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## Welcome Note

Prof Mark Harwood - Director



**On behalf of the academic and administrative staff at the Institute, I would like to welcome you to the start of a new academic year.**

**The academic year 2022-2023 was a welcome return to normalcy for the Institute, all measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic being (hopefully) a thing of the past. As can be seen from this newsletter, the Institute had a very busy year with all our programmes running, a full list of activities, significant outreach in secondary schools and sixth forms, the publication of new material (in particular the undergraduate and postgraduate student handbooks), as well as our participation in several audits and pilot projects on campus; we should be justly proud of our output (whether teaching, research, events or publications) and the dedicated work of all the staff, administrative and academic.**

**Reflecting on this year, the following points are of note;**

- Our student numbers continue to be buoyant and the Institute remains one of the largest academic entities at the University of Malta. To maintain these numbers the Institute continues to invest in outreach, especially through social media with an equal focus on the undergraduate and postgraduate

programmes. The Institute has followed a two-pronged approach to outreach (for prospective students) which focuses upon visits to secondary schools and sixth forms, undertaken by Dr Cachia, the Outreach Coordinator. This approach is then complemented by a series of online media clips targeting Instagram and Facebook. These clips are constantly modified and updated with the focus this year being upon graduates explaining how their degree helped them get to where they are or where they want to be in the future. The Institute also published a media clip with the President of the European Parliament, Dr Roberta Metsola, advertising the course. This outreach for prospective students was taken a step further this year when we hosted secondary school teachers to ask them how we can stimulate more interest in European Studies in secondary schools, out of which we have created brochures targeted at younger students (12 years old) advertising the benefits of studying European Studies.

- Post-COVID, the Institute was happy to see that the Placement programme and Erasmus were able to function as normal during this academic year. Five undergraduate students followed the placement programme while eleven students went on Erasmus, one of the largest number of students to travel abroad in recent years and indicating (hopefully) a return to form for students and their interest in Erasmus after COVID.
- Another core element of our programme, the annual 'Thesis Workshop' was held in February 2023 and saw 16 students present an overview of their dissertations. Feedback was positive and students seemed to find the whole exercise timely. In July the Institute held a similar workshop for the MA students which also included presentations by a student on the MA by research (the MA in European Integration Studies) and one of our PhD students as well as the students following the taught MA.

- Graduation is often a highlight of the year and this year was no exception. The undergraduate programme saw 23 students graduate in December 2022 and 28 students graduate in March 2023 from the Masters programme. Congratulations to all our graduates who join our ever-expanding alumni; the Institute now has over 1,000 alumni.
- In 2022 the Institute launched a call for its new Paper Series marking the 20th anniversary of Malta's membership of the EU. While this event will be marked in 2024, the aim is to build a body of work which analyses and marks this important milestone in Malta's history. The call is being coordinated by Dr Migliorati, the Research Coordinator, and also covers general issues relating to the 2004 enlargement, not only the Maltese perspective. The call progressed throughout the academic year with 31 abstracts being submitted as part of the first call with 19 papers due to be published in 2024.
- In 2021/2022 the Institute Library was rebranded following the successful completion of its upgrade. Throughout 2022/23 the library was used to host a long list of events, many of which are referenced in this newsletter. The hosting of events is to facilitate outreach and to raise awareness of the library's location and visiting hours.
- In addition to our outreach work with prospective students, the Institute continues to organise a long list of events to raise awareness of our work, developments in European Studies and the research output of our academics. Events of note in 2022-2023 included the public talk by the French Secretary of State for European Affairs, the panel discussion on the European Convention on Human Rights (addressed by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe) as well as the book launch of Dr Cachia's book on the Europeanisation of Maltese political parties. The Institute also conducted visits to the European Union's Asylum Agency and also held its Europe Day Quiz Night. The Quiz Night has always been very popular and this year did not disappoint. Over 100 students attended and the event was generously financed by the European Commission's Representation in Malta.
- A central priority of the Institute continues to be collaboration. In addition to our *Ideas in Brown Bag* seminar series with the Department of International Relations, we cooperated closely with the Department of European and Comparative Law, the Faculty of Social Wellbeing, the European Commission's Representation to Malta, the European Parliament's Office in Malta, the European Studies Organisation and JEF. Through collaboration we are better placed to achieve our strategic goals.
- The Director would like to conclude this introduction with a note of thanks to the staff of the Institute who have been extraordinary in their commitment and hard work during the academic year 2022/2023.

## Institute Research Initiatives - 20 years of EU Membership: taking stock of the 2004 enlargement



In May 2022 the Institute launched a new paper series to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EU membership. The aim of the series is to relaunch the Institute's inhouse publications and to also prepare for this important milestone in Maltese history.

In 2004, ten countries from eastern and southern Europe joined the European Union and as we prepare for the 20th anniversary of this historic event, the Institute for European Studies at the University of Malta is launching a paper series which aims to take stock of the last two decades, both in terms of the countries that joined and the EU itself.

While the remit of this paper series is quite wide, we are especially interested in three kinds of contributions:

Papers assessing the impact of EU accession from the perspectives of countries that joined in 2004, either on individual countries or in a comparative setting. Are Europeanisation processes still in place, and in what areas of politics and policy making is the EU's impact more (and/or less) evident? How does national public opinion feel about the European Union, and how has this changed over time? Are there emerging differences between older and newer members, or are such differences declining over time?

Papers assessing the impact of the 2004 enlargement on the EU. What have the effects been, under a normative, political and/or economical perspective? The recent "battles" with Hungary and Poland about rule of law, the Visegrad group's unwillingness to implement refugee quotas during the 2015 refugee crisis and the move of the European Commission against

Cyprus and Malta for the citizenship by investment programmes are a few examples of tensions between the supranational level and countries which acceded in 2004.

Papers focusing specifically on the Maltese membership experience and Malta's place in the European Union. A central aim of the Institute is to contribute to knowledge on Malta and Malta's EU experience, therefore papers dealing specifically with Malta are welcomed.

The other aim of this paper series is to compile a body of literature on the 20th anniversary of the 2004 enlargement with the intension of issuing two publications in 2024 which gather all the contributions. One of the publications will focus on Malta and its EU experience and the other on wider issues and case studies.

The Editorial Board comprises:

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The deadline for the initial call was September 2022 with Dr Migliorati, the Institute's Research Coordinator, being responsible for coordinating submissions. The call was re-issued in March 2023. With the focus of the second call being papers which focus exclusively on Malta. Until now, 31 abstracts have been submitted. The peer review exercise began in September 2022 (after the deadline of the first call) and is still in progress and the final number of accepted papers is expected to be 19.

### Student Handbooks

In 2022 the Institute published its first Student Handbook, for the undergraduate programme. Based on similar handbooks at the UoM, the

Institute's sought to provide students with information which will help them navigate the course better such as basic information on assessments, grading and classification as well as generic information on the University's support services. In 2023 this was complemented by a handbook for the postgraduate, taught course. Both handbooks were created in close collaboration with the University's Communication team and the Institute would like to extend its thanks for their sterling work.



*The new Student Handbooks*

### Graduation Ceremonies in 2022/2023

In December 2022 graduation was held for the Bachelor students who finished their degree in 2022.



*Photo of 2022 Graduates, B. European Studies (Hons.)*

In March 2023 graduation was held for the MA students who completed their degree in 2022.



*Photo of 2023 Graduates, Masters in European Politics, Economics and Law*

### 2022/2023 Best Dissertation Award

In December 2022 the Institute was proud to present the best dissertation award for the Bachelor's program to Martina Fenech, Briana Mifsud and Martina Spiteri who all scored the highest mark in the undergraduate dissertations for 2022/23.

The three dissertations were:

Martina Fenech: The European Union's Counter Terrorism Policy and its Responsiveness to Threats over the Last Two Decades

Briana Mifsud: The Bosman Ruling in Maltese Football

Martina Spiteri: Assessing the LIFE Programme for Climate Change Adaptation in the Three Island States of the EU

Below are photos of Ms Fenech, Ms Mifsud and Ms Spiteri receiving their prize from the Director.



In April 2023 the Institute was proud to present the best dissertation award for the Masters programme to Luana Camilleri and Julia Jankowska who both scored the highest mark in the postgraduate dissertations for 2022/23.

The two dissertations were:  
 Luana Camilleri - The Post-Brexit Franco-German Dynamic and Small EU Member States.

Julia Jankowska - An Assessment of European Union Initiatives in Fostering Youth Entrepreneurship.

Below are photos of Ms Camilleri and Ms Jankowska receiving their prize from the Director.



## Dissertation Events 14th Gozo Thesis Workshop (21 February 2023)

The Gozo Workshop has become an integral part of the Institute’s academic calendar. Normally held in February, 3<sup>rd</sup> year students on the Bachelor’s programme travel to Gozo with the academic staff for 2/3 days of intensive discussions regarding their dissertations. Students present to their classmates and the assembled academics their research proposal and discuss any difficulties they have encountered. Due to COVID-related measures, the Gozo Workshop has been held in Malta for the last two years with plans to return to Gozo in the next academic year.

The Undergraduate Dissertation Workshop was held on 21 February 2023 at the Paradise Bay Hotel in Cirkewwa. Sixteen final year (Honours) students on the undergraduate course presented their ongoing research to their fellow students and the Institute’s academic staff with the latter providing feedback. The Workshop went well and student feedback was very positive. A full list of the dissertation titles can be found at the back of this newsletter.



*Photo of students and staff at the Theses Workshop*

In July 2023 the Postgraduate Dissertation Workshop took place at the Institute for European Studies Library. Eight students presented their work, including one student on the MA by Research and one Doctoral student.

