

TEPSA Newsletter July 2015 Edition

Editorial



"The Greek people deserves our support", by Prof. Jaap de Zwaan, TEPSA Secretary General

The Greek referendum which was held on 5 July has been severely criticised. The question put to the people was not well drafted, the reference to an agreement reached with creditors in Brussels was not correct, etc. etc.

In the meantime the outcome of the referendum is known, it is a clear 'no'. At the time of writing of this Editorial nobody exactly knows what the follow-up will be.

Now, whatever the consequences will be for the continuation of the negotiations in Brussels respectively for Greece's position as a Euro zone country, so much is clear that a lot has to be achieved in order to make the Greek economy healthy again.

Certainly, the Greek government bears the main responsibility here. It has to introduce reforms and budgetary restrictions, to carry through privatisations, to amend several social policies and to combat corruption as well as tax and capital evasion.

However, the European Union as well as its Member States also bear a responsibility for what has happened. Indeed, we have accepted Greece as a Euro zone member. We have allowed each Member State to develop its own policy in all vital domains of the economy, such as employment, social security, income, taxation and pensions. All this, without a degree of surveillance being exercised. It was only when the crisis broke out, that efforts to coordinate national policies have been undertaken. In short, the European Union – in practice its Member States – have failed to implement the 'E' of the EMU, so the Economic Union.

The European Union and its Members States must therefore help to overcome this crisis. In the past Member States have always adopted rigorous measures when national sectors – agriculture, coal mines, textiles, shipyards etc. – were put at risk. We also have actively contributed to overcome the situation of backwardness of the economies of most new Members States of Central and Eastern Europe. Indeed, our public authorities as well as our business people have made massive investments in these countries, the outcome of which has resulted in a 'win-win' situation. So, why not help Greece?

Again, the Greek government bears a crucial responsibility here. The government also has to provide for political stability in the country and confidence on the market so that foreign investors will be tempted to effectively spend their money in Greece. That said, other Member States can – and should – do more. We should not accept that the Greek economy – and in the end the Greek society as a whole – will be disrupted.

A serious factor here certainly is related to the geographic and strategic position of Greece in the Mediterranean. Think at the security tensions between Russia and Ukraine, and the consequences of this conflict for NATO. Think also at the dramatic influx of refugees coming from Africa, Syria and Asia who try to reach the European coasts, among others in Greece. However, a perhaps more important factor concerns the principle of solidarity. Indeed, it is high time to feel at one with the Greek population, so the ordinary citizens in that country.

Jaap W. de Zwaan

Introducing a TEPSA Member Institute



Introducing the Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna (IHS)

The Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) is an independent research institute covering the areas of Economics, Political Science and Sociology. The combination of basic academic research, applied research and policy advice under one roof provides a unique combination positioning the IHS firmly at the crossroads of academia and public policy. Founded in 1963 by two emigrated scholars, the sociologist Paul F. Lazarsfeld and the economist Oskar Morgenstern, with the financial support from the Ford Foundation, the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, and the City of Vienna. Its main task was to establish modern social sciences in Austria. The IHS turned out to be highly successful: for more than 50 years it trains social scientists and economists, provides policy input for public and private actors, and has become a benchmark for academic research. Today, the IHS is the primary institution for postgraduate education and research in economics and social sciences in Austria.

Around 125 scientists cover topics ranging from health care policy to labour market and employment policy, from higher education to innovation policies, from European integration to energy policy, from industrial policy to education etc.

Top-ranking international scholars from around the world attend the Institute in Vienna either as guest professors or visiting fellows. As a forum for discussion and debate, the Institute frequently organizes different types of meetings – lectures, seminars, and conferences.

The IHS' work is made available in a wide range of publications, most of which are accessible on its website. Press releases, working paper series, and policy briefs complement the publication activities geared towards the highest ranking peer reviewed journals.

The IHS participates in leading networks ranging from the American Political Science Association (APSA), the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), International Political Science Association (IPSA), International Sociological Association (ISA), European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR), European Sociological Association (ESA),) and the European Network of Economic Policy Research Institutes (ENEPRI).

Jaap de Zwaan

TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conference in Luxembourg, 4-5 June 2015



Founding member of the European communities and seat of European institutions since 1952, Luxembourg has proven its sound European spirit over the

last 11 presidencies it assumed. In 2015, the Luxembourg Presidency will have to face tough challenges. On June 4 and 5 2015, the *Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche Européenne Robert Schuman* in cooperation with the Trans European Policy Studies Association organised the Luxembourg Pre-Presidency Conference to discuss these challenges and to describe the main goals of this Presidency Trio: Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg .

