

Jean Monnet Guest Speakers, Glendon College, York University, Fall 2021

A limited number of guests may attend the Zoom sessions; priority for questions will be given to students enrolled in the seminar. The sessions will not be recorded. Questions or to request guest attendance? Please contact professor Maas or [Glendon Political Science department](mailto:pokshin@glendon.yorku.ca) secretary Patricia Pok-Shin: pokshin@glendon.yorku.ca

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Towards a Europe of Equality, Peace, Climate Action, and Respect **Tuesday 19 October, 9:00-10:00**



[Jackie Jones](#) has been researching and teaching law for over 20 years, first at Cardiff Law School, then at Bristol Law School, University of the West of England, currently at the University of Bristol. Her main teaching and research interests lie in the areas of gender, migration, asylum process, human trafficking, violence against women, all within a human rights perspective. She is a former president of the European Women Lawyers Association, and served as one of the [four Members of the European Parliament from Wales](#) in the [9th European Parliament](#), from 2 July 2019 until 31 January 2020 (when the UK left the EU). In parliament, she served as First Vice President of the EU-US Delegation, FEMME and Legal Affairs Committee, LGBTIQ Inter Group member,

Children's Rights Inter Group; she remains coordinator of the Wales-EU Friendship Group and member of the EU-UK Friendship Group.

Current Topics in Canada-EU Relations **Tuesday 26 October, 10:00-11:00**



[Dr. Ailish Campbell](#) was appointed Ambassador of Canada to the European Union in October 2020. In this role she leads diplomatic representation to the EU and strategic engagement of Canada's second largest trade and investment partner. Ailish joined Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada in 2002 as a trade negotiator in the WTO Doha Round. During her time as a federal public servant, she has held successively senior executive roles in economic, finance and international policy including at the Privy Council Office and Industry Canada. Outside of the public service, Ailish was Vice President, International and Fiscal Policy, at the Business Council of Canada from 2013 to 2015. In 2015, she returned to public service and became General Director, Economic Development and Corporate Finance, at Finance Canada where she

led work on innovation, clean technology, and defence. From 2017 - 2020 she served as Chief Trade Commissioner of Canada and Assistant Deputy Minister, leading Global Affairs Canada's team of Trade Commissioners across six Canadian offices and over 150 locations worldwide. Under her leadership, the Trade Commissioner Service expanded services to high growth companies and established a range of new digital services to small business to promote the use of Canada's global network of free trade agreements.

Ailish holds a Doctorate in International Relations from the University of Oxford. Her doctorate thesis was published by Palgrave Macmillan (UK) as *European Welfare States and Supranational Governance of Social Policy*. In August 2020 she earned her ICD.D designation from the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto. She is designated a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.

Climate Crisis and Government Policy: Perspectives from Poland

Tuesday 2 November, 9:00-10:00



Kasia Guzek serves as head of communications for Greenpeace Poland and has been involved in the environmental movement since 2004. Kasia focuses mainly on the climate campaign and just transition in the Polish energy sector, was an observer of climate negotiations, and took part in other political processes, but prefers activism. In free time, Kasia supports Parents of Future Poland and co-hosts the radio podcast “Band for the Earth”. In 2019, Greenpeace Poland activists [climbed cranes at the Polish port of Gdansk to block the unloading of coal from Mozambique, and called on the government to move to renewable energy](#). Greenpeace Poland insists that [Polish power plants must quit burning coal by 2030](#), and is [suing Poland’s largest carbon emitter](#). Kasia said last year that when Polish authorities tell “[miners that mining will continue in 2049, we have the impression that the government is not aware of the reality \[of\] the climate crisis.](#)”

Challenges and Opportunities in UK-EU Relations

Tuesday 9 November, 9:00-10:00



Michael Hindley served as Member of the European Parliament from 1984 to 1999, serving as Vice-President of the External Economic Affairs Committee with Parliamentary responsibilities for scrutiny of the entire range of EU external bilateral and multilateral relations from 1989 to 1999. Before and after serving as MEP, he served as a Labour member in local and district Council roles in Lancashire. Since 1999 he is freelance adviser on EU relations, including many evaluation missions for the EU Commission to study the effectiveness of EU capacity building in foreign and trade ministries. Since 2008, he has acted as trade policy adviser to the [European Economic and Social Committee](#) (EESC) writing reports inter alia on trade and sustainable development, agricultural trade, trade in strategic raw materials, and EU energy policy. He also regularly lectures at a range of universities and is Coordinator of the European Parliament to Campus program.

