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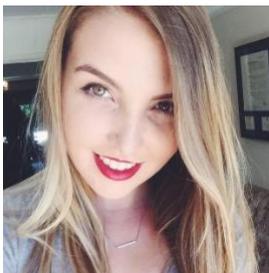
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Trade, Cecilia Malmström and  
EUCN postgraduate students

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**Lauren Bland**  
**Master of European Union**  
**Studies (MEURO)**

**EU Development Aid**  
**Effectiveness in Sub-Sahel Africa**

The needs of people affected by crises, conflict, natural and man-made disasters, is increasingly exceeding the ability of the world's foreign aid systems to help in alleviating suffering and providing assistance. It is vital that humanitarian and development organizations are continually finding ways to improve the effectiveness of these operations. With the European Union being one of the world's largest donors in Development Aid, and committed to playing a leading role in development assistance, my research will investigate the EU's role as a donor of development aid in third world countries, specifically looking at the Sub-Sahel region in Africa. My research will be examining the areas of monitoring, evaluation and programme design of EU Development aid, and be analyzing how EU Development budget is utilized in these operations. The purpose of this thesis will be to provide a critique on these strategies, and to look at approaches in making these systems more efficient.



**Franzisca Doser**  
**Master of European Union**  
**Studies (MEURO)**

**Child Refugee Integration at**  
**German Primary Schools**

This research interests itself in whether European identity is promoted in primary schools– after all, the refugee crisis is first and foremost a European crisis and compares the plans which education policy makers have for the new generation of Europeans from different geopolitical regions of Germany.

Considering the federation’s modern history of having been divided until 1990, the former East and West have made contrasting experiences with refugee migration. This may impact regionally implemented teaching strategies, priorities in curricula, attitudes towards integration and the importance of EU identity. Interviews with the education- makers from each region will provide an insight into the future direction of child refugee integration in Germany and the broader EU.



**Rebecca Frankum**  
**Master of European Union Studies**  
**(MEURO)**

**Media in New Caledonia: written images and metaphors of France and Europe'. 'Voulez-vous que la Nouvelle-Calédonie accède à la pleine souveraineté et devienne indépendante?'**

In November 2018, New Caledonians will once again vote on whether they wish to become independent or whether they wish to remain a part of the French Republic. This thesis is using the context of the referendum to analyse how different sources of media frame France and Europe. Are France and Europe framed positively or negatively by New Caledonian media? Do western-style metropolitan media and indigenous Kanak media frame France and Europe in the same way? By analysing the media frames from different sources of media, this thesis aims to open up space for understanding how people from different groups, both ethnic and political, see the world in different ways.



**Megan Fraser**  
**LLM (Master of Laws)**

**Does the European Union Need a  
Migration Protection Authority?  
A Feminist Perspective**

My dissertation examines whether the EU needs a migration protection authority from a feminist perspective. My dissertation will first look at the 1951 Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and how it fails to address the very specific protection requirements women need in times of crisis. In particular it will argue that women who experience gender based violence in times of conflict should be considered a “member of a specific group” for the purposes of providing a ground for claiming refugee status under Article 1 (A) (2) of the Convention. It will then consider the arbitrary application of refugee law across the EU despite attempts at harmonisation before looking at the way this arbitrary application is specifically detrimental to women when trying to claim refugee status. Finally, my dissertation will consider the framework designed for Europe, and briefly consider if it could be applied to the Asia / Pacific region.



**Thomas Gillman**  
**PhD Candidate**

**Sustainable Development and the  
Role of the Private Sector in the  
Smaller Island States of the Pacific**

Everyone has a right to development, to have enjoy a fulfilling and free life.

However, this right is being impacted upon by serious global issues such as climate change. One of the regions that is most effected by these changes is the Pacific. For the Pacific to realise the right to development, there is a need to more effectively implemented development cooperations so as to build resilient and self-reliant societies. One method of achieving this has been guided by sustainable development theory and within this theory, the private sector has been identified as a relatively new actor that could play a significant role in achieving developmental goals. This thesis would like to understand the potential of the private sector in achieving these goals in the Pacific context, using the following research question: “what role is there for the private sector in the emerging sustainable development framework, and is there scope to improve existing processes in light of the omnipresent environmental challenges faced by small island states in the Pacific, in the context of tourism ventures”.



