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TEPSA in 2009 - 35 years of continuity in high quality analysis, assessment and advice in times of changes

Dear Friends of TEPSA,

2009 will be a year of changes and challenges for the European Union in a world facing the most serious crisis since the Second World War. With the European elections and the appointment of a new Commission a new team for Europe will be formed. While the EU has to prove itself as a credible actor both internally to the demands of its citizens and externally to the rest of the world, the Lisbon Treaty ratification process will decide on the improvement of its institutional capability to do so.

In these challenging times TEPSA will continue its efforts for high quality analysis, assessment and advice with regard to relevant questions of the EU's policies, polity and politics in the context of deepening and widening. Celebrating its 35th anniversary as the EC's first transeuropean research network TEPSA will look back to a long history of research and policy advice linked to the big steps of European integration.

Having welcomed a new member institute in Malta TEPSA will continue to enlarge its network in this rather historical year of the 20th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall, the 5th anniversary of the Eastern enlargement and the 10th anniversary of the euro.

With our engagement and activities we hope to stimulate discussion on EU relevant topics and look forward to the year 2009!

Best regards,

Wolfgang Wessels and Jean-Victor Louis

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Special: Graham Avery – A dream in Prague

On 4 December 2008, on the occasion of a dinner in Prague during the Pre-Presidency Conference organised by the Czech Institute of International Relations, TEPSA's Chairperson Wolfgang Wessels thanked the outgoing Secretary General Graham Avery for his work, and presented him with a gift to mark the appreciation of the association. In reply Graham thanked the colleagues in TEPSA for their cooperation – the member institutes, the members of the Board, and the colleagues in the secretariat – and he concluded by relating the following dream.

After going to sleep in my hotel in Prague last night I woke to find myself in the same hotel, but in a different Prague. As I walked in the streets I saw new buildings all around me, many green spaces, and not so many tourists. It was very confusing. But then a beautiful young woman approached me, took me by the arm, and said "you must be a grandson of Graham Avery – I recognise your face from the photographs which I have seen of him – he was one of the participants in the famous conference of TEPSA in Prague 100 years ago".

Now I was even more confused, but she was a very charming person, so I sat down next to her and said "please help me, I just came from another part of the world and I want to know what is happening here in the centre of Europe. How is the European Union? Does it still exist?"

"Well" she replied "it does exist, but we prefer to call it the European Community, we think that's a better name. Let me tell you some of the things which have happened to it.

First, we finished with enlargement. In 2015 Croatia joined us, and after decades of negotiation we finally admitted Turkey. For some years it was the biggest member state, with 85 million people, but then in the middle of the 21st century our Russian friends applied for membership – their population had declined by then to 100 million people – so we admitted them too – that was when Yevgeny Moshes was President of Russia.

Now we have more than 40 member states, and each widening has led to a new deepening of the European Community. Our main partner is China, and we are discussing with the Chinese how to handle the latest international crisis: now that California has declared independence, Alaska and other states may follow, so the United States – I mean the United States of America – may soon cease to exist.

Second, we finished with the debate about Euroscepticism. The Irish and the British had to leave us because they couldn't ratify the treaty which was signed at Bucharest in 2019. The Czechs tried to follow them, but they were obliged to stay in because couldn't get a constitutional majority in Parliament to leave the European club. Then, after 5 years in the wilderness, the British and the Irish applied for membership, so we let them in again, together with the Norwegians. This turn of events was salutary, and now we have a more rational debate about European affairs.

Finally, we finished with the Trans European Policy Studies Association, which was taken into a new organisation. Let me explain what happened. TEPSA's member institutes succeeded so well in their mission of defining the way ahead for Europe, by analysing the interface between national and supranational interests, that the member governments listened to them more and more, and they became known as the 'Tepsocrats'.

Then we had the constitutional crisis of the 2080s, when the European Commission was sacked three times by the European Parliament, half of the employees of the Commission went to work for the College of Europe, and the Belgian state converted the Berlaymont building into a museum. So the Council and the Parliament had to find a new solution for the governance of Europe, and they decided to invite the members of TEPSA to become the Trans European Policy Executive – TEPEX, as we call it – with the task of formulating proposals to the European institutions in the European interest.

