

TEPSA Newsletter April 2014 Edition

Editorial

Democracy in the European Union: The importance of the European elections, by Jaap de Zwaan

All along the existence of the European Union -and its predecessor organisations- the question has been raised whether the EU decision making suffers from a democratic deficit. In fact without a lot of debate this question was always answered in the affirmative.

These days there are good reasons to argue that the decision making process at the European level is a democratic one.

Up to the eighties of the last century the European Parliament was referred to as an 'assembly', not as a parliament. In that period the parliament essentially possessed the right to deliver opinions in a certain number of policy areas. Since the end of the seventies, however, developments have gone fast. In 1979 the first direct election of the European Parliament members took place. The European Single Act (entry into force in 1987) introduced the cooperation procedure. The Maastricht Treaty (1993) improved the working of the cooperation procedure and added the co-decision procedure. The Amsterdam Treaty (1999) (abolished the cooperation procedure and) transformed the co-decision procedure into a properly speaking co-legislative instrument: without agreement between Council and European Parliament a decision cannot be adopted.

Finally but not least, the Lisbon Treaty (2009) widened the scope of application of the co-decision procedure and reinforced the competences of the parliament in the external domain (the competence to give consent). Furthermore, the treaty introduced the institutional innovation according to which the European Council, when proposing a candidate for President of the Commission, has to take into account the elections to the European Parliament. The candidate is then elected by the European Parliament. The Lisbon Treaty also produced two protocols on the role of national parliaments, one of which concerned the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

Even if one takes into account the innovations brought by the Lisbon Treaty, still certain issues have to be settled regarding the working of the European Parliament. The first issue concerns the objection that, in the absence of a European 'demos', the parliament cannot pretend to represent the European citizens. Secondly there is the argument that the scope of the co-decision procedure –referred to in the treaties as the 'ordinary legislative procedure'- is not as yet an absolute one. Furthermore criticism –expressed in practice by the highest constitutional judge in Germany, the Bundesverfassungsgericht- can be made regarding the composition of the parliament in view of the fact that during the elections once in five years the principle 'one man one vote' is not respected. The next point is related to the fact that the European Parliament, differently from an ordinary parliament, does not dispose of a -formal- right of initiative regarding policy making. And, additionally concerns are expressed regarding the lack of visibility of the members of the parliament (people hardly know members of the parliament) respectively the lack of transparency of their work.

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TEPSA Provocative Column



"The EU's Eastern Partnership project has failed. Would any reedition of the project work?" by Andras Inotai

The current and deepening crisis in Ukraine revealed the complete inadequacy of the Eastern Partnership project, at least as it had been constructed since 2009. First, it did not support economic restructuring of the countries involved. Just the opposite, as seen in Ukraine, the member countries have been facing with growing economic problems that obviously contributed to the current critical situation. Second, any implementation of a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement would create an uneven distribution of costs and benefits in favour of the EU, at least in the short and medium term. Due to structural rigidities and lack of competitive commodities (and services) in the EaP region, reciprocal opening of the markets would favour EU exports and most probably exacerbate trade deficit problems. Third, the EaP has never offered a viable economic alternative to the dependence of the member countries on Russia. Reorientation of exports from the Russian to the EU markets is blocked by the (uncompetitive) production pattern focusing on the Russian market, strong business interests or networks, historical ties, geographic location and sometimes temporary or lasting advantages provided by Russia. Even more importantly, the EU is unable to replace (or even lessen) the energy dependence of the EaP countries on Russian energy. In addition, for some EaP countries remittances of workers employed in Russia play a relevant role in foreign exchange revenues. Fourth, the new Russian (economic) policy based on the creation of the Eurasian Customs Union (ECU) proved to be much more attractive to some EaP countries. Belarus became full member of the ECU, while Armenia is likely to join the Russia-led economic union soon. Also, countries more in favour of the EU, such as Georgia or Moldova cannot ignore the potential economic benefits of the Russian project as compared to the economic advantages offered by the EU. Fifth, the only evident advantage of the EaP can be identified in building democratic institutions and societies. However, even in countries where the political leadership is committed to democratic values, most people are hard to be convinced that longer term political benefits are more important than immediate economic gains (or the avoidance of immediate economic losses). Moreover, it is unlikely that democracy-building can remain a sustainable project under conditions of economic hardship.

