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# **Pre-Arrival Information**

**MSc Culture & Conflict  
in a Global Europe**

**MSc Culture & Conflict in a Global  
Europe (LSE-Sciences Po)**

26 August 2020

Hello, and a very warm welcome to you from the European Institute at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

I am Denisa Kostovicova, and I am the Programme Director for the MSc Culture and Conflict in a Global Europe class of 2021/22. I am so pleased that you have decided to join us on this programme. I would like to congratulate you on your academic achievements so far and look forward to even greater achievements with us in the coming academic year.

In every sense it will be an extraordinary year, given that we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. All our planning is focused on delivering a world-class educational experience to you in an exciting and intellectually challenging Masters degree programme. We are looking forward to lively engagement with you regardless of the coronavirus-related constraints, whilst we are mindful of considering public health measures to ensure the well-being of all students and staff.

We expect the upcoming year on the MSC Culture and Conflict in a Global Europe to be a remarkable and unforgettable year and academic experience for all of us.

The Culture and Conflict in a Global Europe MSc programme explores the multifaceted opportunities and challenges that globalisation brings to Europe, alongside developing skills in rigorous research, analysis, writing and presentation. The programme will enable you to engage with contemporary cultural conflicts in a multi- and inter-disciplinary way, using methods of investigation from political science, political theory, international relations, sociology, philosophy, anthropology, and media studies.

Our focus on learning about and challenging how existing theories explain culture and conflict in Europe is combined with ample opportunities to develop specialist regional and country-specific expertise. Teaching is delivered through a combination of lectures, classes and seminars that allows students to debate key issues in a friendly and stimulating environment.

In addition, you will benefit from a thriving research culture in the European Institute and at the LSE. Your educational experience will be enriched by a range of exciting extracurricular events, such as public lectures and debates organised by the Institute and by the School on a daily basis. We want to give you every opportunity to interact and critically engage with both researchers and practitioners. I should stress that all these events will be organised following the official guidelines to ensure safety of

everyone involved. Although we are all still adjusting to the “new” normal, the LSE and the European Institute will continue to be at the forefront of cutting-edge debates with a host of lectures, seminars and book discussions taking place in safe formats. Extracurricular events will therefore continue to feature as an important part of your academic year with us.

Our teaching team reflects a wide range of interests and expertise in the subject area. Alongside compulsory options, the Culture and Conflict in a Global Europe MSc allows you to tailor your programme of studies to suit your interests. This balance will allow you to combine a rigorous and thorough academic training with an opportunity to develop disciplinary and thematic specialisms.

The MSc Culture and Conflict in a Global Europe encourages innovative thinking about how democracy and peace can be nourished and maintained in a diverse world. This is an intellectually stimulating endeavour, but also one that has direct bearing on policy. Deep academic knowledge of these issues is closely related with our ability to promote a more peaceful, stable and equal world. The importance of these values has only been accentuated by the COVID-19 crisis.

You will have an opportunity to learn more about the European Institute, your programme and your courses during Welcome Week in September. Please make sure that you attend all the relevant sessions listed on the Welcome schedule, and don't hesitate to get in touch with me or my colleagues in the European Institute administrative office should you have any additional questions. Everyone will be very happy to help. In addition, each of you will be assigned a mentor. Your mentor will guide you with individually-tailored advice and help you settle in your programme and at the LSE, so that you make the utmost of your time with us.

On behalf of the entire teaching team on MSc Culture and Conflict in a Global Europe, I wish you a year with us in London that you will never forget, and look forward to meeting you and to engaging with you over what I am sure will be a stimulating and fascinating year.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Denisa Kostovicova  
Programme Director, MSc Culture & Conflict in a Global Europe

# Welcome 2021

Below, you will also find information about the events that the European Institute have planned to help you to settle into your studies and to get to know us and one another.

This information provided below should be read alongside the [El's Offer Holders webpage](#).

LSE's new [Welcome 2021 website](#) also offers a guide to help you to get ready for life at LSE. Be sure to take time to explore the information provided. **Top tip!** We highly recommend the [Welcome checklist](#).

## Preliminary Reading

Please note that preliminary reading is *not* mandatory. You should read to fill in any potential gaps in your knowledge and follow your interests. Similarly, the pre-session courses [EU409 - Basic Economic Concepts for European Political Economy](#) and [EU4V9 - Concepts in Political Science and Public Policy](#) aim to bring you up to speed in their respective fields if you have no prior knowledge of Political Economy and no background in European politics and policy. You can access Moodle and self-register for these online courses only once you have completed online pre-enrolment and set up an IT account.