TEPEX decided to have its seat of operations in Prague, so now in their offices up there in the historic Cernin Palace you can see the gallery of honour with photos of all the persons who took part in the historic TEPSA conference here in 2008. That is how I recognised you, Mr Avery, as a descendant of one of those famous visionaries ..."

As you can imagine, as I listened to her explanation of these events, I became really excited, so I turned to embrace her ... and then I woke from my sleep.

Friends and colleagues, it was good to share this dream with you, and I hope that you will make it come true!

News from the TEPSA Network

TEPSA welcomes new member institute in Malta

At the General Assembly in Prague on 5 December 2008 TEPSA approved the membership of the European Documentation and Research Centre at the University of Malta (EDRC). EDRC was established in 1992 and In 2004 was awarded the title of Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence following years of achievement in

Jean Monnet Projects. These projects are open to centres specialised in European affairs under the European Union's Jean Monnet Programme.

The EDRC has followed and follows projects like the Civil Society Project, the MESA Project, the Annual EDRC Conference, the Dialogue Project (2006-2007) and the EU-Med Project (2002-2004). Furthermore, it offers courses in European Studies at the University of Malta and hosts the European Documentation Centre (EDC). The Director of the EDRC is Prof. Roderick Pace.

News from the TEPSA Secretariat

Jean-Victor Louis appointed as Acting Secretary General



Jean-Victor Louis, a member of TEPSA Board, is emeritus professor, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) (2003-), a former president of the *Institute of European Studies of the ULB* (1980-1992), a former *part time Professor*, European University Institute, Florence (1998-2003) and *dr. h. c.*, University of Paris II (2001). He is also honorary

general counsel, *National Bank of Belgium* (1980-1998). He was president of the *Groupe d'études politiques européennes* (GEPE/SEP), the Belgian TEPSA member up to its liquidation in 2007.

He chairs the *Foundation Philippe Wiener- Maurice Anspach*, a charity under Belgian law in charge of promoting scientific relations between the University of Brussels (ULB) and the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. He is the general editor of the *Cahiers de droit européen*, published since 1965, and he is a member of European Constitutional Law Network (ECLN) and of the Committee of international monetary law of the International Law Association (ILA).

Carlos Rubens appointed treasurer

TEPSA's new treasurer, Carlos Rubens, is a Belgian lawyer of 48 years who, along his whole career at the Belgian central bank, worked in different departments (foreign exchange markets supervision, central balance sheet office, legal department). He is currently leading a team of 6 lawyers in charge of legal aspects closely related to the operations of the central bank such as contracts, privacy and professional secrecy, labour law, tax law, administrative law, competition law, annual accounts regulation, etc. He is married and a (proud) father of three boys.



Yvonne Nasshoven appointed new Executive Director



Yvonne Nasshoven, who has been Assistant Secretary General throughout the last year at TEPSA, has in Prague been appointed as TEPSA's Executive Director. She holds a Magister Artium in Political Sciences from the University of Cologne and a Master's degree from the College of Europe, Bruges. She is PhD Student at the University of Cologne. Her areas of interest include theories of European integration, the European Parliament with a special focus on European Political Parties and EU enlargement.

Upcoming events

February 2009



05 – 06 February 2009

Conference: The French Presidency – a transforming moment for the EU?

Centre d'études et de recherches internationales, Sciences Po, Paris

In the framework of the THESEUS project and in cooperation with the Centre d'études et de recherches internationales (CERI) TEPSA as partner within THESEUS will bring together researchers and key politicians in Paris. The conference will address the question, whether the French Presidency constitutes a transforming moment, a moment of change in the development of the European Union, given the fact that the Irish "No", the summer war in Georgia and the financial crisis occurred within this timeframe, demanding for reactions and actions from the European side. At the same time the priorities set by the French Presidency beforehand in the areas of migration, CFSP, energy-, climate- agricultural policy had to be addressed. Thus it is necessary to analyse whether during the French Presidency a new role of the EU in the international system has been assumed.

The conference will involve researchers from multiple disciplines and include as speakers among others Wolfgang Wessels, Hubert Védrine and Lenka Rovna.

The results of the conference as well as some video extracts will be available on the website of the Centre d'études et de recherches internationales CERI-Sciences Po (<http://www.ceri-sciencespo.com/>) and on the THESEUS Website (<http://www.theseus-europe.net/>) soon after the conference.

