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Editorial:

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Still one more effort, comrades...

The endless saga of the EU's accession to the European Convention of Human Rights¹ seemed to have come to an end. The expert group in charge of preparing a draft agreement seemed to have achieved its goals and had transmitted its text to the Steering Committee of Human Rights of the Council of Europe. Yet, the aforementioned Committee has faced some difficulties mainly coming from EU member states. Being unable to tackle them, the issue was transmitted to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. However, the United Kingdom holding the biannual presidency of the Committee of Ministers didn't seem eager to address the issue. Instead, the UK favored focusing on a reform of the Strasbourg Court in a narrower sense as part of a conference to be held in Brighton. It is true that at the Council of the EU thanks to the Commission, negotiations continue in order to cope with this issue.

However, the main obstacles that stood in the need to preserve the specificity of the EU's legal order seem to have been successfully overcome. The mechanism known as "codefendant" allows the Union or its member states to make a common cause for a case brought in front of the Strasbourg Court where it appears to be a link with EU law. The mechanism of prior involvement allows the Court of Justice of the Union to intervene before the Strasbourg Court pronounces itself, when it has not had the possibility to do so before a case was brought to Strasbourg. Certainly there will always be those who find these solutions imperfect, but overall, the compromise seems to be excellent.

Therefore what are the obstacles remaining and are they insurmountable? It seems that one of the problems comes from the participation of the Union in the Committee of Ministers when the latter is requested to pronounce itself on the follow-up of legal cases. In the context of the Union's legal cases, the proposal foresees that the decision can be taken by a majority or a two-third majority of non-EU member states of the Council of Europe. This solution had been chosen to reassure non EU-members states who feared the Union's cumulative voting, that it would not give the Union a predominant role. France and the UK are

¹ Please see the TEPSA Policy Brief by Agathe Fadier on [Obstacles to overcome in EU's accession to the European Convention of Human Rights, 15th of December 2010.](#)

opposed to this solution in which they see a precedent to the future participation of the Union in international organisations. The question is largely theoretical, since in most cases, decisions are adopted by consensus. One should be able to find a formulation suitable for all or, if necessary, decide that no-one should vote on its own case. This would solve the problem on the model of what is expected when the United Nations Security Council intervenes to tackle disputes peacefully.

Another concern appears to be linked to the status of the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the Union (CFSP). One knows that the EU Court isn't competent to pronounce itself on CFSP except for restrictive measures towards natural and moral persons. Yet, this restriction does not apply to the European Court of Human Rights. For this particular reason, there is an express willingness voiced to exclude CFSP from the control of Strasbourg. It is uncertain whether such exclusion would prove itself to be effective however. The Bosphorus jurisprudence could be applied to such measures in the context of an appeal against a member state. It would also be possible to refer a request against a group of member states to the Strasbourg Court. Under these conditions, would it not be better to give up the claim to exclude CFSP from the field of control of the European Court of Human Rights?

The accession has remained a main concern of the Union for many years. Yet, should it now remain frozen because of side issues while the most significant challenges are about to be overcome? Can the political will clearly expressed by the authors of the Lisbon Treaty be used against purely technical obstacles with a side interest? One more effort comrades and the old world of the Union's immunity towards the Strasbourg Court should in the end be behind us.

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Introduction of a Member Institute: Institut für Europäische Politik



The Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP) has been active in the field of European integration since its foundation in 1959.

It is one of Germany's leading research institutes in the field of foreign and European policy and a founding member of TEPSA. In all its activities, IEP takes into consideration that the European Union is a complex construct of institutional collaboration and communication and that the policy areas to be dealt with relating to the European Union are diverse and offer a wide range of research topics and case studies to examine. The IEP is also a founding member of the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) and has been a member of the European Movement Germany since 1962. The institute's activities can be characterized in a three pillar structure, namely "Research", "Forum" and "Training".

Research: In its research, IEP combines the discussion of current problems of European integration with an analysis of medium-term trends and scenarios of European politics and policies. It focuses on:

- the future of the European Union (EU) including current reform debates, and long-term trends of European integration,
- German European policy and Germany's role within Europe,
- Enlargement and the EU's policy towards its Neighbourhood emphasising possibilities and limitations of the EU to shape its relations with neighbouring countries and its capacity to influence transformation processes in its neighbourhood,
- the Common Foreign, Security and Defense Policy,
- as well as issues of a common approach to energy and climate issues.

Forum: Activities include national and international seminars, conferences, fora, study groups and public events (lectures and debates). For lunch

debates, which take place on a regular basis, experts and prominent guest speakers are invited to discuss current key issues with the general public. Moreover, the IEP is involved in bilateral and multilateral fora, namely the "German-Hungarian Forum", the "German-Italian Discussion Forum", the "Franco-German Dialogue", the "German-Nordic-Baltic Forum" and the "German-Romanian Forum". The results of IEP's research and analysis are made available to its target groups and multipliers (lecturers, professors, students, teachers of adult education, journalists, politicians, administration, NGOs) by various publications of periodicals, single- and multi-author books, internet publications, policy papers and a frequently published newsletter. "integration" is a quarterly journal which offers an interdisciplinary theory-based and policy-related forum for current issues of European integration. The "Jahrbuch der Europäischen Integration" annually documents and evaluates the European integration process since 1980. Also the series "Europäische Schriften" contributes to the discussion of current issues in the field of European integration.

Training: IEP's training activities aim at the active participation in European affairs. The principal focus lies on the cooperation with countries from Central, Eastern and South-Eastern European Europe. IEP offers trainings on administrative reform and EU approximation as well as the implementation of EU-acquis in candidate countries. Complementary to the training programs the IEP is involved in study programs, which offer Master courses for young professionals, special training programs for senior officials, diplomatic services, NGOs and civil society.

For more information please refer to our website: <http://www.iep-berlin.de>

News from the TEPSA Secretariat

Jean Paul Jacqué

We would like to warmly congratulate Professor *Jean Paul Jacqué* who received the insignia of doctor *honoris causa* from the University Panteion of Athens and the University of Bologna, awarded with the medal of excellence in research.

Farewell to Marlene Gottwald, Nicole Koenig and James Nyomakwa-Obimpeh and Welcome to Andreas Raspotnik and Marine Jacob

In the context of the project EXACT (Marie Curie ITN on EU external action), from November 2011 to March 2012, TEPSA hosted *Marlene Gottwald*, *Nicole Koenig* and *James Nyomakwa-Obimpeh* and would like to thank them very much for their involvement and support in TEPSA activities.



Still in the context of the EXACT project, *Andreas Raspotnik* has started at TEPSA from 2 April onwards. Andreas Raspotnik holds a Bachelor degree in History and a Master's degree (Mag. Phil) in Political Science from the University of Vienna, Austria. He absolved his second Master's degree in International Law (LL.M in

Law of the Sea) at the University of Tromsø, Norway.

