Founded in 1968 the Europa Institute is a multi-disciplinary teaching and research centre within the University of Edinburgh devoted to the independent study of the laws, policies, governance and institutions of the European Union.

The purpose of the Europa Institute is to facilitate academic analysis, teaching and debate of the history and process of European Integration with specific reference to the policies and institutions of the European Union and its Member States. The Europa Institute is a pre-eminent centre for the study of the European Union and enjoys close collaborations with leading research scholars in European Union studies and practitioners from across the world. The Europa Institute organises a range of seminars, conferences and lectures on themes pertaining to European Integration. While heavily focused on academic matters, the Europa Institute also provides a platform for policy makers and officials to deliver keynote lectures of interest to a wider public.

The Europa Institute has been designated a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in 2010 in recognition of the leading role played by University of Edinburgh academics in the study of the European Union. In 2013, the Europa Institute was labelled a ‘model’ Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in the report of the site visit by the European Commission.

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NEWS

Since the publication of the previous report of activities:

- The Europa Institute issued its first newsletter in autumn 2013 and will continue with two newsletters a year;
- Tobias Lock (Law) became the Institute's new Associate Director for public engagement;
- A representative of the Edinburgh University European Union Society, an undergraduate student organization interested in European studies, joined the Europa Institute Steering Group; and
- Jacquelyn MacLennan (member of the Executive Committee of White & Case LLP) became a new Honorary Fellow to the Europa Institute.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

During the academic year 2013/2014 the Europa Institute organized the following events:

**Caplin Conference on the World Economy (2 May 2014):** The lead event organizer was John Peterson (SPS) along with Simon Kershaw (Europa), with support from Chad Damro (SPS), Elisa Morgera and Tobias Lock (Law). The Caplin Conference is a major annual event that brings together stakeholders in the global economy in Europe and the United States of America. In 2013/2014, the theme of the conference was “The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership: A Multilateral Perspective.” The US-side of the conference was convened by the Miller Center of the University of Virginia, in Washington, DC, in December 2013 (http://millercenter.org/conferences/2013/caplin). The Europa Institute convened the EU-side conference, with speakers including: the Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke MP, Ignacio Garcia Barcero (Director in DG Trade of the European Commission), David Martin MEP, Paul Adamson (Covington and Burling LLP Brussels and editor of ESharp!) and Dirk De Bièvre of the University of Antwerp. The keynote address, which doubled as the University’s Montague Burton Lecture, was delivered by Lord (Peter) Mandelson, Chairman of Global Counsel LLP and former EU Trade Commissioner. The conference, which was co-hosted by the Scottish Centre for International Law, was generously funded by the Europa Institute (Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence) and the Law School. A joint report of the US- and EU-side conferences targeted to policy-makers was published in autumn 2014: "TTIP: A Multilateral Perspective" (full report) and Executive Summary.

**Reporting Europe (8 May 2015):** This public event was organised by Niamh Nic Shuibhne, Tobias Lock and Drew Scott (Law) to address and debate the following scenario: media outlets in the United Kingdom are often accused of displaying a bias when it comes to reporting on the European Union and “Europe” in general. This is exemplified by the fabrication of “Euromyths”, the cumulative impact and implications of which were highlighted in strong terms in the Leveson Report. On the
other end of the spectrum, the BBC is regularly accused of shutting out EU-critical voices and promoting a liberal pro-EU agenda. With a possible referendum on Britain's EU membership on the horizon, a panel discussion dedicated to the role and responsibility of the media on the reporting of EU issues: Is it legitimate for media outlets to have a political agenda on the matter? And if so, can such an agenda absolve media outlets from reporting truthfully on European affairs? Does the media have distinct responsibilities in particular where voters are asked to make informed decisions on matters of great public importance? How does the British media landscape compare with that of other European countries? Can they serve as role models for better reporting on Europe? The panel was comprised of: Lesley Riddoch, Chair (Journalist and Director Nordic Horizons); Alex Massie (Journalist, writes for the Spectator, the Times and the Scotsman); Paul Gillespie (Journalist, Irish Times; Senior Research Fellow, School of Politics and International Relations, UCD); Dr Simon Usherwood (School of Politics, University of Surrey); and John Palmer (former European Editor of The Guardian and then Founder/Political Director of The European Policy Centre in Brussels; Visiting Practitioner Fellow at Sussex University European Institute and a member of the Governing Council of the Federal Trust). The event also marked a Europa Institute celebration of Europe Day 2014 and was generously supported by the UK Office of the European Commission.