While it is evident that after the failure of the EaP project a new approach has to be developed and implemented. Still, it is by far not clear whether any such "reedited package" would be able to compensate the Russian offer, make the respective economies more competitive and reduce the critical dependence (both energy and selected influential industrial sectors) on Russia. Any EU-led approach that could count on some success, should contain the following elements: dramatically increased financial support for economic transformation and modernization, immediate and asymmetric market opening for EaP products, including agricultural goods, as well as the urgent starting of comprehensive programs of building a strong civil society.

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Introducing a TEPSA Member Institute



**Institute for World Economics, Research
Centre for Economic and Regional Studies
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As a member institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the Institute was established in 1973 on the basis of a research group dealing with problems of developing countries since the mid-sixties. From the very beginning, the basic research philosophy of the Institute consisted of - combining theoretical research with policy-oriented analysis and advice, - creating a balance between global, ...

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News from TEP SA Secretariat



**PADEMIA
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PADEMIA First Annual Conference, 12-13 June 2014, Brussels

PADEMIA – Erasmus Academic Network on Parliamentary Democracy in Europe will hold its first annual conference in Brussels on 12-13 June 2014. The motivation of PADEMIA is to establish a

Europe-wide and sustainable network of 56 academics from 31 countries to promote research and teaching in reaction to growing European demands to study parliamentary democracy in Europe. PADEMIA seeks to ...

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Europe at Work, 11 and 13 June 2014, Berlin and 16-18 June 2014, Brussels

The interdisciplinary seminar is embedded in the THESEUS project and part of the Lifelong Learning Programme as Jean Monnet Module. Together with students from the University of Cologne, the Turkish-German University, Istanbul and Charles University Prague the seminar discusses this year European energy policy together with practitioners

and experts in Berlin and Brussels. In July a roundtable discussion takes place ...

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THESEUS-PROTEUS Summer School, Seminar for Young Leaders 2014: "The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership", 23-27 June 2014, Fondation

Universitaire, Brussels

In view of the current debate on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, the seminar will deal with a European Council simulation. Participants are required to prepare and argue the position of a member of the European Council. The seminar will feature speakers and high-level experts from international organisations, business, politics, as well as recognised researchers. An experienced researcher from ...

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Save the date - TEPASA Pre-Presidency Conference in Riga, 4-5 December 2014

The TEPASA Pre-Presidency Conference in Riga will take place on **4-5 December 2014**. We would like kindly to request TEPASA representatives to save the date. More information will follow.

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News from FIIA

A new three-year research programme period will begin in January 2014. While the programme structure will remain intact, stronger emphasis will be placed on the Nordic countries, the Arctic region, cyber issues and Russian internal dynamics. Programme period 2014-2016 Research at FIIA will be organised into three research programmes during the next programme period. The European Union Research Programme will ...

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Staff news Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA)

Wolfgang Mühlberger and Toni Alaranta have joined the European Union Research Programme in the beginning of April. Mühlberger has previously worked as a Senior Research Analyst in the National Defense Academy in Vienna where he focused on the EU's relations with its southern neighbours. Alaranta received his PhD degree from the University of Helsinki in 2011 and his research focuses ...

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News Jean Monnet Chair Professor Wessels, University of Cologne

Our longtime colleague Dr. Katjana Gattermann has left the chair at the end of January 2014. She is now working for the Amsterdam Centre for Contemporary European Studies (ACCESS EUROPE). Dr. Gattermann was working for the OPAL project and will remain in close contact with the Jean Monnet Chair, especially due to her responsibilities within the PADEMIA project. Oliver Höing ...

