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Canadian Professor delivered lecture on 'Bordering and Re-Bordering in Europe' at JMI

Professor Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, Professor at the University of Victoria (Canada) and Jean Monet Chair in Innovative Governance, delivered a lecture on 'Bordering and Re-Bordering in Europe' on 7 March 2019 at the Academy of International Studies, JMI. He is one of the leading experts in the world on the new discipline of Border Studies and is Director of the Borders in Globalisation Research Programme.

The speaker outlined the differing concepts of 'borders', 'boundaries',

'borderlands', 'borderscaping'. He pointed out that while the approach of the US to its borders in the North with Canada (with whom it shared a common border agenda) varied from its approach to its border in the South with Mexico, its orientation was broadly a realist one, while the EU followed a more constructivist approach. He discussed how the EU had taken over many of the functions of states. The EU had moved away from the concept of security propounded by the

US that it had shared with it after the Second World War. If the EU army became a reality, it could either complement NATO, or make the EU move away from NATO from within NATO.

Prof Brunet-Jailly spoke atin length of Morocco, with which the European Union had established a relationship that was ambivalent but which suited both countries: for trade and agricultural produce, in particular, it was as if a part of EU, but for security purposes it was not. He spoke of the refugee crisis, the differing policies of the member-states towards this crisis and of Brexit.

Students and faculty asked many questions after the talk, to which Professor Brunet-Jailly gave detailed answers.

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