On June 4th 2015, the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, **Jean Asselborn**, presented the main stakes of the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of EU agenda, during the "Luxembourg EU Pre-Presidency Conference". TEPSA invited professors, researchers from diverse European institutes, but also European civil servants and former politicians, at the historical Robert Schuman building of the European Parliament.

The inaugural speech by **Son Altesse Royale the Grand-Duc Henri**, gave the opportunity to highlight the importance of this twelfth Presidency for Luxembourg, where "the European adventure began 63 years ago". "Our national interest is linked to the progress of the European destiny", judged the Grand-Duc. Recalling that the

Luxembourg Presidencies have often been successful, and that the “research of compromise” has always been prioritized, the Grand-Duc wanted that the Luxembourg Presidency will be “a full success, not for personal glory but only to serve the astounding European project”.

Before describing the global stakes of the program, **Minister Jean Asselborn** revealed the common key priorities which will guide the Presidency: he affirmed that Luxembourg will exercise an “open presidency” which “will put citizens at the heart of the European project”.

At the heart of the program, which is based on the five objectives of the strategic agenda of the EU for the five coming years, is the will to “act in a determined way in the migration field”, especially following the recent tragedies which took place in the Mediterranean.

Another crucial stake consists of the EU economic crisis. The Minister assured that everything will be set up to create growth and employment. Going deeper into the European social dimension is one of the other priorities. The Presidency will pay due attention to the Investment Plan for Europe of President Jean-Claude Juncker. In his speech, Jean Asselborn emphasized the importance of the competitiveness of Europe, the dynamism of the internal markets and sustainable development (in particular with the upcoming COP21 in Paris).

As a conclusion, the Minister underlined the two topics which are in the current European news, the Greek and the Britain issues. He spoke in favor of keeping Greece in the Eurozone and he also affirmed that it will be possible to find some common ground with Great Britain to keep the country within the EU.

After these introductory speeches, the conference was separate into parallels panels.

During the discussion focused on the Brexit and Grexit questions, the speakers were unanimous to say that an exit is neither in the interest of London nor of Athens.

Graham Avery, honorary member of the TEPSA board, explained that the UK wants to be “exempted of the effect of an “ever closer union”, and to avoid “excessive interference of Brussels”. His main claim is that the British will take their decision whether to stay or not in the EU “as soon as they have analyze the alternatives of their permanency within the EU” which will be less favorable for them.

For **Johannes Pollak**, from the Institute for Advanced Studies (HIS), a new Member institute of TEPSA, Greece and the United Kingdom would be losers in case of an exit because the economic consequences would be “disastrous”. Additionally, the EU would also be weakened because an exit of the UK would risk creating a domino effect on countries like Hungary, which would begin to demand some conditions to stay in the EU.

Throughout the session on the Juncker Plan, the speakers have showed some criticisms about this new investment plan.

Iain Begg, professor at the London School of Economics and Member of TEPSA Board, was not sure that the Juncker plan constitutes the best answer to the problem of “growth deficit”. For him, the plan is not effective enough and it will not change the actual state of the EU economy. He also warned the assembly of the oppositions and inequalities between EU Member states.

Andras Inotai, professor and director of the Institute of World Economic in Hungary and Member of the TEPSA Board, warned against the risks of having a two-speed Europe. To improve Europe competitiveness, it will be crucial to improve efficiency of the institutions, to maintain real cohesion, to support the creation of “innovative societies” and to strengthen the capacity of social adjustment.

Adriaan Schout, researcher at the Institute of International Relations, Clingendael, a Member institute of TEPSA, affirmed that the Juncker plan creates a “political risk”. He criticised the fact that the EU and the European Central Bank (ECB) are more and more political and are losing their independence.

Another panel was organized on the neighborhood policies and their difficulties, on the EU-Russia relations and on the Ukrainian conflict.

Katrin Böttger, deputy director of the Institute of European Policies (IEP) of Berlin and Member of the TEPSA Board, began her intervention by reminding the historical relations between Russia and the EU since 1990. Since 2013 and the acceleration of the Ukrainian conflict, there has been a crisis in the relations. How long will this period last? And what will happen next? A full membership of Ukraine in the EU would allow putting in place reforms in the country but some skeptics think that it would rather offend Russia.