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New faces at Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

The IAI is pleased to announce that Fabrizio Saccomanni, former Minister of Economy and Finance in the government headed by Mr. Enrico Letta, joined the Institute as senior economic advisor. He will collaborate on economic studies, in particular on issues related to the coordination of economic and monetary policies globally. He is also a member of the IAI Board of ...

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Cool Industries for the Creative City (CICC) project, September 2013-April 2014, IRMO

The Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO) is carrying out the Cool Industries for the Creative City (CICC) project, started in September 2013 and running until April 2014, focusing on the capacity building of the cultural/creative industries of the city of Zagreb. This research-consultancy project is a follow up of previous activities of the Institute's Department for Culture and ...

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New European project: POWER2YOUTH - Freedom, dignity and justice, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

POWER2YOUTH is a consortium made up of 12 institutes and universities funded by the European Commission's 7th Framework Programme (FP7). The project will study the causes and effects of processes of exclusion of young people in the South and East of the Mediterranean, while seeking to identify the factors that favor their inclusion. The three-year project focuses in particular on ...

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Upcoming Events at TEPESA Member Institutes



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Panel discussion on "Promoting Participatory Democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina", 24 April 2014, the Institute

of International Relations

The panel discussion will be organised together with the Directorate General for Enlargement of the European Commission. The sustainable social development of South East Europe is crucial not only for the political and social stability of the region, but also for the entire European Union. The objective of this event is to present, assess and mutually learn from the diverse ...

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Public Lecture by the First Minister of Scotland, Alex Salmond on EU-Scotland relations, 28 April 2014, College of Europe, Bruges

The College of Europe is honored to host the First Minister of Scotland, Rt Hon Alex Salmond MSP on Monday 28 April 2014. The First Minister Salmond will address the College with a keynote lecture on EU-Scotland relations and discuss the economic and political value of European integration. The event will take place from 10.15 to 12.15 in Room E, Dijver ...

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50th Anniversary Conference European Studies Institute, ULB - "L'Europe dans la tempête: leçons et défis" by M. Herman Van Rompuy, European Council President, 29 April 2014

This conference is organised for the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the European Studies Institute, ULB. It will take place on 29th April from 10:00 until 20:00 at the European Studies Institute, Free University Brussels. Please find more information in French [here](#).

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Public lecture by Graham Avery on: "Will Britain Leave the European Union?", 29 April 2014, the Institute of International Relations, Prague

The Institute of International Relations cordially invites you to a public lecture with a subsequent discussion by Graham Avery - a Member of St. Antony's College, University of Oxford; a Senior Adviser at the European Policy Centre, Brussels; and an Honorary Director General of the European Commission. The lecture will be held on April 29 at 16:00 in the IIR. ...

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FIIA three research programmes, Spring 2014

Eurasian integration project The EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia Research

Programme is conducting a research project aimed at analysing the current trends in and prospects of the Eurasian integration. The project attempts to take into account the variety of views and assessments that exist in all member states of the Eurasian Customs Union. It places emphasis on conducting research interviews ...

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Seminar on the current security issues in Eurasia, 29 April 2014, LIIA, Riga



The Latvian Institute of International Affairs, with the support of the Nuclear Threat Initiative and in cooperation with the European Leadership Network, is organizing a public discussion on April 29, 2014. The speakers are Ian Kearns (European Leadership Network), Sergey Utkin (Centre for Situation Analysis, Russian Academy of Sciences), Sławomir Debski (Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding) and Samuel Charap ...

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International conference sponsored by the International Visegrad Fund on “The Visegrad Group in the Post-Lisbon EU: Getting Closer to Move Further”, 30 April 2014, IIR

The international conference sponsored by the International Visegrad Fund on “The Visegrad Group in the Post-Lisbon EU: Getting Closer to Move Further” will take place on 30 April 2014 and is co-organised by IIR, HIIA, PISM, SFPA The Institute of International Relations in Prague in cooperation with the Polish Institute of International Affairs, the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs and ...