During his studies, Andreas gained relevant work experience as an Editorial Assistant at the Department for International News at the Austrian Broadcasting Cooperation ORF and interned at the Austrian Embassy in Berlin. After graduation from the University of Vienna, he also worked for an Austrian MEP at the European Parliament, focusing on domestic security and data protection and budgetary control. Participating in the Marie Curie ITN on EU External Action (EXACT) since October 2011, Andreas' dissertation discusses the European Union's role and engagement in the Arctic region. His research interests additionally include the regional interrelation of security, energy and environmental/climate policy, the law of the sea and Norway as an Arctic actor. Andreas regularly contributes to The Arctic Institute, an interdisciplinary and independent source for information and in-depth analysis about the developments in the Arctic region.

Andreas will stay with us until the end of August and will provide general support to the TEPSA Secretariat notably in the organization of conferences.



The TEPSA Secretariat is very pleased to welcome and introduce its new intern *Marine Jacob* who has started at TEPSA from 10 April onwards. Marine Jacob holds a double master's degree in External Relations of the European Union and in Human Rights

Law from the College of Europe (Poland) and the University of Saint Louis (Belgium) respectively. Previously, she had graduated from the Free University of Brussels where she studied Political Science and European Politics until 2009. During her studies, she gained work experience at the Coalition for the International Criminal Court, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs during the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union and at the European Economic and Social Committee. Her fields of research interests include EU foreign policy, asylum and immigration policy, and development policy. Marine will stay with us until the end of September and will provide general support to the TEPSA Secretariat notably in the organization of conferences.

News from the EXACT Network

EXACT fellows have resumed working at their third allocated think tanks across Europe since 1st April 2012: Vanessa Boas, Dana Depo, Leonhard den Hertog and James Nyomakwa-Obimpeh in the University of Cologne. Andrew Byrne, Marlene Gottwald, Niklas Helwig, Nicole Koenig and Marco Siddi at the University of Edinburgh. Miguel Haubrich Seco and Simon Stroß in Prague and Andreas Raspotnik in TEPSA, Brussels. Several EXACT fellows gave presentations in March and April 2012.

Marlene Gottwald and *Nicole Koenig* were conference discussants and presented a paper on "The Arab Spring: Managing tensions and crisis inside and outside the EU", organized by TEPSA and CEE (Sciences Po, Paris) at the Fondation Universitaire in Brussels on 15 March 2012

Andrew Byrne participated in a seminar held at IAI on 15 March 2012 on "Building the Transatlantic Area of Freedom, Security and Justice. The Case of the Passenger Name Record Agreements", and in another seminar held at the Institute of International and European Affairs, Dublin on "Italy's prospects under Mario Monti". He also gave several lectures held at Trinity College, Dublin: "The EU's Global Role".

Vanessa Boas and *Marlene Gottwald* participated in the 53rd ISA Annual Convention on 1-4 April 2012 in San Diego (California). Vanessa Boas presented a paper on “Engaging Central Asia: the use of conditionality in EU-Turkmen relations” and Marlene Gottwald on “The responsibility to protect, Libya and the German Sonderweg”.

Several EXACT fellows will also give presentations in May and in June 2012. *Niklas Helwig* and *Simon Stroß* will participate in a conference on “The European Union in International Affairs III”, 3-5 May 2012, Vrije Universiteit Brussels: *Niklas Helwig* will present a paper on “The High Representatives as the new Presidency in the Common Foreign and Security Policy” and *Simon Stroß* will present a paper on “Programming financial instruments post-Lisbon: The European External Action Service and the new institutional architecture of EU external action”.

Nicole Koenig will give a presentation on “The Arab Spring: Testing the EU’s Crisis Response Capacity” at the COMOS Conference on “From Arab Spring to European Fall: die EU in Zeiten der Krise” on 4 May 2012 in Nice. *Andreas Raspotnik* will give a presentation on “Transpolar Passage – the future for Arctic shipping” at the Geopolitics in the High North International Conference, Workshop on New Research in the Arctic on 23 – 25 May 2012 in Berlin.

Dana Depo, *Marlene Gottwald*, *Niklas Helwig*, *Leonhard den Hertog*, *James Nyomakwa-Obimpeh*, *Marco Siddi* and *Simon Stroß* will participate in the 2012 International BISA-ISA conference in Edinburgh on 20-22 June 2012: Panel organization and discussion: Theorizing EU external action; Assessing the impact of the EU abroad and; Theorizing EU external action: theoretical perspectives on institutions and decision-making processes.

Recent Events

Centre d'études européennes Sciences Po Paris and TEPSA

Conference on the Arab Spring: managing tensions and crisis inside and outside the EU 15 March 2012

On Thursday 15 March 2012, the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), Brussels, organised in collaboration with the Centre d'études européennes Sciences Po, Paris a conference on “**The Arab Spring: Managing Tensions and Crisis Inside and Outside the EU**” at the Fondation Universitaire, Brussels.

Peter Frisch, Senior Political Economist and International Relations Officer in the Maghreb

department of the European External Action Service stated several indicators as root causes of the uprising in the Arab world. He also discussed the conspicuous absence of al-Qaida in the revolution and how that organization seems to have lost influence in the Arab world. Peter Frisch ended his talk on what Europe/EEAS could do in the post-revolutionary period with 10 points.

TEPSA EXACT Marie Curie Researchers *Nicole Koenig* and *Marlene Gottwald* presented their policy papers. *Nicole Koenig* enhanced the EU’s response to the Libyan crisis against 4 themes of the CSDP (planning, rapid response instruments, internal coordination issues, and capability gaps) and proposed four recommendations regarding the development of the CSDP. Finally, *Marlene Gottwald* shared with the audience her views on the options of EU engagement in post-conflict Libya. After having developed the current EU’s actions regarding the reconstruction of Libya, she tackled the short, medium and long term challenges that Libya, and more broadly, the North African countries are facing. She ended with the EU’s involvement options in Libya stating that “the Union’s efforts must be guided by the general principles of multilateralism and local ownership”. Please download the conference report [here](#).

Upcoming events

LISBOAN Second Annual Conference 10-11 May 2012



On 10-11 May, the LISBOAN second annual conference will take place at Fondation Universitaire, rue d’Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels. After the first annual conference that was organised last June 2011, the second annual conference will also bring together members from all 67 partner institutions. The topic that will serve as the this year’s thread is ‘**Governance in and of the Crisis - Lessons and Options**’.

The Conference will start on 10th May at approximately 10:30 am and end on 11th May after lunchtime. The first day the LISBOAN General Assembly will take place followed by thematic working groups. The core of the second day, which will start with a second keynote speech, will be a roundtable on ‘Lisbon and Crisis’ and the conferment of the this year’s Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Research. The programme of the conference will be available soon.

For more information please refer to the LISBOAN website www.lisboan.net

**LISBOAN workshop Call for paper
29-30 May 2012**

The LISBOAN workshop in on 'EU Enlargement Policy after Lisbon' will be organised by the Centre for European Studies, Middle East Technical University Ankara, Turkey taking place on 29-30 May 2012. The deadline to submit the papers is 20 April 2012. The call for paper for the LISBOAN workshop is attached jointly with the April Newsletter.