09 – 13 February 2009
EU-CONSENT PhD School



The concluding PhD School in Brussels (9 – 13 February 2009) will take place at the Fondation Universitaire in Brussels: it will be opened up to become a “PhD Market” in order to provide an environment where PhD students can not only present their research, but also establish contacts with think tanks, editors and stakeholders.

EU-CONSENT PhD students will be encouraged to actively contribute to their promotion in the European Research Area by organising an EU-CONSENT workshop / round table by PhD students for PhD students.

The final PhD School “New challenges for old dilemmas: re-invented Union or status quo?” will focus on a broader range of topics related to EU deepening and widening and thus PhD students will be free to choose any subject for the workshop that relates to this field of research. For further information please contact Tobias Kunstein (tobias.kunstein@uni-koeln.de).

09 – 13 February 2009
SInAN PhD-School



The first PhD School within the framework of SInAN – “The EU’s Institutional Architecture and the Impact of Enlargement – Past, Present and Future” – brings together young researchers from Turkey and EU member states, addresses EU institutional challenges in view of past, present and future enlargements and promotes transnational interdisciplinary networks. The SInAN PhD School, organised in cooperation with TEPSA, asks what impact enlargement did have, has and will have on the institutions of the European Union, hereby focusing especially on the case of the Turkish accession process. Thereby opportunities and challenges posed by Turkey’s accession to the EU shall be highlighted.

10 February 2009
Lunch debate with Anne Van Lancker on “Europe quo vadis”

Following the lunch debate with Wilfried Martens, President of the EPP, TEPSA, in cooperation with the Fondation Universitaire, organises a lunch debate on the same topic of “Europe quo vadis” with representatives of other European Political Parties. On 10 February 2009 Anne van Lancker, MEP of the Socialist Party will present her views on the topic.

11 February 2009
Conference “Security versus Privacy”

This morning conference will bring together and discuss with representatives of more



restrictive and more liberal approaches towards the area of conflict between security demands and the protection of individual data. TEPSA organizes this conference in cooperation with its Greek member EKEME.

In order to register please contact Anne Schmidt (anne.schmidt@tepsa.be).



18 – 20 February 2009
TEPSA Training



From 18 to 20 February TEPSA will organise the 2nd workshop of TEPSA Training dedicated to the topic of Communication with media and applying for EU funding. TEPSA Training is a special programme for early stage researchers, primarily from the member institutes of the TEPSA network. The aim is to improve their professional skills in a transnational environment. The focus is especially on developing capacities for analysing, assessing, advising and administering EU-related issues and projects. The Training shall familiarize young researchers with the needs and demands of the European Institutions for expertise and policy advice. A final workshop will be organised on 28 and 29 May 2009 in Stockholm in the framework of the Pre-Presidency Conference hosted by TEPSA’s Swedish member institute Swedish Institute of International Affairs with the aim of letting the young researchers present policy-recommendations to the Swedish Presidency. For further information please contact Anne Schmidt (anne.schmidt@tepsa.be) or Andreas Hofmann (andreas.hofmann@uni-koeln.de).

March 2009



03 – 04 March 2009
**Kick-Off Conference of ACCESS-TR project
 “From Istanbul to Brussels: Dialogue on Turkey’s accession to the EU”**

This Kick-Off Conference in Brussels is the starting point of the one-year project ACCESS-TR, implemented by the Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara and TEPSA. It aims to promote the active participation of local and regional stakeholders in the process of Turkey’s accession to the EU.

The aim of the Kick-Off Conference is to bring to Brussels a number of key multipliers of the ACCESS-TR project, to discuss the challenges and benefits of former enlargements as well as recent developments

in the relations between the European Union and Turkey, and to bring them together with policy-makers. Sessions will deal with the topics of:

- The EU and Turkey: Where do we stand?,
- Lessons from the past? Insights from the 2004/07 enlargement round,
- The functioning of the enlarged EU,
- Turkish insights on challenges and benefits in the EU enlargement process, and
- Effects of Media and Communication Strategies on Turkey's Accession to the EU.

For further information and registration please contact Anne Schmidt (anne.schmidt@tepsa.be).