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Sciences Po events April and May 2014



Conference European Union countries in globalisation. Discussion between Enrico Letta and two Sciences Po Alumni: Hubert Védrine, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of France, and Pascal Lamy, Former Director-General of the World Trade Organization, 24 April 2014, Sciences Po, CEE, Fondation Jean-Jaurès & Notre Europe – Institut Jacques Delors
Conference European Union after the crisis: Social and Economic Crisis: which ...

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Upcoming events Institute of World Economics (IWE), May 2014

Europe Club monthly event: „Europe’s fragmented party landscape and the perspective of an EU-wide party system” by Professor Rudolf Hrbek, 20 May 2014, University of Tübingen and College of Europe, Bruges, Conference at the Centre for International Capital Markets, London Metropolitan University, with Ágnes Szunomár on “Chinese FDI in Central and Eastern Europe: institutional perspective”, 9 May 2014, London Lecture ...

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European elections' events, Jean Monnet Chair Professor Wessels, May 2014

As part of a project funded by the Ministry of European Affairs of North Rhine-Westphalia, the Jean Monnet Chair of



Professor Wessels will organise various events regarding this year's European elections. The public lectures, workshops and a simulation exercise will take place in Cologne at the beginning of May. Further information on www.wessels.uni-koeln.de.

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Second Annual Conference of the Jean Monnet Chair “An Evolving EU Engaging a Changing Mediterranean Region”, 5 May 2014, The Institute for European Studies, Malta

On 5 May 2014 the Institute for European Studies will organize the second annual conference under the general theme “An Evolving EU Engaging a Changing Mediterranean Region”. Proposals for papers are accepted by the Institute by 15 January 2014. They are to be sent to Mr Massimo Costa to massimo.costa@um.edu.mt. TEPSA members are invited to the event. Only invited speakers ...

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Public lecture on European political elites by Prof. Luca Verzichelli (University of Siena), 12-18 May 2014, The Institute for European Studies, Malta

Prof Luca Verzichelli will visit the Institute for European Studies on May 12-18, 2014. During his visit, Prof Verzichelli will hold seminars at the MA programme in European Politics, Economics and Law, and will deliver a public lecture on political elites in Europe. Luca Verzichelli is professor of political science at the University of Siena, Italy, where he has been ...

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IIA's website: www.iaa.hi.is

Open events in May and June 2014, Institute of International Affairs and the Centre for Small State Studies (IIA)

The IIA is organising open seminars focused on the EU and various issues that are part of the contemporary political debate. These include the Arctic, climate change, human rights, nationalism and small states and governance. More information will be available soon on the

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Seminar on EU's funding instruments for the European Neighbourhood, 17 June 2014, LIIA, Riga

Latvian Institute of International Affairs and numerous partners will organize an international seminar on EU's funding instruments for the European Neighbourhood, which will take place on June 17 in Riga. Please follow updates on here.

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Summer School on "Resistance, protest and social change in the EU", 23-28 June 2014, University of Surrey

The Centre for Research on the European Matrix (CRonEM) at the School of Politics, University of Surrey is organizing a Summer School on "Resistance, protest and social change in the EU". The Summer School will take place between the 23rd and 28th of June 2014 and targets postgraduate (Taught and Research) students across the world. Main aim of the Summer ...

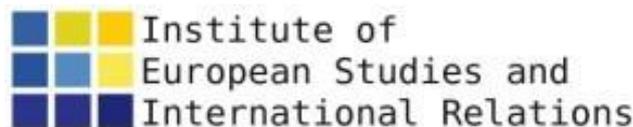
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Call for applications, Master in Advanced European and International Studies 2014/15, Studying in Nice-Berlin-Rome-Istanbul, CIFE

The Institut européen•European Institute (IE•EI), a department of CIFE in Nice, invites graduate students to apply for its Master programme 2014/15. The "Master in Advanced European and International Studies" (MAEIS) offers an overarching, encompassing vision of the political, social, economic, and cultural problems of today's modern world. The courses are taught by renowned academics from various European countries, as well ...

