

THOMAS COLE

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ANALYST

Key Points

- 15 years' international political affairs experience
- Spokesperson/Analyst on leading global news networks
- Multi-lingual: English, German, French, Italian, Spanish
- Advised European Commissioners & UK Politicians
- Political & media consultant for private sector clients
- Led teams on EU negotiations & UK campaigns

Professional Experience

International Political Analyst/Journalist, self-employed, London, UK 2016/2017 + 2020 – Present

- Analyst on international networks on EU & UK politics (Examples: [BBC](#), [CNBC](#), [Cheddar](#), [Euronews](#), [Sky News](#))
- Interviewing [experts](#), producing [packages](#), [explainer pieces](#) and [writing](#) about international political events
- Developed [website](#) and a [YouTube Channel](#) on international politics

Spokesperson/Head of Policy, People's Vote Campaign/Open Britain, London, UK 2017 - 2019

- Managed policy team & led on political analysis briefings (examples [here](#) & [here](#)) for UK's largest pro-EU organisation
- Led public outreach to politicians, EU member state diplomats and businesses on the campaign's activities
- Represented organisation publicly, through broadcast interviews (Examples: [BBC](#), [Cheddar](#), [Euronews](#), [Sky News](#))
- Mouthpiece for organisation towards international media (Examples: [Al Jazeera](#), [Foreign Policy](#), [France24](#), [die Zeit](#))

Policy Officer, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium 2012 – 2016

- Drafted foreign policy briefings, speeches, speaking points & technical notes for EU Commissioners & senior staff
- Worked on accession negotiations with candidate countries and provided regular updates to EU diplomats
- Focused on EU relations with the Western Balkans, North Africa, Middle East, Caucasus, Turkey, Ukraine and Iceland
- Represented European Commission publicly, for example in engaging with journalists and civil society organisations

Political Consultant, G+Europe Brussels, Belgium, 2009 – 2011

- Assisted clients with meetings with politicians, advisors and regulators across the European Union
- Provided private sector clients with analysis of and advice on EU legislative developments
- Advised clients on European media relations, including drafting opinion pieces and replying to journalists' questions
- Provided daily media wrap-ups of EU-wide coverage of sectors relevance to clients' operations

Policy Researcher, Periodical Publishers' Association, London, UK, 2008 -2009

- Undertook Policy & Business Research for the UK magazine industry

Intern, European Union Delegation to the United States, Washington DC, USA 2008

- Drafted political reports on US Congressional hearings, think tank events and IMF/World Bank meetings

Education

Languages

City, University of London, UK <i>MA, International Journalism, Grade: Distinction</i>	2020 – 2021	English German	Mother Tongue Fluent
London School of Economics, UK <i>MSc, Global Politics, Grade: Merit</i>	2006 - 2007	French Italian	Good Average
University of Edinburgh, UK <i>MA, History & Politics, Grade 2:1 (ERASMUS Exchange 2004-2005)</i>	2002 - 2006	Spanish Portuguese/Dutch	Conversational Passive knowledge

Boards/Voluntary roles

- Previous Board Member of an Alumni society and a foreign policy society in Brussels, responsible for organising events
- Full-time volunteer with Britain Stronger In Europe, 2016 & volunteer on a Liberal Democrat MEP election campaign, 2009
- Volunteered on projects with street children in Peru & Eswatini in early 2000s

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