



DOCTORAL THESIS PRIZE 2024/25

The Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (JMCE) invites nominations for the *Manchester JMCE Doctoral Thesis Prize* for works relating to European Studies, broadly conceived. This prize is an opportunity to celebrate the work and insight of a new generation of scholars, as well as promote their outstanding research on European politics, history, culture, languages and art.

The Manchester JMCE is a partnership between the University of Manchester (UoM), Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU) and the Europe and the World Centre (EWC) at the University of Liverpool (UoL). The Centre seeks to strengthen the intellectual community in European Studies while fostering local and regional links with practitioners, researchers, students and others interested in European affairs. Further details about the centre's activities can be found on our website: <http://www.manchesterjmce.ac.uk/>

In addition to being able to include the prize on the CV, we are pleased to include a £100 prize in Blackwell's vouchers for the winner. We are also keen to discuss the possibility of having the winner present their work as part of the JMCE Research Seminar Series.

1. Eligibility

We will consider the nominations of individuals who have undertaken their Postgraduate Research degrees at one of its fee-paying stakeholders: the University of Manchester (must be based within SoSS or SALC), Manchester Metropolitan University (must be based within the Faculty of Arts and Humanities) and the University of Liverpool (must be based within the Department of Politics).

To be eligible for this prize, the doctoral thesis must have been examined, with a decision to award the degree, in the calendar year 2024. Official conferment/graduation in this period is not required.

The thesis should address a topic in European Studies, broadly conceived. This includes questions of European history, culture, languages, art and politics. We welcome nominations from a wide range of disciplines, as well as works which are interdisciplinary in nature.

2. Nomination

Nominations may be submitted either by the doctoral student themselves (self-nomination), by one of the supervisors or by one of the viva examiners. To nominate a doctoral thesis for consideration, **please submit the complete thesis together with a one-page supporting statement** to Dr Davide Schmid (d.schmid@mmu.ac.uk) with the email heading 'JMCE Doctoral Thesis Prize'.

Supervisors or examiners that wish to nominate a doctoral student on their behalf are required to seek their consent before submitting the thesis.

3. Deadline

The deadline for receipt of nominations is **Monday the 24th of March 2025**.

4. Evaluation

All nominations will be evaluated by a subcommittee of the Manchester JMCE after the deadline, with consideration of the following features:

- Originality and contribution to knowledge;
- Engagement with a wide range of existing research;
- Appropriateness of the structure and design for the purposes of the project;
- Clarity of the writing;

The JMCE reserves the right to not award the prize.

5. Other requirements

The winner will be asked to submit a brief quotation of up to 150 words, which will be uploaded to the Manchester JMCE website and may be used for promotional purposes. The quotation should state why you wrote about your chosen topic, summarise the topic explored, and explain the contribution of the thesis to knowledge. We will be grateful if you can include with the quotation a photo of yourself, but we understand if you would prefer not to.

6. Further information

Queries about the prize should be directed to the Chair of the evaluation committee, Dr Davide Schmid (d.schmid@mmu.ac.uk)