Université Libre de Bruxelles Institut d'études européennes and TEPSA

**Seminar on the Reform of the Court of Justice of the European Union: Structural reforms and new patterns of management
14 May 2012**

The reform of the Court of Justice of the European Union is a recurrent issue. Successive revisions of the Treaties and the Rules of Procedure reforms attempted over time to solve the problems posed by the gradual increase of the number of cases. Today the increasing number of members of the Tribunal is being considered. It seems that the time has come to resume discussions on this subject. It must be especially assessed whether structural reforms are the only possible answers. There has been little discussion on possible solutions for future reform of the management of the Court. The Seminar will be opened by *Marianne Dony*, President of the Institute and *Jean Paul Jacqué*, Secretary General of TEPSA. The works will be introduced by the presentations of Professors *Franklin Dehousse*, Judge of the Court, and *Jean-Victor Louis*, Honorary Member of the TEPSA Board. Comments will be provided by a panel of practitioners and professors notably *Jaap W. De Zwaan*, *George Vandersanden* and *Denis Waelbroek*.

After the discussion, *Bo Vesterdorf*, Former President of the Court will give the conclusions. The seminar addresses all academics, practitioners and students. Please note that the working language of the seminar will be French. Registration is required through the online form via this link: <http://www.iee-ulb.eu/events/view/49?lang=eng>

**Pre-Presidency Conference in Cyprus
The Cypriot EU Presidency 2012: Institutional consolidation and responding to new challenges
14-15 June 2012**

The TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conference in Cyprus is organised by KIMEDE (Cyprus Institute of Mediterranean European and International

Studies), in cooperation with the Erasmus Academic Network LISBOAN, the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), the Cypriot Presidency of the Council of the EU and the University of Cyprus. It will take place in Nicosia on 14-15 June 2012.

The conference will discuss this year the “**The Cypriot EU Presidency 2012: Institutional consolidation and responding to new challenges**”. The conference will be opened with the TEPSA recommendations to the Cypriot presidency and followed by the presentation of the Priorities to the Cypriot EU Presidency. The workshops will discuss “The economic and social crisis in the EU”, “Free movement and migration”, “the EU Enlargement Policy” and “the EU's external relations and diplomacy”. The Pre-Presidency Conference will closed with a Plenary Session on “the reflections on Lisbon innovations and the role of the EU Council”.

The Pre-Presidency conferences will welcome a broad audience of local politicians, representatives of the EU institutions and of local organisations but also researchers from almost all EU member states and beyond.

Invitations to the TEPSA members will be sent out soon.

**THESEUS Summer School - Call for application
2-6 July 2012, Brussels**



The THESEUS International Summer School and Simulation Exercise 2012 will take place from 2-6 July 2012 at Fondation Universitaire, rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels. This fifth edition will discuss “**the Future of EU Economic Governance**”. The Summer School will gather about 30 students from Europe and abroad as to gain insight in and to discuss the broader subject of the Future of EU Economic Governance as well as to participate pro-actively in a simulation game on an EU Council meeting on Economic Governance. The school aims at fostering an open and constructive interaction between young professionals and academics, practitioners and high-level EU decision-makers.

Few places are still available for young professional to apply. The deadline for submission of applications is **30 April 2012**. Please find the Call for application attached with this newsletter or you can refer to the THESEUS website: <http://theseus.uni-koeln.de/>

**EXACT/TEPSA Training on Academic Skills –
Call for Application
15 – 29 September 2012
Cologne**



The EXACT Network Seminar on Academic Skills is a special training programme for researchers moving towards the completion of their PhD research. Building on the EXACT Network Seminar on Professional Skills 2011 and the TEPSA training programmes for young researchers since 2008, the training offers the opportunity to participate in a full 14-day event. It will be held in Cologne from 15 to 29 September 2012.

The main objective of the Training Programme is to contribute to a successful progression towards completing a PhD and beyond. This will be achieved by focusing on best practices in terms of structuring, organising and writing up a PhD. In addition there are sessions on 'Beyond the PhD', on publishing both articles and monographs, on teaching and lecturing, broadening academic networks and developing further communication and management skills. The EXACT Seminar on Academic Skills is open for eight external early stage researchers active in European Affairs or International Relations.

The Deadline for Application is 30 April 2012.

The call for application and the application form can be found online: www.exact-training.net.

Studies for the European Parliament



EP studies and workshops

Under the European Parliament's Framework Contract that TEPSA won in 2009, TEPSA was requested to provide expertise to the Budgetary, Foreign Affairs and Security and Defence Committees to write a study on:

Study on CSDP Missions and Operations: Lessons learned

This study has been lately finalised by the Clingendael Institute of International Relations and

TEPSA: *Megan Price, Elisa Dari, Jense van der Wal, Nicole Koenig and Marlene Gottwald*

Study on Towards a More Comprehensive, Strategic and Cost-effective EU Foreign Policy

This study has been lately finalised University of Cambridge: *Julie Smith, Geoffrey Edwards and Ariella Huff*

Study on the Security Sector Reform

This study has been lately requested and will be elaborated by *Eva Gross*, Vrije Universiteit Brussel; *Gauthier Jacob*, European Parliament

Workshop on the Responsibility to Protect: Future Aspects

This workshop was organised lately with the following experts: *Vasilka Sancin*, University of Ljubljana; *Jennifer Welsh*, University of Oxford; *Joachim Koops*, Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Global Governance Institute; *Leonardo Paz*, Centro Brasileiro de Relações Internacionais (CEBRI) Brazil.

Workshop on EU-China relations

This workshop is under preparation and experts haven't been confirmed yet.

New EP project

TEPSA has been approached by the Policy Department Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the European Parliament to apply for a tender to elaborate a study on *the Democratic Control in the Member states of the European Council and the Euro Zone Summits*.

Many TEPSA members were very enthusiasts and thus showed great interest in participating in this tender. It was decided to submit a joint-application "NPEC – National Parliaments and the European Council" led by Professor Wessels on behalf of TEPSA together with Professor Rozenberg at Notre Europe, Paris. The proposed application includes the pro-active participation of many experts from the TEPSA and the OPAL networks. The Evaluation Board at the European Parliament communicated at the end of March that the our joint-application has been selected to conduct the study.

The project is based on the statement that there is a rising gap within the European Union between executive governance and parliamentary control. The aim is to provide a comprehensive overview with a common questionnaire for the 27 Member States and also in-depth reports for 12 Member States investigating the question of the significance of the parliamentary control of the European Councils and of the "information gap" between governments and parliaments. A synthetic perspective will also be elaborated including policy recommendations.

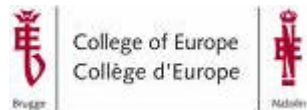
The interim study shall be delivered on 13 September 2012 and the final study on 26 October 2012. In between a workshop with the experts for

the 12 Member States of in-depth reports and advisors would take place around September. The kick-off meeting will take place on 27 April 2012 at the Fondation Universitaire to discuss the way forward of the project.