16 March 2009

Lunch debate with Annemie Neyts on “Europe quo vadis”

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26 – 27 March 2009

EU-CONSENT Concluding Plenary



The Network of Excellence

EU-CONSENT has entered its final year of project lifetime, and TEPSA will again actively contribute to the implementation of EU-CONSENT's activities.

TEPSA will therefore organise and host the concluding plenary conference, 26 and 27 March 2009 at the Fondation Universitaire in Brussels. For registration please contact Yvonne Nasshoven (yvonne.nasshoven@tepsa.be) before Friday 27 February 2009.

A detailed programme with further information is provided in the February issue of the EU-CONSENT Newsletter and via the EU-CONSENT mailing lists. Contact: Funda Tekin (funda.tekin@uni-koeln.de).

Research (London), in co-operation with TEPSA, are organising a workshop on the present and future of national legislatures in EU governance at the Fondation Universitaire in Brussels on 28 April 2009.

The aim of the workshop is to bring together academics and practitioners to discuss about the recent evolution and the future challenges of the role of the national parliaments in the EU decision-making process, especially in view of the most recent enlargement of the Union and the changes envisaged in the Lisbon Treaty.

We will count on contributions by some members of the European and national parliaments, a representative from COSAC secretariat and other experts in the field. In addition, we would like to invite other scholars working on the topic, especially on the following issues:

- What are the challenges for the implementation of the changes envisaged in the Lisbon Treaty; to what extent may they have a real impact on the current situation?
- What added value can EU inter-parliamentary cooperation bring to the work of national legislatures and what channels are used for the cooperation? Do there exist other contacts with the European level and MEPs?
- What are the main changes in the new Member States after accession?
- What is the assessment of the reporting, document based scrutiny or mandating systems? In which ways has it been affected by the ‘europeanization’ of the organizational procedures? Are there any differences across policies and pillars?
- Are there incentives and strategies for MPs to get involved in EU affairs? To which extent is the role of national parliaments moving from reactive scrutiny to proactive European work? Are relevant proceedings of domestic co-ordination open to national parliaments?
- How may all these developments contribute to the improvement of the EU democratic deficit?

If you would like to seek the opportunity to present a paper or contribute to the discussions, please send your expression of interest to Sonia Piedrafita s.piedrafita@eipa.eu before 24 February 2009.

* Workshop organised by Team 6 ‘Enlarged Institutions and Interaction with National Governments’ and Team 8 ‘The European Parliament and European Politics’ - WP-IV Institutions and Political Actors.

April 2009

28 April 2009

EU-CONSENT Workshop on “The present and future of national legislatures in EU Governance”



The European Institute of Public Administration (Maastricht) and the Federal Trust for Education and

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06 – 07 Mai 2009

“Normative Power’ and External Policies - The European Union in a New Global Order”

The conference will bring together people from the academic world and from the world of policymakers. It will especially draw on experts also outside the European Union to bring in the views from the United States or China in order to explore the role of the European Union for its citizens in a changing international system.
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researchers from almost all EU member states and beyond.

For a conference report of IIR please refer to http://www.iir.cz/upload/ConferencePapers/2008/TEPSA_report%20.pdf.

The next Pre-Presidency Conference will take place on 28 and 29 May 2009 in Stockholm and will be organised by TEPSA's Swedish member, the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (SIIA).

For further information please contact Anne Schmidt (anne.schmidt@tepsa.be) or visit our website www.tepsa.eu.

15 – 16 Mai 2009

Fall of the Berlin Wall

Co-organising institutes: COMOS, European Academy, Berlin, Hanns Martin Schleyer Stiftung and the Kölner Gymnasial- und Stiftungsfonds

The Cologne Monnet Association for EU Studies e.V. has the goal to provide a platform for the exchange of views between academics and practitioners from the European and German level. Together with this association, TEPSA will hold a conference on the fall of the Berlin Wall from 15-16 May 2009 in Berlin. The conference will address around 35 participants of all ages and look at the circumstances surrounding the fall of the Berlin Wall and its consequences for the European integration process.

Prague, 5 December 2008, 14.30

General Assembly of TEPSA

TEPSA held its General Assembly at the Premises of the Czech Foreign Ministry, Prague, on 5 December after the conclusion of the Pre-Presidency Conference. The meeting, presided by Chairperson Professor Wolfgang Wessels, was attended by representatives of practically all of TEPSA's then 28 member institutes.

