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EDITORIAL

The year is 1994 and the SEI, much like the transition democracies in Eastern Europe, is still in its infancy. However, during the brief period since its inauguration, the Sussex based European Institute has not, in the words of co-founder Helen Wallace, paused for breath. In her message for SEI's newsletter *Euroscope* which appeared for the first time in this year, the director tells us of the promising start made by the institute. At this time the SEI is a small but tightly knit community under the guidance of said Prof. Wallace alongside the familiar faces of Viga Nicholson, Mary Kaldor and Alasdair Smith. The stage is set for the appearance of the many characters that now make up the SEI. Together with an already bustling thirty-two research students tied to the institute and working on an equally impressive eleven externally funded research projects, the SEI is up and running after just two years of hard work. The SEI newsletter is however only eight (8) pages long. But like all things great, it has to start small. Initiated by Alasdair Young, the master plan was to provide the SEI with an up to date summary of the goings on within the corridors of power that is Arts A. (One should perhaps also add to Dr. Young's CV that he also suggested the social hour – now an institution within the institution).

Since these beginnings *Euroscope* has gone through a number of changes and also a number of editors, all of whom have left their own characteristic mark on the publication. Alaisdair Young, David Young (no relation), Henrike Mueller and Matt Browne – these names will forever live on in the annals of editorial history. They have all at some point and for varying periods of time captained and steered the good ship *Euroscope* and effectively ridden the ebb and flow in the tide of newsworthy material. We would like to thank our four predecessors for charting the waters of readership and contributors from which we have been able to draw in continuing their work providing staff and students with an engaging and interesting departmental publication on all things European. We hope everyone will enjoy and appreciate this very special issue for which we take a step away from our usual format and hand the media platform over to an exclusive selection of current and former SEI affiliates. Here we get a chance to sample the Sussex and SEI experience that a range of alumni have had and also hear something about their current activities.

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SEI - the next ten years

Jim Rollo and Jörg Monar, Co-Directors

SEI is a brand name for academic excellence, policy relevant research and innovative approaches to the interdisciplinary study of European integration within and beyond the EU. Success has depended on a high quality and active postgraduate student community, the extraordinary commitment of University staff, past and present, from inside and outside SEI and the constant input of practitioner friends and Fellows from across Europe. These are immense strengths to build on and that is what we intend. In the next decade we aim to develop SEI along three main strategic lines:

- (1) Expand postgraduate programmes. We intend to recruit PhD students around particular areas of research strengths of SEI notably EU governance, enlargement, the political economy of EU integration, EU external economic policy, foreign and security policy and justice and home affairs. This should give SEI a "critical mass" of young researchers who can support and be part of national and European project applications. The MA in Contemporary European Studies will remain our flagship course for training for careers in Europe both in the academy and more widely. We will constantly review and adapt it to meet the constantly changing challenges of European integration while maintaining its key quality as an interdisciplinary programme covering European challenges beyond the political and institutional boundaries of the EU. We will also work to attract growing student numbers from outside the EU which would help the MACES community to avoid falling victim to intra-Union navel gazing.
- (1) Building on our experience with practitioner training. The Diploma in Contemporary European Studies programme has been highly successful in itself. It has demonstrated the mutual benefit which practitioners and academic staff can draw from intensive programmes based on constant questioning of established theories and policy approaches, an intellectually challenging dialogue between academics and practitioners working as partners and rapid responses to the policy-challenges of the widening Europe. We intend to offer the DICES programme to practitioners from public and private sectors inside and outside of Europe – which we have not done so far – and also envisage a suite of shorter courses for practitioners on selected key issues of political, economic and legal relevance.
- (1) Strengthening our research programme and expertise. The European research agenda is evolving rapidly with an increasing emphasis on new forms of governance, the management of diversity in the enlarged EU, the development of the economic acquis particularly on EMU, the increasing importance of the EU in the global and regional economic agenda and the transformation of the internal and external security agenda with its growing "soft security" dimension. The SEI has a record of being ahead of the trend. To sustain this performance we aim to identify emerging themes of academic and political relevance and make the best possible use of national and European funding opportunities. To this end we will establish "task forces" of members of staff from different disciplines, practitioner fellows and research students and drawing on the expertise of our alumni base to identify issues and priorities for programmes. We also aim to develop strategic partnerships with selected institutions in the UK and abroad.

All this depends on teamwork and a positive and forward-looking spirit. We therefore invite colleagues, friends and alumni to join forces with us to keep the SEI at the forefront of research and teaching on Europe.



The SEI Brussels experience

Viga Nicholson, SEI Executive Officer

I don't recall that staying in the Brussels red light district was ever mentioned in my job description when I took on the job of SEI's Executive Officer in 1992, and when Helen asked me to organise the first trip I'd had never been to Brussels before. Hence the red light district – I wanted to keep the cost down! Things have however improved since then.

I have now organised and accompanied 14 study trips to Brussels for MACES and DICES students. All the trips have been enjoyable and unforgettable – different students, speakers, topics, and experiences. What I like most is to see how much the students get out of these trips – intellectually as well as socially. We have been lucky to have wonderful, interesting speakers who can make any subject fun – from the EU budget to anti-dumping! Speakers are obviously pleased with the audience they get, because they are happy to give up their time for us and quite a few return each year.

The weeklong programme includes a day at NATO, which is always excellent. Jamie Shea, Sussex Alumni and the Director of Information and Press at NATO often joins our sessions. An unforgettable moment at NATO was arriving with a group of DICES students a few days after Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic joined NATO. The flags of these countries were blowing in the wind outside NATO headquarters. I think that we were all moved.

An evening with Sussex Alumni has also become a regular and well attended event. We have a dedicated group of Sussex Alumni in Brussels who organise very useful sessions, talking about careers in Brussels and giving tips on how to get a stage. Sometimes these meetings take place in bars, but lately these events have been hosted by the South England office.