**Libor Scandal (5 June 2015):** The event was organized by Arianna Andreangeli and Emilios Avgouleas (Law), as part of the Institute's endeavour to establish closer links with the Scottish Competition Law Forum, a group of practitioners and academics based in Scotland whose objective is to encourage debate on issues of competition law and policy within this jurisdiction as well as further afield. The Forum has close link with the Competition and Markets Authority’s Head of Devolved Nations and is supported by a number of prominent law firms (i.e. Dundas & Wilson, Shepperd & Wedderburn, Maclay, Murray and Spence, Brodies). As part of this partnership-building work, the Institute co-organised a workshop on competition law and policy in the financial industry. The aim was to debate the key questions and problems arising from the challenge of securing effective rivalry within the financial industry in Scotland, the United Kingdom and the European Union, today and in the future. The event featured the Chair of Scottish Financial Enterprise as keynote speaker and among its panelists the Head of Concurrency and Conduct in the Financial Conduct Authority and a member of the European Banking Authority. The event was co-organised with Mr Gordon Downie and Mr Angus Armstrong from Shepperd & Wedderburn (who are also members of the steering committee of SCLF) and received generous support from Shepperd & Wedderburn.

**Consulates Event (23 June 2014):** The event was organized by Tobias Lock (Law) as part of the Europa Institute's efforts to establish deeper links with Consuls General from EU Member States based in Edinburgh. In order to explore the potential for future cooperation – and, in particular, to promote the Europa Institute as a forum for guest speakers from the countries represented in Edinburgh – the Consuls General of EU Member States were invited to Old College to take part in an informal roundtable discussion (under Chatham House rules) on the future of the European Union, especially in light of the elections to the European Parliament.

The **2013/2014 annual Mitchell Lecture** was held on 29 September 2014 in the Playfair Library. Christopher Vajda QC, UK Judge at the Court of Justice of the EU,
delivered a lecture titled “The application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights: Neither Reckless nor Timid?,” which was followed by comments by Lord Hodge. For the first time, the Europa Institute organized the event in partnership with the Scottish Public Law Group and the Faculty of Advocates. The lecture notes have been published as an Edinburgh Europa Working Paper (see below).

In addition, the Europa Institute hosted a talk by the Danish Judge at the Court of Justice of the EU, Lars Bay Larsen, on "Mutual Recognition in the Field of Criminal Law – A Short-Cut with Obstacles?" on 28th October 2014. The lecture notes have been published as an Edinburgh Europa Working Paper (see below).

# EDINBURGH EUROPA PAPER SERIES

In 2010, the Europa Institute launched the Edinburgh Europa Paper Series, to showcase work by members and others, including papers given at Europa Institute seminars and conferences. Since 2013, Elisa Morgera (Law) has served as the series editor and the series has been hosted on [a new website](#).

The Series is multi-disciplinary and welcomes papers presenting original work on Europe and the European Union. Contributions are encouraged from scholars working from within a range of disciplines, including not only political science, law and economics, but also sociology, political sociology, history, anthropology, social theory, science and technology studies, geography, accountancy, social policy, educational sociology, and cultural studies.

In 2013, the series added 8 papers. In 2014, the series added 11 papers (listed below), comprising its first student-author papers (by PhD student Ilias Georgakopoulos and LLM student Miranda Geelhoed) and contributions by CJEU Judges, as well as research papers by Law School academics.


**EUROPA RESEARCH GROUP**

The Europa Research Group (ERG) was launched at the beginning of 2013 as an interdisciplinary project by the PhD students in the School of Law and the School of Social & Political Science under the auspices of the Europa Institute. The group replaced the former EU Postgraduate Reading Groups and was led in 2013/2014 by Grant Stirling (Law) and Ines Oliveira (SPS).

The ERG organises fortnightly seminars and discussions on a wide range of topics relating to the European Union. The ERG also cooperates with academics and contributes to the organisation of conferences, talks and other events. Situated at the heart of the Europa Institute, the Group aims to further discussion on core aspects of the laws and policies of the EU, and is open to all (postgraduate) students and staff of the University of Edinburgh.