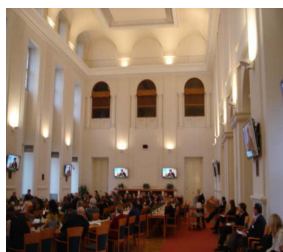
Since the members of the Board of TEPSA were appointed in December 2006 for a term of two years the General Assembly had to discharged the old and adopted the new Board of TEPSA: with Jean-Victor Louis as Acting Secretary General (position foreseen for 1 year), Carlos Rubens as Treasurer and Wolfgang Wessels as old and new Chairperson. Graham Avery was nominated Honorary Member of TEPSA's Board. The Board furthermore consists of Iain Begg (LSE, London), Gianni Bonvicini (IAI, Rome), Andrew Duff, MEP, Nikos Frangakis (EKEME, Athens), Gunilla Herolf (SIPRI, Stockholm), Hanna Ojanen (UPI-FIIA) and Jacek Saryusz Wolski, MEP.

Recent events

Prague, 4 – 5 December 2008

TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conference on the occasion of the launching of the Czech Presidency of the European Union

Under the title “Priorities and Prospects for the European Union” TEPSA's Pre-Presidency Conference took place on 4 and 5 December 2008 in the premises of the Czech Foreign Ministry in Prague. The conference, which was organised by TEPSA's Czech member, the Institute of International Relations (IIR), welcomed a broad audience of local politicians, representatives of local organisations and



19 January 2009

Lunch debate with Dr Günther Burghardt on the transatlantic relations

TEPSA, in cooperation with the Fondation Universitaire organised a lunch debate with Dr Günther Brughardt, former ambassador of the EU to the USA on the topic of “Towards a new momentum in the transatlantic relations”.

4 December 2009

Lunch debate with Wilfried Martens on “Europe quo vadis”

TEPSA, in cooperation with the Fondation Universitaire, organised a lunch debate with Wilfried Martens, President of the EPP, on the topic of “Europe quo vadis”.

2 December 2008

Lunch debate with Graham Avery on the European Union's next enlargement

TEPSA, in cooperation with the Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE) organised a lunch debate with Graham Avery, at the time Secretary General of TEPSA and Honorary Director General of the European Commission, entitled "The European Union's Next Enlargement: What Prospects for the Western Balkans?"

Tenders

FP7: METIS dissemination project application submitted

Jean Monnet Chair of Prof. Wolfgang Wessels in Cologne and TEPSA recently responded to a call in the context of FP7 for "Measures to support the dissemination of research results".

The proposed project METIS aims to enhance the impact of research results from the socio-economic sciences and the humanities accumulated in nine projects under current and previous research Framework Programmes.

Briefings for the European Parliament

Under its framework contract with the European Parliament, TEPSA with the support of its member institutes delivers briefings and studies to the EP's Foreign Affairs Committee. They can be consulted at our website www.tepsa.eu or the [website of the European Parliament's AFET committee](#).



The following briefings concerning the "Implementation of the four common spaces" in EU–Russia Relations were submitted in December to the European Parliament:

- **"The economic space"**
Author: Constantinos Filis
- **"Freedom, Security and Justice"**
Author: Piret Ehin
- **"External security"**
Author: Vladimir Shopov
- **"Research, education and culture"**
Author: Krassimir Nikolov

News from TEPSA Member Institutes

Miscellaneous

Dr. Andris Spruds appointed as new Director at our Latvian Member institute succeeding Dr. Atis Lejins

After 16 years of service as director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, Dr. Atis Lejins is retiring but remains with the institute as honorary director. The new director is Associate Professor Dr. Andris Spruds, who became deputy director of the institute in 2008.

EDRC welcomes Fleur Ann Houlton

Fleur Ann Houlton has joined the EDRC, University of Malta as a Communications Officer. She has a B.A (Hons) in European Studies and a M.A. in Diplomatic Studies. Before she came to work at the EDRC she worked as an assistant at the Council of the European Union in Brussels.

IEP seeks new researcher

The **Institut für Europäische Politik** (IEP) is looking for a German speaking researcher for its research programme on "EU enlargement and neighbourhood policy" within the IEP-key research programme „Dialog Europa der Otto Wolff-Stiftung“. Please find the job announcement in German on TEPSA's homepage.