My favourite memories are too many to mention, but many of them must be the evenings spent with the students in Brussels bars and our welcome stops in Bruges on the way back to England. The Brussels trips have more than lived up to our motto -

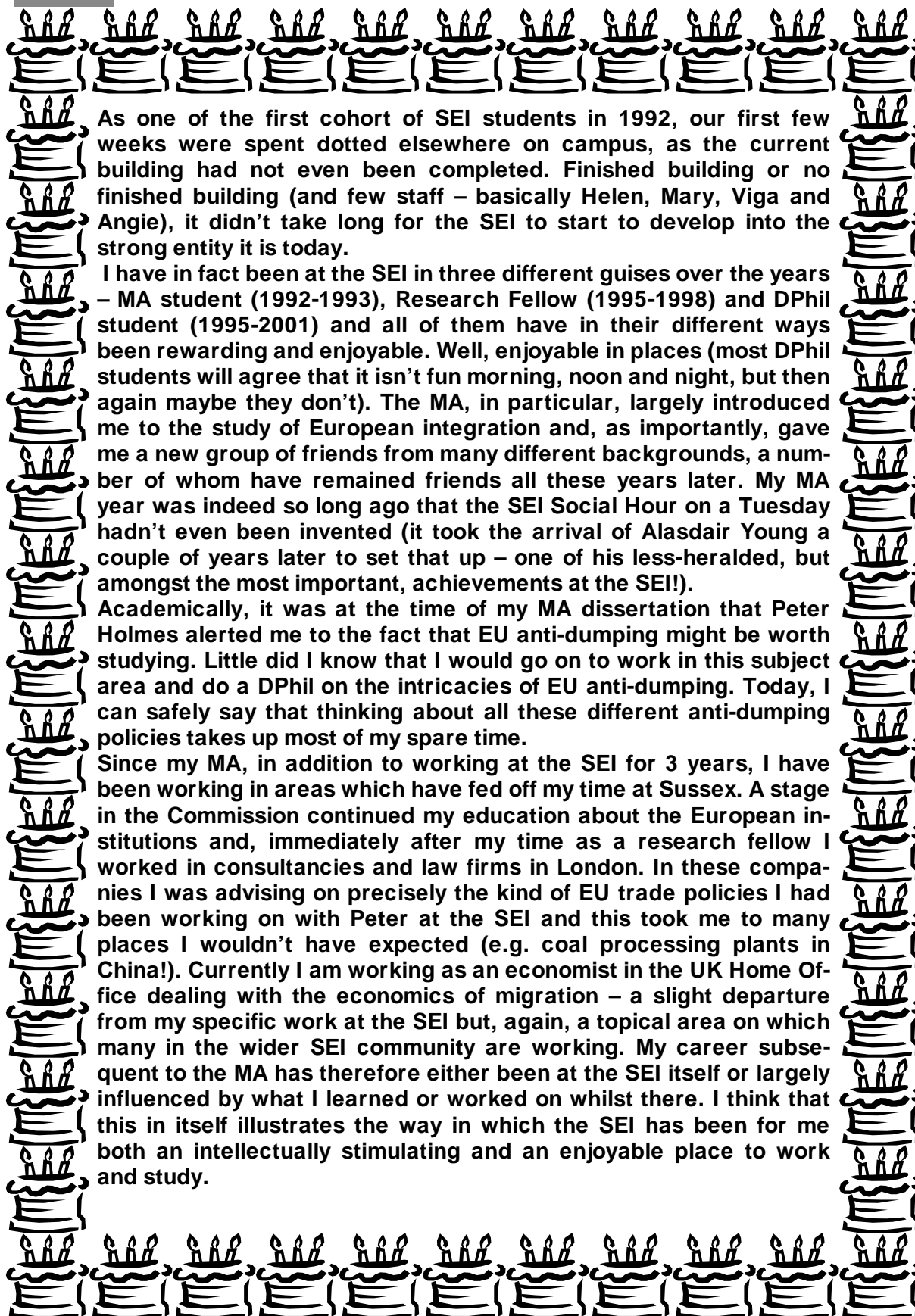
“no integration without circulation” .





MACES 1992-1993

Jeremy Kempton



As one of the first cohort of SEI students in 1992, our first few weeks were spent dotted elsewhere on campus, as the current building had not even been completed. Finished building or no finished building (and few staff – basically Helen, Mary, Viga and Angie), it didn't take long for the SEI to start to develop into the strong entity it is today.

I have in fact been at the SEI in three different guises over the years – MA student (1992-1993), Research Fellow (1995-1998) and DPhil student (1995-2001) and all of them have in their different ways been rewarding and enjoyable. Well, enjoyable in places (most DPhil students will agree that it isn't fun morning, noon and night, but then again maybe they don't). The MA, in particular, largely introduced me to the study of European integration and, as importantly, gave me a new group of friends from many different backgrounds, a number of whom have remained friends all these years later. My MA year was indeed so long ago that the SEI Social Hour on a Tuesday hadn't even been invented (it took the arrival of Alasdair Young a couple of years later to set that up – one of his less-heralded, but amongst the most important, achievements at the SEI!).

Academically, it was at the time of my MA dissertation that Peter Holmes alerted me to the fact that EU anti-dumping might be worth studying. Little did I know that I would go on to work in this subject area and do a DPhil on the intricacies of EU anti-dumping. Today, I can safely say that thinking about all these different anti-dumping policies takes up most of my spare time.

Since my MA, in addition to working at the SEI for 3 years, I have been working in areas which have fed off my time at Sussex. A stage in the Commission continued my education about the European institutions and, immediately after my time as a research fellow I worked in consultancies and law firms in London. In these companies I was advising on precisely the kind of EU trade policies I had been working on with Peter at the SEI and this took me to many places I wouldn't have expected (e.g. coal processing plants in China!). Currently I am working as an economist in the UK Home Office dealing with the economics of migration – a slight departure from my specific work at the SEI but, again, a topical area on which many in the wider SEI community are working. My career subsequent to the MA has therefore either been at the SEI itself or largely influenced by what I learned or worked on whilst there. I think that this in itself illustrates the way in which the SEI has been for me both an intellectually stimulating and an enjoyable place to work and study.



MACES 1993-1994

Samuel Beauchef

Tuesday, April 9th 2002: I'm sitting in my office, somewhere in downtown Paris, almost calling it for the day. As the French PR manager of an international company, I have been sending out information on our businesses all day long, answering phone calls and writing e-mails. And here it comes: an email from Sussex University, requesting a text summarizing the year I spent at the Sussex European Institute. This was eight years. Has it already been that long? Well, it seems like ages now. Of course, this makes me think of the tough curricular we went through, the excellent teachers we had, the papers I wrote, my classmates. But, the first detailed and precise memories that come to my mind are more specific and less academic than you would imagine: a class we had on History built from memories, personal diaries (but where's mine? I would need it today!); The "Mousse au Chocolat" I had to cook every time we had a party (and I bet you have never beaten 20 egg whites manually!); The sandwiches we bought for lunch from the cafeteria (small round breads with watercress and crispy cheese on top); Or, let's say, the Belgian beers we tasted while in Brussels! I might have studied hard but it seems I had a good time too!

When I decided to cross the Channel and study for a year in Great Britain, I set two objectives to myself. Firstly, to achieve a deeper knowledge of the European process and institutions (at the time, I was planning to join either these institutions or the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and improve my understanding of the British language (and also people, being born in Normandy, I was following William the Conqueror and my ancestors). Looking back, I can tell that this was more than a studious year. Being able to work closely with people from all around the world on issues regarding all things European, the way it had been built since 1945, why and how Eastern Europe was trying to rebuild their identity was all the more rewarding and stimulating. Of course, this meant hundreds of books to be read, but also led us to open our mind and try to face other cultures, other perceptions. I can clearly remember talks we had among us to explain a point stressed or an issue raised in class. But, through the lectures I attended, the papers I wrote, the week we spent in Brussels, the dissertation I submitted in

early August, I came to get a better understanding of the way that the European Union was built, how the institutions worked, how governments negotiated. And I know what I am talking about - my dissertation dealt with the negotiations that were being handled at the time with the Nordic countries!