The presentations were:

Michele Agius - The EU's Policy in the Arab-Israeli Conflict and the Effects of the Trump Administration

Kailze Attard - The Economic Implications of the EU Labour Migration Framework for Low- and

Medium-skilled Migrants in the Central-Mediterranean Region

Rebecca Azzopardi - The EU's Migration Crisis following the 'Arab Spring'

Raphael Buttigieg - The EU for 55 Package and Malta's Maritime Industry

Kieran Falzon - Corporate Tax Harmonization and Malta Based Firms

Alessia Pulis - An Economic and Political Assessment of the Adoption of the Euro by Bulgaria

David Watry - The Transatlantic Data Privacy Framework: Schrems II, GDPR and American National Security

Piera Xuereb - Tertiary Education and Employment in the European Union: a Case Study of Malta



*Photo of students and staff at the Theses Workshop*

## Placements

The Institute has been running a successful placement programme over the past decade, with agreements in place with various entities in the public and private sectors as well as with a number of NGOs. Placement opportunities are included as an elective study unit in the programme of studies for both the Institute's under-graduate as well as post-graduate students.

During the academic year 2022/23, five undergraduate students carried out placements, in different entities, namely the EU Coordination Department, the European Parliament Office in

Malta, Ernst and Young, the Malta Business Bureau and *Servizzi Ewropej f' Malta*. The tasks carried out during the placements differ according to the core activities of the entity where they are assigned. During this academic year, the students carried out various activities, which included research activities and report writing on EU topics, work related to EU funded projects, providing support in the organisation of events, assisting in the compilation of Government positions, as well as public relations and communication.

The placements provide the Institute's students with exposure to practical work in the area of European Studies, thus enabling them to gain important skills and relevant work experience so as to prepare them for their future careers.

## Placement Experience at the European Parliament Liaison Office in Malta – Daniela Marotta

During my third year of studies, I had the opportunity to conduct a placement offered by the Institute at the European Parliament Liaison Office (EPLO) in Malta. This opportunity has provided me with an insightful experience at a European institution, helping me acquire new skills and knowledge which will be fundamental for any future career.

In order to raise public knowledge of how the European Parliament affects their everyday lives and to encourage participation in the European democratic process, EPLOs are in charge of carrying out institutional communication initiatives locally. My main tasks included gathering background information on the Maltese MEPs, including affiliation in Committees, and researching information regarding the grants offered in collaboration with pan-European organisations. The EPLO office also organized events in collaboration with Heritage Malta, on how ERDF Funds are used for restoration projects in historical sites such as Fort St. Angelo. I was also involved in a simulation created in collaboration with Dr. Kotelis and the European Parliament Liaison Office. This simulation aimed at highlighting the benefits of EU membership. In this simulation, a Maltese family prior to EU accession

in 2004 could migrate into an EU country for work purposes but would encounter the requirements third country nationals face, including visas, health insurance and employment requirements. Contemporarily, the scenario of a family living in Malta in 2024 wishing to migrate to an EU country would highlight the EU regulations which facilitate the free movement of people for educational and employment purposes.

During this placement, I gained a deeper knowledge of the history of Malta on the road to EU accession, particularly the negotiations, as well as the regulations which facilitate life for EU citizens and the requirements needed for third country nationals in the EU. I encourage students to participate in the Placement study-unit as it puts into practice the knowledge acquired during a students' academic career.



*Daniela Marotta*

### **Placement Experience at *Servizzi Ewropej f' Malta (SEM)* - Mariah Vella**

During my second year at the University of Malta studying European Studies, I had the opportunity to choose the placement programme as a study-unit with the aim to experience more of the work-related environment in my future career related to EU affairs.

I was selected to do my placement at *Servizzi Ewropej f' Malta (SEM)*. Amongst other tasks which fall within its mandate, this institution focuses on informing people through different means about the latest opportunities related to EU funds. During this experience, I had the opportunity to work with both the Communication Department and the EU Funds Department, both of which taught me so much knowledge in these areas. During the time I spent with the Communication Department, my work mainly involved report writing, thus enabling me to improve my writing skills. When it comes to the EU Funds Department, I had the opportunity to see more hands on the application process for EU funds, and the ones I focused mostly on were the ERASMUS+ and the European Regional Development Fund. During my stay with the EU Funds Department, I also had the opportunity to shadow people during their meetings as well as fill out a section of the application myself.

The dedicated individuals that I met during this placement have been so helpful and provided me with such a positive experience which has helped me strengthen my weaker aspects and encouraged me to become more confident in myself to achieve what I truly believe. I really encourage every student to participate in the placement study-unit because it offers such a beneficial experience that helps you not only in your future EU career but also in your everyday life.



*Mariah Vella*

## Erasmus

The Institute currently holds Erasmus agreements with Tampere (2UG) in Finland; Paris 8 (2 UG) in France; Konstanz (2 UG) and Mannheim (2 UG) in Germany; Limerick (4 UG) in Ireland; Bologna (4 UG) in Italy; the Hague (2 UG) in The Netherlands; Warsaw (6 UG) in Poland; Istanbul Bilgi (2 UG) in Turkey; and Essex (1 UG) in the UK.

Postgraduate students also have the opportunity to travel on Erasmus. The Institute currently has three post-graduate agreements with universities in Hungary, Ireland and Poland.

During the academic year 2022/23, 11 students went on an Erasmus exchange. Three third year students completed their Erasmus learning agreement at the Università di Bologna, Italy; The Hague University, the Netherlands and Canterbury Christ Church University, UK, in Semester I. In addition, eight second year students went on an

Erasmus exchange in Semester II, at the University of Limerick, Ireland; The Hague University, the Netherlands; University of Tampere, Finland; University of Warsaw, Poland and University of Essex, UK.

This was the last year where the possibility of an Erasmus student mobility was offered in both the second and third year of the academic programme. As from academic year 2023/24, there will be one mobility period in Semester I of the third year of the Bachelor in European Studies programme, so as to have a more streamlined process. Furthermore, it is hoped that students will be more mature academically and will thus be able to benefit more from their Erasmus exchange.

### **Erasmus Experience at the University of Tampere, Finland – Giuseppe Battaglia**

During my second semester, I was given the opportunity to go on Erasmus for five months in Tampere, Finland. The reason why I decided to put Finland as my first choice is because I wanted to experience something completely different from the south of Europe in terms of weather, people and education. I also chose Finland because it is known for its education system, being highly regarded across the world.

University in Finland is quite different. I was following three or four study units per trimester, and the assessment method followed was mostly in the form of assignments. Compared to Malta, Finland puts a lot of focus on extracurricular activities, limiting the amount of hours at University, so that students can socialise and learn outside of a classroom.

The weather during my stay was something remarkable. Temperatures were below zero (an average of -11 degrees) from January until March and only reached 0 or a few degrees above that at the end of April. At night, it was quite common to see Northern Lights. Finland is also known for saunas. It was very nice to experience their 120-degree saunas in the middle of winter and then swim in a frozen lake for a few seconds.

As a result of Finland's winter, there were fewer Erasmus students compared to other EU countries. This did not make the experience less enjoyable and it actually encouraged me to talk and make friends with the local population. Finnish people are extremely nice and polite, and they are not as distant as the media tends to portray them.

Thanks to this experience, I grew immensely. I benefited a lot from this experience since I learned to live in a completely different environment. I strongly recommend going on Erasmus, or visiting Finland in general, because it is one of the best journeys anyone could embark on.



*Giuseppe Battaglia*

### **Erasmus Experience at the University of Limerick, Ireland – Matthew Zammit**

In the brief eventful months that I spent studying at the University of Limerick, I experienced student life in a manner that left a positive imprint on myself and my views on the inner workings of the world. Through the educational infrastructure of my course, European Studies, with the University of Limerick, I was compelled to view the subject in

a different light. Through their increased focus on presentations, extensive teamwork, and high-profile guest lecturers, I garnered a new sense of intrigue in the subject that further confirmed my chosen career path.

However, I believe that those considerable academic gains that Erasmus enabled me to achieve, paled in comparison to the other aspects of student life that I managed to experience in Ireland. During my stay in Limerick, I was fortunate enough to develop several new skills due to my new environment, as well as meeting different people from all over the world such as Czechia, France, India, and the United States which, in my opinion, is the true joy of international study.

In the grand scheme of things, I can attest that my experience in Ireland was instrumental in affirming my faith in the career of my choice as well as forming invaluable friendships that will bear fruit for years to come. To any student who is weighing whether to uproot their entire life for just a singular semester to live in a new nation away from family and friends, I assure you that despite the obstacles that you may encounter along your journey, through the formation of new and unlikely friendships as well as exposure to new cultures and experiences, you are guaranteed nothing less than the adventure of a lifetime



*Matthew Zammit and Friends*

## 5+5 Strategic Studies

For the third year the Mediterranean Foundation of Strategic Studies organized the 5+5 Defense initiative for young graduates. The Institute was represented by Kelly Tockarszewsky who is following the MA in European Politics, Economics and Law. Below is an overview of her experience.

It was an honour to have taken part in the third edition of the Mediterranean Sessions of the 5+5 Advanced Strategic Studies for future leaders and military. The 2023 session was hosted by the Instituto do Oriente from the Institute of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Lisbon (ISCSP – ULisboa), in partnership with Fondation Méditerranéenne D'Études Stratégiques (FMES) and took place from March 6th to March 10th in Lisbon, Portugal.

