



# Interdisciplinary Doctoral Training Programme for Doctoral Researchers & Supervisors | Europe and the World

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18-19 September 2025

| 17-21 November 2025

| 8 December 2025

## 1. About the Training

Welcome to the Una Europa Interdisciplinary Doctoral Training Programme, hosted by Leiden University and co-organised by the University of Edinburgh, University College Dublin, and Freie Universität Berlin. This programme brings together doctoral researchers and supervisors from across Una Europa to learn from one another, share experiences, and build new connections.

Over the course of the online and in-person sessions, you will take part in interactive workshops, doctoral researcher panels, keynote lectures, and networking events with academics, policymakers, and journal editors. You will have the chance to present your research, receive constructive feedback, and explore new approaches to publishing, collaboration, and policy engagement. Supervisors will also join dedicated sessions on best practices in supervision and diversity in research environments.

### What you can expect to gain

- **New skills** in interdisciplinary research methods and academic publishing.
- **Fresh perspectives** from peers, supervisors, and experts.
- **Opportunities to collaborate** with researchers across Una Europa on the topic of Europe and the World.
- **Connections with policy and practice**, exploring how research can make a broader impact.
- **A supportive community** that fosters lasting networks and future partnerships.

Together, we aim to strengthen doctoral research, enhance supervision, and build a vibrant Una Europa research community.



## The organising team

Lead organisers:

**Seda Gürkan:** Assistant Professor of International Relations and European Studies, Leiden University (host and academic lead).

**Mariëlle Veldhuijzen van Zanten:** Una Europa Programme Lead/Senior Local Lead at Leiden University.

**Cesare Figari Barberis:** Post-dosctoral researcher, Leiden University

Co-organisers:

**Chad Damro:** Professor of European Politics and Academic Convenor of the FUTURES Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the University of Edinburgh (academic lead).

**Conor Galvin:** Director of PhD Programmes at University College Dublin (academic lead).

**Thomas Rixen:** Head of the International and Comparative Political Economy at Freie Universität Berlin (academic lead).

**Lisa van Hoof-Maurer:** Internationalisation Coordinator at Freie Universität Berlin.

**Joachim Koops:** Professor of Security at Universiteit Leiden.

## 2. Programme Overview

This training is organised as a Blended Intensive Programme, meaning it combines both virtual and in-person elements. Participants will join two online components – an introductory training workshop in September and a reflection session in December – alongside the main in-person programme hosted at Leiden University in The Hague in November 2025. The programme is outlined below.

### Preparatory Online Components

18–19 September 2025 | Online Training Workshop

<b>DAY 1 – 18 September 2025</b>		
<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Open to</b>
Welcome remarks	Koen Caminada, Dean FGGA, Leiden University	Everyone
Overview and objectives of the workshop and introductions	Joachim Koops and Seda Gürkan, FGGA, Leiden University	Everyone
<i>Coffee break – Tour de table</i>		
Methods training: Research Design in Social Sciences	Conor Galvin and Olga Ioannidou, University College Dublin	Doctoral researchers (others welcome)
<i>Lunch break</i>		
Training for supervisors: Roundtable discussion with supervisors: Best practices in PhD Supervision	Moderator: Nele Hofmann, Berlin University Alliance  PhD supervisors: Yasemin Soysal, Freie Universität Berlin; Dagmar Schiek, University College Dublin; Chad Damro, University of Edinburgh; and Joachim Koops, Leiden University	PhD supervisors only; doctoral researchers will have a breakout session to exchange and discuss
<b>DAY 2 – 19 September 2025</b>		
<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Open to</b>
Methods training: Introduction to quantitative methods	Dimiter Toshkov, Leiden University	Everyone
Methods training: The fundamentals of qualitative research: Voice, context, and	Moderators: Conor Galvin & Olga Ioannidou, University College Dublin  Speakers: Noel Purdy, Stranmillis University College, Belfast; Elena	Doctoral researchers (others welcome)

outcomes at the qualitative edge	Revyakina, University College of Education, Vienna; Cesare Figari Barberis, Leiden University	
Keynote speech: The role of theory in doctoral research in the field of European Studies	Moderator: Chad Damro, University of Edinburgh. Speaker: Ben Rosamond, University of Edinburgh.	Everyone
Closing remarks, feedback, and preparations for the in-person training in The Hague	The organising team from the University of Edinburgh, University College Dublin, Freie Universität Berlin, and Leiden University	Everyone

### Main In-Person Training (The Hague, 17–21 November 2025)

#### DAY 1 – 17 November 2025

Agenda	Speakers	Open to
Welcome remarks	Sanneke Kuipers, Scientific Director of the Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA), Leiden University	Everyone
Session 1: Training for Supervisors: Good Practices in Supervising Interdisciplinary Research	Nele Hofmann, Berlin University Alliance, “Insights on the Superb Supervision course”	PhD supervisors only; doctoral researchers join social activities
Session 2: Methods training: AI for Research	Adam Chalmers, University of Edinburgh	Everyone