In a few words, I would say that this was a great experience. I did really enjoy both the classes and my life in Brighton. My guess is that I even succeeded in improving my English (unfortunately, I still have a French accent). The French government sent me to Namibia - one of the 15 European countries, as everybody knows - shortly after leaving Brighton. This is indeed where I served my country, as a translator for the French Embassy.

Where did all this lead me? Not to Brussels, not even to the Quai d'Orsay, although I did a three-month internship with the French equivalent to the British "European Secretariat". For almost five years, I worked for international PR agencies with tech companies as clients. Last January, I joined a company specialised in information and customer relation management services. I used to promote telecom companies to the French press. Now, I am dealing with issues on public data and identity fraud.

Nothing to do with the MACES I hear you say? Well, deregulation of the telecom sector was initiated and decided at a European level and is still today closely followed by Brussels. The European Commission has also lately started some thinking on public data and the way they were made available in every member state. I even worked for a project co-financed by the European Union in Marseilles, that actually attended a trade show in Brighton last year. It's a small world, isn't it?

Writing this paper, I realise that all this might date back to 1994 but it seems like yesterday. I could not attend my post graduation ceremony (there is unfortunately no direct flight Brighton - Windhoek)

but I can promise you I would not miss the SEI ten-year anniversary for the whole world!





MACES 1994-1995

Rilka Dragneva...

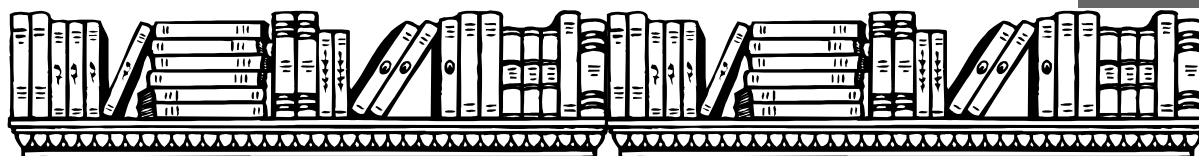
I arrived at the SEI to do the MACES Programme in 1994. The next year I continued with my Ph.D. research, which was completed by summer 1999. Five years is a long time, and I realise that I was extremely fortunate to spend that time in Sussex. Not that I always knew it then, all too often giving in to the fears and doubts so familiar to Ph.D. students.

I came to SEI from a very different world in terms of both academic and professional background. So being there was about learning and opening up on more than one level. Now I find myself using so much of the academic and research content that I was exposed to, starting from the research methods course (which certainly the first year I often wondered how to avoid) to the lectures of the visiting scholars. Yet, for me there was more than that. It was the example of the dedication, thoroughness and enthusiasm that the senior colleagues, otherwise so different in style, gave us. It was the care, the encouragement, and the faith they had in us.

Although my Ph.D. supervisors were not members of the SEI faculty (Prof. Harry Rajak, SLS and Prof. Nick von Tunzelmann, SPRU), I always felt that SEI was my academic "home". In a way, I do not think that I have ever entirely left it. During the last three years I found myself coming back to explore research possibilities (Can we talk again, Peter?), to teach at the SLS, or simply to visit.

All this is linked to what I have been doing since: teaching international realtions, EU and comparative business law at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands (an LL.M. Programme) and researching the process of law reform in Eastern Europe. Again related to my SEI background is the recent 5-year post-doctoral research grant I received to study the process of legal and economic integration within the CIS.

One thing I do not need so much the benefit of hindsight to know, is how important all the friends I made at Sussex were and are to me. Some I don't as often as I would have wished, others (and their children!) have become even closer since. Yet, to all of you, love and thanks for being there for me in all your special ways, and very best wishes for the future.



...& Jacqui Moorhouse

I have genuinely really happy memories of my MACES year at the SEI - it was a very stimulating environment to be in, fuelled by challenging tutors and a diverse, lively group of fellow students.

As a 'mature' student, doing an MA proved a very different experience to

my first time round at university as an undergraduate. At age 18, my BA was largely about learning to live, drink and socialise away from home. In contrast, I really made the most of my MA as a unique opportunity to enjoy a whole year learning and studying with like-minded people. The cosmopolitan

make-up of the MACES group also helped to bring European issues alive and made for interesting debates inside and outside the classroom. I still recall the experience of writing the dissertation as one of the most intensely difficult, and rewarding, of my life (thank you Helen!). And of course an account of my time at the SEI would not be complete without mentioning the many attractions, and distractions, of its location in Brighton - I even met my husband there!

My MACES degree enabled me to make the transition from teaching EFL in Europe to managing European projects in the UK. I have been Manager of the European Office at Kingston University for the last three years (although I will be off on maternity leave by the time this is printed!). However, one of my most memorable and exciting work experiences came about as a direct result of my time at the SEI. When job-hunting in 1997, I contacted Mary Kaldor to see if she could give me any advice. She phoned me immediately and said "Well, I do need someone to take minutes at a Foreign Office meeting tomorrow". I duly obliged, and spent the next nine months working with her and others to co-ordinate "People's Europe '98", a one-off European conference aiming to provide a 'people's alternative' to the European Council at the end of the UK Presidency. It was an unforgettable, and at times, almost surreal experience - a real rollercoaster of political, financial, and emotional ups and downs, culminating (eventually!) in a successful and truly unique event. And all because of the SEI.

I hope the SEI continues to flourish for the next 10



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MACES 1995-1996

Annika Bergman

Throughout the academic year 1995-1996 I did a MA in European studies in the SEI. This was a very fruitful experience which allowed me to further my understanding of European integration and politics in a vivacious and stimulating environment, as well as make new friends from a number of European countries. Having completed my MA in 1996 I decided to continue my studies by doing a PhD. While my MA dissertation explored the relationship between the EU and South Africa, my PhD thesis took a slight left-turn and focused on post-Cold War Nordic-Baltic relations. More specifically, my thesis explores the ethical dimensions of the Nordic states' foreign and security policies in general, and their EU and Baltic Sea policies in particular. Although I have spent a great deal of time away from Brighton doing fieldwork in the Nordic states and Estonia, carrying out research in the Copenhagen Peace Research Institute as well as doing some work in Brussels, I have always been happy to return to the SEI and Brighton. I was particularly pleased to be given the chance to teach the undergraduate course *Contemporary Europe* to second year students in the School of European Studies and undergo a teacher training programme for postgraduate tutors. This experience proved invaluable to me, particularly by helping me to find employment at other British universities. For example, I have worked as a part-time lecturer at the universities of Nottingham and Staffordshire as well as held a position as a seminar teacher in the Department of Politics and International Studies at the University of Warwick. By and large I have taught courses which deal with various aspects of European integration including European foreign and security policy, European institutions and integration theory. Undoubtedly, my training in European politics in the SEI has prepared me well for this task. Given this, I wish the SEI and its members of staff and postgraduate students the best of luck for the future!