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PhD School: "Democracy in Europe: Institutions and Practices", 16-19 June 2014, Bratislava, Slovakia

The Institute of European Studies and International Relations of the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences of the Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia, would like to invite PhD students to participate in the PhD School "Democracy in Europe: Institutions and Practices". The PhD school organized as part of the PADEMIA project features lectures and seminars with leading experts on democratic ...

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Summer School "European Union Law and Policy on Immigration and Asylum", 30 June - 11 July 2014, Université Libre de Bruxelles

The aim of the Summer School is to provide its participants with an comprehensive understanding of the immigration and asylum policy of the European Union from a legal point of view. The programme is organised by the "Academic Network for Legal Studies on Immigration and Asylum in Europe", founded with the financial support of the Odysseus Programme of the European Commission and co-ordinated by the Institute for European

Studies of the Université Libre de Bruxelles. The course provides both the opportunity to live in a unique European environment, as Brussels hosts numerous European and international organisations and their research facilities, and to take part in an intellectually stimulating experience in a group of several tens of participants specialised in the area of asylum and immigration from all over Europe. The classes are conducted by academics from the universities co-operating in the Network which is represented in twenty-seven Member States of the European Union, Switzerland and Norway in more, and by high ranking officials from international organisations, particularly the European Commission. Each class is given both in French and in English. Participation in the Summer School is rewarded with a certificate of attendance.

You can find more information on the programme and application [here](#).

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Small States Summer School, 23 June-5 July 2014

The Centre for Small State Studies, which is run under the auspices of the IIA, will be holding an intensive two week summer course sponsored by an Erasmus grant, focusing on small states and the European integration process. This is the twelfth year in a row that the CSSS is holding a summer school of this kind. The course brings ...

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Certificate in "European Law on Immigration and Asylum", 5 September 2014 - 12 July 2015, Université Libre de Bruxelles

The aim of this programme is to provide its participants with an in-depth understanding of the legal rules on immigration and asylum adopted by the European Union. The courses will also have a comparative dimension and cover the internal laws of the Member States, in particular the way they transpose EU directives. This programme will be of interest to all persons who wish to acquire a special knowledge in immigration and asylum law, for instance civil servants, advocates or persons working for NGOs, and in particular researchers, PhD students and other students, who frequently confront the complex legal dimension of immigration and asylum in their work or studies. This programme is organised by the "Academic Network for Legal Studies on Immigration and Asylum in Europe" founded in 1999 with the support of the Odysseus Programme of the European Commission and co-ordinated by the Institute for European Studies of Brussels University (ULB). The course provides the opportunity to live in a unique European environment, with instructors coming from academic institutions in many different Member States as well as from the EU institutions, and to take part in an intellectually stimulating experience as part of a group of 20-40 participants specialising in the area of immigration and asylum with different backgrounds from all over Europe. Professional networking within and outside this group will be encouraged by the organisers.

More information on the certificate is available [here](#).

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Call for Applications: Master in EU Studies Online, CIFE

The Master in EU Studies Online, a two year programme, offers the perfect blend of theoretical and practical knowledge of the EU. Participants will gain a working knowledge of recent developments in the European integration process. They will also gain the skills to negotiate within an international context, to draft reports, to plan and manage international projects, and to present ...



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Trans Arctic Agenda in October 2014, Institute of International Affairs and the Centre for Small State Studies

The Centre for Arctic Policy Studies at the University of Iceland (CAPS), which is run under the auspices of the IIA, is organizing a high-level seminar on Arctic issues. The seminar is scheduled to take place in Reykjavik in late October 2014. This is the second year that the Trans Arctic Agenda seminar is held in Reykjavik. The Centre for ...

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Past Events at TEPESA Member Institutes



Past events Institute of World Economics (IWE), January-April 2014, Hungary

The Institute of World Economics organised the following Europe Club monthly events: - End-year evaluation and short-term prospects of the European integration (with Péter Balázs, former EU-Commissioner and minister of foreign affairs, Péter Tálás and László Valki), 28 January 2014 - Utilization of EU transfers in Hungary (Péter Heil), 25 February 2014 - The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (Lutz ...

