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The **European Union Centre of Excellence (EUCE)**

started at Dalhousie University in 2006, with the first of three consecutive grants from the European Commission. As of 2016, the Centre's name will change. The new name will be the **Jean Monnet European Union Centre of Excellence (JMEUCE)**.

The French diplomat Jean Monnet (1888 - 1979) is considered one of the founding fathers of the European Union (EU) and the Centre's name is in recognition of Monnet's role in the European project. This booklet highlights some of the accomplishments of the EUCE over the last decade.



The first EUCE was led by Finn Laursen from the Department of Political Science. Dr. Laursen served as Director of the Centre from 2006 to 2012.



Ruben Zaiotti, from the Department of Political Science, was Director of the Centre from 2012 to 2016.

Since 2006, the Centre has delivered on its mission to increase awareness and understanding of the European Union (EU) at Dalhousie University, in the larger Halifax community and throughout Nova Scotia.

## Research Areas

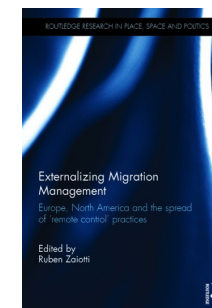
The Centre has funded various research projects with faculty from Political Science, Economics, Sociology and Social Anthropology, Health and Human Performance, the Schulich School of Law and Pharmacy.

Some examples of research undertaken with the support of the Centre include:

- EU Arctic Policy
- Migration in the EU
- LGBTQ Retirees in the EU
- Asymmetric Federalism in the EU and Canada
- Trade and Economic Relations in the EU and Canada
- EU Health Policy

## Publications

The Centre's Directors and Associates have produced various peer-reviewed articles, special editions of journals, edited volumes and books.



## Public Talks

- The Centre partnered with local organizations and EU Honorary Consulates to bring a variety of speakers to Dalhousie for talks that were open to the public
- Topics were deliberately timely (e.g. Brexit) and often controversial (e.g. Canada-EU free trade)
- The Centre hosted EU member state ambassadors and politicians as speakers
- These talks were also venues for faculty to present their EU related research

## Student Support

- Fostering EU knowledge in students and laying a foundation to create EU scholars was integral to the Centre's mission
- Graduate scholarships and research support, as well as an Essay Prize, were available to qualified students
- Over 20 students participated in the EU Study Tour and Internship during the last ten years
- Sponsoring graduate student conferences and providing travel grants to attend such conferences, provided an opportunity for junior scholars to discuss their work and network with their peers

## Conferences and Workshops

The Centre hosted six conferences and four workshops over the last decade. Topics ranged from migration and security to EU enlargement. EU scholars from Canada and elsewhere came to Halifax to discuss and debate these topics.



## Outreach to Students

- The Centre organized a yearly Day of Debate with International Baccalaureate (IB) students from local high schools
- Students debated timely EU related topics such as Brexit and Turkey's admission to the EU
- The students' debates were judged by the Dalhousie Debating Society
- The Centre worked closely with the IB Coordinator for Nova Scotia to ensure all local high schools were contacted
- Over the last three years the Centre hosted over 150 students from four different high schools

## Classes on the EU

- The Centre's mission to increase the knowledge base of EU-related learning was accomplished by offering a variety of classes
- Classes included Politics of the EU, Economics of the EU, the EU as a Global Actor and Healthcare Federalism

## EUCE Networking

- The EUCE worked closely with the other EUCEs to share our expertise. These are some of the projects we participated in:
- The EUCE in Taiwan worked with Dalhousie to organize workshops on how North American trade deals such as CETA and TTP would affect the Asia-Pacific region
- The EUCE at Carleton University in Ottawa acted as a Network Coordinator and funded speakers to other Centres through the ShareSpeaker program
- The EUCE at the University of Victoria hosted three consecutive graduate student conferences on the state of the EU
- Dalhousie partnered with the joint EUCE at University de Montreal and McGill University to co-sponsor a workshop on migration and security