MACES 1996-1997

Kamil Sierszak ...

I applied for a place in the MA programme in Contemporary European Studies in 1996, after the third year of my law studies. I did it because I wanted to extend my understanding of the European Union. I realised that a lot of things had to be done to prepare Poland to the position of a member state and I believed that my country needed good specialists knowing the reality of European integration. So I decided to go to Sussex, I sent my application form for a scholarship and, lucky me, I was accepted.

I remember the SEI as an exceptional place filled with an extremely friendly atmosphere. Students there were, and as far as I know still are, very close to their teachers. Everyone knew each other and everyone could always count on help from the lecturers' side. I need to mention here a wonderful person, my supervisor - Professor Helen Wallace, the then SEI Director - whose contribution to the successful completion of my dissertation was simply invaluable. Her accurate remarks and critical comments were of a huge importance for a proper realisation of my thesis' objectives.

Five years after graduation, I can safely say that I did not waste my time in the United Kingdom. I deepened my knowledge on subjects which I was interested in and the intensive training I had at the SEI helped me understand

problems of contemporary European governance. During the course I gained many useful practical skills and finally, I brought from Sussex my MA diploma which is recognised within the whole European Union while being well perceived by Polish university teachers and employees.

Additionally, the SEI gave me the unique chance of studying with people from many various backgrounds coming from almost all parts of Europe and beyond. Each of them had radically different experiences, views and beliefs and this wide mix contributed much to my good understanding of the European continent's 'real' identity. Here I would like to say thank you to all of my course mates without whom my student's life would not have been so attractive and successful as it used to be. I give my best regards from Poland especially to: Nora Petho (Hungary), Zuzka Melisova (Slovakia), Koray Ertas (Turkey), Mihaela Matei (Romania), Anouck Schreiber (Luxembourg), Hanne Viken (Norway), Ulf Arvidson (Sweden), Seiko Yamashita and Yoshihide Esaki (Japan), Alexandra Vassilopoulou and Georgios Mintsis (Greece), Marco Donati, Alberto Lecordetti and Federico Ferretti (Italy), Beatrix Widmer, Florian Lottmann and Sven Rawe (Germany), Nicolette Magri, Fiona Scerri, Mark Harwood, Ludvic Caruana and Colin Zammit Lupi (Malta), Estelle Ardoin,

Barbara Lehembre, Severine Percetti, Romain Geny, Laurent Zanardo and Nicolas Baudon (France), Elizabeth Hopkins, Melanie Rochford, Cathy Shaw, Rebecca Bull, Charlotte Weaver and Kevin Adamson (United Kingdom). I wonder how you are doing at the moment. My dear friends, we need to keep in touch!

As Sussex changed completely my way of perception of the contemporary Europe, I have begun to feel European in every aspect of this word. Now, having good friends all over Europe there is no problem to meet them whenever I want to do so. These are friendships that will last forever. And I think, that in this respect the SEI perfectly achieved its aim of integrating Europe.

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After graduating from the SEI, I engaged myself in work for the government administration. I spent some time in the Chancellery of the Prime Minister being responsible for international co-operation of the Government Plenipotentiary for the Systemic Reform of the State, Secretary of State - Michał Kulesza, as well as for a foreign promotion of the public administration reform. Then, after a good practice in the Department of European Institutions and Regional Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, I became a member of a working team of the Government Plenipotentiary for Poland's Accession Negotiations to the European Union, Secretary of State - Jan Kulakowski, for almost

one year dealing with an Internet promotion of the Poland's accession negotiations to the European Union. In the meantime I did my military service in the Polish Army that included three months of a commanding practice at the Legal Unit of the Land Forces Command. And now, as a legal adviser, I moved to the private sector running a small, but very dynamic, consulting agency PROXY Corporate Advisers LLC in Warsaw. DS.

... & Seiko Yamashita

On the first day, Yoshi and I discovered that, apart from us, everyone else came from European countries. This was perhaps not very surprising given that it was a European study course. During the year I spent with my friends from different European countries at the SEI, I learned more about 'what Europe is' from them rather than from all the books we had to digest. My memories of the year abroad and the SEI can be summarised as - being very shy during the first meeting, making a remark only when it could be intelligent in front of 30 students, always gathering with a glass of alcohol to chat and have a good laugh, categorizing people by their nationalities, being impressed in front of the great Professor Helen Wallace, believing that the Asian countries are too far from Europe, etc.

My interests in Europe did not finish at Sussex, but they have developed in Strasbourg, Paris, San Francisco, and surely in Tokyo in the near future. My friends are the richest sources for the energy in pursuit of my research on Europe!



MACES 1997-1998

Kornelia Wohanka



When I was approached to write a few words on the occasion of SEI's 10th anniversary and my time there, I immediately felt glad to do so and to send my best wishes for the future and congratulate on this occasion.

During my first year at SEI I relished the different learning and cultural atmosphere. SEI brings together students, teachers and practitioners from a variety of professional and cultural backgrounds, tremendously enhancing the exchange of ideas and experiences.

I was, with my fellow students from a dozen different countries, often surprised by the amount of hard work we were asked to do, but this contributed to the great sense of achievement and accomplishment that we were left with. And not only that: SEI soon began to feel like home, with familiar faces around and professors and staff that had time for a conversation and an open ear for problems, not just academic.

I was proud to move on to a DPhil degree and to become a member of SEI's academic community. Together with the amount of knowledge and skills I was given at Sussex, the people around me mattered most. First and foremost was Professor Helen Wallace, the driving force for so many fruitful years, for whose teaching, communication, organization, networking, personal and numerous other skills I have great admiration.

My second supervisor, Jim Rollo, from whose professional expertise and knowledge I also greatly benefited, followed in Helen's footsteps, co-chairing SEI with Jörg Monar. Viga Nicholson, together with all the other supporting staff members, are like an institution and an integral part of SEI's fabric, always friendly and helpful. I warmly thank everyone - whose names I cannot mention in this short space - for a good, productive time, for teaching me academically and personally, for always being there with an open ear to equally share upsets and successes. Since leaving Sussex, I have realized how extraordinary SEI is. I miss the atmosphere and community spirit and I am glad that I had the privilege to be part of it all for four wonderful years. One day most of us will have to move on to new places and ventures, but the fond memories of SEI as a very special place will remain with us for a lifetime.