The 5+5 Dialogue is a forum for discussions between five EU countries (France, Italy, Malta, Portugal, and Spain) and five Arab Maghreb Countries (Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, and Tunisia). The sessions offered a valuable chance for myself and other young civilian and military students from the 5+5 Dialogue nations to enhance their comprehension of the cooperation between the Mediterranean's two shores. Our group was able to gain a deeper insight on the cooperation and the 5+5 Dialogue through many occasions throughout the week. We had the opportunity to visit and meet the Personnel from the Naval Base of Lisbon, the Coastal Control Unit of the Republican National Guard and the Navy Museum. Moreover, we had the pleasure of meeting and listening to the discussions of the Ambassadors from Malta, Libya and Morocco to Portugal, General Antonio Martins Pereira and Colonel Machado Barroso from the Military University Institute, Lieutenant Colonel Jorge Rodrigues from the National Defence Institute, the Portuguese Minister of Home Affairs José Luís Carneiro and the academic lecturers at ISCSP to name a few.

On the final day, we shared our concluding recommendations and proposals for the future of the region, which was submitted as an article to our respective universities and relevant governmental bodies. Our aim is to enhance

regional comprehension and foster better cooperation among neighbouring Mediterranean nations.

Participating in the 5+5 Dialogue sessions was an incredible opportunity that I will always be grateful for. Not only did the sessions provide me with valuable learning experiences, but they also gave me the opportunity to connect and form lasting friendships. It was inspiring to see how, despite our different backgrounds and cultures, we were able to work together towards a common goal and develop solutions that benefit the entire Mediterranean region.



*Kelly Tockarszewsky*



Participants of the event

### Seventh Year of the Research Seminar Series – Ideas in Brown Bags

The Institute for European Studies in cooperation with the Department of International Relations continued to organise the *Ideas in Brown Bag* seminar series. The central aim of the series is to present cutting-edge research in the area of European and international politics and economics as well as to serve as a platform for doctoral students to present their ongoing research. The IBB is also structured in a way to enhance cross-departmental collaboration with the aim to extend this cooperation to other departments.

The seminar series is coordinated by Dr Jean Claude Cachia on behalf of the Institute. In the academic year 2022/2023, the following seminars were presented:

October 12 - Prof Mark Harwood - *Malta's Political Conundrum: Europe's leading country for LGBT rights and the ban on abortion*

November 9 - Ms Esther Beckley - *Postcolonial Feminism and International Relations: A Possible Synthesis?*

November 30 - Prof Christian Buerger - *Theorizing ocean infrastructures*

February 22 - Dr Jean Claude Cachia - *Europeanisation of Party Politics in Malta*

March 15 - Dr Scott Fitzsimmons - *The Role of Personality in International Negotiation: President*

*Donald Trump's Approach to International Negotiations.*

March 22 - Dr Yuliia Bashynska - *Trade-related issues in the context of Ukraine*

17th May - Prof Pace - *The Conference on the Future of Europe: The State of Play*

31 May - Dr Marta Migliorati - *New Nordic pathways? Explaining defence policy change in Denmark, Finland, and Sweden*

The first IBB seminar for the academic year was the presentation by Prof Mark Harwood on his research regarding Malta's progressive agenda on LGBTIQ rights and the ban on abortion. The research was subsequently published in the *International Journal of Sociology*.



Prof Harwood delivering an overview of his research

Below is a picture of one of the last IBB seminar of the academic year, the presentation by Prof Pace on his research on the future of Europe.



## Events – IES and EDC

Throughout the academic year a series of events and research initiatives were undertaken by the Institute. Each event was designed to target a varied audience and allowed an opportunity for the Institute to collaborate with a wide and diverse group of academic and student organisations. In particular, the Institute continued to work closely with the European Studies Organisation, JEF as well as the European Commission's Representation in Malta and the European Parliament's Malta Office. The events are presented in chronological order.

### Visit by Professor Dimitrios Triantaphyllou – October 2022

In October 2022 Professor Dimitrios Triantaphyllou of Kadir Has University, Istanbul, visited the Institute for a week where he gave a series of lectures. As part of his visit, he also gave a public talk on 'An Assessment of the Current State of Relations between the European Union and Turkey'. As indicated earlier in this report, Prof Triantaphyllou subsequently moved to the Panteion University in Athens and has also been appointed as our new External Examiner.



*Prof Triantaphyllou speaking during his talk*

### Visit by University of Applied Sciences NHLs and guest lecture by Dr de Heus – October 2022

From October 24 to 28, the Institute hosted a visit by University of Applied Sciences NHLs (The Netherlands) to explore areas for future

cooperation. Visiting academics included Annabelle de Heus, Edou Hilverda, Baudina Vassallo and Sina Hoch. The visit included several meetings tackling research and general cooperation as well as the visitors attending various classes and campus in general. As part of this visit, Dr Annabelle de Heus (NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands) gave a public talk on 'Conspiracy Theories in Times of Crises'. The talk tackled the recent phenomena of an increase in conspiracy theories from QAnon and the insurrection of January 6th until covid and the great reset.



*Staff from NHLs Stenden and the Institute for European Studies*

### Panel Discussion: The European Convention on Human Rights: Its Application, Success, Challenges and Opportunities – November 2022

On Monday 7 November 2022 a panel discussion was held to discuss the European Convention on Human Rights. Organised by the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, the Institute for European Studies and the Department of European and Comparative Law along with three student organisations, namely the *Ghaqda Studenti tal-Ligi* (GhSL), the European Law Students' Association (ELSA) and the European Studies Organisation (ESO). The event focused on a discussion of the history of the Convention as well as the current and future challenges that the Convention faces.

The event was opened by Prof. Mark Harwood, Director of the Institute for European Studies, H.E. Mr Lorenzo Vella, Malta's Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe, and H.E.

Mr Bjorn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

The panel discussions were moderated by the student organisations with Mr Andrew Drago (GhSL) moderating the first panel (which included the Chief Justice Emeritus Dr Vincent De Gaetano, the Hon. Madam Justice Consuelo Scerri Herrera and the Hon. Mr Justice Francesco DePasquale) while Mr Luca Camilleri (ELSA) moderated the second panel (which included the Hon. Madam Justice Lorraine Schembri Orland, the State Advocate Dr Christopher Soler, Ms Claire Ovey and Dr Francesca Camilleri Vettiger). The event was closed by Prof. Ivan Sammut, Head of the Department of European and Comparative Law and by H.E Ambassador Lorenzo Vella.

The Panel Discussion was organised as a means to enhance the visibility of the Council of Europe in preparation of Malta's forthcoming Presidency of the Committee of Ministers in 2025 and to reflect on Malta's human rights protection since its ratification of the Convention in 1967.



The poster of the event

### Participation in the Junior College Career Expo – January 2023

In January 2023 the Institute participated in the Junior College Careers Expo, held between 16 - 20 January 2023. The aim of this activity was to give a first-hand opportunity to students to discover and start exploring different study routes and career paths.



Photos from the event



Ms Milica Cirneanu manning the Institute stand

## Courtesy visit by the Irish Ambassador to Malta, H.E. Caroline Whelan – February 2023

On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 the Institute welcomed the new Irish Ambassador to Malta, H.E. Caroline Whelan. Ambassador Whelan discussed areas of cooperation as well as the Institute's long history of cooperation with Irish academics. As highlighted by Prof Harwood, the Institute's External Examiner for this academic year was Dr Liam Weeks of University Collage Cork. It was also discussed areas for future collaboration as with the visit of the Irish Ombudsman scheduled for October 2023.



*Ambassador Whelan with Institute staff*

## Team-Building Exercise with Secondary School Teachers of European Studies – February 2023

On the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023, the Institute held a team-Building exercise with European Studies (ES) secondary school teachers where they discussed the challenges ES teachers face, the need for greater synergies between ES at secondary and University level as well as how the Institute can support these teachers going forward. 13 teachers joined us to discuss how ES is being taught in Malta, the challenges faced by teachers and how we can increase cooperation between teachers and the Institute. As posted on our social media at that time, 'a great experience, we want to thank all those who joined us for engaging in such an open and fruitful event. It was also very heartening to see some of our alumni now working as teachers and passing on their knowledge of ES to a new generation. Kudos.'



*Prof Mark Harwood with the ES teachers*



*Prof Harwood opening the workshop*

## MUDU takes part in Brussels EUCO Simulation with Dr Kotelis as National Coordinator – February 2023

The Malta University Debating Union (MUDU) in collaboration with the National Student Travel Foundation (NSTF) took part in a ConSIMium, a EUCO (European Council) Simulation for students pilot-project by the Council of the European Union's General Secretariat. Institute staff member, Dr Andreas Kotelis, acted as national coordinator of this initiative.

Six UM students worked together to represent Malta's position in the European Council. While in Brussels, the students were also presented with the opportunity to meet with the Permanent Representative of Malta to the EU Dr Marlene Bonnici and the rest of the Permanent Representation in Dar Malta. As stated, Dr Andreas Kotelis from the Institute for European

Studies assisted the team of students as a national coordinator.



Students participating in the simulation as well as their visit to Malta House

### Seminar/Webinar: The Strategies of Small States: safeguarding autonomy and influencing great powers – 22 February 2023

The Islands and Small States Institute (ISSI), the Institute for European Studies (IES), the Department of International Relations (Dept. IR) at the Faculty of Arts and the European Documentation Centre of the University of Malta organized a seminar entitled "The Strategies of Small States: safeguarding autonomy and influencing great power".

The talk was delivered by Dr Hillary Briffa, Lecturer in National Security Studies and the Assistant Director of the Centre for Defence Studies in the Department of War Studies at King's College London. Dr Briffa examined the strategies pursued by small states to safeguard their autonomy, as well as innovative means of projecting influence.

The event was convened by Dr Stefano Moncada, Director of the ISSI, Prof. Mark Harwood, Director of the IES and Prof. James Sater, Head of the IR Department.

