



## **Newsletter March 2007**

### **CEUROS PhD RESEARCHER BECOMES POSTDOC IN JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN ANKARA**

Cigdem Ustun has left UL to take up as postdoctoral research position in the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara. Cigdem was lucky to get the news of her appointment only one day after hearing that her dissertation had cleared all the hurdles for the award of the PhD. Her internal examiner was Prof Nick Rees, and her external was Dr Andrew Cottey of UCC. In Ankara, Cigdem will be focussing on the Cyprus problem – a key issue for Turkey in negotiations for EU accession. Cigdem came to UL just over three years ago with an EU-Mediterranean Scholarship awarded by CEUROS to bring in ‘new blood’ at a time when CEUROS was itself heavily involved in a Jean Monnet Research Network focussing on EU-Mediterranean relations. Cigdem’s completion of her PhD in just 38 months makes it one of the fastest PhD completions in CEUROS since its foundation in 1996. Among other achievements at UL, Cigdem found time to head up the Overseas Society with great panache, and lead a UL debating team to victory at IT Tralee.

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### **PHD WORKSHOP IN CORK TO BE LED BY PROF HELEN WALLACE**

Cork is hosting the inaugural PSAI European Studies Specialist Group Master Class for PhD Students. The event takes place in UCC on the afternoon of Monday 23 April 2007 and will be delivered by Professor Helen Wallace on the subject of ‘Theories of European Integration: The State of the Art’.

Professor Helen Wallace has enjoyed a distinguished career in European Studies, spanning many institutions and several countries. She has served as Director of the Sussex European Institute and more recently as Director of the Robert Schuman Centre at the European University Institute in Florence. She has written and published extensively in her field. Her book, with William Wallace and others, *Policy-Making in the European Union*, is now in its 5th edition and is an established point of reference for scholars studying the EU. Her Master Class for the PSAI’s European Studies Specialist Group represents a unique opportunity for PhD students to learn from a renowned European Studies expert.

Attendance at this event is free to PhD students. The PSAI has agreed to assist with travel costs for students who travel to this event. Students from Northern Ireland will be entitled to a contribution of €60 towards travel costs and students from the Republic of Ireland will be entitled to a €30 contribution.

Places at this event are limited so early registration is advisable. Interested students should complete the application form and return it to [maryc.murphy@ucc.ie](mailto:maryc.murphy@ucc.ie) before Friday 23 March 2007.

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### **CEUROS COMPETITION**

#### **FOR BA EUROPEAN STUDIES FINAL YEAR PROJECTS**

In view of the need to enhance a sense of identity and encourage interdisciplinary skills among BA European Studies students, CEUROS is offering a prize of 250euro for the best FYP in European Studies in 2007. Initially, a short list of three will be drawn up by the Course Director BA European Studies. Dr Michael G Kelly. Then in CEUROS a panel of three (including one professor from outside UL) will select the winner whose name will be announced at the end of the semester when the prize will be awarded. Judges will be looking for a high standard of presentation and academic quality.

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### **SOME FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES**

- Police and Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters in the EU, CEPS Brussels 13-14 April 2007
  - Postgraduate Conference TCD, PSAI 27-28 April 2007
  - PSAI (Special Interest Group)  
NI Peace Process in Comparative Perspective UCD 26 May 2007
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