#### DAY 2 – 18 November 2025

Agenda	Speakers	Open to
Reworking your research design: presentations on PhD projects and comments by supervisors, academics, and peers. Doctoral researchers’ Panel I: <b>Micro Level Governance and Policy Analysis</b>		Everyone

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zuzanna Maszniew, Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie. <i>'Two Pillars of Gender Equality in the EU Labour Market: Representation and Pay – An Analysis at the Intersection of Labour Law and Corporate Governance in EU Law'</i></li> <li>• Lan Huong Hoang, University College Dublin. <i>'Multinational Enterprises as Intermediaries for Energy Transitions: Integrating Transition and Internalization Theories'</i></li> <li>• Florence Elfriede Sinthauli Silalahi, University College Dublin. <i>'Urban Health And Well-Being Indicators: Exploring Alignments Between Global Frameworks'</i></li> <li>• Patrick Kennedy, University College Dublin. <i>'An Evaluation into the Viability of Teacher Collaboration'</i></li> <li>• Unaesah Rahmah, Universiteit Leiden. <i>'Leaving ISIS Behind: The disengagement process of Indonesian returnees from Syria, 2014-2022'</i></li> </ul> <p>Discussant: Lydie Cabane, Leiden University</p>		
<p>Session 1: Methods training: <b>EU Policymaking: Perspectives on engaging with EU Institutions for Research Impact</b></p>	<p>Moderator: Conor Galvin, University College Dublin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Austėja Švedkauskienė, Senior Research Manager, Analyst at Visionary Analytics, Lithuania</li> <li>• Tony van der Togt (former) Dutch diplomat and MFA strategist, Associate Fellow at the Clingendael Institute, and PhD researcher at the Institute of History, Leiden University</li> <li>• Nóra Révai, Project Manager Analyst at OECD CERl</li> <li>• Deirdre Hodson, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture; Schools &amp; Multilingualism Unit, Team Lead Education Platforms &amp; Communities, European Commission</li> <li>• Dr Panagiotis Kampylis, European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), Project Adviser:</li> </ul>	<p>Everyone</p>

	Platforms, Studies & Analysis Unit, European Commission	
Session 2: Training on policy communication: Translating Research for Policymakers and the Public	Giulio Venneri, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission, DG ENEST Directorate-General for Enlargement and Eastern Neighbourhood and the author of Learning Policy Advice in International Affairs and Diplomacy	Everyone
Roundtable discussion on the State of European Studies: Debating Core Questions, Disciplinary Challenges, and Future Directions	Moderator: Beatrix Campbell, Leiden University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yasemin Soysal, Freie Universität Berlin</li> <li>• Antoaneta Dimitrova, Leiden University</li> <li>• Chad Damro, University of Edinburgh</li> <li>• Sarah Wolff, Leiden University</li> <li>• Conor Galvin, University College Dublin</li> </ul>	Everyone

### DAY 3 – 19 November 2025

Agenda	Speakers	Open to
Reworking your research design: presentations on PhD projects and comments by supervisors, academics, and peers. Doctoral researchers' Panel II: <b>Macro Level Governance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kacper Mroczka, Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie. <i>'Bridging Theory and Method in the Study of Monetary Power: How to Capture Redistribution in the Eurozone?'</i></li> <li>• Yi-Chen Lin, University Edinburgh. <i>'The EU-UK health security collaboration in the post-Brexit era'</i></li> <li>• Rene Palacios Garita, Universidad Complutense de Madrid. <i>'Global digital connectivity, market regulation, and cooperation on technological developments affecting world affairs'</i></li> </ul>		Everyone

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elizaveta Ebner, Universität Zürich. <i>'The Global-Regional Nexus of Education Governance: The Council of Europe, UNESCO, and Evolving Spheres of Authority'</i></li> <li>• Mathilde Joly, Università di Bologna. <i>'Understanding Coastal Governance and Climate Adaptation through Social Conflicts: Comparative and Case Study Analysis in Europe'</i></li> </ul> <p>Discussant: Vincent Delhomme, Leiden University</p>		
<p>Session 1: Training for Supervisors: Diversity and Inclusion in PhD Supervision</p>	<p>Coaching on Diversity and Inclusion in PhD Supervision by: Nele Hofmann, Berlin University Alliance, and Brinthanan Puvaneswaran of Freie Universität Berlin</p>	<p>PhD supervisors only; doctoral researchers join social activities: Guided Tour of The Hague with Marianne Goedhart</p>
<p>Session 2: Transferable skills training for Doctoral researchers: Training on the publication process: Getting it Published!</p>	<p>Seda Gürkan, Leiden University</p>	<p>Doctoral researchers only</p>
<p>Session 3: Transferable skills training for Doctoral researchers: Roundtable discussion with journal editors: Publishing for academic journals</p>	<p>Chaired by: Seda Gürkan, Leiden University Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanneke Kuipers, Leiden University, editor-in-chief of Risk, Hazards and Crisis in Public Policy (Wiley), and associate editor of the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Crisis Analysis</li> <li>• Nathalie Brack, Université libre de Bruxelles, Editor, Journal of European Integration</li> <li>• Jan Melissen, Leiden University, Editor-in-Chief, The Hague Journal of Diplomacy, and editor of the "Diplomatic Studies" book series</li> <li>• Joachim Koops, Leiden University, Co-Editor-in-Chief, Global Governance</li> </ul>	<p>Doctoral researchers only</p>