During the academic year 2013/2014, the ERG organised the following events:


• “EU Accession to the ECHR” (19 November 2013): Tobias Lock (Law) (event run jointly with the Constitutional Law Discussion Group of Edinburgh School of Law).

• “Environmental Co-regulation in the European Legal Order” (27 November 2013): Apolline Roger (University of Edinburgh) (event run jointly with the International Law Discussion Group of Edinburgh School of Law).

• “Beating a Dead Horse? The European Commission and the EU External Energy Policy” (20 February 2014): Francesca Batzella (University of Edinburgh).
• “The Upcoming Italian Presidency of the EU: Institutional and Political Opportunities for a Reformulation of the Union’s Approach to Eastern Partnership Countries and Russia” (27 February 2014): Marco Siddi (University of Edinburgh).

• “The Role of the EU in the Making of AML Standards” (6 March 2014): Ines Oliveira (University of Edinburgh).

• “Regional Migration Governance in South America – A New Liberal Approach?” (11 April 2014): Diego Acosta Arcarazo (University of Bristol).

The ERG also runs a website (www.europaresearchgroup.ed.ac.uk) and a Facebook page ("Europa Research Group").

**EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY EUROPEAN UNION SOCIETY**

The Edinburgh University European Union Society is an academic (undergraduate) student organization dedicated to the promotion of discussion and awareness of the European Union and to providing a space for debate and knowledge transfer among students at the University of Edinburgh. The Society does not take political positions on issues and welcomes a diverse range of opinions.

During the academic year 2013/2014, the EU Society organised the following events:

• "Savvy about Sovereignty, Clued up on Crises, Tuned-in to Treaties, and Big on Bailouts: The EU Society Pub Quiz" (22 September 2013).

• "Religion in Europe" (8 October 2013): Rev. Dr. Harriet Harris (University of Edinburgh), Rabbi David Rose (Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation) and Imaan Mazari (University of Edinburgh).

• "The UK's Place in the EU: In or Out?" (November 19 2013): Christina McKelvie MSP, Dr. Daniel Keanealy (University of Edinburgh) and Andrew Farrer (University of Edinburgh).

• "First Minister's Questions and Tour of the Scottish Parliament" (February 6 2014).

• "Scotland and the EU: Why Should We Care?" (March 20 2014): Prof. John Curtice (University of Strathclyde), Stephen Gethins, Bill Jamieson and Michael Keating (University of Aberdeen), Catriona Munro, David Torrance and Elisabeth Magnes (University of Edinburgh). The event was organised in partnership with the European Movement, the Academy of Government and the European Commission.
Monographs and Textbooks


Edited Collections


Tobias Lock, Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou, Theodore Konstadinides and Noreen O Meara (eds), *Human Rights Law in Europe* (Routledge, 2014)


Journal Articles


Eve Hepburn, 'Forging Autonomy in a Unitary State: the Åland Islands in Finland' (2014) Comparative European Politics


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Eve Hepburn 'Independence and the Immigration Debate in Scotland' (2014) 9 British Politics Review 10


Daniel Kenealy, 'Much Ado About (Scotland in) Europe' (2014) Scottish Affairs


Ines Sofia de Oliviera, ‘Catch Me If You Can: Or How Policy-networks can Help Tackle the Crime-terror Nexus’ (2014) Global Crime


Nicola McEwen and Elizabeth Bomberg, ‘Sub-State Climate Pioneers: A case study of Scotland’s energy and climate change programme’ (2014) 24 Regional and Federal Studies 63


Pontus Odmalm and Betsy Super, 'Getting the Balance Right? Party Competition on Immigration and Conflicting Ideological "Pulls”' (2014) 37 Scandinavian Political Studies 301


**Book Chapters**

Tobias Lock, 'Industrie-, Forschungs- und Entwicklungspolitik' in BW Wegener (ed), *Enzyklopädie Europarecht, Band 8: Europäische Querschnittspolitiken* (Nomos, 2014)


Gracia Marín Durán and Elisa Morgera, 'Commentary to Article 37 - Environmental Protection' in S Peers, T Hervey, J Kenner, and A Ward (eds), *Commentary on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights* (Hart, 2014)

Elisa Morgera, 'Environmental Law' in C Barnard and S Peers (eds), *EU Law* (OUP, 2014)


Niamh Nic Shuibhne, 'Exceptions to the Free Movement Rules' in C Barnard and S Peers (eds), *European Union Law* (Oxford University Press, 2014)


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