For more information please contact Laura Ventura at Laura.Ventura@tepsa.be

News from TEPSA Member Institutes

College of Europe (Natolin Campus)



New board members

Prof. [Georges Mink](#) has been appointed to the College of Europe board as of the Director of Studies of the European Interdisciplinary Studies Department (Natolin (Warsaw) Campus) since the beginning of January 2012. Beside this, Prof. Georges Mink is also the Director of Research at the Institut des Sciences Sociales et Politique (CNRS - France), Université de Paris X, Nanterre. He is a Sociologist and Political Scientist, specialising in Central and Eastern Europe. His research and publications are dedicated to political systems, the sociopolitical evolution of these regimes, the conversion of ex-communist elites in Central and Eastern Europe and the europeanisation of national political systems. Today, his research focuses on the question of transitional justice in EU countries.

Recruitment: Job Vacancy – Senior Research Fellows at the College of Europe

The College of Europe is seeking candidates for two full-time positions of senior research fellow, covering respectively the Eastern and the Southern dimension of the European Neighbourhood Policy, with an expected starting date of either 1 July or 1 September 2012. The two positions are part of the Chair of European Neighbourhood Policy recently established at the Natolin campus.

Requirements :

- a Ph.D. preferably in international relations, political science, law, economy or history;
- a keen interest for European Neighbourhood Policy;

- a proven track record of research and academic publications in the field of the European Neighbourhood Policy;
- an ability to engage in teamwork and to participate in the development of research projects;
- a very good command of English and French.

Tasks include:

- the pursuit of research activities focusing respectively on the Eastern and the Southern dimension of the European Neighbourhood Policy and leading to academic publications;
- the participation in the organisation of seminars, workshops and conferences in the framework of the Chair of European Neighbourhood Policy;
- the participation in joint projects and external missions undertaken in the framework of the Chair;
- the provision of support to students writing their Master's papers on a topic within the senior research fellows' field of expertise.

The College offers:

- an excellent academic setting and an international working environment;
- a two-year contract under Polish law, renewable;
- a competitive remuneration;
- a secretarial assistance.

Applications comprising a letter of motivation, a curriculum vitae (including a list of publications) and the names of two referees should be sent via e-mail to Professor Paul Demaret, Rector of the College of Europe (rector@coleurope.eu) by 20 May 2012 with a copy to Mrs Ewa Stolarczyk-Makowska, Senior Executive (ewa.stolarczyk@coleurope.eu).

www.coleurope.eu

Institut für Europäische Politik

Launch of the new online publication series "IEP Policy Briefs on Enlargement and Neighbourhood"

In collaboration with the Kolleg-Forschergruppe (KFG) "The Transformative Power of Europe" at the Freie Universität Berlin, the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP) has launched a new online series dedicated to case studies of Europeanisation evaluating the power the EU has to transform its neighbouring countries to foster stability, peace and prosperity. The policy briefs cover the enlargement countries as well as the eastern neighbours and the Mediterranean region. Special emphasis is put on the EU engagement so far and the possibilities of exercise of influence on political change in the future. Young researchers inter alia from the KFG and the IEP present the results of their analysis in an abbreviated, user friendly form offering concrete recommendations to politicians and practitioners. "IEP Policy Briefs on Enlargement and Neighbourhood" are

published within the framework of the research project “The EU’s policy towards Eastern Europe and Central Asia – A key role for Germany”. The publication is financially supported by the Kolleg-Forschergruppe. The first policy brief by Anne Bercio and Dr. Katrin Böttger (both IEP) and the second brief by Imke Pente (KFG) focus on the enlargement countries of the Western Balkans. The series can be accessed on the [IEP website](#).

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

The International Affairs Institute is in 32nd place in the ranking of the fifty best research centers in Western Europe, developed by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP), University of Pennsylvania, as part of The Global Go To Think Tank Report 2011.

For details: <http://www.gotothinktank.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/2011GlobalGoToThinkTanksReport-UNEditionWITHOUTLETTER.pdf>

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

New member of the Council of Councils

Since March 2012 the IAI is the Italian member of the [Council of Councils](#), the network of leading foreign policy think tanks. The [Istituto Affari Internazionali](#) has been called upon to represent Italy in the Council of Councils, a network of major foreign policy institutions, set up by the Council on Foreign Relations in New York with the aim of promoting debate on the main issues of global governance and multilateral cooperation. The IAI, together with nineteen think tanks basically reflecting the composition of the G20, took part in the [inaugural event](#) in Washington DC. The Council of Councils is designed to bring forth and support innovative ideas for dealing with common threats, stimulating public debates and high-level decision-making processes in the members' countries.

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

IAI has joined the network "SPIN-IT Space innovation in Italy", the platform created to promote national technological innovation and the Italian presence in European and international programs of applied research in space.

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

In March IAI has become part of TGAE (Think Global – Act European), a network of 16 European think tanks, promoted by Notre Europe with the aim of a strategic thinking on EU's External Action.

Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po



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Nominations / Distinctions / Prizes

Patrick Le Galès (Sciences Po, CEE, CNRS) has been elected President of the Society for Advanced Socio Economics (SASE sociologie économique/political economy) for the two years <http://www.cee.sciences-po.fr/fr/le-centre/equipe-de-recherche/59-patrick-legales.html>

Richard Balme and Bruno Palier were appointed personalities associated to the Conseil économique, social et environnemental. Richard Balme will contribute to the works of the section of International and European Affairs and Bruno Palier to the works of the section of social affairs and health, for two years.

<http://cee.sciences-po.fr/fr/actualites.html>

Marie Curie Grant

Sarah McLaughlin joined the Centre d'études européennes of Sciences Po on April 2012 as a Marie Curie Researcher (« International Outgoing Fellowship » 7th program of research for the European Commission) for two years.

She is working on a Building Efficient Models of Governance: The EU Regional Tier and Compliance with Global Rules.