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Past events Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), April 2014

Presentation of the study "Space, sovereignty and European security. Building European capabilities in an advanced institutional framework" to the Subcommittee on Security and Defence of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament, 1 April 2014, Brussels A new IAI monograph commissioned by the European Parliament's Subcommittee on Security and Defence offers an analysis of the role of space-based

capabilities ...

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Sciences Po Conference "Austerity, growth and populism. The

stakes of European elections", 9 April 2014



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Sciences Po welcomes Enrico Letta as a Visiting Professor during Spring Semester 2014. Enrico Letta is an Italian MP. He was Minister of European Affairs (1998-1999), Minister for Industry (1999-2001), Member of the European Parliament (2004-2006) before becoming the President of the Council (2013-2014). Enrico Letta is Visiting Professor at Sciences Po in the Master of European Affairs. He also ...

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International Conference on Mass Communication, 3-4 April 2014, Committee of the Regions, Brussels

On 3-4 April 2014, the InBev-Baillet Latour Chair of European Union-China Relations at the College of Europe in Bruges organized an international conference on mass communication and its impact on EU-China relations. The conference brought together European and

Chinese perspectives on issues of common interest ranging from politics and norms to economic and social issues. The conference gathered policy-makers, journalists, ...

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Policy-makers debate in Zagreb, 3 April 2014, IRMO and the New Pact for Europe project

The Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO) and , initiated by the King Baudouin Foundation and the Bertelsmann Stiftung, organized a policy-makers debate in Zagreb on the 3rd of April 2014. The debate was held under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Croatia Ivo Josipović who participated in the discussion and it was organized at the ...

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Inauguration of a new EU-China Research Centre, 1 April 2014, College of Europe, Bruges

On 1 April 2014, the Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies at the College of Europe in Bruges inaugurated a new EU-China Research Centre funded by the InBev-Baillet Latour Fund. On the same day, Chinese President Xi Jinping had delivered a keynote speech on EU-China relations to the students of the College of Europe and distinguished guests as ...

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Events Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), March 2014

A public stakeholders event within the framework of the project New Pact for Europe was organised on 10 March

2014. Within this project, public panel debates have been organized with a broad range of stakeholders in 15 Member States: representatives from civil society, business community, employers' and trade unions, think tanks and media, policy makers from national, regional and local ...

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OPAL's final conference "National Parliaments in Europe", 31 March 2014, London

OPAL Dissemination Conference in London On 31 March 2014, OPAL's final conference „National Parliaments in Europe“ took place in the House of Lords in London. The dissemination conference was targeted at practitioners in the field of national parliaments and was organized by the University of Cambridge. The OPAL partners presented research results of the last three years, especially articles that ...

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International Conference on the ENP in a Comparative Perspective, 20-21 March 2014, College of Europe, Bruges

On 20-21 March 2014, the Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies at the College of Europe in Bruges held a two-day international conference analyzing and comparing the legal, institutional, political, security, economic and financial challenges that the EU's various policy frameworks with neighbouring countries are confronted with in order to identify lessons for the ENP. Although the EU's ...

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International Conference on " 1914 – The Collapse of a Peace Order: Is Democratic Peace an Alternative?", oiip, 17 March 2014

This international conference took place at the Austrian Parliament. The welcome addresses were given by Barbara Prammer (President of the Austrian National Council), Werner Faymann (Federal Chancellor of Austria), Anne Brasseur (President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe) and Martin Schulz (President of the European Parliament). The conference was chaired by Heinz Gärtner (oiip), Markus Kornprobst (Dipl ...

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Seminar of the Centre d'études européennes: "The Electoral Base of Gridlock in America: Secular Realignment from 1937", 12 March 2014, Sciences Po, CEE, Paris

The main speaker of the seminar was David Brady (Stanford Graduate School of Business, Bowen H. and Janice Arthur McCoy Professor of Political Science and Morris M. Doyle Centennial Chair). Among his most recent publications are "Leadership and Growth" (World Bank Publication, 2010) coedited with *Michael Spence*, "Revolving Gridlock: Politics and Policy from Carter to Bush II" (Westview Press, 2006), and "Red and Blue Nation? Characteristics and Causes of America's Polarized Politics" with *Pietro Nivola* (Brookings Institution Press, 2007).