**Seminar/Webinar: The Strategies of Small States: safeguarding autonomy and influencing great powers**

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 | 4pm to 5:30pm (CET)  
 Venue: UM Msida Campus, IT Services, Room: VC 101  
 Zoom Registration link: [shorturl.at/lulj8](https://shorturl.at/lulj8)

**Convenors:**  
 Dr Stefano Moncada, Islands and Small States Institute, UM  
 Prof. James Sater, Dept. of International Relations, Fac. of Arts, UM  
 Prof. Mark Harwood, Institute for European Studies, UM  
**Chair:**  
 Dr Stefano Moncada

**Speaker:**  
**Dr Hillary Briffa**  
 Assistant Director, Centre for Defence Studies,  
 Dept. of War Studies, King's College London

*Dr Briffa will examine the strategies pursued by small states to safeguard their autonomy, as well as innovative means of projecting influence ranging from the harnessing of multilateralism to bind great power behaviour, to serving as 'smart states' in the international system.*

Poster of the event

### Series of Cultural Events with the French Embassy – March 2023

In collaboration with the French Embassy and various departments on Campus, the Institute cooperated and helped organise a series of events to mark the Francophonie Week 2023. At the core of those events, the French Embassy brought Kamal Redouani, senior reporter and documentary filmmaker, to Malta. The Institute helped advertise these events across campus and also participated in these events.

**KAMAL REDOUANI, WAR REPORTER AND DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER, IN MALTA**

**LIBYA, WHO IS SOWING CHAOS ? (2021) | Documentary screening followed by Q&A**  
 March 21st at 7:30 p.m. at Spazju Kreattiv, Saint-John Cavalier, Valletta | Event in English  
 Free but booking is required: <https://www.kreattivita.org/en/event/libya-who-is-sowing-chaos/>  
 Abstract: Since the fall of Muammar Gaddafi in 2011, the country had nine governments. Every new attempt to hold elections sparks civil war. Its chronic instability turned Libya into a new battlefield for world's major powers and terrorist groups. Who is sowing chaos in Libya?

**SYRIA, WOMEN IN WAR (2022) | Documentary screening followed by Q&A**  
 22st of March at 7 p.m. at the Arts Lecture Theatre (ALT), Old Humanities Building, University of Malta, Msida | Free entry | Event in English  
 Abstract: In March 2011 the wind of revolt blew across Syria. 10 years later, the country is in ruins. Kamal Redouani decided to invite women to speak. As well as being crushed by the regime, they have been the first victims of another force: ISIS.

**THE NEW DOGS OF WAR (2022) | Discussion about his new book and signing session**  
 23rd of March at 6 p.m. at the Valletta Design Cluster, Bull Street, Valletta  
 Free entry | Event in French  
 Abstract: Black Shield, Wagner, Sadat and Blackwater are private military companies active in Ukraine, Libya, Iraq, Syria, China, Somalia, Chad among others. They operate without any legal framework and any form of accountability. Kamal Redouani has witnessed their emergence on the battlefields and in this book offers an unprecedented investigation.

**Who is Kamal Redouani ?** A documentary filmmaker and senior reporter specialized in the Arab world. Kamal Redouani won the Rising Star Award at the Canada International Film Festival in 2014. He regularly collaborates with France Télévisions, Canal+ and Arte. After interviewing jihadist leaders and witnesses of the war in Iraq and Syria, he wrote the best-seller "Inside Daech" (2016).

French Embassy in Malta | [mt.ambafrance.org](http://mt.ambafrance.org) | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FranceinMalta) | [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/FranceinMalta) | [TikTok](https://www.tiktok.com/FranceinMalta) | [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/FranceinMalta)

A list of the events organised as part of the Francophone week

### Erasmus visit by Dr Cachia and Dr Catania to NHL Stenden

During the academic year 2022-2023, Dr Cachia and Dr Catania participated in the Erasmus exchange program. The two academics visited the NHL Stenden University between 13 and 17 March 2023. During their stay, Dr Cachia gave a presentation on Europeanisation in Malta whilst Dr Catania gave a number of presentations on the Erasmus exchange program and EU Funding. During their stay in Leeuwarden, Dr Catania and Dr Cachia had various meetings with academics from the NHL Stenden University in order to strengthen the cooperation between the two universities.



*Dr Cachia and Dr Catania at NHL Stenden*

### Visit to the EU's Agency for Asylum – March 2023

On March 28<sup>th</sup> Prof Mark Harwood took a group of Institute students to visit the EU's Asylum Agency, the EUAA. An annual event as part of the Malta-EU study unit, students were given a presentation by Agency staff as to their work both in Malta and in the rest of the EU. The Agency also explained the internship scheme which should be launched shortly and spoke about the importance of work experience for those wishing to apply to work for the EU in the future.



*Group photo of Institute students and EUAA staff*



*Presentation by EUAA staff*

### 'Europe Day' Quiz Night – May 2023

On 4 May 2023 the Institute for European Studies held its annual 'Europe Day' Quiz Night. Marking 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Europe Day, the quiz has become an integral part of the Institute's annual calendar and is generously sponsored by the European Commission Representation to Malta. Over 100 students and alumni participated in the quiz with questions ranging from the EU to sports and Eurovision. Prizes included vouchers from is-Suq tal-Belt, Farsons Direct, Can You Escape and Esplora. The event was opened by Prof. Mark Harwood, Director of the Institute, and was compered by an alumni of the Institute, Ronald Briffa. The winning team was Team ACD comprising Mark O'Neill, Andrew James Sammut and Dayle Scicluna. The Institute looks forward to welcoming more students at next year's quiz which will mark the 20th anniversary of EU membership.



*The Quiz Night in full swing*



*Institute staff with members of the European Commission's Representation to Malta*



*Prof Mark Harwood with the members of the winning team*

### **EU's Mutual Defence Clause Revisited: Neutrality and Collective Defence in the Shadow of New Challenges**

The Institute hosted Dr Maria Varaki of King's College London during the first week of May. In addition to a series of lectures she also gave a public lecture entitled EU's Mutual Defence Clause Revisited: Neutrality and Collective Defence in the Shadow of New Challenges. The talk examined the legal significance of the war between Russia and the Ukraine.



*Dr Varaki delivering her public talk*

### **Book Launch: The Europeanisation of Party Politics in Malta – May 2023**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 the Institute organised a book launch to mark the publication of Dr Jean Claude Cachia new book on 'The Europeanisation of Party Politics in Malta'. This book examines the influence of Europeanisation on the Maltese political system, the politicisation and framing of the European Union by political parties, and the impact of the European Union on Malta's political system. Held at the Aula Prima of the Valletta campus, the event included an overview of the book's contents, delivered by Dr Cachia followed by a panel discussion that provided a reflection on Malta's membership of the EU. The panel was formed of Professor Mark Harwood, Professor Roderick Pace and Professor Carmen Sammut (Pro Rector) and was moderated by Dr Valentina Cassar of the Department of International Relations.



*Photos from the event*

### **The 3rd LGBTIQ+ Research Symposium – May 2023**

The Department of Gender Studies (Faculty of Social Wellbeing) in collaboration with the Institute for European Studies as well as the Human Right's Directorate (Ministry for Home Affairs, Security, Reforms and Equality) and the Malta LGBTIQ Rights Movement (MGRM) held the third LGBTIQ Research Symposium on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Conceived as an opportunity to showcase research on the LGBTIQ community this year's symposium

included presentations showcasing research undertaken in Malta but also abroad, namely Greece. Ten papers were presented and focused on the trans community, LGBTIQ issues in education, legal rights, sex workers, LGBTIQ ageing, as well as LGBTIQ themes in modern Maltese theatre.

The event was opened by the Parliamentary Secretary for Reforms and Equality, the Hon. Rebecca Buttigieg, and the Dean of the Faculty of Social Wellbeing. The event was overseen and chaired by Prof Marceline Naudi, Dr Claire Azzopardi Lane and Prof Mark Harwood. The event was closed by Collette Farrugia Bennett representing MGRM. As in previous years, the papers presented will be published as a volume in the 'Mapping the Rainbow' series, previous editions being available at <https://humanrights.gov.mt/en/Pages/LGBTIQ%20Equality/Publications.aspx>



*Photos from the event*

### Visit by Dr Kotelis and Dr Migliorati to Wroclaw University – May 2023

Between 15 and 19 of May 2023, Dr Kotelis and Dr Migliorati visited the University of Wroclaw in Poland, as part of the Erasmus Mobility Programme. During their time in Poland, the two lecturers had the opportunity to teach Polish and international undergraduate and graduate students, observe the lectures of a number of

study units, and exchange views with several academics from the University of Wroclaw.



*Dr Migliorati (above) & Dr Kotelis (below) lecturing in University of Wroclaw*

### Visit by the French Secretary of State for European Affairs – May 2023

The Institute for European Studies along with the Embassy of France to Malta organised a public talk by the French Secretary of State for European Affairs, the Hon. Laurence Boone, on 25 May 2023 at the Valletta Campus. Titled 'Issues and challenges of European sovereignty', Minister Boone spoke about the challenges facing Europe and how the EU was at a turning point in its history as it seeks to protect its vital interests and project its values beyond the Union. The event was opened by Prof. Carmen Sammut, Pro-Rector and Chairperson of the Institute for European Studies and moderated by Prof. Mark Harwood, Director. The event was organised in collaboration with the Department of International Relations, the Mediterranean Institute as well as the student organisations, ESO, JEF and KNZ. A recording of the event is available, on request.