<http://www.cee.sciences-po.fr/en/le-centre/post-doc-fellows/570-sarah-mclaughlin.html>

French Elections

News from the CEE: <http://cee.sciences-po.fr/fr/elections-2012.html>

Media on French elections : <http://cee.sciences-po.fr/en/elections-2012/media.html>

Press/Media: All press review on <http://cee.sciences-po.fr/fr/espace-presse.html>

Call for papers

Open Legislative Data in Paris. A Conference of the Third Kind with Hacktivists and Academics

Paris, 6 and 7 July 2012

Deadline for papers: 28 April 2012

To know more: http://cee.sciences-po.fr/images/stories/invitation_diffuser.pdf

Governing the Metropolis: Powers and Territories. New Directions for Research - International Conference

Paris, 28-30 November 2012

Deadline for papers: 30 April 2012

To know more: <http://cee.sciences-po.fr/en/news/485-plus-dactualites.html>

The Euro Crisis and the State of European Democracy, European University Institute

Florence, 22 and 23 November 2012

Submission of papers (approximately 300 words): 1st June 2012

To know more:

http://www.eui.eu/Projects/EUDO/Documents/eudo_callforpapers.pdf

Research Centre for Economic and Regional Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences New Center of Research

In the process of the restructuring of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences – caused by different challenges and considerations – the status of the Institute of World Economics has also changed. It has been integrated into a new center: the Research Center for Economics and Regional Studies (RCERS) of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. The Institute of World Economics will continue its research work in the framework of this Center as one of the three component institutes of the RCERS (namely, the Institute of Economics, the Research Centre for Regional Studies, and the Institute of World Economics). The new Centre is managed by a Director General. Each of the three institutes has its own director with somewhat limited autonomy. The changes also included the replacing of the former director Prof. András Inotai by the new director Prof. Judit Kiss. The Institute had to move to new premises. **Its new address is:** H-1112 BUDAPEST Budaörsi út 45.

Postal address: 1545 Budapest, P.O.B. 936.

Telephone: 36-1-308-2643, 36-1-309-2627

Fax: 36-1-309-2624

Home page in English:

<http://www.vki.hu/eindex.shtml>

The Finnish Institute of International Affairs Research projects

The FIIA has opened an online archive of Finnish foreign policy

Eilen – Archive and Chronology of Finnish Foreign Policy was launched on 1 March 2012. The online archive, which is maintained by the FIIA, is available at <http://www.eilen.fi>, and will, in its initial stage, consist of a chronology of Finnish foreign policy and speeches by key foreign policy actors.

Briefing Paper series

The FIIA has launched a Briefing Paper and roundtable discussion series on the future of the European economic and monetary union. The series will focus on the conduct of, and the key developments in, the EU's policies and governance system in the context of the current

crisis. Specific papers written by Finnish experts will cover topics such as the functioning of the monetary policy, developments in economic governance and the future of the single markets.

The FIIA peace mediation project

The FIIA and the Crisis Management Initiative (CMI) have produced a report entitled "[Global Networks of Mediation: Prospects and avenues for Finland as a peacemaker](#)". The FIIA peace mediation project will throughout this spring focus on the EU's capacities in peace mediation with a number of roundtable debates. The next report is planned for the autumn.

Co-edition in the Asia-Europe Journal

FIIA researchers Bart Gaens, Juha Jokela and Mikael Mattlin have co-edited a thematic issue of the Asia-Europe Journal, entitled "The EU's Asia – Re-negotiating Boundaries, Re-negotiating Norms", which is to be published in April.

The FIIA Lecture Series on Changing Global Security

continued with Dr William Zartman's lecture on the "Power of Talk" on 5 March. Dr Zartman is the Jacob Blaustein Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University.

New Scientific Advisory Council

The Executive Board of the Institute has appointed a Scientific Advisory Council for a three-year period between 2012 and 2014. The tasks of the Advisory Council include offering advice on FIIA's research policy guidelines, the assessment of the quality and relevance of its research work, and the support of its international activities.

Members of the SAC: Professor Alyson Bailes (University of Iceland), Dr Julie Gilson (University of Birmingham), Director Kristian Harpviken (Peace Research Institute Oslo), Professor G. John Ikenberry (Princeton University), Director Christian Lequesne (CERI/Science-Po), Director Volker Perthes (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik), Judge Allan Rosas (EU Court of Justice), Research Fellow Eugeniusz Smolar (The Polish Institute of International Affairs), Professor Jonas Tallberg (Stockholms universitet), Director Dmitri Trenin (Carnegie Institute Moscow) and Professor Helen Wallace (London School of Economics and Political Science).

Staff news

Dr Sean Roberts will join the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia research programme in June. He wrote his PhD thesis on the Russian political parties at the Centre for Russian and East European Studies (CREES) at the University of

Birmingham. Furthermore, he has been a visiting researcher at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) and the Aleksanteri Institute in Helsinki.

Dr Mauricio Romero is visiting the Global Security research programme until the end of April. His areas of expertise include state formation and dissolution, the dynamics of democratisation, and criminal networks and politics. During his stay at FIIA, Dr Romero will focus on drug policy in the context of Latin America.

FIIA researcher **Barbara Zanchetta** is on a leave of absence and is currently working on nuclear disarmament issues as a Visiting Fellow at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy in Switzerland.

Dr Janne Halttu has been appointed FIIA's Head of Communications as of 1 March. Halttu received his doctorate from the University of Westminster in London and has previously worked as Project Designer and Acting Head of Communications at the Institute.

Université Libre de Bruxelles - Institut d'études européennes – ECLAN

Vacancy: Young researcher at ECLAN, ULB-IEE, starting on 1 June 2012 (or as soon as possible before then)

We are currently looking for a young researcher to be employed in the framework of SURVEILLE, an EU FP7 Research Project under the security call, involving a number of EU partners under the coordination of the European University Institute. The project aims to analyze the effectiveness of security and surveillance technology in fighting crime and terrorism, its social and economic costs, and the ethical and legal issues raised by their use.

Duration of the contract: 3 years.

Salary: 1700 euros ca.

Place: Institut d'Etudes Européennes, ULB

Skills:

- Master in law or political science (a specialization in EU law would be considered as an asset)
- No PhD
- Experience in EU judicial cooperation in criminal matters (for example a research study, an exam or an internship)
- Very good language skills in EN (written and oral)

Tasks:

- Research activities and drafting of papers in comparative and EU law (focus on the use of surveillance technologies and data retention regulation)
- Coordination and organization of project meetings and forums

In order to apply please send to francesca.galli@ulb.ac.be :

- 1) A letter of application
- 2) Your CV
- 3) A writing sample in English (published or unpublished material)

For further information: <http://www.iee-ulb.eu/newsitems/view/33>

Deadline: 1 May 2012, midnight Brussels time.

Recent events hosted by TEPSA Member Institutes

AGENDA

Austrian Institute for International Affairs – oiip



Talk on Civil-Military Cooperation and the 3D Approach – Myth or Reality?

23 January 2012 6.30p.m.

Speakers included Christopher Ankersen, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Politics and Economics at the Royal Military College of Canada and Chief of Security at the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The moderator was Alexander Klimburg, oiip. Venue: oiip, Berggasse 7, 1090 Wien

College of Europe

Conference "The EU and the Eastern Neighbourhood: The Challenge of Democratisation"

10 February 2012

Warsaw

The Natolin campus of the College of Europe held a one-day conference "The EU and the Eastern Neighbourhood: The Challenge of Democratisation". This conference focused on the theme of democracy in the Eastern neighbourhood and considered the EU's endeavours to installing good governance into the region. The conference considered the need to strengthen the Eastern Partnership (EaP) to build sustainable democracy in the Eastern neighbourhood and secondly, to enhance civil society's role, principally via the Civil Society Forum, in the implementation of EU policy. [Read more](#)

College of Europe

International Conference on "Understanding Political Islam in Arab Mediterranean Countries: Challenges and Prospects for EU Foreign Policy"

24 February 2012 Bruges (Belgium)

The TOTAL Chair of EU Foreign Policy at the College of Europe in Bruges organised an international conference on “Understanding Political Islam in Arab Mediterranean Societies: Challenges and Prospects for EU Foreign Policy”. The objective of this conference is to shed light on the position of political Islam in Arab Mediterranean societies in order to clarify the changing context in which the European Union implements its foreign policy. In the aftermath of the Arab revolutions and uprisings, the EU has to deal with new interlocutors, including important movements and political parties which claim an Islamic identity and agenda.