### With the above in mind...

Please feel free to read the following articles:

- Buzan, Barry. "Culture and International Society." *International Affairs (London)* 86.1 (2010): 1-25. Web. Available here: [http://www.mwmt.co.uk/documents/MWML2010\\_Buzan.pdf](http://www.mwmt.co.uk/documents/MWML2010_Buzan.pdf)
- Glendinning, Simon. "The End of the World Designed with Men in Mind." *Journal of Historical Sociology* 26.3 (2013): 291-317. Web. <https://onlinelibrary-wiley-com.gate3.library.lse.ac.uk/doi/full/10.1111/johs.12026> (LSE Library account required for access)
- Jackson-Preece, Jennifer (2019) Rearticulating the friend–enemy distinction within states: the HCNM's 'new diplomacy' of desecuritization. *Hague Journal of Diplomacy*, 14 (1). ISSN 1871- 1901 (In Press) [http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/87532/1/Jackson-Preece\\_Friend-Enemy%20Distinction.pdf](http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/87532/1/Jackson-Preece_Friend-Enemy%20Distinction.pdf)

- White, Jonathan (2020) Europeanizing ideologies, Journal of European Public Policy, 27:9, 1287-1306, DOI: [10.1080/13501763.2020.1753799](https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2020.1753799)  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13501763.2020.1753799>

# Course Selection Information

## Accessing your MSc Programme Regulations

Your programme regulations have been published. These regulations list the courses that you are required or eligible to take to complete your degree. You can find your programme regulations by visiting the relevant link below:

- [MSc Culture & Conflict in a Global Europe Programme Regulations](#)
- [MSc in Culture & Conflict in a Global Europe \(Sciences Po\) Programme Regulations](#)

Short videos presenting each of the courses available to you will shortly be uploaded to the [European Institute Offer Holders' web portal](#). Please note that the web portal will only host videos relating to EU-coded courses which are run by the European Institute. To access videos of courses hosted by other departments, please navigate to the relevant department's Course Selection Videos webpages hosted [here](#), or contact the [relevant department](#) directly. Most videos should be available from mid-September.

## How to choose your courses videos & Q&A sessions

If you have any outstanding questions relating to Course Selection, please ensure that you watch the [Course Selection videos which you can find here](#). Be sure to watch all four Course Selection Videos in order, at least once. If these videos do not answer your questions, please save your queries and bring them to a "Course Selection Question and Answer session". Course Selection Q&A sessions are not compulsory, there is no set agenda we will only cover questions that students bring to the session. Sessions 1-3 will be recorded and made available on the Offer Holders' web portal within 48 hours of each session:

- **Course Selection Q&A Session 1:** Monday, 6 September, 2pm-3:30pm - Join Zoom Meeting (Meeting ID: 871 4594 3922, Passcode: 620221)
- **Course Selection Q&A Session 2:** Monday, 13 September, 2pm-3:30pm, Join Zoom Meeting (Meeting ID: 878 6150 5201, Passcode: 588699)
- **Course Selection Q&A Session 3:** Thursday, 16 September, 2pm-3:30pm Join Zoom Meeting (Meeting ID: 898 9546 4236, Passcode: 640825)
- **Course Selection Q&A Session 4:** Tuesday, 21 September, 2pm-4:30pm Join Zoom Meeting, (Meeting ID: 846 1025 2936, Passcode: 494474)

## **Important European Institute and School policies and regulations**

It is essential that you are familiar with the contents of the [European Institute's MSc Programmes Information Moodle page](#). Here you can find information about regulations, degree classification schema, key dates, sources of support, how to submit coursework, the department's word count policy, how we apply penalties on late or unsubmitted work, what is expected from you as an LSE student, the processes you need to follow to request a deadline extension or a deferral, and much more. This resource should answer most questions that you have about your studies and we kindly ask that you check this page before submitting a question.

The main page of the [LSE Calendar](#) also contains important information relating to your studies at the LSE. Please do read the information under the subheading 'School and academic regulations' as these rules do apply to you and it is essential that you understand them. Please pay particular attention to the rules surrounding plagiarism as they may differ from those of your previous place of study.