Atila Eralf, president of the Centre for European Studies, Turkey, a Member Institute of TEPSA, chose to talk about the changes in the Neighborhood policy of the EU. He acknowledged that the neighborhood policy has not been

crowned with success because of its special characteristics. The global approach of the neighborhood policy should be revised to be inclined towards geopolitics and precisely to face Russian attempts to strengthen the Eurasian economic union, which competes with the EU policies.

This Pre-Presidency Conference of Luxembourg 2015 was a success thanks to the involvement of the *Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Européennes Robert Schuman*. The TEPSA Board and Secretariat would like to express their gratitude to Jean-Marie Majerus and his team.

News from TEPSA Projects

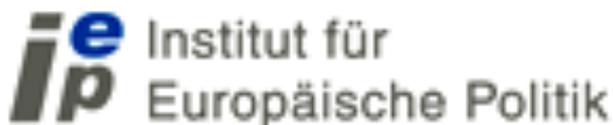
[THESEUS Award for Promising Research on European Integration 2015](#)



The THESEUS Award for Promising Research on European Integration distinguishes an excellent piece of work of a junior researcher in the field of European Integration, which analyses an on-going challenge for the European Union and its member states • with regard to the institutions, policies or policy making processes of the European Union, • from a comparative perspective across the ...

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News from TEPSA Member Institutes



[News from the Institut für Europäische Politik \(IEP\), Berlin](#)

The Institut für Europäische Politik in cooperation with „Das Progressive Zentrum“ financially supported by Stiftung Mercator is organising a new project on "The Truth

about Lies on Europe" from 01 June 2015 – 31 May 2017. For a long time a general pro-european consensus has prevailed in Germany. In recent years, however, euroscepticism is also on ...

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[News from the Institute of International Affairs and the Centre for Small States Studies \(IIA\), Iceland](#)

The Centre for Small State Studies at the University of Iceland is hosting an intensive summer school focused on small states and European integration from June 22 to July 4. This is the thirteenth year in a row in which the summer school is held. Students from six universities in Europe participate in the school and the teaching is carried out by internationally...

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[Call for panel submission at the IPSA World Congress in Istanbul](#)



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The Research Committee of Legislative Specialists (RC08 / RCLS) will coordinate a number of panels at the IPSA World Congress. The call for panel submissions is now open. See here for details: <https://istanbul2016.ipsa.org/events/congress/istanbul2016/home>. The RC08 session will include panels on all aspects of legislatures and parliamentary government. There are two types of panels: Open panels submitted without papers ...

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[News from the Finnish Institute of International Affairs \(FIIA\), Helsinki](#)



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Senior Research Fellow Jyrki Kallio has been awarded the J. A. Hollo Prize for the best non-fiction translation published in 2014. The book, *Mestari Kongin keskustelut – kungfutselaisuuden ydinolemus* ("The Discourses of Master Kong – The Essence of Confucianism"), comprises a critical translation of Confucius's Analects, as well as excerpts from other key texts. Call for Papers Finnish Foreign ...

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[News from the Istituto Affari Internazionali \(IAI\), Rome](#)

IAI deputy director, Nathalie Tocci, has been nominated Special advisor to High Representative Mogherini for the development of a new EU foreign policy strategy. IAI, in partnership with the French Embassy, have promoted a Franco-Italian Strategic Forum with three scheduled meetings in April and May focused on defence, energy and Africa ...

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[News from the Institute for Development and International Relations \(IRMO\), Zagreb](#)

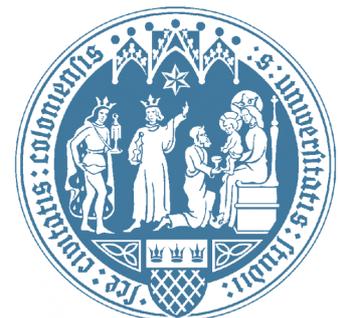
On 14-16 June 2015, the Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO) and the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies (CzOSS) of the Croatian Military Academy jointly organised a conference 'Croatia and the Contemporary Security Environment - Threats, Challenges and Responses'. The conference sponsored by the NATO's Public Diplomacy Division and held at the Croatian ...