Deadline: 26 February 2009.

EDRC, University of Malta at the "Europe Close to you" Fair

The European Documentation and Research Centre (EDRC) of the University of Malta took part in the Europe Close to you Fair which was held from the 20th till the 24th January 2009. The theme of the fair was "Social Europe". The aim of this participation was to promote our centre to students and to inform the public about the conferences/seminars that the EDRC organizes; and publicize the conference to be held this year.

IAI Project "How to better involve citizens in the European integration process. Evaluations and proposals in view of the upcoming EP elections"

To fill the political/institutional void left by the protracted ratification process of the Treaty of Lisbon, and to recreate a strong political connection between voters and European institutions, four points are to be studied in depth: how to best use the *powers of the European Parliament*, what role must the *European political parties* assume in order to support the democratic processes; the fixing of *programme priorities* for the next legislative period; and how to present, during the electoral campaign, the *names of the candidates for the Presidency of the Commission*. The research activity is coordinated by the IAI in strict cooperation with brother Institutes (CSF, Federal Trust, IEP, Notre Europe and TEPSA).

Future events hosted by TEPSA Member Institutes

February 2009

5 – 6 February 2009

Joint international conference “Balance of the EU membership in the Visegrad countries: results and expectations“

IWE, Budapest

6 – 7 February 2009

Conference: The Caucasus and Black Sea Region: European Neighbourhood Policy and beyond

Palazzo Rondinini, Via del Corso 518, Rome

This international conference will be jointly organized by the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and the Bulgarian European Community Studies Association (BECSA) with the strategic partnership of the Compagnia di San Paolo.

After focussing on the impact and expectations of the ENP in the Eastern and Southern Neighbours, the EU-CONSENT network now shifts its focus of attention to the Southern Caucasus region and the Black Sea.

This conference aims to encourage debate among researchers from EU-CONSENT member institutions and beyond as well as practitioners on the following three subjects:

- What role for the EU in the Southern Caucasus? Between the ENP and conflict resolution.
- Promoting security and economic development in the Southern Caucasus and Black Sea region.
- The energy security challenge: the linkage between the Southern Caucasus and the Black Sea region.

12 February 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion: Energy Security

Diplomatische Akademie, Favoritenstraße 15a, 1040 Wien

The Austrian Institute for International Affairs (oiip) organises a panel discussion on energy security with Gerhard Mangott (oiip/University Innsbruck) and Reinhard Mitschek (OMV).

24 February 2009, 14.15-17.00

University of Bath

"The EU's Role in the World: A British Decision between Atlanticism and Europe?"

Speakers:

Helen Campbell, European Correspondent, Head of Unit A1, DG External Relations, European Commission; Professor Richard Whitman, University of Bath; Professor Stephen Haseler, Director, Global Policy Institute

To register please contact Ulrike Rüb-Taylor on ulrike.rub@fedtrust.co.uk or 020 7320 3045.

March 2009

March – July 2009

Series of seminars: “The New social Policy Agenda and the Lisbon Treaty”

MESA, Malta

The Malta European Studies Association (MESA) will be holding a series of seminars under the MESA Project funded by the European Commission (Jean Monnet Programme) that will be held by professors who will come from other countries in order to contribute to these seminars. These will be held between March and July 2009; please check our website (<http://home.um.edu.mt/edrc/>) for updated information.

The theme this year is “The New social Policy Agenda and the Lisbon Treaty”, which has the same theme as the debate of the Europe Close to You Fair. Is this a coincidence? Social Policy is very relevant in the contemporary world and in fact it has been re-drafted in order to include new social needs that are of utmost importance. This new social policy agenda goes hand in hand with the Lisbon Treaty and it will stimulate growth and provide for better jobs. With more immigrants entering from southern EU countries, discrimination is a dangerous reality. The economic recession has shown us that Europe needs a new social policy agenda to tackle the job challenges and provide for education and skills development. The EU needs a modern social agenda that can respond to the rapid economic and social change.