<b>Wednesday 15 September: Mphil/PhD Registration</b>				
<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Mandatory/Recommended</i>	<i>Session Recorded?</i>
10.30 - 15.30	Mphil/PhD Registration	PhD Academy, Lionel Robbins Building, 4th Floor	Mandatory for all PhD students	N/A
<b>Monday 20 September: Welcome to the European Institute</b>				
<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Mandatory/Recommended</i>	<i>Session Recorded?</i>
<b>* All recorded sessions will be uploaded to the Offer Holders' web portal within 48 hours of the event.</b>				
10.00	Course selection begins online via LSE for You	Online	Mandatory for all MSc students	N/A
14.00 - 15.00	European Institute Welcome Induction	Peacock Theatre	Mandatory for all students	Yes
15.00 - 16.30	European Institute Welcome Reception	Peacock Theatre	Mandatory for all students	N/A
<b>Tuesday 21 September: MSc Inductions and Academic Mentor Meetings</b>				
<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Mandatory/Recommended</i>	<i>Session Recorded?</i>
9.30 - 11.00	MSc Culture & Conflict in a Global Europe induction (including LSE-Sciences Po)	CBG.2.02 (Centre Building, Floor 2, Room 2)	Mandatory for MSc CCGE students	Yes
9.30 - 11.00	MSc Political Economy of Europe Induction (including LSE-Sciences Po)	NAB.1.04 (New Academic Building, Floor 1, Room 4)	Mandatory for MSc PEOE students	Yes
11.00 - 12.30	MSc Global Political Economy of China and Europe	CBG.1.03 (Centre Building, Floor 1, Room 3)	Mandatory for MSc GPECE students	Yes
11.00 - 12.30	MSc International Migration and Public Policy induction	CBG.1.07 (Centre Building, Floor 1, Room 7)	Mandatory for MSc IMPP students	Yes
11.00 - 12.00	MPhil/PhD induction	<a href="#">Online. Click here to join</a>	Mandatory for PhD students	Yes
<b>MSc Academic Mentor Meetings*</b>				
<b>*If you are unable to join us on campus due to travel restrictions or other reasons, don't panic we have got you covered! Your academic mentor will arrange an online Zoom session during the week. If you are in London you should attend the on-campus meeting.</b>				
Various	Mentoring meeting schedule to follow; see Offer Holders' web portal	Campus/Online	Mandatory for MSc students	N/A
<b>Wednesday 22 September: Campus Enrolment, MSc EIPP Induction and EU450 Q&amp;A</b>				
<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Mandatory/Recommended</i>	<i>Session Recorded?</i>
<b>Campus Enrolment for all European Institute MSc Programmes</b>				
9.30 - 9.45	MSc European and International Public Policy (including LSE-Sciences Po)	CLM.G.HKT (Clement House, Ground Floor, Hong Kong Theatre)	Mandatory for all MSc students	N/A
9.45 - 10.00	LSE-Bocconi Double MSc European and International Public Policy and Politics			
10.00 - 10.15	MSc International Migration and Public Policy			
10.15 - 10.30	LSE-Fudan Double MSc in the Global Political Economy of China and Europe			
10.15 - 10.30	MSc Culture and Conflict in a Global Europe (including LSE-Sciences Po)			
10.30 - 10.45	MSc Political Economy of Europe: Surnames A-M (including LSE-Sciences Po)			
10.45 - 11.00	MSc Political Economy of Europe: Surnames N-Z (including LSE-Sciences Po)			
<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Mandatory/Recommended</i>	<i>Session Recorded?</i>
13.00 - 14.30	MSc European & International Public Policy induction (including LSE-Sciences Po & LSE-Bocconi)	FAW.2.04 (Fawcett House, Floor 2, Room 4)	Mandatory for MSc EIPP students	Yes
16.00 - 17.00	EU450 Engaging with Europe: Professional Skills Q&A	<a href="#">Online. Click here to join</a>	Recommended for MSc students	Yes