MACES 1998-1999

Mirta Kapural...

Good friends, beach, fun, interesting lectures, friendly professors are just some of the good things I remember from my Brighton experience. I was a MACES student in the school year 1998-1999 together with other four Croatians who later became my colleagues in the Ministry for European Integration.

During my studies at the Faculty of Law in Zagreb I was mostly interested in the International law and the European Union. However, we did not have a separate course on the EU and that is one of the reasons I applied for the Contemporary European Studies Master programme at the SEI. For people like me who are very much interested in the European integration and who did not have the opportunity to attend the similar course during their studies, I found this Master programme excellent for several reasons. It gives the students the broadest possible insight to different aspects of the European integration which enables them to find out what interests them the most, and to accordingly choose their topic for the Master dissertation. The programme itself would not be enough if there was not a good methodology of work in the smaller groups with lot of practical examples that helped students in their understanding of the topics discussed. However, a good working methodology would not be either enough if there were not also good professors. The approach towards the students in a friendly and informal way is very important for all the students but particularly important for those whose mother tongue is not English. And that is exactly what you get from the SEI- friendly people who are ready to assist you at any moment and one positive feeling that makes even studying easier.

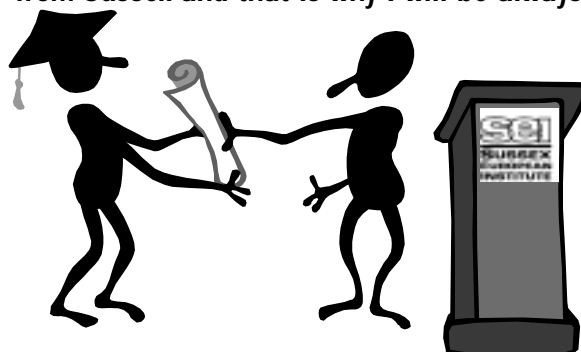
The positive effect of my SEI time did not end with my Masters diploma. After I finished MA in Brighton, I have been working in the Directorate for Legal Harmonisation of the Minis-

try for European integration for almost 2 years where I had the chance to use my knowledge from the SEI. During that time I also did the stage in the European Commission, DG Environment. The fact that I had an SEI diploma definitely contributed to my final acceptance as a stagiaire in Brussels (as it did for many other former MACES students).

At the moment, I am working in the newly established Governmental Office for Human Rights and I am dealing not only with the EU but also with the UN. The fact that I had as one of my MACES subjects «Human Rights in Europe» helped me in getting this new job. I spent two months working in the UN High Commissioner's Office for Human Rights in Geneva which gave me another broader perspective of my present work. However, I am still focusing on Europe, I am responsible for developing activities in our Office with the EU in the field of the protection of human rights. Here again, I can apply the knowledge from my Masters at the SEI. Therefore, I am certain that my professional contacts with the SEI will also continue in the future.

All in all, I found Brighton and the SEI to be great places for a student because of the friendly atmosphere among students and for the equally friendly and relaxed atmosphere with professors and others working at the SEI.

I wish everybody could have such a good experience and gain so many wonderful friends as I did in Brighton. I have the best memories from Sussex and that is why I will be always



... & Branimira Kovacevic

I got a scholarship for MA in Contemporary European Studies from the then Croatian Government's Office for European Integration (now Ministry for European Integration) in September 1998. After the exciting year spent in the SEI, upon my return to Croatia, I got a post in the OEI, which then numbered not more than 15 people. Together with three other economists in the Directorate for Economic Adjustments (now the Directorate for Integration Strategy) I was involved in the preparation of strategic papers for the Croatian Government, concerning negotiations with the European Union on the Stabilisation and Association Agreement and afterwards its implementation within the government bodies. This pioneer project involved learning and teaching, gathering experiences from abroad and implementing the knowledge at home. It was indeed a nice experience - visiting candidate and other countries, one of the most interesting visits being the one to the Cabinet Office in January 2002, when I had an opportunity to talk to the highest officials in Downing Street 10 and other institutions across the White Hall. Apart from travelling, one of the advantages of my work in the Ministry was the opportunity to continue working with my SEI supervisor, Dr. Alan Mayhew, who has been the advisor to the Croatian governments since the earliest days of the OEI in 1998. Not only was his professional help invaluable in our daily work, but it

also made marked the beginning of a beautiful friendship, leading to numerous pieces of bread and bottles of wines being regularly transported from Zagreb to London. After almost three years spent in the Ministry, it is time to move on, to a new exciting area of the European integration – market competition. Since May 2002 I have been working as economic advisor in the Croatian Agency for the Protection of Market Competition. In this area too, I





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MACES 1999-2000

Graham Hendry...

Being asked to contribute to the 10th anniversary special edition of Euroscope came as quite a surprise. I think I was walking home after playing some pool with a friend when I stopped to check my email and noticed the message in my inbox. The question that was posed was whether I would be willing to write a short article recounting my experience of being at the SEI, and indicate the ways in which the year influenced my choice of career.

Not an easy task. After all, I'm lucky if I have the foresight to buy washing powder, let alone stipulate career direction. But, after some thought, I realised that the year had impressed upon me in significant ways, and what I'm motivated to work towards now did, in many ways, develop from experiences shared whilst at the SEI. Attending seminars which enabled us to share our personal perspectives on what it means to be European sat comfortably alongside the day to day antics entailed when living in Brighton. For me, the memories that stand out are discussing European cinema over lunch in the IDS canteen, completely failing to be diplomatic when discussing Briec's goalkeeping, and being privy to what was probably the most wretched hangover the town of Bruges has ever seen (I'd recommend Irn Bru, Andrew. And bananas).

Everybody is motivated in different ways, and everyone has a different story to tell. But I'm convinced that these things are what you make of them, and I know that in the future, whether I am writing articles for sports magazines, or leisurely flicking through the programme of the Glasgow Film Theatre, I will draw upon these experiences and recognise that relating to contemporary developments in Europe has become a lot more fun since turning up late in room A23 three year ago.

I'm sure I speak for the rest of the MACES year of 2000 when I thank the SEI for enabling us to spend a year studying within the international environment of the University of Sussex, and for creating the opportunity to participate in the research trip to Brussels. It illustrates the achievement of the institution that this is made possible each year. Perhaps, in ten years time, continued success could be gauged by the ease by which this opportunity is extended to students of all nationalities.



MACES 2000-2001

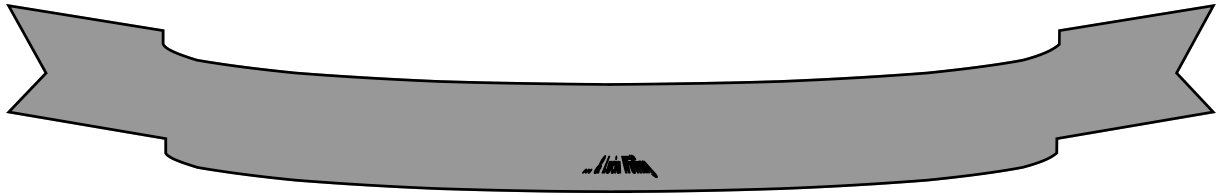
Gunay Babadogan, Gizem Enel...