## DAY 4 – 20 November 2025

Agenda	Speakers	Open to
<p>Reworking your research design: presentations on PhD projects and comments by supervisors, academics, and peers.</p> <p>Doctoral researchers' Panel III:  <b><i>Human Rights, Minorities and Political Contestation</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zefitret Abera Molla, Freie Universität Berlin.  <i>'A New Era in Afro-Mexican History: From Historical Invisibilization and Marginalization to Constitutional and Statistical Recognition'</i></li> <li>• Shmailish Anwar, Universiteit Leiden (online)  <i>'The Engagement of Muslim communities in Britain with identity politics and Islamophobia within the context of securitization'</i></li> <li>• Dragana Drndarevska, University College Dublin.  <i>'Romani women and the EU: comparative inquiry on intersectional inequalities in labour'</i></li> <li>• Iga Machnik, Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie.  <i>'Defederalization of U.S. Election Law and Politicization of Constitutional Interpretation as Mechanisms of Voter Suppression'</i></li> <li>• Albert Soto Vilches, Freie Universität Berlin.  <i>'Contemporary Conservative Religious Movements and the Mobilization of a "Moral Grammar of War" to Undermine Liberal-Democratic Norms'</i></li> </ul> <p>Discussant: Cesare Figari Barberis, Leiden University</p>		<p>Everyone</p>
<p>Session 1: Training for Doctoral researchers: the role of common European values in Research and Academia</p>	<p>Moderator: Conor Galvin, University College Dublin            Speaker: Olga Ioannidou, University College Dublin</p>	<p>Doctoral researchers only; PhD supervisors join the feedback session</p>

## DAY 5 – 21 November 2025

Agenda	Open to
<p>Reworking your research design: presentations on PhD projects and comments by supervisors, academics, and peers.</p> <p>Doctoral researchers' Panel IV:</p>	<p>Everyone</p>

### **Security and Geopolitics**

- Augustin Mari, University of Edinburgh.  
*'Adaptation of the Franco-British strategic partnership in response to the war in Ukraine'*
- Federico Daniel Di Persio, Università di Bologna.  
*'European Union policies in the field of defense and security at a time of crisis for the liberal international order'*
- Amanuel Tesfaye Kebede, Helsingfors Universitet.  
*'Transnational Legitimation in Conflict: Mobilization of Pro-government Diaspora Networks During the Ethiopian civil war of 2020–2022'*
- Léa Chloé Glasmeyer, Universitet Leiden.  
*'Between Brussels' Mandate and Local Realities: Navigating Institutional Hybridity and Network Diplomacy in the EU Delegations'*  
*Rule of Law Promotion in the Eastern Neighborhood'*

Discussant: Beatrix Campbell, Leiden University

### **8 December 2025 | Online Reflection & Feedback**

Feedback session with the participants, general discussion, and brainstorming on the way ahead

## Annex 2: Speaker Biographies

This annex provides the full profiles of all event speakers in alphabetical order. The information includes professional background, their photographs, and links to further information. These details are included to give participants additional information.

### **Dr. Nathalie Brack**

***Université libre de Bruxelles, Editor, Journal of European Integration***

Speaking at November Session:

*Transferable skills training for Doctoral researchers: Roundtable discussion with journal editors: Publishing for academic journals, 19.11.2025, at 16:00.*

Nathalie Brack is currently Associate Professor at the Cevipol, Université libre de Bruxelles in Belgium. She serves as co-editor of the Journal of European Integration. Her research focuses on European institutions, political representation, populism and the radical right, Euroscepticism, conspiracy theories, and how political parties and elites engage with public opinion. Her work has been published in peer-reviewed journals such as the European Journal of Political Research, the Journal of Legislative Studies, Comparative European Politics and European Political Science. See full [Academic Profile](#)



### **Dr. Lydie Cabane**

**Assistant Professor at the Institute for Security and Global Affairs**

Discussant at November Session:

*Doctoral researchers' Panel I: Micro Level Governance and Policy Analysis, 18.11.2025, at 09:30.*

Lydie Cabane is senior Assistant Professor at the Institute for Security and Global Affairs. Her main interests include crises, governance, public policy, states, expertise, European Union and global politics. Her research delves into three main areas: 1) understanding crisis management as a public policy and its effects on governing and states; 2) the protective politics of the crisis management state; 3) crisis expertise and knowledge. She currently contributes to a research project on 'Towards a +4°C Welfare State' on protection policies against social risks related to environmental risks and disasters in European countries, and works on several publications related to protective politics in times of disasters and crisis management as a public policy. She is an associate editor of the [International Review of Public Policy](#). She is a member of the [Crisis Lab](#) at Sciences Po Paris. See full [Academic Profile](#)



**Dr. Koen Caminada**

**Dean / Professor Empirical Analysis of Tax and Social Policy**

Speaking at September Session:

*Welcome Remarks, 18.09.2025, at 09:30.*

Koen Caminada (1966) is Professor of Empirical Analysis of Tax and Social Policy at Leiden University, the Netherlands. He is Dean at the Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs. His research interests include Empirical Analysis of Tax Law and Social Policy, Social Security, Fiscal and Tax Policy, Income Distribution and Poverty (EU and OECD). Caminada holds a PhD from Leiden University (1997). Caminada is a research fellow at Leiden Law School, and Network for Studies on Pensions, Aging, and Retirement. He was visiting professor at the Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin – Madison (USA), Xiamen University Tan Kah Kee College, Xiamen (China), School of Public Finance, Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing (China), and the Institute of Finance and Economics, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Shanghai (China). See full [Academic Profile](#)



**Dr. Beatrix Campbell**

**Assistant Professor of International Relations**

Speaking at November Sessions:

*Roundtable discussion on the State of European Studies: Debating Core Questions, Disciplinary Challenges, and Future Directions, 18.11.2025, at 17:00.*

*Doctoral researchers' Panel IV: Security and Geopolitics, 21.11.2025, at 10:00.*

Beatrix Futák-Campbell is an Assistant Professor of International Relations at Leiden University College, where she leads the World Politics programme and is a co-covonor pf the Leiden University Centre for International Relations (LUCIR). She completed her PhD in iNternational Relations at the University of St. Andrews. Previously she had worked at the University of Hamburg, University of Oxford, Vienna School of International Studies, University of Edinburgh and St Andrews, as well as at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the German Marshall Fund and the British Civil Service. She currently holds a Marie Curie fellowship at Aberystwyth University for the *Secure Borders* project. She serves on the governing boards of WISC and EISA and is an associate editor of *International Studies Review*. See full [Academic Profile](#)



## **Dr. Adam Chalmers**

### ***Associate Lecturer in Politics and International Relations***

Speaking at November Session:

*Methods training: AI for Research, 17.11.2025, at 15:30.*

Adam is a Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Politics and International Relations at the University of Edinburgh with a research focus on corporate sustainability policy, corporate lobbying, and natural language processing.

See full [Academic Profile](#) and [Professional Profile](#)



## **Dr. Chad Damro**

### ***Professor of European Politics***

Speaking at September and November Sessions:

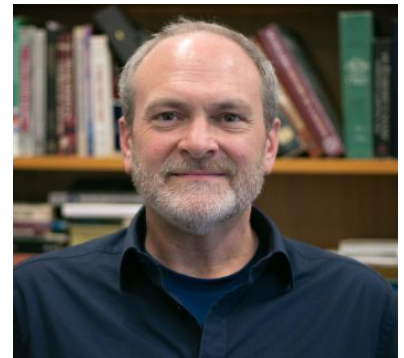
*Training for supervisors: Roundtable discussion with supervisors: Best practices in PhD Supervision, 18.09.2025, at 14:00.*

*Keynote speech: The role of theory in doctoral research in the field of European Studies, 19.09.2025, at 15:00*

*Roundtable discussion on the State of European Studies: Debating Core Questions, Disciplinary Challenges, and Future Directions, 18.11.2025, at 17:00.*

In addition to being Professor of European Politics, Chad is Co-Director of the [Europa Institute](#) and Academic Convenor of the FUTURES Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the University of Edinburgh. He also served as Dean International - Europe from 2021 to 25. Chad has been Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium (2009-20), and has served as Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow and Jean Monnet Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. He has also served as Policy Analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC; Visiting Fellow at the University of Leuven's Institute for European and International Policy; Center Associate at the University of Pittsburgh's EU Center; Visiting Scholar at Texas A&M University, and EU Fulbright Scholar at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Chad was awarded the Sir Bernard Crick prize (New Entrant) for excellence in teaching by the UK's Political Studies Association.

See full [Academic Profile](#)



**Dr. Vincent Delhomme**

**Assistant Professor of EU Law at the European Institut, Leiden Law School**

Discussant at November Session:

*Doctoral researchers' Panel II: Macro Level Governance, 19.11.2025, at 09:00.*

Vincent Delhomme is Assistant professor of EU Law at the Europa Institute, Leiden Law School. He coordinates the activities of the Leiden University Europe Hub on behalf of Leiden Law School. Between 2022 and 2024, Vincent was Visiting professor at UCLouvain, Belgium, and College of Europe, Belgium. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the European Journal of Consumer Law and Case Commentary Editor of the European Journal of Risk Regulation. Vincent is a contributor to the Oxford Encyclopedia of EU Law and a member of the Food Law Academics Network. See full [Academic Profile](#)



**Dr. Antoaneta Dimitrova**

**Professor Comparative Governance**

Speaking at November Session:

*Roundtable discussion on the State of European Studies: Debating Core Questions, Disciplinary Challenges, and Future Directions, 18.11.2025, at 17:00.*