**Bérengère Greenland**  
**PhD Candidate**

**Mapping the Spread of EU and French Strategic Narratives on Global Energy Governance.**

This research aims to analyse France and the European Union's strategic narratives about their external energy policies, compare them, and map their spread in French local media.

France is a particular energy actor within the EU with a continued focus on nuclear energy. While it is logical that France's energy concerns and energy policies should resonate with the EU's energy positions, it is expected that there will be areas of external energy policy in which France's national interest will differ from the interests of the EU as a whole. This research hypothesise therefore that there will be important points of difference between the EU and France strategic narratives about external energy policies.

By identifying these areas of difference, this research hopes to observe the way the EU can communicate on issues of foreign policy to domestic publics. To do so, it will examine narratives appearing in EU and French political communications as well as in French local mainstream media.



**Patrick Hall**  
**Master of European Union Studies**  
**(MEURO)**

**An Analysis of the Socioeconomic**  
**and Political Reasons for Sweden's**  
**Resistance to Join the Eurozone**

I am undertaking a Master of European Union Studies (MEURO) at the National Centre for Research on Europe, University of Canterbury. My thesis is an analysis of the socioeconomic and political reasons for Sweden's resistance to join the Eurozone. My primary goal for this thesis is to contribute to academic literature regarding the Eurozone and its relationship with Sweden. My thesis operates under the assumption that Sweden will remain outside of the Eurozone. Both qualitative and quantitative research methods will be employed for analysis of a range of primary and secondary sources.



**Xiyin Liu**  
**PhD Candidate**

**Analyzing the EU's Global  
Governance Effort in Greening the  
Industrial Production: A China Case**

The research will delve into the EU's trade influence and its actorness in China. While economic interaction has been the keystone of the EU's bilateral relations with China, the presence and extent of EU's power through trade in China is still understudied. There are examples of compliance and even signs of green industrial revolution as well as shifts in governmental priority in economic and social development spotted in China under the EU's impact. However, resistance from China and agenda avoidance from the EU also exist. In total, there are boundary and inconsistency in the EU's China approach through trade regarding sustainable development. Research in the area will contribute to the existing literature of the EU's actorness and the EU-China relations in both theoretical, empirical and social dimensions.



**Bridgette McLellan**  
**Master of Laws (LLM)**

**TRIPS-Plus provisions relating to  
Pharmaceuticals and Geographical  
Indications in the CETA and TPP  
Agreement: Legal Implications for an  
EU-NZ FTA**

An EU-NZ FTA would undeniably provide economic benefits to New Zealand; however, it would come at a cost to certain areas. One area where concerns have been raised relates to intellectual property (IP) rights and the different levels of protection provided by each Party. Negotiations between the Parties will undoubtedly raise the issue of stronger IP protection within NZ, particularly in relation to geographical indications and patents for pharmaceuticals. However, the legal implications this may have for NZ's IP laws remains unknown.

This thesis proposes that a comparative legal analysis of IP provisions within recent FTA's, supplemented by an analysis of domestic IP laws, will identify those provisions likely to be included or contentious within an EU-NZ FTA. Succinct identification of those provisions will enable an analysis of the legal implications for NZ's IP laws, concurrently addressing the issue whether NZ *should* adopt stronger IP laws or to what extent.



**Christina Moreau**  
**Master of International Trade**  
**(VUW)**

My research focusses on how the world is connected through trade including political factors that shape international and domestic economic processes, and 21<sup>st</sup> century issues in the international politics of trade, finance and multinational production.

I will complete a research project that explores the political inner-workings of the EU, as a unique entity that represents the voluntary coming together of 28 member countries. It will involve a comparative analysis on agricultural and environmental policy frameworks between Europe and New Zealand. It will also explore how each country balances international and domestic environmental commitments, with the economic growth and prosperity that comes from agricultural trade.



