviewing post-Covid economies, analysing gendered impacts by EU policy, and UK & EU electoral behaviour, UK-EU defence and foreign policy, and more. In 2021, the CBE conducted its first Winter School event, continued to participate in the annual Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Festival of Social Sciences with cutting-edge events on topical issues, including geopolitics, local government, climate change and populism, and run separate forums on gender and identity, European and UK security and defence, and more. Future CBE events will include further Winter and Summer schools, additional forums on its Jean Monnet themes, and events involved its various external stakeholders.



PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

A key component of CBE activities is engagement with a wide range of stakeholders from both public and private sectors, at European, national, and local levels. Supporting its ability to impact policymakers in both the UK and Europe, the CBE includes a range of **education partners** (including other Jean Monnet Centres in the UK, Europe and internationally) and **European policy partners** (including the EU-UK Forum and Friends of Europe). Equally, a vital part of impacting positively on the university community involves regular CBE engagement with local partners, including Surrey County Council, with whom the CBE has worked successfully in both online workshops and producing a major report (October 2020), 'Charting Surrey's Post-Covid Rescue, Recovery and Growth'. At national level, CBE experts regularly provide expertise to ministries, official enquiries, panels, committees and the media in activities spanning both public and private sectors. CBE expertise extends internationally as well, from national governments to intergovernmental and non-government organisations. Engaging regularly with such a wide range of cross-sectoral representatives enables the CBE to remain both locally impactful and nationally relevant, operating as a hub of expertise in key policies, a forum for insightful discussion, and a partner for undertaking cutting edge research in vital areas.





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