Prof. dr. Antoaneta Dimitrova's research brings together different lines of inquiry relating to governance transfer across national borders. An enduring theme in her work has been the effect of the European Union on the democratic and market transformations of the post-communist states of Central and Eastern Europe. Currently she is co-coordinator and Leiden team leader in the Horizon 2020 EU-STRAT project: 'The EU and Eastern partnership countries: An Inside-out analysis and strategic assessment' (<https://eu-strat.eu/>). She is currently also Acting Director of the Central and East European Studies Centre, an interdisciplinary platform of scholars of Leiden University. See full [Academic Profile](#)



**Dr. Cesare Figari Barberis**

**Postdoctoral Researcher at Institute of Security and Global Affairs**

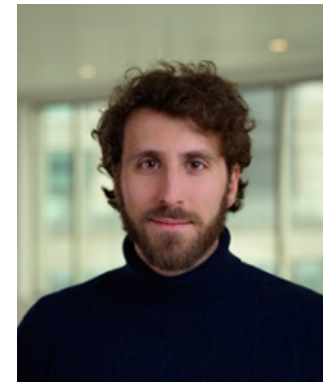
Speaking at September and November Sessions:

*Methods training: The fundamentals of qualitative research: Voice, context, and outcomes at the qualitative edge, 19.09.2025, at 13:00.*

*Doctoral researchers' Panel III: Human Rights, Minorities and Political Contestation, 20.11.2025, at 10:00.*

Cesare Figari Barberis is a Postdoctoral Researcher at Leiden University's Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA). He is working on the EUMOTIONS project, which analyses the role of Emotions in EU Foreign Policy. His research also focuses on dynamics of Emotions, Stigma and Ideology, with the South Caucasus as a basis for case studies.

See full [Academic Profile](#)



**Dr. Conor Galvin**

**Assistant Professor – School of Education**

Speaking at September and November Sessions:

*Methods training: Research Design in Social Sciences, 18.09.2025, at 10:30.*

*The fundamentals of qualitative research: Voice, context, and outcomes at the qualitative edge, 19.09.2025, at 13:00.*

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*Training for Doctoral researchers: The role of common European values in Research and Academia, 20.11.2025, at 14:00.*

Currently, I direct the Doctorate in Education (PhD Education) programme at UCD School of Education, where I also lecture on various education, sustainability, public policy, and research methods programmes. My research interests include professional knowledge, educating for sustainability, development policy in the global south, innovation transfer, technology-enhanced education, and the impact of new and emergent technology on learning and society. I am the UCD lead on TAP-TS, an ERASMUS+ Teacher Academies project involving higher education institutions in five European countries working on teaching sustainability. I am also lead investigator on JMTEP-UCD, an inaugural Jean Monnet Teacher Action project building content and pedagogical models relating to the teaching of European values and understanding within the secondary school system in Ireland.

See full [Academic Profile](#)



## **Dr. Seda Gürkan**

### ***Assistant Professor of International Relations and European Studies***

Speaking at September and November Sessions:

*Overview and objectives of the workshop and introductions, 18.09.2025.*

*Transferable skills training for Doctoral researchers: Training on the publication process: Getting it Published!, 19.11.2025, at 13:30.*

*Transferable skills training for Doctoral researchers: Roundtable discussion with journal editors: Publishing for academic journals, 19.11.2025, at 16:00.*

Seda Gürkan is Senior Assistant Professor of International Relations and European Studies at Leiden University's Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA). She is also a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges campus. Dr. Gürkan holds a PhD degree from Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), a Master degree from the London School of Economics (LSE), and she is a graduate of Diplomatic School of Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She was previously a lecturer at Université libre de Bruxelles (2015-2022), Visiting Scholar at Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington D.C., and a Visiting Fellow at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU). Prior to joining academia, she practised international diplomacy for ten years as an international civil servant at NATO Headquarters in Brussels at the cabinet of Assistant Secretary General. At NATO, she was in charge of NATO-EU relations, counter-terrorism, missile defence and defence aspects of NATO's operations. Dr. Gürkan regularly provides expert opinions to the European Parliament on the EU's enlargement, human rights and the EU's neighbourhood. Dr Gürkan currently leads the EUMOTIONS project and participates in two Horizon Europe initiatives, GEM-DIAMOND and RED-SPINEL, exploring democratic resilience and EU foreign policy. See full [Academic Profile](#)



## **Deirdre Hodson**

### ***Team Lead at European Commission***

Speaking at November Session:

*EU Policymaking: Perspectives on engaging with EU Institutions for Research Impact, 18.11.2025, at 13:00.*

Deirdre Hodson works in the schools team at the European Commission in Brussels, where she manages online platforms and professional development initiatives for educators and schools, including the European School Education Platform, eTwinning, SELFIE for Teachers, and EPALe for adult education. Her previous policy work has focused on digital education, sustainability and the green transition in school education. She has led several European initiatives supporting schools and teachers in integrating digital and sustainability competences into teaching and learning. Deirdre holds an MSc in Digital Education from the University of Edinburgh, where she carried out research on computer science curricula in secondary schools. See full [Profile](#)



## **Nele Hofman**

### ***Scientific Coordinator for Research Quality***

Speaking at September and November Sessions:

*Training for supervisors: Roundtable discussion with supervisors: Best practices in PhD Supervision, 18.09.2025, at 14:00.*