*Minister Boone addressing the event*



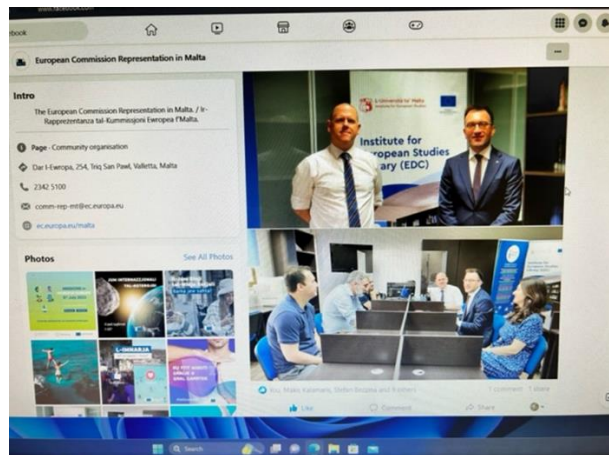
Poster of the event

### Meeting with the new Head of the European Commission Representation – June 2023

On 28<sup>th</sup> June the new Head of the EC Representation to Malta, Dr Lorenzo Vella, visited the Institute for European Studies. Dr Vella met with Prof Mark Harwood, Dr Jean Claude Cachia and Stefan Bezzina to discuss areas of cooperation as well as special events planned for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EU membership, in May 2024. Prof Harwood explained the tentative events planned and Dr Vella reiterated the Representation's commitment to continue funding the annual Quiz Night.



Dr Vella speaking during the courtesy visit



Screenshot of social media post outlining the visit

### Dr Thede's Erasmus Trip to Australia

On a recent visit to the Institute for International Trade at University of Adelaide, Professor Thede participated in a range of activities ranging from meeting PhD students to discuss their research to giving an inaugural seminar on Sustainability in EU Trade Policy to policy makers, trade practitioners, people in the business community and students. The EU's trade policy is at centre stage in Australia at the moment as the trade partners are negotiating a deep trade agreement and, importantly, as local government, businesses and innovators are working to meet green technology and sustainable production requirements set out by the EU.



Professor Thede during her lecture in Adelaide University

### I Choose educational Fair – July 2023

The Institute participated in the 'I Choose' event, targeting all Year 11s. This is an educational fair

which offers an opportunity whereby students can explore further career and educational options as they leave compulsory education.



*Photos of the event*

### **Workshop with the Institute of International Economic Relations (Athens)**

In September the Institute of International Economic Relations based in Athens organised a workshop dealing with Europe in an Uncertain World: Openness, Resilience and Vulnerabilities. The workshop was held in the premises of the Institute of International Economic Relations in Athens between 14-16 September and was organised in collaboration with the Institute for European Studies (Malta), the Neapolis University Pafos (Cyprus), the Department of Political Science and International Relations (University of the Peloponnese) and the Department of International and European Studies (University of Macedonia).

### **Guest Speakers in 2022/23**

In addition to our public lecture guests and the visiting lecturers who teach as part of our course, the Institute regularly invites special guests to come and speak to our students about specific topics. These guest speakers are often specialists in key topics and speak about their work experience as well as the broader themes that specific study units are addressing. Below are a few examples of

the guest speakers who joined us during this academic year.

Mr Timothy Alden, from the Malta Business Bureau (MBB), was a guest lecturer for the study unit on "Malta and the European Union" coordinated by Prof Mark Harwood and Mr Andre DeBattista. Mr Alden focussed on the role of the MBB in raising awareness of EU legislation, EU programmes and funding opportunities. The guest lecture was an opportunity for students to learn more about how the EU interacts and affects Maltese businesses. Mr Alden spoke to students in March.



*Mr Alden speaking to students*

Later in the month, March 2023, Mr Csongor Balázs from the Mathias Corvinus Collegium Alapítvány spoke to third year students about hybrid warfare.



*Mr Balazs giving his talk*

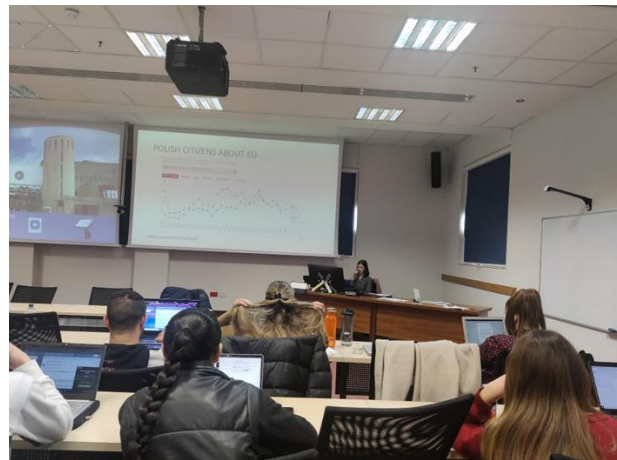
In April 2023, Prof Sandro Caruana, as part of his module on Italy's role in the Mediterranean, EST3216, hosted a number of Italian officials. These included the Deputy Head of Mission, from the Italian Embassy, Dr Andrea Varischetti; the Director of the Italian Cultural Institute, Dr Serena Alessi, the Secretary General of the Italo Maltese Chamber of Commerce, Dr Enry Di Giovanni, and two representatives from the Italian Military Mission in Malta, Commander Rinaldi and Lieutenant Mosca.

The students participated actively in the discussions which took place. Daniela Marotta and Matthias Portelli, two final year students, were also interviewed and a feature of the session will be published on *La Gazzetta di Malta*.

Below are some photos of the speakers referenced.



Guest lecturers also came from abroad, including a visit by Dr Paula Wiśniew from the University of Wroclaw who spoke about Poland and the EU.



*Dr Paula Wiśniew speaking to students*

## Publications and Activities of Institute Academics

### Professor Mark Harwood



Prof Mark Harwood is Director of the Institute for European Studies and Associate Professor in European Comparative Politics. As part of his work as Director, Prof Harwood oversees all degree programmes and chairs all internal boards of the Institute including the Boards of Study and the

PhD Committee. Prof Harwood coordinates the undergraduate degrees directly and coordinates the various elements that constitute these programmes, in conjunction with Dr Thede and Dr Kotelis (exam and theses coordinators), Dr Catania (Placement and Erasmus coordinator) as well as other colleagues. He teaches EST 1030, EST 2140, EST 2234 and EST 2236 on the undergraduate programme and EST 5070 and EST 5080 on the MA programme. In 2022/2023 he supervised 2 undergraduate students and has an MA, part-time student.

Prof Harwood is also supervisor of the following MPhil/PhD students:

Adrian Ellul (EU Council Coordination Systems and Small States: a comparative analysis with Malta) – Institute for European Studies

Silvio Galea (The Influence of the European Parliament and its Political Groups on the process of European Integration) – Institute for European Studies

During the academic year 2021/2022 Prof Harwood published the following articles/chapters:

Harwood, M (2023) 'Malta's Political Conundrum: Europe's Leading Country for LGBTIQ Rights and the Ban on Abortion', *International Journal of Sociology*, 53:1, 83-101, doi.org/10.1080/00207659.2022.2139936

Harwood, M (2023) 'Malta's Parliamentary Administration' in *The Routledge Handbook of Parliamentary Administration*, T. Christiansen, E. Griglio & N. Lupo (eds.). Routledge, London.

Harwood, M (2023) 'Malta and Climate Change: Balancing Opportunities with Limitations' in *Climate Change and the Future of Europe*, M. Kaeding, J. Pollak & P. Schmidt (eds.). Springer, Cham.

Harwood, M (2023) 'Malta: The Benefits of Centralised Politics' in *Governments' Responses to the Covid-19 Pandemic in Europe*, K. Lynggaard, M. Jensen, M. Kluth (eds.). Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.

Harwood, M (2022) 'Malta-Russia Relations and the Libyan Civil War' in *EU-Russia Relations and the Future of Europe*, M. Kaeding, J. Pollak & P. Schmidt (eds.). Springer, Cham.

He also coedited the following book:

Harwood, M; Azzopardi Lane, C; Naudi, M (eds.) (2023) *Mapping the Rainbow Volume III*, Ministry for Home Affairs, Security, Reforms and Equality, Malta.

The following articles are under review:

Harwood, M. (2023) 'The Continuing Significance of the Council of the EU Presidency for Small States: Agenda Setting or Painting by Numbers?', *Journal of Common Market Studies*.

Harwood, M (2023) 'Malta and Enlargement: Supportive but not Engaged' in *Enlargement and the Future of Europe: Views from the Capitals*. M. Kaeding, J. Pollak & P. Schmidt (eds.). Springer, Cham.

Harwood, M. (2023) 'Small States and EU-Level Priorities: the continuing relevance of LGBTIQ rights for Malta in Brussels', *Institute for European Studies' 20 Years of EU Membership Paper Series*. University of Malta, Malta.

In terms of research networks and academic collaboration:

Prof Harwood is the Institute's representative on the European University of the Seas network based within the University of Malta.

Prof Harwood is the MC member of the Cost Action CA20123 which will study the Intergovernmental Coordination from Local to European Governance. The action should finish in late 2023.

Dr Harwood is the Maltese delegate of the BLUE's Scientific Council. Blue is a publication by the Groupe d'études géopolitiques, the independent research centre and think tank behind the journal *Le Grand Continent*. BLUE is designed as a new publication providing the public with open-access, high-quality analyses of electoral and political dynamics at regional, national and EU levels.

Prof Harwood is a reviewer for the *Journal of Politics and Law*, the Canadian Centre of Science and Education and *Politics and Gender*.

In 2022/2023 Prof Harwood participated in the following conferences/events:

Prof Harwood gave the first IBB Seminar presentation on 12 October 2022 outlining his research on the juxtaposition of Malta's liberal policy on LGBTIQ rights and its ban on abortion. The research was subsequently published in the *International Journal of Sociology*.