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[News from the University of Cologne](#)

TEPSA and the Jean Monnet Chair of Prof. Wolfgang Wessels congratulate Vanessa Boas to the completion of her PhD in the framework of the EU-funded joint PhD Programme EXACT (<http://www.exact.uni-koeln.de/>). She successfully defended her thesis "Who needs goodwill? An analysis of EU norm promotion in the Central Asian context" – co-supervised at the Universities of Cologne and Prague - at ...

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Upcoming events at TEPSA Member Institutes



[Upcoming events at the Istituto Affari Internazionali \(IAI\), 16 July 2015](#)

On 16 July 2015, in Rome, the IAI organises a conference with Simon Mordue, Director 'Enlargement Policy and Strategy' in the Enlargement Directorate-General, about "A new EU policy for the neighbourhood in a changing strategic environment"

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[Upcoming event at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs \(FIIA\), July 2015](#)

FIIA will organise a panel discussion "Trolls, hawks and doves" at SuomiAreena in Pori on 17 July. Programme Director Mika Aaltola will chair the panel with Veronika Honkasalo, Saara Jantunen, Matti Pesu and Janne Riiheläinen.

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[Conference on "Theorizing the ENP", College of Europe, Bruges, 17-18 September 2015](#)



On 17-18 September 2015, the Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies at the College of Europe, Bruges campus, with the financial support of the European Commission, is organising an international conference on "Theorizing the European Neighbourhood Policy". The conference aims to contribute to the further development of EU external relations theory by explaining the origins, development and (in)effectiveness ...

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[Conference on "Transatlantic Leadership in a Global Perspective: Challenges and Opportunities", College of Europe, Bruges, 19 October 2015](#)

On 19 October 2015, the Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies at the College of Europe, Bruges campus, in cooperation with the European Foreign Affairs Review, is organising a high-level international conference on "Transatlantic Leadership in a Global Perspective: Challenges and Opportunities". The conference will explore the potential and limitations of joint US-EU leadership regarding the Transatlantic Trade ...

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Past events at TEPSA Member Institutes



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Past events at the Institute of International Affairs and the Centre for Small State Studies (IIA), March-June 2015

The Institute of International Affairs (IIA) at the University of Iceland and the Centre for Small State Studies (CSSS) organised a seminar series on EU matters during the spring semester. The series was organised in collaboration with the EU Info Centre in Iceland and its focus was contemporary issues in ...

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Past events at the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), April-July 2015

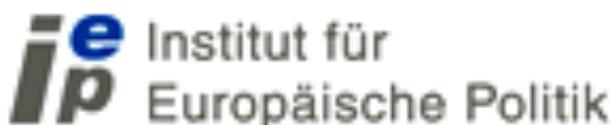
On 29 April 2014, the IAI organised in Rome a conference on "the projection to the South of Europe (from Maghreb to Sub Saharan Africa) in the framework of the Franco- Italian Strategic (France-Italy Strategic Forum project).

On 4 May 2015, IAI organised another conference on "EU and its neighbours: charting the way forward" in cooperation with the Italian Foreign Ministry and the Latvian Presidency of the Council of ...

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Past events at the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP), May-June 2015

The Institut für Europäische Politik hosted an IEP Lunch Debate with Gunther Krichbaum, member of the German Bundestag and chairman of the Bundestag's Committee on the Affairs of the European Union. On 30 June 2015 Gunther Krichbaum spoke on "Greece – What happens now?". For more information, see: ...



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Past events at the Elcano Royal Institute, May-June 2015

On 9 June 2015, the Elcano Royal Institute, with the collaboration of Airbus Group and the Ministry of Defence, organised a conference on Defence industry. The conference analysed the state and expectations of the defence industry on the eve of the European Council Meeting (25-26 June 2015).

On the 12 of May 2015, the Elcano Royal Institute organised a seminar on "The Future of the EU's Eastern and Southern Neighbourhoods", Seminar ...

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Past events at the Institute for World Economics, Budapest, May-June 2015

On 4 May 2015, in Budapest, Ágnes Szunomár, senior researcher at IWE, contributed to the conference entitled "CEEC-China Cooperation and One Belt, One Road Construction", organised by the Embassy of China to Hungary and the Hungarian Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade. On 5-6 May 2015, University of Rwanda Zsuzsánna

Biedermann, senior researcher at IWE, contributed to the conference on “Recent Trends in ...