*Training for Supervisors: Good Practices in Supervising Interdisciplinary Research, 17.11.2025, at 13:15.*

*Training for Supervisors: Diversity and Inclusion in PhD Supervision, 19.11.2025, at 13:15.*

After her master's degree in history and French philology, Nele Hofmann worked in various positions in the press and public relations. In 2015, she coordinated the first Summer School "Quo Vadis Research Quality?", funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. From 2015 to 2020, she was a personal advisor to Professor Stefan Hornbostel, director of the Institute for Research Information and Quality Assurance (iFQ), which later became part of the German Center for Higher Education and Science Studies. Since May 2020, Nele has been the scientific coordinator for research quality in Objective 3 of the Berlin University Alliance, a position she enjoys for its variety. In addition, she completed a coaching training program in 2025 and recently started her own business, the coaching company "Little Elephant", which also targets members of academia.

See full [Academic Profile](#)



## **Dr. Olga Ioannidou**

### **Assistant Professor – School of Education**

Speaking at September and November Sessions:

*The fundamentals of qualitative research: Voice, context, and outcomes at the qualitative edge, 19.09.2025, at 13:00.*

*Training for Doctoral Researchers: The role of common European values in Research and Academia, 20.11.2025, at 14:00.*

Dr Olga Ioannidou is an Assistant Professor (Ad Astra Fellow) at UCD, School of Education, and an Honorary Norham Fellow at the University of Oxford. Prior to her appointment at UCD, Olga held academic and teaching positions at the University of Oxford the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München). She has been part of various externally-funded research projects, such as the EU-funded project FEDORA, as well as SciKids project. Her research interests include 21st-century skills in education, as well as pathways to research impact. For her work on bridging the gap between research and policymaking, she has been awarded by the University of Oxford as an Oxford Policy Engagement Network Leader 2021. Olga received her PhD in Learning Sciences from Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, as part of the REASON International Doctoral School. See [Academic Profile](#)



## **Dr. Panagiotis Kampylis**

### **European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), Project Adviser: Platforms, Studies & Analysis Unit, European Commission**

Speaking at November Session:

*EU Policymaking: Perspectives on engaging with EU Institutions for Research Impact, 18.11.2025, at 13:00.*

Panagiotis is a Project Adviser at the Platforms, Studies and Analysis Unit of [European Education and Culture Executive Agency](#) and Adjunct Lecturer at the Department of Digital Systems, University of Piraeus. He graduated from Jyväskylä University (Finland) with his PhD in [creativity](#) while he has a longstanding experience as primary school teacher, music teacher, school head, and teacher trainer. He worked from 2012 to 2020 as a project manager and team leader at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre, where he led, among other projects, the development of the European Framework for Digitally-Competent Educational Organisations ([DigCompOrg](#)), the [SELFIE tool](#) for schools' digital capacity and the Entrepreneurship Competence Framework ([EntreComp](#)). He also worked as a Senior Research Fellow at the National Research Council of Italy, [Institute for Educational Technologies](#), working on projects related to [computational thinking](#) and teachers' digital competence. His research interests include digital and entrepreneurship competences, creativity, computational thinking, innovation and digital transformation of education, training, and lifelong learning. He has published extensively in these fields ([6850+ citations](#)), and delivered keynotes at various events in Europe and beyond.



**Dr. Joachim Koops**

**Chair and Professor of Security Studies**

Speaking at September and November Sessions:  
*Overview and objectives of the workshop and introductions, 18.09.2025, at 9:45.*

*Training for supervisors: Roundtable discussion with supervisors: Best practices in PhD Supervision, 18.09.2025, at 14:00.*

*Transferable skills training for Doctoral researchers: Training on the publication process: Getting it Published!, 19.11.2025, at 16:00.*

Joachim A. Koops is Chair of Security Studies and Director of the Institute for Security and Global Affairs (ISGA) at Leiden University. In addition, he also serves on the board of the Global Governance Institut (GGI) in Brussels. His passion lies at the intersection of teaching, scholarly research and policy-oriented think tank advice as well as academic management and educational reform.

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**Dr. Sanneke Kuipers**

**Scientific Director of the Institut of Security and Global Affairs**

Speaking at November Sessions:  
*Welcome Remarks, 17.11.2025, at 13:00.*

*Transferable skills training for Doctoral researchers: Roundtable discussion with journal editors: Publishing for academic journals, 19.11.2025, at 16:00.*

Sanneke Kuipers is a Full Professor of Crisis Governance and the Scientific Director of the Institute of Security and Global Affairs at Leiden University. She is editor-in-chief of *Risk, Hazards and Crisis in Public Policy* and associate editor of the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Crisis Analysis. Her research examines crisis management, accountability, and institutional resilience. Alongside her academic career, she has extensive consulting experience advising public institutions on crisis preparedness and evaluation. See full [Academic Profile](#)



**Dr. Jan Melissen**  
**Editor-in-Chief, *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy* and Associate Professor**

Speaking at November Session:  
*Transferable skills training for Doctoral researchers: Roundtable discussion with journal editors: Publishing for academic journals, 19.11.2025, at 16:00.*

