De-Europeanization and European Disintegration

The European integration project is experiencing its most challenging period since its creation. EU leaders have struggled to find effective solutions to a range of problems including: the Eurozone crisis; high levels of unemployment; and the refugee crisis. Meanwhile the rising discontent with the European project has manifest itself in populist policies and electoral campaigns from across the political spectrum gaining support, as evidenced by the UK’s decision to leave the EU in the summer of 2016. These developments challenge the long held assumption that European integration is unidirectional. The process of European integration can generate ‘spillovers’, but it can also generate ‘spillback’. Europeanization does not always lead to convergence but it can also lead to divergence. The purpose of this mini-symposium is to focus on the current state-of-the-art in the debates surrounding de-Europeanization and European disintegration. We welcome paper proposals that focus on the empirical (case study) and theoretical aspects of these two intertwined topics.

Please send your abstract to Paul Copeland (p.copeland@qmul.ac.uk) and/or Stella Ladi (s.ladi@qmul.ac.uk) by the 10th of January. The abstracts will be included in a mini-symposium proposal which will be submitted to UACES for the 47th UACES annual conference to be held in Krakow, Poland, 4-7 September 2017.