### Thursday 23 September: Fun, Alumni Panel and Welcome Event

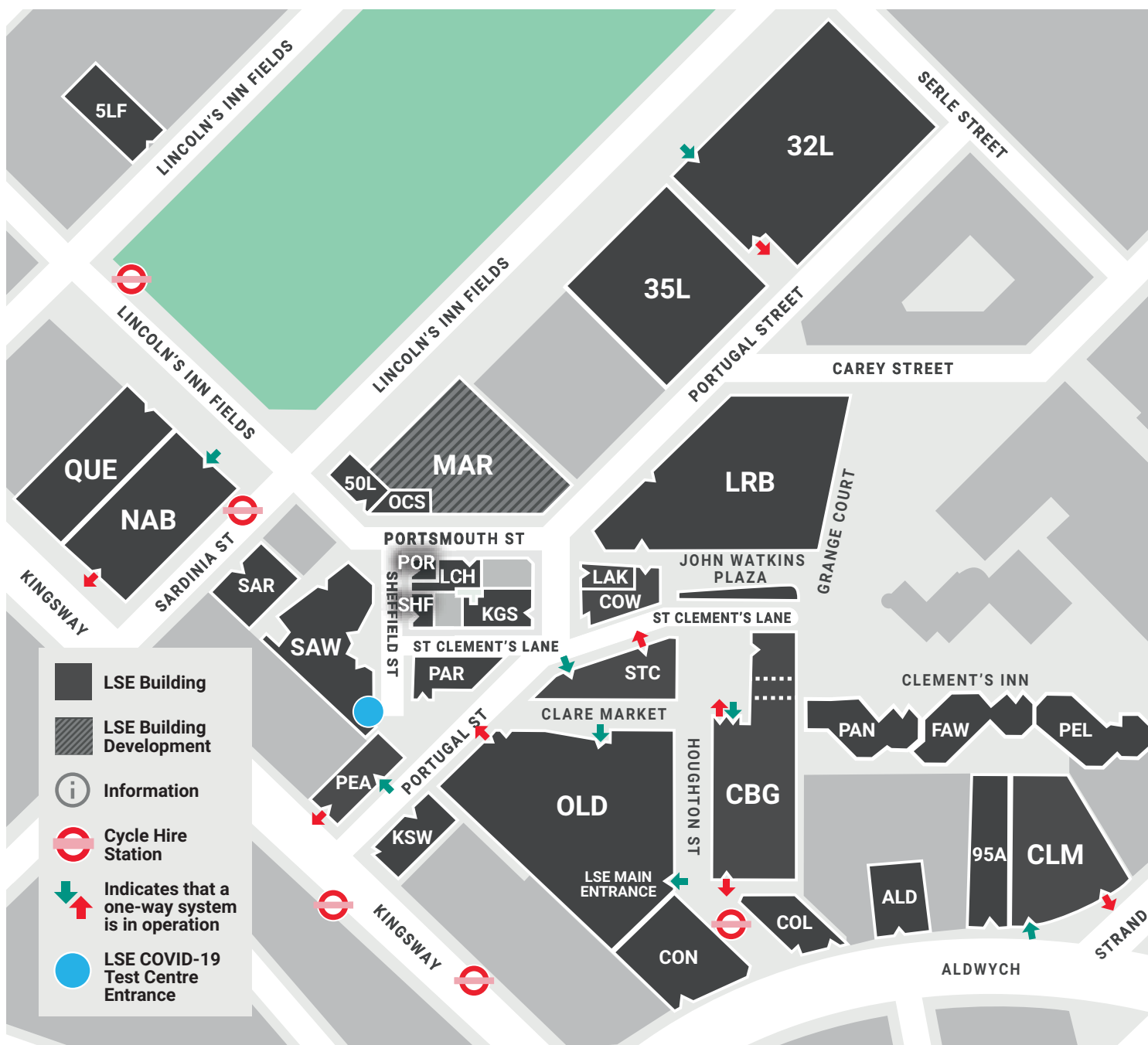
<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Mandatory/Recommended</i>	<i>Session Recorded?</i>
11.00 - 13.00	Treasure Hunt	Details to follow	Recommended for MSc students	N/A
15.30 - 16.30	Alumni Advice Panel: What I wish I'd known before I started my LSE MSc	<a href="#">Online, click here to join</a>	Recommended for MSc students	Yes
17.00 - 18.30	Welcome Event: Germany After Merkel - end of an era or more of the same?	<a href="#">Registration required, click here</a>	Recommended for MSc students	Yes

### Friday 24 September: European Institute Social

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Mandatory/Recommended</i>	<i>Session Recorded?</i>
17.30 - 19.00	EI students' informal drinks meetup	The George IV/White Horse	Recommended for MSc students	N/A

<i>Yellow</i>	Mandatory EI induction sessions
<i>Blue</i>	Programme-specific sessions
<i>Green</i>	Registration/enrolment sessions
<i>Orange</i>	EI social events/public events





## KEY TO MAP

95 Aldwych  
 Aldwych House Aldwych  
 Centre Building Houghton Street  
 Clement House Aldwych  
 Columbia House Aldwych  
 Connaught House Aldwych  
 Cowdray House Portugal Street  
 Fawcett House Clement's Inn  
 King's Chambers Portugal Street  
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 Lakatos Building Portugal Street  
 Lincoln Chambers Portsmouth Street  
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Lionel Robbins Building, Library Portugal Street  
 Marshall Building 44 Lincoln's Inn Fields  
 New Academic Building Lincoln's Inn Fields  
 Old Building Houghton Street  
 Old Curiosity Shop Portsmouth Street  
 Pankhurst House Clement's Inn  
 Parish Hall Sheffield Street  
 Peacock Theatre Portugal Street  
 Pethick-Lawrence House Clement's Inn  
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## DISABLED ACCESS

All buildings have wheelchair access and lifts, except, 95A, KGS, KSW\*, 5LF, 50L, POR\* AND SHF.