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**Dr. Noel Purdy**  
**Director of Research and Scholarship, Director of the Centre for Research in Educational Underachievement**

Speaking at September Session:  
*Methods training: The fundamentals of qualitative research: Voice, context, and outcomes at the qualitative edge, 19.09.2025, at 13:00.*

Prof Noel Purdy OBE is Director of Research and Scholarship and Director of [CREU](#) (the Centre for Research in Educational Underachievement) at Stranmillis University College, Belfast. A former Modern Languages teacher, he has worked in teacher education for 19 years. His main areas of research interest are in educational underachievement, special educational needs and pastoral care, with a particular interest in addressing on- and offline bullying in schools. He chaired the Expert Panel on Educational Underachievement in Northern Ireland (The final action plan, [A Fair Start](#), was launched on 1 June 2021), and also chaired the DE Steering Committee in the Republic of Ireland, which reviewed the national Action Plan on Bullying (The new action plan [Cineáltas](#) was launched on 1 December 2022). He is Editor of *Pastoral Care in Education - An International Journal of Personal, Social and Emotional Development* and is a parent governor of a local special school outside Belfast. In June 2024, he was awarded an OBE for services to education in the King's Birthday Honours List. See full [Professional Profile](#)



**Dr. Brinthanan Puvaneswaran**

**Academic Coordinator of Diversity and Internationalization**

Speaking at November Session:

*Training for Supervisors: Diversity and Inclusion in PhD Supervision, 19.11.2025, at 13:15.*

Dr. Brinthanan Puvaneswaran is Academic Coordinator for Diversity and Internationalization and Interim Executive Director at the Excellence Cluster “Contestations of the Liberal Script” (SCRIPTS) at Freie Universität Berlin. He earned his PhD in Theology from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin with a dissertation on the history of Biblical Hebrew research, exploring how the language was both sanctified within Judaism and appropriated by Christian theology. His coordination work focuses on fostering inclusive scholarly networks, advancing global academic collaboration, and promoting diversity in knowledge production. See full [Academic Profile](#)



**Nóra Révai**

**Project Manager Analyst at OECD CERI**

Speaking at November Session:

*EU Policymaking: Perspectives on engaging with EU Institutions for Research Impact, 18.11.2025, at 13:00.*

Nóra Révai has been leading the OECD's work on evidence mobilisation in education since 2021 ([Strengthening the Impact of Education Research](#); [Evidence Web for Education](#) projects). She has also been an analyst in the [AI and the Future of Skills](#) project, which has developed indicators of AI capabilities, and earlier played a key role in developing the OECD's Teacher Knowledge Survey. Before joining the OECD, she was managing EU-funded international projects on school leadership at the Hungarian national agency for European cooperation programmes in education. See full [Profile](#)



**Dr. Elena Revyakina**

**Erasmus+ Teacher Academy Project TAP-TS**

Speaking at September Session:

*The fundamentals of qualitative research: Voice, context, and outcomes at the qualitative edge, 19.09.2025, at 13:00.*

Elena Revyakina has been involved in various Erasmus+ projects (Education Knowledge Transfer, Design Future Innovative Learning Spaces) at the University of Teacher Education Vienna and the Future Learning Lab Vienna since 2020. She is currently working on the TAP-TS Teacher Academy project, focusing on teaching and learning for sustainable development. Elena Revyakina worked as a foreign language teacher in Moscow and from 2015 to 2018 in Dublin. In 2014, she completed her MA in Education at University College Dublin. In 2018, she completed a PhD in Philosophy at UCD. See full [Academic Profile](#)



**Dr. Ben Rosamond**

***Professor of Politics and International Relations***

Speaking at September Session:

*Keynote speech: The role of theory in doctoral research in the field of European Studies 19.09.2025, at 15:00.*

Ben Rosamond is Professor of Politics and International Relations at the University of Edinburgh. He previously held chair-level appointments at the Universities of Warwick and Copenhagen. His books include *Theories of European Integration* (Macmillan 2000) and, most recently (as co-editor), the *Routledge Handbook of Critical European Studies* (Routledge 2021). Ben's current research interests focus on the politics of economic ideas in the UK and the EU, the political economy of Brexit, and topics in the sociology of knowledge, applied to academic fields of study. He remains founding co-editor of the journal *Comparative European Politics*.