**Daviti Mtchedlishvili**  
**PhD Candidate**

**Dilemmas of Europeanization:  
Foreign Policy of the European  
Union towards the South  
Caucasus**

The thesis draws on the concept of Europeanization beyond EU borders and looks how the EU impacts preferences of domestic players in the South Caucasus region. By applying rationalism and social constructivism as analytic lenses to study the EU's external relations, it will show, how the EU shapes preferences and material & ideational capabilities of domestic agents in the EU's eastern neighbourhood (Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan).



**Natalija Petrovic**  
**Master of European Union Studies**  
**(MEURO)**

**Lessons for Syria from EU CSDP**  
**Policing Missions**

I am interested in looking at the foreign and security policy of the European Union. While it is well known that the EU's common defence policy has much to be desired, and that it has in the past been particularly weak in creating a common military response to crises, the EU has had moderate success in its civilian rule of law and policing missions, most famously in the Kosovo EULEX mission. My thesis will focus on evaluating the success of various CSDP policing missions by the EU in a comparative framework, using conflict management and state-building theory to apply lessons from these missions to the EU's potential role in post-conflict state building in Syria.



**Megan Wakefield**  
**Master of European Union Studies**  
**(MEURO)**

**Media Perceptions of**  
**Islamophobia in Germany since**  
**the 2015 Refugee Crisis**

My name is Meg Wakefield and I am undertaking the MEuro (Master of European Union Studies) degree programme this year at the University of Canterbury. I intend to examine the effects of mass immigration following the 2015 migration crisis on the levels of cultural tension between German citizens and Muslim immigrants, as displayed through Germany's main newspaper outlets. My research question entails whether or not the attitudes of German citizens towards immigration have impacted the levels of cultural tension between Muslim migrants and German citizens since the migration crisis of 2015. My research will focus on finding solutions for the issue of cultural tension in Germany since the migration crisis, which will in turn aid in the future peacefulness and tolerance of other EU societies. It will also be of use to the academic community in terms of defining modern-day ethnocentrism and islamophobia in developed countries, and how these phenomena will impact the future structure of societies.



**Xiwen Wang**  
**PhD Candidate**

**EU-China Relations in the  
Light of 16+1 Framework**

My research focuses on the study of EU-China relations under the background of China's 2013 foreign policy 16+1 cooperation framework towards Central and Eastern Europe countries. I will delve into how the mechanism will impact on the perception of both the EU and China towards each other; how this policy (combining with Xi's signature foreign policy Belt and Road Initiative) have comprehensively influenced EU-China relations; how the EU's governance towards CEECs and foreign policy towards China influence Sino-EU relations and lastly what are other international factors impact on China-EU relations since implementation of 16+1 framework.



**Oli Wilkinson**  
**Masters of European Union**  
**studies (MEURO)**

**UK and the CSDP**

The UK was one of the early pushers for a Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) along with France and was instrumental in getting it set up. With the UK leaving the EU, the EU is losing one of the foremost military powers. This research will look at what has the UK contributed to the CSDP and what will the future of the UK-EU defence relationship look like?



**Jeff Willis**  
**PhD Candidate**

**The Weaponry of Moral  
Justification': The Foreign  
Policy Narratives of Kiribati  
and Tuvalu**

The Pacific Island states of Kiribati and Tuvalu have both received global attention due to their status as states on the 'front-lines' of climate change. Yet, in the 2000s, these states came to be seen as standing in opposition to each other in terms of how they narrated possible responses to climate impacts. In the period 2000-2016 Kiribati frequently discussed a policy of 'migration with dignity' in response to climate impacts, while Tuvalu often stated that considering migration was irresponsible. This research traces historical foreign policy narratives in Kiribati and Tuvalu, from independence in the late 1970s through the present day, placing climate change narratives within the context of each state's foreign affairs history. Using a theoretical framework drawn from International Relations, Foreign Policy Analysis, and narrative research literatures, it examines what domestic and international factors have impacted the development of foreign policy narratives, including those involving climate change, in each state.



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