« Pas de laïcité sans solidarité » en France et ailleurs en Europe

Mardi 16 novembre, 9:00-10:00



Nicolas Cadène est directeur départemental adjoint de l’emploi, du travail et des solidarités de l’Hérault et membre fondateur de [Vigie de la laïcité](#). Il était Rapporteur général de [l’Observatoire de la laïcité](#) (2013-2021) et ancien membre du bureau et du Conseil national du Parti socialiste. Monsieur Cadène est membre de l’Académie de Nîmes. Il est l’auteur d’ouvrages sur la laïcité: *La laïcité Pour les Nuls* (2017) et *En finir avec les idées fausses sur la laïcité* (2020). “[In a world shaped by news cycles and social media, complex issues like laïcité can be lost in translation since differing historical, political, and social contexts cause ‘secularism’ to mean something different in every society.](#)” (Discours en français avec possibilité de questions en anglais aussi bien qu’en français / Presentation in French with possibility of questions in English as well as French.)

Reconstructing Middle Power Theory: Comparing Canadian and EU Foreign Policy Tuesday 16 November, 10:50-11:50



Mitja Durnik is an assistant professor of political science at the Faculty of Public Administration, [University of Ljubljana](#), Slovenia. He teaches courses in public policy, comparative politics, development studies, EU – Canada relations, EU politics, and theory of public administration. He has been a visiting research and teaching fellow at York University, the University of Essex, the University of Bologna, the Université du Québec, and the University of Winnipeg. His past research work was oriented to investigate migration issues, ethnic economy, cross-border cooperation, European integration, and contemporary Canadian politics. Dr Durnik is a member of two international associations: the [Transfrontier Euro-Institut Network \(TEIN\)](#), and [CECAS – Central European Association of Canadian Studies](#). As a partner leader, he led several international and national research projects.

Defending Human Rights and the EU Legal Order Tuesday 23 November, 10:50-11:50



Katalin Cseh studied medicine in Budapest and health economics in the Netherlands before she started her political career at Momentum Movement, a newly established centre-progressive party. She was one of the founding members of the party and later she became a candidate for the European Parliamentary elections. After taking up her mandate in the European Parliament, she was elected to the position of [Vice-President of Renew Europe](#). Katalin is working actively as a member of the [Committee on Foreign Affairs](#), the [Committee on Human Rights](#), the [Committee on Regional Development](#), and the [Committee on Budgetary Control](#). She is an active member of the [European Parliament's Gender Mainstreaming Network](#), as well as bureau member of the [Anti-Corruption Intergroup](#) and Vice-Chair of the [Climate Intergroup](#). Katalin is also the Chair of Renew Europe's Working Group on Values and Democracy.

Posted Workers and the Freedom to Provide Services Tuesday 30 November, 9:00-10:00



Zane Rasnača, Senior Researcher at the [European Trade Union Institute](#), holds a PhD (2017) from the European University Institute (EUI) and earlier degrees from the University of Cambridge (LL.M, specialization in European law) and the University of Latvia. Before joining the ETUI, Zane was a stagiaire at the Court of Justice of the European Union, a Fulbright/Schuman visiting researcher at Yale Law School and Rutgers University (2014/2015), and worked for the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia in the office of the Representative before the CJEU. Dr Rasnača has taught EU law and human rights courses at the University of Latvia, EUI, and Riga Graduate School of Law. She is an affiliated member at the Institute for European Law, KU Leuven, and coordinator of the [Transnational Trade Union Rights expert network](#).

Democracy and European Integration in Germany and Central Europe

Tuesday 7 December, 9:00-10:00



[Stefan Gehrold](#) studied law in Passau, Porto, and Freiburg prior to his doctorate in Münster. From 1996 to 1999 he worked as a lawyer for labour law at Enneking & Partner in Damme and Berding & Partner in Dinklage. Over the years, he has served as the head of the [Konrad Adenauer Foundation](#) (KAS) offices in Croatia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia. Prior to serving as the head of the KAS office in Senegal, he was responsible for accountancy and legal affairs at the Löwenbäcker GmbH in Leipzig. Dr Gehrold was the Director of the [European Office of the KAS](#) in Brussels from 2011 to 2017. Before he joined the [eighth European Parliament](#) in September 2018, he ran the Hermann-Ehlers Educational Institute of the KAS in Oldenburg. He is fluent in German, English, French, Dutch, and Croatian.