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**Dr. Dagmar Schiek**

***Professor of EU Law and Labour Law***

Speaking at September Session:

*Training for supervisors: Best practices in PhD Supervision 18.09.2025, at 14:00.*

Dagmar Schiek is a Full Professor of EU Law and Labour Law at University College Dublin's (UCD) Sutherland School of Law, and directs the RIGHTS TO UNITE, a project which develops a new socio-legal theory of European integration, funded by an ERC Advanced Grant. She moved to UCD from University College Cork, where she held the Synott Family Chair for EU law and also served as Vice Dean for research for the School of Law. She migrated to the UK in 2007 as a professor of EU Law (University of Leeds - 2007, Queen's University Belfast (QUB) -2014), and remains an honorary professor at QUB School of Law. See full [Academic Profile](#)



## **Dr. Yasemin Soysal**

### **Research Professor of Global Sociology**

Speaking at September and November Sessions:

*Training for supervisors: Roundtable discussion with supervisors: Best practices in PhD Supervision, 18.09.2025, at 14:00.*

*Roundtable discussion on the State of European Studies: Debating Core Questions, Disciplinary Challenges, and Future Directions, 18.11.2025, at 17:00.*

Yasemin Soysal is Research Professor of Global Sociology at WZB, University Professor at the Free University of Berlin, and the Deputy Co-director and a leading Principal Investigator of the SCRIPTS Cluster of Excellence. Her research brings global and sociological–institutional perspectives into the study of the historical development and current reconfigurations of nation-state and citizenship, with a specific interest in the diffusion, enactment, contradictions, and contestations of global cultural frameworks. Soysal received her PhD at Stanford University, held prior academic appointments at Harvard University and the University of Essex, UK, and has been a recipient of several fellowships, including German Marshall Fund, National Academy of Education, National Endowment for Humanities, Jean Monnet EUI, Wissenschaftskolleg Berlin, and Niklas Luhmann Distinguished Professorship, Bielefeld. See full [Academic Profile](#)



## **Austėja Švedkauskienė**

### **Senior Research Manager, Analyst at Visionary Analytics, Lithuania**

Speaking at November Session:

*EU Policymaking: Perspectives on engaging with EU Institutions for Research Impact, 18.11.2025, at 13:00.*

Research Manager at [Visionary Analytics](#)

Austėja is an experienced public policy researcher and research manager. She has over 10 years of experience working with the European Commission, European Parliament, various European agencies (e.g., JRC, Cedefop), and other European and national stakeholders. She is a Research Manager at the private, public policy research institute, Visionary Analytics, leading a team working in education (school education, VET, and adult learning), youth, and culture fields. Her research interests include digital education, civic and citizenship education, teacher working conditions and career progressions, education financing and programme evaluation, education foresight, youth policy, and mainstreaming.



**Tony van der Togt**  
**Senior Research Fellow at Clingendael Institute**

Speaking at November Session:  
*EU Policymaking: Perspectives on engaging with EU Institutions for Research Impact, 18.11.2025, at 13:00.*

Tony van der Togt is a recently retired Dutch diplomat and MFA strategist, currently a Senior Research Fellow at Clingendael’s Russia and Eastern Europe Centre (CREEC) on secondment from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He held senior diplomatic roles, including Dutch Consul-General in St. Petersburg and head of Eastern Europe/Central Asia divisions. A historian of contemporary international relations, he is pursuing a PhD at Leiden University on Russian strategic narratives. His research covers EU-Russia relations, Dutch-Russian bilateral ties, and the Eurasian Economic Union. See full [Profile](#)



**Dr. Dimiter Toshkov**  
**Professor at the Institute of Public Administration**

Speaking at September Session:  
*Methods training: Introduction to quantitative methods 19.09.2025, at 09:30.*

Dimiter Toshkov is an Associate Professor at the Institute of Public Administration, Leiden University, The Netherlands. His main research interests are in comparative politics, European integration, and research methodology. He is the author of the popular textbook ‘Research Design in Political Science’ (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016). You can find more about his research and teaching at <http://dimiter.eu>.



**Dr. Giulio Venneri**  
**Deputy Head of Unit for Enlargement Strategy and Coordination at the European Commission**

Speaking at November Session:  
*Training on policy communication: Translating Research for Policymakers and the Public, 18.11.2025, at 15:00.*

Dr. Giulio Venneri is Deputy Head of Unit for Enlargement Strategy and Coordination at the European Commission. Previously, he was Deputy Head in the Western Balkans Directorate, Head of the "Center of Thematic Expertise for Rule of Law, Fundamental Rights and Democracy", and Permanent Secretary of the International Monitoring Operation for the vetting of magistrates in Albania. Prior to joining the EU civil service, he worked at the Italian Foreign Ministry and on projects in the Middle East. In academia, he is adjunct professor at LUISS University in Rome and coordinates a policy skills lab at the University of Westminster in London. His most recent publications include the book on “Learning Policy Advice in International Affairs and Diplomacy”, and a contribution to the “Routledge Handbook of Artificial Intelligence and IR”. [Academic Profile](#)



**Dr. Sarah Wolff**

**Professor in International Studies and Global Politics**

Speaking at November Session:

*Roundtable discussion on the State of European Studies: Debating Core Questions, Disciplinary Challenges, and Future Directions, 18.11.2025, at 17:00.*

Sarah Wolff is Professor in International Studies and Global Politics at Leiden University. Her research concentrates on EU-UK foreign and security cooperation, EU migration and asylum policies, EU-Middle East and North Africa, as well as EU's policies on gender and religion abroad. She is on the Editorial Board of the journal *Mediterranean Politics*. Her book Michigan University Press on 'Secular Power Europe and Islam: Identity and foreign policy'(summer 2021) was conducted thanks to a Fulbright-Schuman and a Leverhulme research grants.

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