When we were awarded the Jean Monnet scholarship, we did not ponder over which university and programme to choose. We learnt from the academics interested in the EU in our department at METU (Middle East Technical University) that SEI had a very good reputation in European Studies all over Europe. Our objective was to deepen our studies on subjects related with the EU so we chose SEI and it was one of the best choices of our academic lives.

During the first semester, we had a core-course titled "Making Contemporary Europe" and another course named "Research Skills & Methods". Both were preparing us for the coming courses we were supposed to choose according to our own interest areas in the following semester and for the papers we were going to write. The second semester was much more interesting because we could select the course we were interested in and the presentations we prepared, short essays and the term papers were really useful but also challenging - though work! They were also very good preliminary works for our coming MA dissertation. Writing the dissertation was the most intensive period of the year but thanks to our encouraging supervisors, we could get over it successfully.

As to the atmosphere in the SEI, especially the Social Hour which takes place every Tuesday was a good opportunity for getting to know each other, not only our classmates but also the academics. The instructors, tutors, secretaries, everyone at the institute were very friendly and helpful. Moreover, the friendship we had with the students coming from all over the world made our remembrance of our year at the SEI much more fun, enjoyable and unforgettable. We met wonderful people, had good time with good friends and spent a great year in one of the most beautiful and enjoyable cities of Britain. That was worth everything!

After one year at the SEI, we returned back to our country with good friends, great memories and above all much better academic knowledge as well as a broader vision of the world. We will always feel this privilege in our lives.



December 2000 – Nice

8 p.m.: European Heads of Government discuss the number of votes each country should hold in the Council.

3 a.m.: The Dutch are about to leave the “party”. The small countries need more votes.

4 a.m.: Chirac is reminded that 40 million Polish people are as many as 40 million Spaniards, even if the latter cry twice as loud.

5 a.m.: Finally - an agreement – but nobody really knows what it entails.

December 2000 - Brussels

Romano Prodi: “What shall we do? We need some real experts to find the answer!”

Inner voice: “On a far away island of eurosceptics there is a small town where every year an enclave of Pro-Europeans gather consisting of wise students from several countries. They will know.”

January 2001 – Brighton, Sussex

12 a.m.: Forty innocent students come to collect the 24 hours exams.

6 p.m.: What do they mean - who got how many votes? Why did they get less than they wanted? A never-ending row of questions.

12 p.m.: Their heads nearly split open after so much intense intellectualising.

4 a.m.: About 40 burning lamps in Brighton, hard work and tough conditions; tons of coffee and lemons (Andrei’s secret recipe) – frozen fingers (Catherine’s radiator is switched off at night) – the answer is still not found. And where am I by the way?

7:30 a.m.: Some are sleeping, others fight with printers in Pevensey (24 hours computing service - ‘Where the printing never stops’).

12 a.m.: Forty people hand in forty different answers. Sorry Prodi, but wasn’t cultural diversity the secret of the EU’s success?

Moments later - Falmer Bar: University campus

2 p.m.: Council meeting. Key issue: Is it good to have that much beer at this time of the day after a sleepless night? Discuss. Well, as long as course tutors are around it won’t harm us, will it?

The Prodigal, downtown Brighton

10:30 p.m.: Last orders, shall we really have another one? Why not? The t(r)eachers will be as tired as us tomorrow.





MACES 2001-2002

Keeley Hayward

Looking back over this academic year in the SEI, a wide array of memories come flooding to the forefront of my mind. The first few days of meeting my new contemporaries and lecturers and starting the diverse range of lectures and seminars, various conferences and the visit to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and more recently the Brussels trip, which breathed life into the theoretical functioning of the Union that had been the object of our study thus far.

Brussels served as an inspiration for this article since, remarkably, so many aspects of the EU are comparable to the SEI. The incredible university bureaucracy that confronted each of us whilst registering for the MACES programme last October, is perhaps fractional compared to that present in the EU. Although thankfully the looming hierarchy of the Commission is nowhere to be found in the small, friendly and relaxed department, where we were soon to feel very much at home. Yet the under representation of Brits in the EU is also characteristic of the SEI; enabling a truly international ambience to contribute greatly to the cultural, political and historical richness of the seminars and debates. This is an immensely positive aspect of our studies, permitting students to grasp an understanding of issues, which is not detached from reality. The SEI is comparatively well in advance of the Commission prior to enlargement, since Eastern Europeans are proportionately dominant; more languages are spoken in the corridors of the SEI than there are currently in the Commission and a Pole controls the department's budget and purse strings!

I feel that my time at the University of Sussex has contributed to both my academic and interpersonal skills, and that I will leave the SEI having learnt more than I originally anticipated. This year has been a time of active research and participation, as well as contemplation, and pivotal in forming my own opinions on issues and determining my future orientation. I believe that this year constitutes a significant stepping-stone in the course that my life and that of others' is unfolding. I look forward to reading a copy of the Euroscope in 10 years from now and finding out what my fellow students have achieved and what they have contributed to this generation.





DICES 1999

Sylwia Zadrozna

After studies at the Sussex University, I came back to Warsaw, where I continued my work as a journalist. Richer in new experiences and knowledge, I presented issues from the word of economy, finance and European integration on Polish Radio.

I got a scholarship for international journalists and left Warsaw for one year. Now I am living in Berlin and studying at the Free University. We are 15 people from Spain, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Belarus, the United States, Iceland, Switzerland, Germany, Poland and Albania. Everyone works here on his own project. I am researching the role of the city of Berlin in the future Europe, from a political, social and economic point of view. Meanwhile, I have got a price for business journalists from the Business Centre Club, the biggest organisation of private enterprises in Poland.

Time is going so quickly, but I am still keeping in my mind all the good memories from Brighton. What was so magic there? First of all the people I met there. All our professors and lecturers, who tried to teach us so much as possible about this difficult process of European integration and who managed to make it sound interesting and sometimes even enjoyable. Personally, I will always remember the day, when I met Prof. Helen Wallace, because I read her books while writing my master's thesis at the Warsaw School of Economics. And of course, my co-students. I am still in touch with some of them. Even recently, in Berlin, I met Iveta Sers, who is working for the Latvian Embassy here. We meet sometimes and talk about the Sussex times.