\*KSW 20 Kingsway (Language Centre only), \*POR 1 Portsmouth Street (shop only).

After 6.30pm, please call Security on 020 7955 6200 to ensure that any disabled access doors are open. For access to 20 Kingsway, please call Security on 020 7955 6200 to set up the portable ramp in the entrance foyer.

## ACCESS GUIDES TO LSE BUILDINGS

AccessAble have produced detailed access guides to the LSE campus and residences, and route maps between key locations. These are available at [accessable.co.uk/organisations/london-school-of-economics](https://www.accessable.co.uk/organisations/london-school-of-economics)



## EU in Practice: Politics and Power in the Brussels System

In this innovative seminar series, now in its tenth year, policy practitioners talk about their experience of working with and within EU institutions.

The series is organised and co-chaired by Visiting Professors in Practice [Anthony Teasdale](#), Director General, European Parliamentary Research Service, and [Dr Martin Westlake](#), former Secretary General, European Economic and Social Committee. A typical line-up of speakers will include former ministers and Commissioners, ambassadors and permanent representatives, Secretaries-General and Directors-General, journalists, commentators and experts.

The seminar is held on Friday afternoons. These seminars offer you an excellent opportunity to gain insights from insiders of various sorts as to how politics and power really work within the EU system, as well as to meet and enter into exchanges with the guest speakers.

This autumn's 'EU in Practice' seminar series starts off with **Emily O'Reilly**, the European Union's Ombudsman since 2013, talking about the concept and practice of good administration in the EU context and ends with **Robert Zoellik**, former President of the World Bank and former US Trade Representative, talking about lessons from the past for today's Transatlantic relationship. In between, six further seminars will include: former European Commission Director General **Sir Jonathan Faull** on the impact of Brexit on the EU's financial services, **Susan Danger**, Managing Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Brussels, and **Catherine Stewart**, President of the European Government Relations Roundtable, on representing a third country in Brussels; former Financial Times Berlin bureau chief **Quentin Peel** on the ramifications for the EU of the September 2021 Bundestag elections; and political philosopher **Luuk van Middelaar** on what the Covid 16 pandemic has revealed about the European Union.

Details about each seminar and registration will be sent to your LSE email address two weeks prior to each EU in Practice event.

## Michaelmas Term Programme

**8 October: Emily O'Reilly**, European Ombudsman since 2013; Irish Ombudsman and Commissioner for Environmental Information, 2003-13; former journalist and broadcaster, theme to be confirmed

**15 October: Sir Jonathan Faull**, former Commission Director-General for Communication, JHA and Internal Market, Head of EU Task Force on Referendum, 2016, 'The impact of Brexit on financial services in the UK and the EU'

**22 October: Susan Danger**, CEO/Managing Director, American Chamber of Commerce to the EU (AmChamEU) since 2002; Chair of AmChams in Europe since 2020, and **Catherine Stewart**: Chair, European Government Relations Roundtable since 2017; Founder, Society of European Public Affairs Professionals (SEAP), 'The UK outside the EU; learning to be a third country in Brussels'

**29 October, Quentin Peel**, former associate editor, foreign editor, chief Brussels and chief German correspondent, Financial Times; Associate Fellow, Chatham House, 'German politics and Europe: The September 2021 Bundestag election'

**12 November, Brigid Laffan**, Professor and Director, Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute (EUI), 2013-21; former VP, UCD; author of 'The Finances of the EU', theme to be confirmed

**19 November, Luuk van Middelaar**, Professor, Leiden University; Adviser to President of European Council, 2009-14; author of 'The Passage to Europe' and 'Alarums and Excursions', 'Pandemonium; what the Covid 16 pandemic reveals about the EU'

**26 November, Richard Corbett**, member of secretariat of Conference on the Future of Europe; MEP 1996-2009 and 2014-20; Adviser to President of European Council, 2009-14, 'What is really happening in the Conference on the Future of Europe?'

**3 December, Robert Zoellik**, Senior Fellow, Kennedy Law School, President of the World Bank, 2007-2012, US Trade Representative, 2001-2005, 'America in the World - Lessons from the past for Transatlantic relations today'