

SHORT BIO: Joseph Raymond DUNNE



Joseph (Joe) Dunne is a Research Professor in the GW Institute of Public Policy at the George Washington University. He is currently developing research projects in the area of AI governance in the public sector, including the implementation of AI regulations in DC and Maryland, and on AI governance in parliaments.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

EU Institutions and Politics

Transatlantic Relations and Comparative Federalism,

Legislative cooperation between the United States and the European Union

Digital Economy and AI governance, including Data privacy

Regulatory policy, impact assessment and public engagement in consultation procedures

Parliamentary diplomacy

CAREER

Between 2019 and mid-2023, Joseph Dunne served as Director of the European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington DC (EPLO), responsible for relations with the U.S. Congress, and developed legislative dialogue on digital policy, democracy promotion, the green transition and combating climate change, and other areas of common interest.

For much of his career, Joe worked on EU policy formation, including as Head of Secretariat for the EP's Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (2004-2012). As Acting Director for Impact Assessment and European Added Value (2013-2016), he worked on the toolkit for Better Regulation. He was Deputy Chef de Cabinet and Diplomatic Advisor for President Pat Cox from 2002 to 2004, focused on the preparations for the 2004 EU enlargement to Central and Eastern Europe. He worked in the Cabinet of the EP Secretary General (1999-2002) on administrative preparations for the 2004 enlargement. Earlier he worked on parliamentary relations with the New Independent States and the Baltic states. Joe began his career in the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and served as Secretary of Embassy in Madrid, Spain.

ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTION

Although a full-time practitioner on EU legislation and policy until 2023, Joseph Dunne has been closely involved with academic teaching and research. At the beginning of his career, he taught classes for two semesters at the Sorbonne (PARIS III). More recently, he was a Visiting Fellow at George Mason University (2018-2019), where he taught on European security and transatlantic relations, including a module on Defense Procurement. Previously, he has given talks at the Law School in GW, the Academy of Law (ERA) in Trier (Germany), in the College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium), in the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) and the Regulatory Studies Center in GW.

Joseph has chaired panels, presented and been a discussant at the European Union Studies Association (EUSA) Conferences in 2018, 2021, 2023, 2025 and will again in 2027. In July 2026, he made presentations at the Dublin ICON-S Conference on AI policy in US and EU and on Digital Sovereignty. In 2022, he spoke on EU digital policy on a high-level panel at the German-American Lawyers' Association (DAJV) Annual Conference. He has maintained close contacts with leading think tanks on both sides of the Atlantic and was a Visiting Fellow (2018-2019) at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, in Washington DC.

PUBLICATIONS

Joseph Dunne has authored a Chapter in the 'Routledge Handbook of Transatlantic Relations' (2024) on transatlantic parliamentary relations and completed a chapter on the EP in a forthcoming book on the "Future of Europe". He is currently leading an edited book project comparing the European Parliament and the US House of Representatives through the lens of comparative federalism.

- ◎ Mapping the Cost of Non-Europe", European Parliament Research Service (2014)
- ◎ Chapter on "Connecting the U.S. Congress and the European Parliament", Handbook on Transatlantic Relations, Routledge (2024)
- ◎ Chapter on "The European Parliament and the debate on the Future of Europe: more democratic legitimacy but less substantive legitimacy?", The Future of Europe, Bloomsbury (forthcoming)
- ◎ Co-edited volume with Dr. J.D. Rackey on "The People's Houses: Comparing the European Parliament and the House of Representatives", Library of Legislative Studies Series, Routledge (ongoing project)

AFFILIATIONS

Joseph Dunne is a Fellow at the Institute for European Union Studies (IEUSS) at the State University of New York and an affiliated member of the Institute for the Study of European Law (ISEL) at City University of London.