And also Brighton - as a town. It was a really nice place to be, but unfortunately only for 3 months. I have returned to Brighton 2 or 3 times since then and good memories and sunny weather always welcomed me. SEI brought me a lot of good vibrations. When I told my new friends from the Jean Monnet Chair at the Free University Berlin about my studies in Brighton, they were really impressed. Thank you all for this feeling. At the end of July I will be leaving Berlin and going back to Warsaw. How long I will stay there, I do not know.

Brighton, Berlin...I wonder, what will be the next stop in my life?



DICES 2001

Inese Paune

I have been a lecturer on the EU basic module for Latvian civil servants at Public Administration School since 1999. Once on the eve of my lecture course on EU matters, I remembered the graduation ceremony on 21 February 2002 at the Corn Exchange, Brighton. Before that event I could only tell the audience how Lord Cockfield was involved in the process of elaborating the single market programme. Now I can say that I have experienced this myself in the presence of him when he was awarded the Honorary *Doctor in Law* degree. The same honorary degree was awarded to Professor Helen Wallace, the founding director of the Sussex European Institute, whose student I managed to be just in time before the beloved Professor left for Italy. Professor Joseph Weiler, the very interesting lecture I attended just before the graduation, was the third person being awarded the Honorary *Doctor in Law* degree.

Coming back for graduation was also an opportunity to meet all my former tutors again such as (without internal ranking) - Professor Jim Rollo, Dr Aleks Szczerbiak, Dr Peter Holmes, Dr Adrian Treacher, as well as Executive Officer Viga Nicholson and Graduate Studies Secretary Fiona Allan.

After completing the postgraduate course in *Diploma in Contemporary European Studies* (DICES), I feel more competent and confident in my daily work as consultant at the European Affairs Division of European Affairs and International Co-operation Department of the Ministry of Interior. The development of the "area of freedom, security and justice" (AFSJ) now has become one of the central priorities on the EU agenda and consequently for the Candidate Countries as well. We

are asking ourselves: Will we be ready to comply with Schengen *acquis*?

It was an honour for me to get acquainted with justice and home affairs specialist, Professor Jörg Monar, present co-director of SEI. His report on *The Area of Freedom, Security and Justice: Institutional and Substantial Dynamics in the perspective of the European Union*, presented at 14-17 Nov. 2001 Conference on *Integrated Security in Europe, a democratic perspective* is really of great importance for my professional activities. It is very important to follow-up the dynamics of the events in the EU context and to be aware of the current situation.

Last year, as EU lecturer at Public Administration School I participated in the elaboration of *Manual for Latvian EU Trainers*. During the process several seminars took place when we consulted different government specialists involved in EU matters. This year we established a kind of 'EU club' where we once a month discuss and elaborate on different matters of European integration, invite different officials from parliaments and government, professional organizations etc.

All my daily activities are somehow connected with EU matters. It is a subject of a flexible and dynamic character, and a lot of work has to be done to up-date the knowledge on a day-to-day basis according to the present situation. Without postgraduate studies at the Sussex European Institute last year it would be much more difficult to do that.

I would like to express gratitude for the possibility to study at the Sussex European Institute - the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence. The best congratulations to all the staff and students on SEI's 10th Anniversary!



DICES 2002

Elektra Tsigaridas

The DICES experience was for me exactly what I needed in this stage of my professional and personal development. I'm a public servant working as a communication expert at the Slovene Government Public Relations and Media Office where the public awareness campaign for the accession of Slovenia to EU is being conducted. Being a generalist and not a specialist on EU matters in combination with a humanities and social sciences background, I wished many times in the past to have better knowledge on European economics and EC law.

I don't know the right expression to describe how lucky I felt when I arrived to Sussex. It was a big gift to be granted a 3 monthly stay for me to develop exactly what I had wished to! Actually, this is how I experienced our DICES group: a bunch of privileged people, young and prospective.

The fulfilment of the dream was demanding, though. It took very hard work, studying and persistence to absorb to the full extent of what was offered to us. My DICES fellow used to say to me: "Elektra, it takes lots of sacrifices and hard pressure to get to complete satisfaction!" I never agreed with him but today I'm grateful to this strict and highly pretentious DICES programme. And my good efforts and results paid back. They revealed my capabilities and boosted my confidence.

Back at work I didn't face the opposition that I expected when I expressed my wish to go on studying. Things that only one year ago seemed to be only distant dreams, have after Sussex become very realistic possibilities. My new attitude boosted my luck. I applied for a scholarship for a Masters degree at the Dublin European Institute and I was chosen.

Today, besides experiencing the credits of my fruitful time in Sussex, I'm heading forward to a better future. I'm not in hurry to consume all life has still planned for me. Right now I prefer to take my time to fully enjoy the fruits of my recent achievements in UK: my new European friends, my better performance at work and

higher appreciation from my colleagues and bosses, my better understanding not only of the European integration issues but also of the British culture and the diversity in Europe. After the DICES experience I'm a richer person.





Research students Uli Sedelmeier...

I am particularly grateful to Pontus, Nick and Viga for this invitation to contribute to this special 10-year anniversary special issue of Euroscope, as it gives me an opportunity to recall a little known fact about Euroscope. Does anybody remember who invented the name for SEI's newsletter? Yes, you might have guessed by now. Admittedly, the competition of sparkling ideas was not very tough during that fateful SEI Monday meeting: the only other suggestion that I remember was Alasdair Young's idea of 'The Eurowonk'. However, he dropped it quickly, after having been persuaded that it would not translate too well into British English.

As I am still in academia, it is difficult to overstate how much my academic career owes to SEI. I did both my MA (1992/93) and PhD (1998) at SEI, including a one-year lectureship in the School of European Studies (1996/7) and co-teaching a course with Helen for MACES (1997/8). As everyone else who has passed through SEI knows, SEI with its broader network at the University of Sussex provides a truly unique stimulating intellectual environment. In addition, it is striking how incredibly nice and supportive everyone - staff, faculty and fellow students - is. And not least, Sussex had the best faculty/student 5-a-side-football that you can get, without which I'd never been able to get through the PhD while remaining (reasonably) sane. I do therefore feel very privileged to have been part, from the very beginning, of this exciting and engaging project that SEI is. I am aware though that I was lucky to have had a research assistantship during my PhD

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time. It made for much better integration in the institute's activities and access to facilities, and the PhD process a much less lonely experience than I know it was for some of my fellow research students. After finishing my PhD, I was very happy to find a job in the Department of International Relations and European Studies (IRES) at the Central European University (CEU) in Budapest. What particularly attracted (and continues to attract) me to this place are some similarities between IRES and SEI: teaching in English; excellent and strongly motivated post-graduate students; the highly international composition of the student body; as well as the small, very collegial, and – an advantage over SEI! – international, faculty. Sadly, I will not be able to come to the anniversary conference, but I'm always looking forward to opportunities to visit.

More research students overleaf



... Matt Browne...