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Austrian Institute for International Affairs – oiip

Podiumsdiskussion: Was kann der/die Einzelne für eine nachhaltige Zukunft der Welt tun? Vorbereitungen für die UNO-Nachhaltigkeitskonferenz Rio+20 in Österreich
29. Februar 2012 18.00 – 20.00h, Oiip, Berggasse 7, 1090 Wien.

Discussants were Walter Maria Stojan, Bundesministerium für europäische und internationale Angelegenheiten „Österreich und Rio+20 aus der Mitgliedsland Perspektive“, Miroslav Polzer, IAAI Klagenfurt Ljubljana „Der Rio+20 Vorbereitungsprozess und Partizipationsmöglichkeiten der Zivilgesellschaft“ Barbara Felkel, Südwind Agentur & Chairperson des CONGO (Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations) Committees on sustainable development in Wien „Die Österreichische Umwelt-NGO-Szene und Rio+20“, Klaus Renoldner „Individuelle Lifestyle- und Mobilitätsentscheidungen und globale nachhaltige Entwicklung“, Michael Platzer, ACUNS Vienna „Glo-Cale Nachhaltigkeitsbemühungen und die Verantwortung des Einzelnen & Art 29 UDHR“. The moderator was Otmar Hoell. In Kooperation mit CoNGO Vienna NGO Committee on Sustainable Development, Academic Council on the United Nations System – Vienna Liaison Office, Internat. Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges, Südwind Agentur.

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Briefing on “Tunisia’s new foreign policy towards the Mediterranean”

21 February 2012

The briefing was introduced by Minister Rafik Abdesselam Bouchlaka, Tunisian Minister for Foreign Affairs

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Meeting of the Mediterranean Strategy Group on “The Future of Mediterranean finance”
1-2 March 2012

Meeting within the IAI-German Marshall Fund partnership

<http://www.iai.it/content.asp?langid=2&contentid=733>

Institut für Europäische Politik e.V. and Centre international de formation européenne
Final Workshop of the Online Master Programme: Studies on the EU and Central Asia in the International System

12 - 22 March 2012 Berlin/Brussels

The Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP) and the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE) held the last workshop for the first generation of graduates of their jointly organized Online Master Programme “Studies on the EU and Central Asia in the International System” (EUCAIS) in Berlin and Brussels. The study programme EUCAIS, significantly funded by the VolkswagenStiftung and organized with the financial support of Lifelong Learning Programme JEAN MONNET of the European Commission, offers the opportunity to obtain a master’s certificate in EU related studies for post-graduates, researchers and young professionals from Central Asian countries, from Afghanistan and the Chinese province of Xinjiang. During the final workshop the students completed their last exams and defended their master theses in Berlin. After the exams, they travelled to Brussels to visit the EU institutions, which they had been studying in the previous



semesters. In intensive discussions with representatives from all major EU institutions the students gained individual experiences and first-hand insights into the EU machinery. It complemented their theoretical knowledge about the functioning of the political system of the EU.

On 22 March 2012 the farewell ceremony in the European Commission Representation in Germany, Berlin, gave the floor to Dr. Patricia Flor, Special Representative for Eastern Europe,

Caucasus and Central Asia, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, to discuss the current relations with Central Asia from a German and European perspective.

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Seminar on "The Challenges in Creating a Transatlantic Area of Freedom, Security and Justice"

15 March 2012

With Andrew Byrne, EXACT fellow

<http://www.iai.it/content.asp?langid=2&contentid=741>

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

International conference on "The EU and North Africa on Energy and Migration: What Prospects after the Arab Spring?"

19-20 March 2012

This conference was organised by IAI, Paralleli and GMF

http://www.iai.it/pdf/convegni/EU_NohtAfrica_120319-20.pdf

College of Europe

Third Bruges European Business Conference 20 March 2012

Bruges (Belgium)

The College of Europe, in partnership with Deloitte, hosted the third Bruges European Business Conference "Trade and Investment Challenges for European Business", held on Tuesday 20 March 2012 at the College's campus in Bruges. EU Commissioner for Trade, Karel De Gucht, the CEO of FIAT / Chrysler, Sergio Marchionne, and TABD co-chair James Quigley of Deloitte delivered keynote contributions. The conference debated how European business can effectively have access to lucrative markets outside Europe. This requires mutual trade and investment liberalisation with key trading partners. Globalisation and the ever more critical significance of worldwide value chains render good market access imperative for European business competitiveness in Europe as well as elsewhere.

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Austrian Institute for International Affairs – oiip **Podiumsdiskussion aus der Reihe:** **Brennpunkte der Internationalen Politik:** **Umbrüche im Nahen Osten und Auswirkungen auf die Geopolitik. Der Arabische Frühling, Iran, USA und Sudan**

21 March 2012 6:30 p.m., oiip, Berggasse 7, 1090 Wien

Panellists were Heinz Gärtner(oiip), Jan Pospisi(oiip), Cengiz Günay (oiip) Moderation: Elisabeth Manas.

Im Rahmen der Podiumsdiskussion wird das oiip-Jahrbuch „Add-on 11: Wiener Beiträge zur internationalen Politik“ präsentiert.

Programme can be downloaded:
http://www.oiip.ac.at/fileadmin/Unterlagen/Dateien/Veranstaltungen/2012/Einladung_2103.pdf

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Seminar on "Transatlantic Perspectives on Iran's Nuclear Issue"

22 March 2012

Daniel Serwer, the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Washington

http://www.iai.it/pdf/convegni/Serwer_120322.pdf

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Seminar on "Interests vs Values: the EU's policy towards Central Asia"

26 March 2012

With Vanessa Boas, EXACT fellow

College of Europe

Minister Didier Reynders attended a meeting of Turkish alumni of the College of Europe in Ankara

4 April 2012

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium Didier Reynders, Deputy Undersecretary of Turkish Ministry of EU Affairs Mehmet Cangir, Head of the EU Delegation in Ankara Jean-Maurice Ripert, Rector of the College of Europe Prof Dr Paul Demaret were the guests of honour. Ambassador De Witte welcomed all the guests and explained that the Embassy had for the second year running brought out a College of Europe Turkish Alumni catalogue. He then left the floor to Minister Reynders and Rector Demaret.