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[Past event at the Institute of International Relations \(IIR\), Prague, June 2015](#)

The Institute of International Relations, CERI–Sciences Po, Paris and CEFRES organised a conference, the 11 June 2015, on “Russo-Ukrainian Crisis and the Consequences for the EU” focusing on the very current topic of the Ukraine crisis. The conference, which hosted several distinguished speakers such as Christian Lequesne (Professor, CERI-Sciences ...

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[Past events at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs \(FIIA\), June 2015](#)

FIIA participated in organising the third Kultaranta Talks on 14-15 June and will organise a panel at SuomiAreena on 17 July. Director Tiilikainen will compile a report to the OSCE eminent panel while Jyrki Kallio has been awarded J.A. Hollo Prize. The third Kultaranta Talks President Sauli Niinistö hosted a debate on foreign and security policy at the President's summer ...

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Publications from TEPESA Member Institutes



[Publications from the College of Europe, Natoline, 2014-2015](#)

Tobias SCHUMACHER

How to make the European Neighbourhood Policy fit for purpose, Europe's World, 25 June 2015.

Uncertainty at the EU's borders: narratives of EU external relations in the revised European Neighborhood Policy towards the southern borderlands, European Security, 2015, Vol. 24.

Russia's foreign policy towards North Africa in the ...

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[Publications from the Finnish Institute of International Affairs \(FIIA\), 2014-2015](#)

The Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs

The latest issue of the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs, published in late May, focuses on climate change and energy politics. The journal asks whether China, the world's largest polluter, is in the position to effectively tackle the rise of global temperatures. In addition, the journal analyzes the political consequences of Europe's dependency on ...

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[Publications from the University of Cologne, 2014-2015](#)

The EP elections 2014 and their consequences. A further step towards EU parliamentarism?, *Johannes Müller Gómez and Wolfgang Wessels*, in: Cuadernos Europeos de Deusto 52-2015, pp. 39-66.

The Palgrave Handbook of National Parliaments and the European Union, *Claudia Heffler, Christine Neuhold, Olivier Rozenberg and Julie Smith (Eds.)*, Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan 2015. Including: Wolfgang Wessels, Foreword. pp. xiii-xiv. Olivier Rozenberg and ...

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[Publications from the Institute of International Affairs \(IIA\), May-July](#)

The IIA is putting the finishing touches on a **textbook on European integration** that will be published early this fall. The book is primarily written for senior high-school students and undergraduates, but will also be made accessible to all those that wish to learn more about European integration and read up on ...

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[Publications from the Institute for World Economics, 2015](#)

Outward FDI Policies in Visegrad countries., *Andrea Éltető* – *Magdolna Sass*, Country report – Hungary. In: Bulletin of the Institute for Western Affairs, No 79/2015, 6

p. http://www.iz.poznan.pl/news/1148_Hungary.pdf

Outward FDI Policies in Visegrad countries. Final report., *Andrea Éltető et al.*, (Research project, No. 11430010 Small Grants Program of the International Visegrad Fund)
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[Publications from the Istituto Affari Internazionali \(IAI\), April-May 2015](#)

Global Turkey in Europe III. Democracy, Trade, and the Kurdish Question in Turkey-EU, by *Senem Aydın-Düzgün et al. (ed.)* (IAI Research Papers Mo.19) June 2015, 285 p.

Global Turkey in Europe's third volume sheds light on four key areas in EU-Turkey relations: foreign relations, democracy, the Kurdish question, and economic and trade issues. Building on its two preceding collective volumes, ...

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[Publications from the Institute of International Relations and Political Sciences \(IIRPS\), Vilnius,](#)

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IIRPS VU scholars in cooperation with NUPI finalised the joint report on energy relations in the Baltic Sea Region

IIRPS VU in cooperation with Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) is implementing the project “**Energy security and the Baltic Sea Region: regional coordination and management of interdependence**”. The main goal of the project is to assess the current situation ...

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Public Consultations, by the European Commission



"Equality between women and men in the EU referred to as 'consultation' in the text"

The objective of this consultation is to receive the views of stakeholders or people concerned by the topic of the consultation and potentially to publish them on the Internet, under the responsibility of the Head of the Gender equality Unit, Directorate-General Justice and Consumers, acting as the Controller.

As this online service collects and further processes personal data, Regulation (EC) 45/2001, of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data, is applicable....

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