18 months is a relatively short space of time, but looking back over the last year and a half, I find it hard to believe just how much I have done, and how much my life has changed – at least on the surface. It was in January 2001, the day of the MACES 2000 graduation, that I caught a flight to Paris for an interview at *Notre Europe*, the European think-tank founded and chaired by Jacques Delors. At the end of that day, I joined those I had spent the previous academic year with in a seafront bar – they celebrated their graduation, I a new job. My quest to become Britain's longest serving student had come to a sudden and unexpected end.

Two weeks later, arriving in Paris, it was my colleagues from MACES 2000 that welcomed me, put me up, and helped me adapt to the Parisian lifestyle. It was probably just as well that I had a ready-made social life in Paris, for once I was settled, work took over. I spent twelve months writing briefs, drafting speeches, and travelling across the continent, culminating with a visit to Downing Street. Indeed, it was one of these visits that was, indirectly, responsible for me taking my current job. Having missed a *Eurostar* to Paris, I sat in Waterloo drinking my vanilla latte waiting for the next train, when I spotted a familiar face – from the SEI. Frederic Michel, MACES 1996, it turns out, had just founded, and was now directing an international think-tank, *Policy Network*, <http://www.policy-network.net>.

A dinner in Paris, a couple of lunches, and just one look at the working programme of *Policy Network* was all it took to convince me that this was the perfect next step. *Policy Network's* aim is to promote discussion and debate among progressives on the centre-left across the globe. As recent elections across the continent have shown, this is not the easiest time for the centre-left, but the opportunity to work with an old friend from the SEI on such a project is a dream come true. We shall do our best to make our colleagues proud – and keep you all informed of our progress.

... Elena Jileva...

I shall be watching the fireworks and fanfare of the SEI's tenth anniversary celebrations as an alumna-wanna-be. I have left the Sussex campus but I am still connected to the SEI with an umbilical cord – my doctoral thesis. After leaving the SEI, I spent five months as a *stagiaire* at Directorate General Budget at the European Commission in Brussels. The most interesting experience for me there was to attend Council meetings

which brought upon a sudden feeling of déjà vu – the negotiating skills exercises at the SEI! After Brussels I returned to my home town, Sofia, where I carried out research in Schengen consulates for a project on the Schengen visa implementation, commissioned by Institut des Hautes Etudes de la Sécurité Intérieure, Paris. My most original primary research material came from an interview with the French consul – I asked my questions in

English and he responded in French! In the year 2001 I won an International Policy Fellowship from the Open Society Institute, Budapest for a project on *New Borders and Old Neighbors in Europe*. In October 2001 – January 2002 I was an international junior public policy scholar at the East European Studies Programme at the Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars in Washington, DC.

In June 2002, an EUSSIRF funding allowed me to do a one-month library research at the European University Institute in Florence. Luckily, in every country which I visited after leaving England, I have met SEI alumni eager to share and embellish a story or two from the SEI folklore, most of which, incidentally, has originated in the IDS bar.

... Alasdair Young...
















In nearly six and half years in the SEI I wore several hats (as Helen would say): research officer, research administrator and research student. I learned a great deal and matured a lot during my time in SEI. One of the things that struck me most when talking to research students from other universities was how much was expected of us. Growing to meet those expectations made me a much more confident and competent scholar. I did not grow in isolation, but was nurtured by the dense support network in the SEI. Not only was Helen an extremely responsive and supportive supervisor, but I am also deeply grateful to many other people -- staff and students -- who attended my many research development group presentations and who commented on my papers. Many other productive (and enjoyable) conversations took place in a pub, both within and outwith (as they say in Glasgow) the SEI Social Hour.



When I finally left the SEI (after, in the words of one wag, 'more good-byes than Frank Sinatra'), I went to the Robert Schuman Centre at the European University Institute in the hills overlooking Florence for a post-doctoral fellowship. I had a very enjoyable ten months during which I revised my thesis for publication (due out with Manchester University Press in August (plug, plug) and began a new project looking at the interaction between trade and regulatory policy and politics beyond the EU. The RSC is in a beautiful setting and is a wonderfully stimulating, but rather distracting place.


I left Florence with some regrets (of which, I had a few), but these were swiftly set aside as I settled into my current position as a lecturer in the Politics Department at the University of Glasgow. The transition from Florence to Glasgow was not nearly as sharp a shock as it may sound. I have traded my view of olive groves for one of the Highlands (on most days) and a limited understanding of Italian for a limited understanding of Glaswegian. I like my colleagues and they have treated me well...so far. I do miss SEI's emphasis on collaborative research and the depth of shared interests, but, on the plus side, I'm left much more to my own devices. One thing SEI did not prepare me for was lecturing on the EU to the 350 students on the first year politics course.

SEI left its mark on me, and I hope to leave a similar impression on my students.

... & Lucia Quaglia

            
 ..goes to the Oscars.. 

 I have been at the SEI for more than four years now and this will remain an unforgettable time in my life. Now that I am just about to leave Sussex I would like to take this opportunity both to thank all the people who contributed to make it such an extraordinary experience and to remember some of them with a touch of humour. 

 When I started my MA at Sussex in 1997, one of the first things that I learnt from Paul Taggart, the MACES convenor at the time, was that 'academics always think in three points'. This did not only relate to academic work but did also extend further. During my first year as doctoral student I had three supervisors: Helen Wallace, Jim Rollo and Peter Holmes. They have been ideal supervisors and concrete examples of the academic I aspire to be. Another important lesson that I learnt from Viga Nicholson is that 'if you want to integrate, you have to circulate' and, indeed, SEI offered plenty of opportunities for interaction amongst home-based researchers, with outside academics and with practitioners. Aleks Szczerbiak has been kind enough to tolerate a noisy office neighbour (me), after having coped with my thesis (in two volumes!) and with several versions of my subsequent papers. Adrian Treacher has always been ready to provide encouragement and has tried hard, even though unsuccessfully, in the hopeless attempt to convince me to take a rest. Jorg Monar was a very professional mock examiner for one of the dry run of my viva - the second dry run took place with Charlie Lees and Zdenek Kavan between 1 and 3 am after an soiree RDG - who was not put off by the fact that during his first appearance to an SEI party I managed to ask him more than ten questions in less than ten minutes. Fiona, Glynis, Laura and Lisa have cheerfully and sympathetically listened to what might have seemed to them, at times, a Mediterranean saga, or, even more, an odyssey - and I shall not go into the details of the 'binding crisis'. Talking about Mediterranean features I would like to mention Jeff Pratt and Mick Dunford, from whom I have learnt a lot about my home country, Italy. I shall never forget all my fellow colleagues, many of whom, over times, have had the interesting experience - or the misfortune - of being my flat-mates during my stay in Brighton. I am sure that they would agree that we never got bored. SEI is a real 'community' and I consider myself very privileged for having been part of it.

