



# CENTRE FOR BRITAIN AND EUROPE

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## STAFF

## EXPERTISE

DRAWN FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SURREY'S **DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS**,  
THE CBE IS STAFFED BY EXPERTS ON BOTH THE UK AND EUROPE:

*CBE Co-Director:*

► **Professor Amelia Hadfield,**  
Chair in European and International Relations,  
Head of Department

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



► **Professor  
Simon Usherwood,**  
Euroscepticism  
(pressure groups, and  
media profile), UK-EU  
relations, Brexit issues.



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



*CBE Co-Director:*

► **Dr Alia Middleton,**  
Lecturer in Politics

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



► **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 Nikolaos Gkotsis  
Papaioannou,**  
European External Action  
Service (Somalia military  
ops), EU global actorness  
and EU normative power.



► **Vicki Blamey,**  
CBE Administrator.



► **Dr Roula Nezi,**  
Policy change and  
political attitudes,  
economic factors  
and political outcomes,  
European political  
behaviour, attitudes  
and representation.



► **Dr Simona Guerra,**  
Domestic politics of  
EU integration, Brexit,  
democracy, discontent  
and populism, religion  
and politics, informality  
and corruption, and  
transnational Euroscepticism.





## CBE PROFESSORS IN PRACTICE:

OUR PROFESSORS BRING TO CBE'S TEACHING, ANALYSIS AND CONSULTANCY ACTIVITIES DECADES OF EXPERIENCE IN THE DIPLOMATIC AND HUMANITARIAN SECTORS:



► **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,**  
CMG: Former NATO Deputy Assistant  
Secretary General for Emerging  
Security Challenges.



## 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.

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# JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

# CBE OUTPUTS

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 support the development of universities, departments, academics, and students, providing 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.

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>

**CBE VLOGS:** including Professor Simon Usherwood's long-running 'Brexit Club' series, discussing the latest Brexit news, plus the new 'Bridge to Brussels' series with key UK and EU decision-makers exploring a range of British, European and international issues.

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

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



## CBE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES



Organised around key themes, the CBE will produce a series of events, outputs, and activities between 2020-2023:

- **De-Europeanisation and Re-Europeanisation**
- **Gender and Identity**
- **Electoral Behaviour**
- **European and British Security and Defence**

In addition to these research activities, the CBE's Jean Monnet funding supports students through targeted in-module scholarships, practical placements, enhanced library provisions, as well as the research and teaching activities of the Department of Politics.

## 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 policy-makers 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).

A vital part of impacting positively on the university community involves regular CBE engagement with key 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'.

The CBE is therefore dedicated to working with local government at county, district and borough level, within and beyond Surrey, as well as key cross-sectoral partners including Local Enterprise Partnerships, strategic groups, and actors like the Surrey Research Park that span business, research and higher education. Engaging regularly with a wide range of cross-sectoral representatives enables the CBE to remain locally impactful as well as 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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