Prof Harwood opened the panel discussion event on the 'European Convention on Human Rights, its application, successes, challenges and opportunities'. The event, held on 7 November, was organised by the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, the Institute for European Studies and the Department of European and Comparative Law along with three student organisations, namely the Ghaqda Studenti tal-Ligi (GhSL), the European Law Students' Association (ELSA) and the European Studies Organisation (ESO).

Prof Harwood attended the TEPSA Pre-Presidency conferences, organised on 1 and 2 December.

Prof Harwood attended a workshop and presentation at the start of December 2022 on the

new Business Intelligence programme to be launched at UoM.

Prof Harwood attended the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade's Symposium on Neutrality in March 2023.

Attended the International Conference on Political Science and International Political Order, Athens, Greece, 03-04/04/23.

Prof Harwood participated in a panel discussion as part of the book launch for Dr Jean Claude Cachia's book, the Europeanisation of Party Politics in Malta, which took place at the University's Valletta campus on 8 May.

Prof Harwood participated as part of a panel discussion on European Political Community organised by the European Studies Organisation, JEF Malta and the European Parliament in Malta. The event was held on 10 May and included Prof Harwood, Dr Mario Sammut (Head of the EP Office in Malta) and Mr Steve Ellul (CEO of Project Green). Prof Harwood attended the InterAction Council meeting in Malta from 15 to 18 May. Involving a series of talks and events on the current state of the world, the keynote speech was given by the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, with additional speeches by Bertie Ahern, former Irish Prime Minister and Dr George Vella, Maltese President. The event was hosted at San Anton Palace in Attard.

Prof Harwood chaired the second session of the LGBTIQ Research Symposium held on campus on 16 May. The event was divided into two sessions with the second session focusing on human rights, the elderly and Trans people in sports.

Prof Harwood attended the EADI General Assembly, held online on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Prof Harwood chaired the public event by the French Secretary of State for European Affairs, the Hon. Laurence Boone. The event was held at the Aula Prima, Valletta, on 25 May.

Prof Harwood participated in the NCFHE's quality assurance process of the University by participating in the exercise where the panel of external experts

interviewed Deans and Directors. The interviews took place at the Aula Prima at the Valletta campus on 1 May.

Prof Harwood was interviewed and featured in two articles published by the newspaper, *Illum*. The first, published on 11 June, featured under the title, 'id-dizinteress fil-politika hija kwaza ta' poplu li jiddependi inqas mill-partiti' analizi tal-istharrig tal-istat tan-Nazzjon'. The second was published on 15 June under the title 'Id-dizinteress fil-politika hija kawza ta' poplu li jiddependi inqas mill-partiti'. L-ILLUM tkellmet mad-Direttur tal-Istitut tal-Istudji Ewropej fl-Università ta' Malta, Mark Harwood, li b'rabta mal-istharrig tal-istat tan-Nazzjon, qal li l-partiti politiċi kbar iridu jaraw x'se jagħmlu biex ma jtilfux il-fiduċja għall-kollox tal-votanti zghażaġh qabel ma jkun tard wisq'.

Prof Harwood was interviewed on 15 June on Newsbook as part of their programme discussing EU enlargement and whether Malta should continue to support further enlargement.

Prof Harwood participated as part of a panel on 'the role of information providers' in a public workshop held by the European Parliament's Office in Malta. The event, held from 23 to 25 June, was timed to coincide with the visit of the Director of communications at the EP.

Prof Harwood moderated the Panel Discussion on Pinkwashing held as part of Europride on 11 September 2023. The event was held at the GWU, Valletta and was organised by MGRM.

Prof Harwood participated in a special edition of the morning programme on TVM to discuss the State of the Union speech of the Commission President. The programme took place on 13 September 2023.

Prof Harwood participated in a panel discussion with the EESC on 14 September. The EESC's FFRL group was visiting Malta to discuss the fundamental rights and rule of law situation in Malta. Prof Harwood participated in a panel discussing the right to non-discrimination. The event was held at Europe House in Valletta.

In September Prof Harwood formed part of a doctoral board in the assessment of a student enrolled in the Department of History. The thesis, 'The Role of Government in Economic Growth and Development: A Comparative Study of Malta and Iceland 1960-2000' was submitted as part of the PhD in history.

### Professor Roderick Pace



In the academic year 2022-23, Professor Pace continued to lead the Institute's Ph.D. programme. The Institute now has four students pursuing doctoral studies. Professor Pace also served as a member of the Board of the Institute

for European Studies and the Board of the Islands and Small States Institute (ISSI). He continued as a member of the editorial team of the *Journal South European Society and Politics* published by Routledge and was a member of the editorial board of the open source journal *Small States & Territories (SST)* published by the Islands and Small States Institute of the University of Malta. He is also a member of the Institute's editorial board.

Professor Pace has taught a number of study-units and supervised dissertations on the Bachelor and Master's degrees in European Studies courses offered by the Institute, continued to supervise a Ph.D. students. Prof Pace sat on examining boards of other faculties/institutes as requested. He maintained links with Euromesco, the network of EuroMediterranean Security Institutes of which the Institute has been a member since its inception and with the Trans-European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) of which the Institute is also a member.

He blind refereed several academic articles for international academic journals.

Professor Pace has published the following in 2022/23:

(Jointly with) Marcello Carammia and Roderick Pace (2022). "Party Politics in a Small Island State" in Casal Bértoa F. and Dumont Patrick (eds.) *Party Politics in European Microstates*. Routledge. [pages 107-125] ISBN 978-1-138-63449-7.

Roderick Pace (2022). "Malta and the Pandemic from a Small State Perspective" in António Portugal Duarte, Srdjan Redzepagic and Fátima Sol Murtafátima Sol Murta. *The European Integration Process: Crisis and Resilience in the Aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Imprensa da Universidade de Coimbra, Portugal. [pages 111-126]. ISBN 978-989-26-2364-1; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.14195/978-989-26-2364-1>

Roderick Pace (2023): "The Future of Europe: Getting a Difficult Job Done". Paper presented to the Brown Bags seminars organized jointly by the Institute for European Studies and the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Arts. Date 24 May.

Work in Progress:

Presently working on a number of papers and chapters for publication during 2023-24 on parliamentary diplomacy, Malta's foreign policy in 20 years of EU membership and Euro-Mediterranean Relations. He is a co-author in a book on Cyprus and Malta to be published in 2024.

### Prof Susanna Thede



Professor Susanna Thede is a full-time resident academic member of staff at the Institute for European studies and a research affiliate at Department of Economics, Örebro University School of Business (Sweden). Her areas of

specialization are International Economics, Institutional Economics and Political Economy. She is a member of the European Economic Association (EEA) and the Forum for Research in International Trade (FREIT).

In the 2022/2023 academic year, Professor Thede acted as a member of the IFES Institute and PhD boards, taught on the IFES BA and MA programs and supervised BA and PhD IFES dissertations. She had a sabbatical in the Spring semester, which was primarily spent on research activities including visits at Department of Economics, Örebro University School of Business (Sweden) and the Institute for International Trade, University of Adelaide (Australia).

Her IFES teaching activities included the following study units:

- Research Methodology and Writing Skills (EST2229), BA (2nd year).
- The Economics of EU Policies (EST3208), BA (3rd year).
- European Union Cohesion Policy (EST5530), MA.
- Political and Economic Approaches to European Integration (EST5602), MA.

External teaching engagements included an invited guest lecture at the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade:

- the WTO and EU Free Trade Agreements - hills, beacons & frontiers for Malta (22/12-22) and various activities at the Institute for International Trade, University of Adelaide including an inaugural seminar:
- Sustainability in EU Trade Policy (23/06-30).

During the year, Professor Thede has worked to complete and progress several research projects:

Thede, S., Karpaty, P., (2023) The Effect of Corruption Experience on FDI: Evidence from Swedish Manufacturing Enterprises, *Journal of Comparative Economics* 51(1), 348-371.

Lorz, O., Thede, S., (2023) Tariff Overhang and Aid: Theory and Empirics, *Journal of Development Economics* (completion stage).

Thede, S., Gravino, D., (2023) Foreign Direct Investment and Corruption - Multinational

Enterprises' Behavior in Corrupt Environments, Palgrave/Macmillan (contracted, work in progress)

Thede, S., Evidence on the Civilizing Effect of Trade (work in progress). To be presented at the European Trade Study Group annual conference in September 2023.

Thede, S., The Trade Effect of Brexit: A Scoping Analysis (in progress). Initial research stage supported by UoM research grant EUSRPO2.

It can be noted that Journal of Comparative Economics and Journal of Development Economics are academic journals of high standing (at second rank in the Academic Journal Guide used to classify the quality of academic output in UK academic research institutions) and that the book contracted by Palgrave/Macmillan is subject to strict peer-review.

#### Dr Jean Claude Cachia



During the academic year 2022/2023, Dr. Cachia taught five modules which were: European Security, Political Parties in Europe, Small States and the EU, Research

Methodology and Writing Skills (Undergrad level), and Research Methods (at Masters Level). Dr. Cachia visited the NHL Stenden as part of the Erasmus exchange program and gave several lectures on Europeanisation and Malta's political system.

As part of his administrative duties, Dr. Cachia organized the dissertation seminar for our final-year students which was held in February 2023, and another one for our postgraduate students which was held in June 2023. As part of his outreach coordination, Dr. Cachia visited a number of secondary and post-secondary schools to promote European Studies and the courses offered by the Institute. He organised a team-building activity for European Studies Teachers. This took place in

February 2023 at the Institute for European Studies. He was also involved in the seminar on the European Convention on Human Rights which took place in November 2022 and the visit of the French Minister of State for Europe, Hon. Laurence Boone in Malta. This event took place in May 2023. He has also collaborated with Professor Mark Harwood and Mr. Stefan Bezzina, in the organisation of *the annual Quiz Night with this year's event being sponsored by the European Commission Representation in Malta*.