The discussion featured Adrien Degeorges and Vincent Tiberj (Sciences Po, CEE).

More information on the seminar can be found [here](#).

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The IIR together with the Polish Institute of International Affairs and the partners of the project organized an expert workshop held on March 12 at the IIR. The workshop consisted of three panels: “Disentangling the Sovereign and Banking Crises”, “The Banking Union and the Future of the Eurozone Integration” and “Doing Business Inside and Outside the Banking Union”. Among the ...

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Economic and Monetary Union after the Crisis: Europe at Two Speeds, 12 March 2014, College of Europe, Bruges

The first panel discussion addressed changes in euro area governance and the second considered the euro-outs and the impact of differentiated integration. The conference considered some of the major economic and financial reforms undertaken by the EU since the start of the crisis and whether they had led to a permanent division between the euro-ins and euro-outs that impacts integration more generally.

Panel speakers included: Gabriel Glockler, ECB; Daniela Schwarzler, German Marshall Fund of the United States; Declan Costello, European Commission; David Howarth, University of Luxembourg; Martin Marcussen, University of Copenhagen; Zsolt Darvas, Bruegel; and Frank Schimmelfennig, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich. The keynote speaker was MEP Danuta Hübner.

The conference was organised by The Department of Political and Administrative Studies of the College of Europe.

Venue and date: Bruges, March 12. More information on the conference can be found here: [Economic and Monetary Union after the Crisis: Europe at Two Speeds](#).

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II Forum Germany-Portugal, 10-11 March 2014, Berlin

The Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP), the Portuguese Institute of International Relations, New University of Lisbon (IPRI-UNL), and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, jointly organized the 2nd German-Portuguese Forum, which took place in the **Federal Foreign Office in Berlin**, on **10 and 11 March**, with the support of the German Government. The foreign ministers of Germany and Portugal gave opening speeches. A year after the first Forum took place in Lisbon, this years' Forum focused on German-Portuguese relations around four core topics: reforms and

economic competitiveness, constitutional courts and European integration, the transatlantic partnership and the future of Europe.

For the full programme, please visit our homepages: www.iep-berlin.de or www.ipri.pt.

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High-Level Lecture on “The ENP in a Comparative Perspective: Exporting the Internal Market – Panacea or Nemesis for the European Neighbourhood Policy?”

Lessons from the Energy Community”, 5 March 2014, College of Europe, Bruges

On 5 March 2014, the College of Europe hosted a high-level lecture within the framework of a series of events focusing on the European Neighbourhood Policy in a comparative perspective. Dr Dirk Buschle, Deputy Director of the Energy Community Secretariat in Vienna, reflected on the evolution of the Energy Community and of the European Economic Area in order to discuss and consider the future of relations between the EU and its neighbours.

The conference was organized in the framework of a series of events focusing on the European Neighbourhood Policy in a comparative perspective. The series benefited from the financial support of the European Commission. Participation was free of charge.

More information on the lecture can be found [here](#).

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International conference on “Popular or Populist Democracy in Central Europe?”, 27 February 2014, the Institute of International Relations, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

The IIR together with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung organized an international conference held in the Great Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. The conference provided an insight into the rise of populism in the European Union, which is now, before the elections in the European Parliament, a topic of special importance. The keynote speakers were Petr Drulák, ...

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Public lecture “After Croatia, what is the future of the EU”, 27 February 2014, IRMO and French Embassy in Zagreb

On 27 February 2014 the Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO) and the French Embassy in Zagreb organized a public lecture “After Croatia, what is the future of the EU” in the Mediateque of the French Institute in Zagreb. The lecture was held by Prof Christian Lequesne, Head of the Research at the Institute for Political Studies in Paris, ...