April/May 2009

EDRC conference: “European Union Membership five Years On“

EDRC, University of Malta

2009 also marks Malta's five year anniversary since it joined the European Union (EU). To coincide with this, the EDRC will be holding a conference on “European Union Membership 5 Years On“. It will be held at the end of April/beginning of May. The speakers will analyse how Malta has fared since joining the EU, for example, Malta's economic policy, to assess whether religion is still as relevant in Maltese society as it was before, sustainable development challenges faced by small islands, Malta's foreign policy, and lastly the impact of the new social policy. A report is currently being completed by a number of leading experts. This is all taking place within the framework of the EDRC's Civil Society Project, which is funded by the European Commission.

Recent events hosted by TEP SA Member Institutes

29 January 2009

Bilateral workshop

IWE, Budapest

This bilateral workshop was organised by the Institute for World Economics (IWE) of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences with researchers of the Institute for International Relations, Zagreb, Croatia.

30 January 2009, 10.30 – 18.30

Symposium: L'intérêt européen par temps de crise

Sciences Po, Amphithéâtre Leroy Beaulieu, Paris

In the first discussion on the question "Comment se construit l'intérêt européen?", chaired by Renaud Dehousse (Sciences Po, Centre d'études européennes), took part Helen Wallace (London School of Economics and Political Science), Stefano Bartolini (Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute) and Bruno Cautrès (Sciences Po, Centre de recherches politiques (CEVIPOF), CNRS).

Zaki Laïdi (Sciences Po, Centre d'études européennes) chaired the two expert talks under the title "Les réponses européennes aux crises". Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa (former Italian Finance Minister and former member of the executive board of the BCE, president of "Notre Europe") and Agnès Bénassy-Quéré (CEPII) spoke about "La réponse à la crise financière", followed by Anand Menon (University of Birmingham) and Nicole Gnesotto (Conservatoire national des Arts et Métiers) with their statements on "Sécurité et défense".

M. Bruno Le Maire, Secretary of State in charge of European Affairs, closed the symposium.

For further information please contact europa@sciences-po.fr.

30 January 2009, 14.00-17.45

The European Parliament: The Great Loser of the Irish Referendum?

London Metropolitan University

Conference with Andrew Duff MEP, Professor Michael Marsh, Trinity College, Dublin, Professor Thomas Christiansen, University of Maastricht and European Institute of Public Affairs, Brendan Donnelly, Director, The Federal Trust. Commentaries by Dr Kazimierz Sobotka, European Institute, Lodz; Jacob Hoeksma, EuroKnow; and John Palmer, European Policy Centre and Federal Trust.

For further information please contact Ulrike Rüb-Taylor (ulrike.rub@fedtrust.co.uk).

30 – 31 January 2009

Workshop on the impact of enlargement

IWE, Budapest

The Hungarian IWE organised an international workshop on „The Impact of Enlargement/Accession and regional network-building”.

Athens, 31 October 2008

EKEME roundtable discussion "Are we late? Evaluation and perspectives of the reforms in Greece and in Europe"

In the framework of its General Assembly, the Greek Centre of European Studies and Research (EKEME) organized a roundtable discussion under the heading "Are we late? Evaluation and perspectives of the reforms in Greece and in Europe" on 31st October 2008, at the Office of the European Parliament in Athens. Professor Panos Kazakos was moderator of the discussion.

The discussants tried to answer the following questions: Should the reforms in Greece continue and how? What do we expect from the reforms?

First, the reform procedure from 1996 until now was evaluated by the top-class speakers, followed by a discussion on the Lisbon Strategy as a learning process. Furthermore, speakers dealt with the financial system, the National Strategic Reference Framework and the prevailing "democratic inertia" in Greece.

Issues of specific reforms in the public administration were also raised, such as the strengthening of the positions of Secretaries General and of Directors General. In addition, regarding the political procedure, the reform of the electoral system was also suggested.

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TEPSA Brief

Since our last newsletter issue 2 TEP
SA Briefs have been published:

- TEP
SA Brief No. 4/2008 presents the recommendations from TEP
SA Board members Iain Begg (LSE, London), Nikos Frangakis (EKEME, Athens), Gunilla Herolf (SIPRI, Stockholm) and Hanna Ojanen (UPI-FIIA, Helsinki) to the Czech Presidency.

- TEP
SA Brief No. 1/2009 discusses the topic of European leadership.

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Working Paper No. 59:

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