Dr. Cachia has collaborated with Dr. Pennisi from the Department of International Relations in the organisation of the IBB seminars. This year, several lecturers presented part of their research, with feedback provided by their members of the Institute and Department of International Relations.

As part of his research, Dr. Jean Claude Cachia published an article with Dr. Mario Vassallo and Mr. Andre Debattista on the role of civil society groups in the resignation of Prime Minister Muscat. He published a book on the Europeanisation and Party Politics in Malta. He has also attended the PSA annual conference presenting a paper co-written with Mr. Andre Debattista on the 2022 national elections in Malta. He will also publish an article on the influence of European values in Malta with a focus on human rights and press freedom. This will be included in a book on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EU membership published by the Higher School of Justice in Warsaw. He has also contributed to the latest publication of the Department of Public Policy, 'Public Life in Malta' with a paper on the politicisation of Neutrality in Malta. This will be published in 2024.

Research published during the academic year 2023/2024 includes:

Cachia, J. C. (2023). *Europeanisation and Party Politics in Malta*, Springer Cham.

Cachia, J. C., & Debattista, A. (2023). *The 2022 General Election in Malta: Towards a "One and a Half Party" System?*, Political Future: 73rd PSA International Conference, University of Liverpool.

Vassallo, M. T., Cachia, J. C., & DeBattista, A. P. (2023). How civil society groups brought change to the Maltese Government: 2019-2020. In L. Briguglio. & M. Briguglio. (Eds.), *Civil society and social movements in small states*. Routledge.

### Dr Moira Catania



Dr Moira Catania lectures in economics and European economic integration. During the academic year 2022/23, she lectured

Introductory Micro-Economics for European Studies and Introductory Macro-Economics for European Studies to first year undergraduate students; Economics of European Integration to second year students and European Economic and Monetary Union to third year students. She also lectured Economic and Financial Issues in the Euro Zone to the Institute's postgraduate students.

She supervised two students for their undergraduate dissertation, with the respective topics being the covid-19 pandemic and the Recovery and Resilience Plans of Cyprus and Malta and the post-pandemic inflationary pressures in the Euro Area, with a focus on Malta. She is also currently supervising three students for their post-graduate dissertation, with the topics being the economic and political debate on a European fiscal union; an economic and political assessment of Euro adoption by Bulgaria and tertiary education and employment in the EU with a case study of Malta.

Moira Catania is also the coordinator for the Institute's placement programme. During the academic year, five students carried out placements with different entities in the public and private sector as part of their academic programme, thus gaining relevant work experience in the area of European studies.

She is also the Institute's outgoing Erasmus student exchange co-ordinator. During 2022/23, 11

undergraduate students completed their Erasmus learning agreement. Dr Catania provided the required academic support to these students especially before the mobility, when students choose study units for their Erasmus semester, and also during the mobility, as required.

In May 2023, Moira Catania was elected as the Institute Board member representing the Institute for European Studies staff for a period of two years. Moira Catania is also a member, appointed by Senate, in the University's Committee for Students' Requests.

In terms of research, during the academic year, Moira Catania's work focused mostly on the area of EU fiscal governance and budgetary policy and issues. In September 2022, she participated in the 30th Anniversary of the Maastricht Treaty conference, where she delivered a presentation on different forms of fiscal governance. During the year, she also worked on a paper titled: An assessment of Malta's fiscal policy stance during 2008-2022: a narrative evidence approach. This paper has been accepted for publication in the fourth volume of the book series – Public Life in Malta, which will be published by the Department of Public Policy, at the Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy in the last quarter of 2023 or first quarter of 2024. Furthermore, research work has been initiated on another paper titled: The evolution of budgetary institutions in Malta since EU membership: what role for the delegation approach in the EU's rules-based fiscal governance framework? The aim is for the paper to be published in the Institute's paper series "20 years of EU Membership: taking stock of the 2004 enlargement." In the meantime, research work is also ongoing on the economic response to the covid-19 pandemic in OECD and EU countries.

On a professional level, in January 2023, Moira Catania was appointed as Chairperson of the Malta Fiscal Advisory Council (MFAC). The MFAC is an independent institution which reviews and assesses the extent to which the objectives of Maltese Government's fiscal and economic policy are being achieved. As Chairperson of the MFAC, in June 2023, Dr Catania has attended a conference on the impact of the climate transition on public finances and fiscal policy, in national and European

perspective, and also participated in the EU Independent Fiscal Institutions Network meeting, both held at The Hague, Netherlands.

### Dr Andreas Kotelis



Dr Andreas Kotelis has been a lecturer at the Institute for European Studies since January 2022. Apart from his previous collaboration with the University of Malta as visiting Senior Lecturer, Dr

Kotelis has, in the past, also taught at the State University of New York (SUNY) – Cortland, and was an Assistant Professor in Turkey, from 2013 to 2016. During the Fall 2022 semester Dr Kotelis offered a course on Development Studies and the European Union, while during the Spring 2023 semester, he taught two study-units, one on climate change for the Institute’s MA students and one on sustainable development for the BA students. Dr Kotelis also offered a course for the Masters in Humanitarian Action (NOHA), which is also offered at the University of Malta. As part of his administrative duties at the Institute for European Studies, Dr Kotelis is the MA thesis coordinator, the Institute’s representative at the FEMA research ethics committee, as well as the Chair of the Board of Exams for the BA program.

Dr Kotelis was the national coordinator for the ConSIMium, a 2-day simulation workshop organized by the Council of the European Union, which took place in Brussels in February 2023 with the participation of over 160 students from all 27 Member States of the European Union. Specifically, Dr Kotelis was involved in the selection of the Maltese delegation formed by 6 UM students and the coaching of the students before and during the simulation exercise.

Between 15 and 19 of May 2023, Dr Kotelis visited the University of Wroclaw, as part of the Erasmus Mobility Programme. During his time in Poland, Dr Kotelis had the opportunity to teach Polish

undergraduate and graduate students, observe the lectures of a number of study-units, and exchange views with several academics from the University of Wroclaw.

Furthermore, Dr Kotelis is a member of the Scientific Committee for the 13th Rhodes Model Regional Co-operation 2023, which will take place between 18-22 October (university edition) and 09-12 November (student edition), while he also attended the Commission for European Studies 2023 annual conference which took place between 27 and 29 of June in Reykjavik, Iceland.

Finally, Dr Kotelis, together with Prof Dimitrios Triantafyllou from Panteion University in Athens, is working on a book chapter that aims at examining the links between education and diplomacy in the context of Greek-Turkish relations. The paper focuses on the role and impact of “epistemic communities” in Greek-Turkish cooperation and will be included in the volume titled “Innovation Cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean” which will be published by Manchester University Press. Dr Kotelis is also working on a manuscript on the Cyprus question twenty years after Cyprus accession to the European Union, which will be included in a paper series published by the Institute for European Studies at the University of Malta, on the celebration of 20 years since the 2004 enlargement.

### Dr Marta Migliorati



Dr Marta Migliorati is Lecturer of European Studies and research coordinator at the Institute for European Studies since January 2022. She is currently teaching 5 study units at the Institute and

currently CO-supervising a PhD student with Susanna Thede. She is actively engaged in the international research community in her field of specialization, i.e., European Union politics and policy making, and during the academic year she delivered a number of talks and seminars. In September 2022 she was commentator on Italian

election results at TVM news, "Realtà", Malta. In February 2023 She acted as presenter in a talk on the future of EU enlargement organised by the European Studies Organisation (ESO) in Malta, together with Geoffrey Baldacchino. In the same month she was Instructor for an annual workshop on EU policy making in occasion of the FuturEU competition. In March she presented a paper (now under review) at University of Amsterdam for a JEPP special issue edited by Jonathan Zeitlin and Francesco Nicoli. In May she went through the Erasmus + exchange at the University of Wroclaw. In June she presented her research in the European Political Science Association conference in Glasgow.

In this period, she published four peer-reviewed articles in West European Politics, Regulation & Governance, Integration and the Journal of Common Market Studies. Other two articles are currently under review in the Journal of European Public Policy and the European Journal of Political Research. Together with the other members of the institute she is managing the publication of a paper series on the 20th anniversary of the 2004 enlargement of the European Union.

Dr Migliorati works in many collaborative projects. Together with Adina Akbik (University of Leiden) and Christian Freudlsperger (ETH), she is working on paper project focusing on the functioning of European Union Agencies in the context of the EU multi-level implementation system. Furthermore, in collaboration with Fabio Franchino, Valerio Vignoli and Giovanni Pagano (University of Milan), she is working on a project addressing delegation of executive tasks to EU and national administrations from 1958 to 2019 through machine-learning techniques. Finally, Dr Migliorati is working on a paper project with Prof. Philipp Genschel on fiscal capacity building in the European Union, to be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal in the fall.

Dr Migliorati is a research associate at the Hertie School in Berlin. She regularly acts as a referee for international academic outlets including the British Journal of Political Science, the Journal of Common Market Studies, West European Politics, the Journal of European Public Policy, European Union Politics, the Italian Political Science Review.

#### Publications:

Franchino, F. Migliorati, M. Pagano, G.; Vignoli, V. (2023) "Concepts and Measures of Bureaucratic Constraints in European Union Laws". Regulation & Governance

Genschel, P., Jachtenfuchs, M., and Migliorati, M. "Nur Symbolpolitik? Differenzierung und Reintegration staatlicher Kerngewalten." integration 46.2 (2023): 146-161.