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Public discussion & book presentation "The Politics of Economic Sustainability: Baltic and Visegrad Responses to the European Economic Crisis", 24 February 2014, Riga, Latvia

Latvian Institute of International Affairs with support of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung organized a public discussion and presentation of its new book "The Politics of Economic Sustainability: Baltic and Visegrad Responses to the European Economic Crisis", which took place on 24 February 2014 in Radisson Blu Hotel Latvia, at 14:00-17:00. Prominent experts from all seven countries discussed their respective experiences in coping with the crisis and lessons learned. Programme is available [here](#).

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Seminar "Commerce extérieur et compétitivité française", 20 February 2014, Sciences Po, CEE,

Paris

The main speaker of the seminar was Mrs Nicole Bricq (Minister of Foreign Trade). The discussants were Elie Cohen (Director of research at Sciences Po, CEVIPOF) and Lionel Fontagné (Professor at the University Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne and CEPII). The chair of the conference was Zaki Laïdi (Director of research at Sciences Po, CEE).

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"The Austrian Security Strategy", 10 February 2014, OIIP Austria

The Austrian parliament has set a new strategy in safety, which replaces the statement of defense from 2001. It leaves the picture of threat of the "cold war" behind. "Conventional attacks against Austria became unlikely". It is geared on global tasks and international cooperation. In comparison with the old strategy much more importance is attached to the United Nations. There is a true commitment to the crisis management of the UN and the EU. "The payment of contribution to the international crises management is an essential part of the Austrian federal armed forces. Joining the NATO is no option any longer. There is a modern Austrian strategy of security. The participants discussed how this strategy can be filled with life.

Discussants were Dr. Johann Frank, BMLVS, Prof. Dr. Heinz Gärtner, oiip, Universität Wien, Mag. Karin Fichtinger-Grohe, Außenministerium

The moderator was Generalsekretär Fritz Edlinger, Herausgeber der Zeitschrift "International"

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During the last few years financial issues have tended to dominate in Europe. However, two new challenges – the recent Russian policy towards Ukraine and the upcoming European Parliament elections – have, each in its own way, made it clear that European citizens must address and engage in discussions over a wider field, prominent among which are discussions about security ...

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TEPSA Policy Paper by Hanna Ojanen "Nordic Defence Cooperation – inspiration for the EU or a lesson in matching expectations?"

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TEPSA Policy Paper 'Time to hit the reset button: "The Eastern Partnership after the Vilnius Summit and the Role of Russia"' by Katrin Böttger

Despite the fact that Georgia and Moldova initialled their Association Agreements (AA) at the Vilnius Eastern Partnership Summit on 28/29 November 2013, the summit and its aftermath have to be rated as a low point in the Eastern Partnership. Not only did then President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovich refuse to sign the Association Agreement for Ukraine, favouring instead a loan ...

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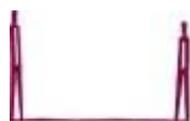
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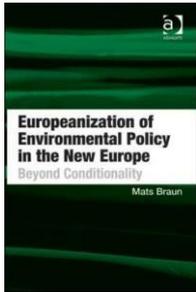
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The Clingendael Institute and CEPS published the joint report 'From Subsidiarity to Better EU Governance: A Practical Reform Agenda for the EU', which explores the feasibility and relevance of some of the ideas for better EU



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governance in day-to-day decision-making. The findings are largely based on a one day seminar attended by more than 70 officials and experts from the EU member states and the European institutions on 23 January 2014 in The Hague. One of the main conclusions is that there is a broadly felt need for EU reform among the member states and European institutions. A wide-ranging list of practical solutions for improvement have been suggested. Any practical reform agenda for the EU must preclude treaty change, repatriation of competences and undermining the Community method. The emphasis of the member states and European institutions is on a better use of existing instruments, for example the yellow card procedure and the Commission's impact assessments. The current political momentum – with various initiatives from other member states, European elections in May 2014 and the appointment of a new European Commission in the fall – could and should be used for (Council) intensified discussions about a

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