[Read more](#)

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Seminar on "Impact of Arab upheavals on Arab civil-military relations"

5 April 2012 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Robert Springborg, Department of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA (USA)

Venue: IAI Library Room, Via Angelo Brunetti, 9 – Third Floor, Rome

http://www.iai.it/pdf/convegni/Springborg_120405.pdf

Research Centre for Economic and Regional Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of World Economics

Workshop: "The periphery of the Eurozone in crisis"

5 April 2012

The crisis of Ireland, Greece and the PIIGS in general: Presentation by Annamária Artner senior

research fellow of IWE, professor at the King Sigismund College, Budapest
 The crisis and its management in Spain and Portugal: Presentation by Andrea Éltető senior research fellow of IWE

Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po
Lecture: Economic governance in the EU: Past, Present and Future (with Jacques Delors)
16 April 2012

Watch the video of the Lecture which took place in Sciences Po. Co-organized with the Journal of Common Market Studies, with the collaboration of Notre Europe

<http://cee.sciencespo.fr/en/calendar/details/285.html>

Danish Institute for International Studies



Seminar: Declining Europe? The Challenge of Populism, East and West
17 April 2012 Copenhagen

During recent years, a new brand of populism has emerged in Eastern European countries and has in some cases even penetrated their governing political parties. At the same time, the deepening of the political process in the Western parts of Europe has also its own brand of populism. How shall we evaluate today's populism? What do we mean by the term? Very different aspects of the political spectrum seem to be explained by the term right-wing populism. In this context, our speakers are invited to reflect on the spectrum of populism in contemporary Europe and its implications for democracy, inter-ethnic and inter-state relations, and the future of European integration. Europeanization and Globalization is a cross-border cooperation between Department of Culture and Identity & Department of Society and Globalization, Roskilde University, and Department of Global political studies & Department of Language, Migration and Society, Malmö University. The aim of the cooperation is to develop a field of knowledge that focus on the inner life of the Oresund region, and the international position of the region. The purpose with this partnership is to focus on the processes (Europeanization and globalization) that creates pressure for change both locally, regionally, nationally and supranational. The researchers from the Danish and Swedish research environment, which is the foundation of this field of knowledge, will broadly examine the issues and themes that both the cross-border and the national processes of change are currently undergoing. In addition to this, international expertise will be invited to each

seminar to discuss issues from a global perspective.

Programme: <http://www.diis.dk/sw117471.asp>

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)
Kick off meeting for the start up of Transworld project
19 April 2012

Throughout 3 and ½ years, the IAI-led consortium responsible for developing the project, which comprises 13 universities, think tanks and companies from the EU, US, and Turkey, will: a) ascertain whether transatlantic relations are drifting apart, adapting along an ad hoc cooperation-based pattern, or evolving into a different but resilient special partnership; b) assess the role of the re-defined transatlantic relationship in the global governance architecture; c) provide tested policy recommendations to enhance EU-US cooperation

College of Europe
Third Annual Hendrik Brugmans Memorial Conference and Cup

April 19 and 21, respectively Bruges campus, Belgium

The topic was "Financial Stability and Competitive Balance in Professional Football in Europe". The moderator was Dr Michel D'Hooghe, FIFA Executive Committee Member, Honorary President of Club Brugge, Former President of Belgian Professional Football League. Panellists included Mr Ernesto Paolillo, Managing Director and CEO, FC Internazionale Milano, Executive Board Member, European Clubs Association - Mr Pedro Velazquez, Deputy Head of Sport Unit, European Commission - Mr Andrea Traverso, Head of Club Licensing and Financial Fair Play, UEFA - Mr Thomas Graf, Partner, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP.

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)
IAI-GMF seminar on "Regional and External Dynamics in the Maghreb in light of the Arab Spring"

23 April 2012

http://www.iai.it/pdf/convegni/IAI-GMF_120423.pdf

Research Centre for Economic and Regional Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of World Economics
Europe Club session: Monetary Policy in the Crisis

24 April 2012

Speaker: András Simor Governor of the Hungarian Central Bank

The introductory speech will be followed by discussion

Upcoming events hosted by TEPSA member institutes

AGENDA

Austrian Institute for International Affairs – oip Panel Discussion: China and Conflict-Affected States: The Case of Sudan and South Sudan

27 April 2012 9:30 am (to 12:00)
Venue: oip, Berggasse 7, 1090 Vienna
In cooperation with Saferworld.

Rising powers like China are increasingly involved in countries where peace is fragile. This brings new responsibilities and policy choices for China and a new reality for Western donors and policy makers. How has China's approach affected peace and stability in countries like Sudan and South Sudan? What does this mean for Western donors and policy makers? As Beijing's approach towards these countries evolves, there is an unprecedented opportunity for China and the West to develop more complementary approaches in support of peace. Together with the presentation of the report: [Saferworld: China and conflict-affected states: between principles and pragmatism.](#)

Panelists: Bernardo Mariani, Saferworld China Programme Manager. Jan Pospisil, Senior Fellow, oip. Thomas Wheeler, China Project Coordinator, Saferworld. Xiao Yuhua, Senior Researcher, Institute for African Studies, Zhejiang Normal University. Welcome and Chair: Otmar Höll, Director, oip

Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po CEE/CERI/CEVIPOF

Research Seminar on European Integration: La crise européenne. Repenser le gouvernement de l'Union

2 May 2012

Paris

<http://cee.sciences-po.fr/en/calendar/details/332-la-crise-europeenne-repenser-le-gouvernement-de-lunion.html>

Forthcoming seminars: <http://cee.sciences-po.fr/fr/evenements/seminaire-de-recherche-sur-lintegration-europeenne.html>

College of Europe European Concert

9 May 2012 20:00

The Local Committee for the College of Europe is organising its 18th European Concert. This year we are proud to announce 'Serenada', a chamber orchestra from Lugansk (Ukraine) featuring different musical masterpieces of Bach, Khoury, Lennon&McCartney, Mozart, Piazzolla, Tchaikowsky and Vivaldi amongst many others. The profits from

ticket sales and sponsorship are donated to the Students' Fund of the College of Europe, which is used to provide a scholarship for a Belgian student to study at the College. Tickets: In&Uit Brugge (Concertgebouw), 't Zand 34, 8000 Brugge (daily) & www.ticketsbrugge.be.

Saint Saviour's Cathedral Brugge

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Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University (IIRPS VU)



INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

Nordic Forum for Security Policy 2012 “Empowering the Nordic Baltic Relations - Challenges of the 21st Century” 10–11 May 2012

The conference is organised by The Nordic Forum for Security Policy (The Finnish Committee for European Security – STETE and OSSE-nätverket, The Swedish OSCE-network) in co-operation with local partners: Institute of International Relations and Political Science (IIRPS) of Vilnius University, and the Non-Governmental Organizations' Information and Support Centre (NISC). STETE coordinates the work of the Forum.

The two day international conference coordinated by STETE will take place at the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University. Vilnius was chosen to host the upcoming Nordic Forum due to Lithuania being an EU member, as well as a Baltic Sea state, and the country's important location in the neighbour of Russian Kaliningrad and Belarus.