Akbik, A., Freudlsperger C., Migliorati, M (2023) Differentiated Implementation, Uniform Procedures: Mapping Joint Operations of EU Agencies, West European Politics

Akbik, A., Migliorati, M (2023) Between Ideology and Nationality: Drivers of Legislative Oversight in the European Parliament's Economic Dialogues, JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies

#### Mr Andre Debattista



Throughout the academic year 2022/23, Mr Debattista was MA coordinator, thus coordinating various administrative tasks in relation to the two

MA programmes offered at the Institute for European Studies. In addition to this, Mr Debattista delivered lectures in connection with three study units EST2234 - Malta in the European Union, EST3207 - Agenda-Setting in the European Union, and EST3213 - Identity and Culture in Europe. He also supervised / examined a number of dissertations at post-graduate (2 MA students) and undergraduate (2 BA students) level. Throughout this time, Mr Debattista has also been working on his Doctorate.

Together with Dr Jean Claude Cachia, he presented a conference paper titled "The 2022 General Election in Malta: Towards a "One and a Half Party" System?" at the 73rd PSA Annual International Conference 2023. Mr Debattista also presented a paper titled "Il-Knisja u n-narrattiva reliġjuża fil-

kitba u d-diskors ta' Duminku Mintoff" at the conference "Il-Qawwa tal-Kelma: Ir-Retorika Politika". This paper will be published in conference proceedings. Other papers were published throughout the year and are listed below.

Mr DeBattista also took part in several panels organised by different organisations in Malta. He is also currently concluding two edited books (expected publication, 2023).

**Publications:**

DeBattista, A.P., Cassar, G. & Buttigieg, N., Further ruptures: a historical perspective, Malta: Malta Historical Society, 2023, pp. 56

Vassallo, M.T., Cachia, J.C. & DeBattista A.P., How civil society organizations brought change to the Maltese government between 2019 and 2020, in Briguglio L., Briguglio M., Bunwaree S. & Slatter C. (Eds.) Handbook of Civil Society and Social Movements in Small States, Oxford: Routledge, 2023, pp. 288 – 301

DeBattista, A.P., The EU and the Multifaceted Challenges of European Identity, Brussels: Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, 2022, pp. 52

**Institute Library (EDC) Events and Outreach**

In addition to the events listed above (many of which were organized in the Institute Library), several events were held in the library, including:

**Talk on EU Careers (organized by ESO and hosted by the EDC) – 5 October 2022**

Mr. Clint Flores, Ms. Faith Spearing and Dr. Peter Agius met students and shared their experience in working with EU institutions. This event was also live streamed on Facebook.



*The speakers with members from ESO*

**Horizon Europe projects presentation – 2 December 2022**

Ms Tamara Schembri from the Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST) gave a presentation on the different funding opportunities offered by Horizon Europe.



*Ms Tamara Schembri during her presentation*

## Visit by the ED Network Irish Delegation – 21 February 2023

An Irish delegation from the Europe Direct Network in Ireland visited the Institute's Library on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023. The delegation met with the Institute's librarian and following a short presentation about the EDC in Malta, a discussion followed on the role a European Documentation Centre has in disseminating information about the EU and the methods applied.



*Stefan Bezzina with the Irish Delegation and Julia Abid (European Commission Malta)*

## Democracy Under Pressure (organized by JEF Malta and hosted by the EDC) – 24 March 2023

Forming part of JEF Europe's "Democracy Under Attack" campaign taking place on an international scale, JEF held an edition of JEF Talks, 'Democracy under pressure: The fight to uphold, protect and foster democratic values in Europe' on the 24th of March from 12pm to 2pm (at Institute of European Studies Library). A group of panelists, ranging from both lecturers as well as members of the student and civic activism body, shared their experiences and insights on the current major threats to democracy all whilst discussing possible solutions and actions with the rest of the audience. Below are pictures from the event.



## Study Visit by the Manager of Europe Direct Normandy – 31 May 2023

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, the EDC welcomed Ms Camille Leclerc from Maison de l'Europe de l'Eure - Europe Direct Normandie. Ms Leclerc explained the work of her institution in promoting the feeling of European citizenship. Ms Leclerc was also given a personalized library tour at the Main Library. Below is a photo of the visit.



## Network of Networks Meeting - The VEG BOX "Manikata" – 21 October 2022

A very interesting Network of Networks meeting was held at the VEG BOX in Manikata, organised by EUROPE DIRECT Core Platform. The topics of interest and discussion explored were the 'Social Economy Action Plan' and the 'EU Farm to Fork Strategy in practice'. Guest speaker Emanuela DeGiorgio shared her years of personal experience in local farming. Special thanks to Helga Ellul and all the team at CORE Platform for organizing.



*Photo of the event*

## EDC Training Seminar in Brussels 16-17 November 2022

The European Commission invited 185 European Documentation Centres to a training to take place in Brussels, during 1.5 days, 16-17 November 2022. The event was organised by the Directorate General for Communication.

The themes of the training seminar were: engagement with the academic community, training in European Union databases, social media, the European Elections 2024, and the roles of EDCs.

Alessandro Giordani (Head of Unit, DG COMM, Networks in Member States) closed the seminar by asking the EDCs to list all existing synergies within their structures that may be somehow related to European topics, for example, research centres, projects, teachers who, in one way or another, could collaborate with the EDCs in the

dissemination of the European idea within their community.



*Photo of the event*

## Erasmus Experience in Tallinn – 5-7 December 2022

The Institute's EDC Manager Stefan Bezzina participated in the ERASMUS+ Programme at the Tallinn University of Technology Library in Estonia in the period from 5 December 2022 to 7 December 2022. During this work placement, examples of good practices and working methods were exchanged and discussed with the host University. This was done through job shadowing, meetings and presentations. At the end of the training period, Mr Bezzina gave a presentation on the University, the Institute and the EDC in Malta.

## Building Europe with Local Councillors – 24 April 2023

The EC Representation has successfully brought together local Councils in Malta and Gozo at Europe House to host BELC – a network of EU local councillors working to communicate on EU-related topics. The Hon. Alison Zerafa Civelli, Parliamentary Secretary for Local Government within the Ministry for National Heritage, the Arts, and Local Government, officially opened the event and gave her endorsement to the project. Alessandro

Giordani Head of Unit COMM C4, Network in the Member States, also gave an informative presentation.

Europe Direct Valletta (SEM - Servizzi Ewropej f'Malta), EUROPE DIRECT CORE Platform and Europe Direct Gozo, as well as the European Documentation Centre (Institute for European Studies - University of Malta) introduced their respective entities with a view to forging future collaboration with Local Council representatives within their catchment areas. The project is organised in close cooperation with the Committee of the Regions' European Network of Regional and Local Councillors.



*Photo of the event*

### **ED Network of Networks Meeting with the new Head of Representation in Valletta – 13 July 2023**

The EDC Manager attended a meeting uniting all EU information providers and national contact points in Malta. This was the network's first meeting with Lorenzo Vella, Head of the EC Representation. The meeting was a special occasion even due to the run-up to the European Elections 2024. The meeting was held at SEM's premises in Valletta.

### **ED Network of Networks Meeting with the new Head of Representation in Gozo – 17 July 2023**

Europe Direct Gozo welcomed Lorenzo Vella, the Head of Representation of the European Commission Representation in Malta at the Citadel in Victoria, Gozo. This served as a good platform for discussion with the other ED centres present in Malta. Colleagues had the opportunity to discuss various topics of interest with the other Gozitan stakeholders with whom Europe Direct Gozo consistently works throughout the year.



*Photo of the event*

## **Undergraduate and Postgraduate Dissertations submitted in 2022/2023 by IES Students**

### **Undergraduate**

Attard Maya

The Covid-19 Pandemic and the Recovery and Resilience Plans of Cyprus and Malta

Azzopardi Tristan

The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund 2014-2020 - A Comparative Analysis of Malta and Sweden

Borg Nicholas

Discourse Analysis of Right-Wing Populists and the EU on Immigration

Bugeja Giulia

Sexual Reproductive Health Policies in EU Member States: Ireland and Malta

Camilleri Kyle Patrick

Racial Discrimination and the Integration of Minorities in the EU

Caruana Pedersen Sasha

A Comparative Study of Denmark and Sweden on Immigration Policy

Cremona Yana

The Trade Effects of the EU South Korea Free Trade Agreement

Ellul Anthea

The European Union Policy Coherence on Development since the 2017 Consensus on Development

Farrugia Isaac

The Role of Human Rights in Turkey's EU Accession Application Process

Jacobsen Alexander

The Europeanisation of National Political Parties in the EU : The Maltese Nationalist Party

Laketic Tara

Justified Exceptions to Free Movement of Persons in the EU

Marotta Daniela

The Use of Cultural Symbols and Discourse in Right-Wing Populism in the European Elections: The Case of Italy

Portelli Matthias

Neo-Realism and the EU's Normative Power

Tabone Francesco

Post-Pandemic Inflationary Pressures in the Euro Area: A Focus on Malta

Toth Kata

De-Europeanisation and Hungary

Zammit Maia

Euroscepticism and Perceptions of European Values, 2014-2019

### **Postgraduate**

Azzopardi Rebecca

The EU's Migration Crisis following the 'Arab Spring'

Holgersson Selina Marianne

The Politico-economic Debate on the Formation of a European Fiscal Union

Pisani Vincent Anthony

The European Union's Emissions Trading System and the 'Fit for 55' Package

Pulis Alessia

An Economic and Political Assessment of the Adoption of the Euro by Bulgaria

Xuereb Piera

Tertiary Education and Employment in the European Union: a Case Study of Malta

Watry David

The Transatlantic Data Privacy Framework: Schrems II, GDPR and American National Security