The opening plenary will look into the past and future prospects of closer cooperation in the Nordic Baltic relations. During the time of European wide economic crisis, cooperation is increasingly important. The Forum's core political and expert-level topics will deal with topical broad security challenges facing the Baltic Sea Region today: co-operation over cyber security issues, as well as environmental and energy matters, not forgetting the human dimension, which will be emphasized by discussing interconnected issue of media freedom and growing intolerance phenomenon in the region. Finally, the current situation in Belarus and how to support the country's civil society will also have a prominent role in the Forum.

The overall purpose of the Vilnius conference is to exchange experiences and best practices between the Baltic and Nordic countries, organizations and other actors in the Baltic Sea Region, on how to support and develop civil society collaboration in

broad security issues. The idea of the forum is to bring together different actors of society from politicians and government officials to academics and local civil society organisations. The Nordic Forum in Vilnius continues a series of conferences previously held for instance in St. Petersburg (2010), Kiev (2008), Pskov (2006), Gdansk (2004), Murmansk (2003), Kaliningrad (2001).
<http://www.stete.org/Nordic%20Forum%202012%20Programme.pdf>

Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po Seminar of the Centre d'études européennes: Apprendre la Nation à l'école aujourd'hui : permanences et évolutions dans les discours et les pratiques scolaires en France

15 May 2012 Paris

<http://cee.sciences-po.fr/en/calendar/details/323-apprendre-la-nation-a-lecole-aujourd'hui--permanences-et-evolutions-dans-les-discours-et-les-prati.html>

Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po Seminar NEM (Nations, Europe, Monde) : Construction et identification à des communautés sociopolitiques (1)

15 May 2012 Paris

<http://cee.sciences-po.fr/en/calendar/details/335-construction-et-identification-a-des-communautes-sociopolitiques-1.html>

Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po OXPO Doctoral Seminar in International Relations, 2012: Around and Beyond the BRICS

17 May 2012 Oxford

Co-organized with the University of Oxford

<http://cee.sciences-po.fr/en/calendar/details/287-around-and-beyond-the-brics.html>

Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po Seminar of the Centre d'études européennes: Résultats de l'Enquête Trajectoires et Origines (TeO)

29 May 2012 Paris

<http://cee.sciences-po.fr/en/calendar/details/338-resultats-de-lenquete-trajectoires-et-origines-teo.html>

Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po Seminar of the Centre d'études européennes: Mobilisations et démobilisations autour du bouclier fiscal

12 June 2012 Paris

<http://cee.sciences-po.fr/en/calendar/details/325-mobilisations-et-demobilisations-autour-du-bouclier-fiscal.html>

Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po

Doctoral Seminar IRSEM

18 and 19 June 2012 Paris

Co-organized with IRSEM

<http://cee.sciences-po.fr/en/calendar/details/341-seminaire-doctoral-cee-irsem.html>

Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po Conference : L'Etat des droits - Pratiques des droits dans l'action publique

25 and 26 June 2012 Paris and Villetaneuse

Co-organized with the Centre de recherche sur l'action locale (CERAL), Université Paris 13, AFSP and AFS

<http://cee.sciencespo.fr/en/calendar/details/284.html>

Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po International Workshop: The Resilience of Neo-Liberalism in Europe

25 and 26 June 2012 Paris

<http://cee.sciences-po.fr/en/calendar/details/342-the-resilience-of-neo-liberalism-in-europe.html>

Austrian Institute for International Affairs – oiip Workshop: Austausch von Best Practices und Verbesserung des Schutzes von hochaktiven radioaktiven Quellen in der Medizin, Forschung und Industrie

29 June 2012 Vienna

Speaker was Xiao Yuhua, Senior Researcher, Institute for African Studies, Zhejiang Normal University Welcome and Chair by Otmar Höll, Director, oiip. Ein Workshop des World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) und des Österreichischen Instituts für Internationale Politik (oiip). Registration und Information: Hakan Akbulut (hakan.akbulut@oiip.ac.at)

Programme can be downloaded here :
http://www.oiip.ac.at/fileadmin/Unterlagen/Dateien/Veranstaltungen/2012/Schutz_von_Hochaktiven_Radioaktiven_Quellen_-_Oesterreich_-_Workshop_Ankuendigung-1.pdf

News from outside TEPSA network

The European Youth Forum / The League of Young Voters in Europe



TEPSA has been approached lately by the European Youth Forum (Ms. Jennifer de Nijs) to request the TEPSA network to be involved in the following initiative:

The League of Young Voters (LYV) in Europe aims to tackle an ever decreasing youth

participation at the European Parliament elections by increasing not only the level of youth-related non-partisan information available about the European elections, but also to encourage political parties and candidates to directly target young people in their campaigns. In this sense, the European Youth Forum is looking for a wide range of support for the League of Young Voters in Europe, which can include, but is not limited to, expertise, funding and visibility. It is essential to provide a structure and platform for direct dialogue between political parties/candidates and young people (16-35) so that it can become clear what stake young people hold in elections. The larger the network of partners of the LYV, the more young people can be reached in order to motivate them to participate in European democratic life and ensure their voice is heard.

Timeline of LYV activities

2012: Creation of the LYV and setup of its governing structure; identification and establishment of formal partners; pilot phase during the parliamentary elections in Lithuania (October); development of a “brand” and the online platform; fundraising activities.

Early 2013: Final development of brand and online platform; consolidation of partner campaigns; preparation of launch event in mid 2013.

Mid 2013: Launch of the online platform and promotional event for the newly established organisation “The League of Young Voters”

Mid 2013- Mid 2014: The League campaigns for the EP Elections;

Post-election: Evaluation of results of the campaign and planning of next involvement in elections.

As a first step, we would like to ask you whether are already focusing on the topic of the European elections or if you foresee to become active in this topic.

Please feel free to contact us and request more information to Marine Jacob at Marine.Jacob@tepsa.be

Publications

TEPSA Board member Iain Begg

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Swedish Institute of International Affairs

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Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

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The period of consultation will last from 5 March to 28 May 2012.

More information on how to submit your contribution can be found here: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/gender-equality/opinion/120528_en.htm

Open Consultations of the European Commission

TEPSA would like to draw your attention to the following open consultation.

An open consultation has been voiced by the Directorate General of Justice of the European Commission on consultation on Gender imbalance in corporate boards in the EU.

The target group are Member States, business or industry organisations, individual companies, civil society organisations with an interest in gender and/or social issues, trade unions, equality bodies, and other organisations or individuals.

As set out in its Work Programme for 2012, the European Commission is considering a legislative initiative to improve the gender balance in the boards of companies listed on stock exchanges.

On the basis of the Progress Report "Women in economic decision-making in the EU" presented by Vice-President Viviane Reding on 5 March 2012, the Commission is launching a public consultation of stakeholders on possible measures in this context.

This consultation will feed into an assessment of possible EU-level measures to enhance female participation in economic decision-making, which