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The Lisbon Treaty ratification as an important test for European integration

Dear Friends of TEPSA,

The events in the Czech Republic marked a new potential challenge to the ratification process of the Lisbon Treaty and thereby to the necessary institutional reform of the EU system. After the lower house of the Czech Parliament had approved the document it is still to be voted in the upper house, the Senate. Although outgoing Czech Prime Minister Topolánek said he believed the Lisbon Treaty to be ratified before the June elections there is the fear that Eurosceptic members of his Civic Democrats (ODS) could vote it down. Apart from Ireland where a second referendum is planned for autumn the two other remaining EU member states where the Lisbon Treaty is not yet ratified are Germany and Poland. The first still awaiting a decision of its Constitutional Court, in Poland only the signature of President Kaczyński is missing.

What would the non-ratification of the Lisbon Treaty mean? The end of European integration or the maintenance of 'business as usual'? Rather none of it. But, it is quite often to hear that, in case the Lisbon Treaty is not ratified a reform discussion would stop for at least the next two years and some countries might consider to pursue closer European integration outside the EU's formal structures, thus creating a 'pioneer group' towards a closer European Union. What is also quite certain is that the European Union would have difficulties to deal with a lot of key political questions in the future in an effective and coherent but also more democratic manner. Furthermore, it is widely argued that without the Lisbon Treaty reforms further enlargements will not be possible. The costs of non-ratification are on the table but there seems to be an uncertainty among the political actors both at national and European level what to do with them.

With its activities TEPSA seeks to contribute to the monitoring of the Lisbon Treaty ratification process and to the discussion of key questions of the European integration process.

Best regards,

Wolfgang Wessels and Jean-Victor Louis

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News from the TEPSA Network

News from the TEPSA Secretariat



We welcome Zeynep Karasin as our new Intern at TEPSA's Secretariat General: Zeynep holds a Master Degree of Political Science in Public Finance and Accounting from the University of Gothenburg. She has also been exchange student at Bogazici University and intern at the Embassy of Sweden in Ottawa. Her areas of interest include EU enlargement and foreign policy with a special focus on Turkey.

Upcoming events

April 2009

28 April 2009, Brussels

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



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

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* Workshop organised by Team 6 ‘Enlarged Institutions and Interaction with National Governments’ and Team 8 ‘The European Parliament and European Politics’

May 2009



nederlands instituut voor internationale betrekkingen
netherlands institute of international relations
clingendael



6/7 May 2009, Brussels

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

Initiated by TEPSA, in co-operation with its Dutch member, Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael, 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, Russia or China in order to explore the role of the European Union for its citizens in a changing international system.
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7 May 2009, Brussels

EU-CONSENT Workshop “EU Governance in time of crisis”



The last decade has seen considerable changes both in the membership of the EU and in its policies and institutional practices. This process of change has to a large extent been one of deliberate adaptation in preparation for enlargement – that mutual interaction of “widening and deepening” which has been a defining feature of recent debates over treaty reform.

This closing conference of the EU-CONSENT Working Group on Constitutional and Institutional Change will therefore focus on how the EU manages crises, and how crises have affected the dynamics of widening and deepening of the EU.

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15 – 16 May 2009, Berlin

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.



28 – 29 May 2009, Stockholm
Pre-Presidency Conference in Stockholm, Sweden
“Swedish Presidency 2009: Finding Solidarity in the Face of Crises”

On 28 and 29 May 2009 TEPSA’s Swedish member, the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (SIIA), will host the TEPSA and EU-CONSENT Pre-Presidency event for the Swedish Presidency.

The past eight months bear witness to multiple crises facing the European Union, including the institutional dilemma sparked by rejection of the Lisbon Treaty, the geopolitical emergencies in Georgia and the Middle East, and the ongoing economic crisis which caused social unrest across Europe. As the Swedish Presidency approaches, further crises will likely emerge – but so will opportunities to renew European solidarity and tighten the bonds of integration.

This conference will bring together senior scholars and high-level practitioners from across Europe to focus on the Swedish Presidency of the EU. It will examine the prospects for improving European solidarity in the face of existing and emerging challenges.

Recent events



5 – 6 February 2009, Paris
THESEUS Conference “The French Presidency: a Transforming Moment for the European Union?”

On 5 and 6 February 2009 the THESEUS Conference on “The French presidency – a Transforming Moment for the EU?” took place in Paris. The event was organised by the partners of the THESEUS programme (which is funded by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung) in cooperation with the Centre d’études et de recherches internationales (CERI), Sciences Po.

It brought together over 60 prominent representatives of the academia, central decision-makers and students

for a deepened exchange about the French presidency in 2008 and its impact on the European Union.

Videoclips of the all panels and a web dossier comprising information on THESEUS will be available at the website of the CERI; the programme is available on the THESEUS website (www.theseus-europe.net).



9 – 13 February 2009, Brussels
EU-CONSENT PhD Market:
New challenges for old dilemmas:
re-invented Union or status quo?



From 9-13 February 2009 a concluding ‘PhD Market’ organised by the EU-CONSENT network of excellence took place in Brussels.

While each of the previous EU-CONSENT PhD schools had covered the thematic topics of the network’s work packages this final PhD School addressed EU-CONSENT’s broader thematic research frame, dealing with theoretical, institutional and policy dimensions of EU deepening and widening. Attila Agh, leader of the EU-CONSENT PhD center, acted as academic supervisor during the whole week.

The PhD-Market, jointly organised by the University of Cologne and TEPSA, started off with two days of presentations and intensive discussion of papers submitted by the 11 participating PhD students. A senior scholar provided additional input in each of the three thematic sessions.

Academic discussion of PhD related research was complemented by debates with practitioners from EU institutions. Also within the framework of the PhD Market the Task Force Research Frame of EU-CONSENT met and discussed together with the PhD students a first draft evaluation of EU-CONSENT’s research results.

Moreover, PhD students themselves organized roundtables according to their own interests and ideas (on the European Parliament and on Europeanization).

The programme was rounded off by sessions on “How to get published” and “Career options for young professionals”. On the seminar’s last day EU-CONSENT PhD students participated in a roundtable on Turkey’s EU accession process, organized by the parallel SInAN EU-Turkey PhD School.

9 – 13 February 2009, Brussels
SInAN PhD School 2009 “EU’s Institutional Architecture and the Impact of Enlargement -Past, Present and Future”



Organizer: Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science at the University Cologne and the Center for European Studies at Middle East Technical University in cooperation with TEPSA

The first SInAN PhD School brought together 10 young researchers from Turkey and EU member states. During an intensive week EU institutional challenges in view of past, present and future enlargements were addressed by asking 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. The week of the PhD school featured leading scholars in the field of EU institutional analysis and in the study of the process of enlargement as well as high-level experts from within the EU administration. At the same time, the participants had the chance to present and discuss their own research.

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10 February 2009, Brussels
Lunch debate with Ann van Lancker on “Europe, quo vadis”



TEPSA, in cooperation with the Fondation Universitaire organised a lunch debate with Anne Van Lancker, MEP of the Socialist Party, on the topic of “Europe, quo vadis”.

11 February 2009, Brussels
Conference “Security versus Privacy”



On 11 February 2009 this conference brought together and discussed with representatives of more restrictive and more liberal approaches towards the area of conflict between security demands and the protection of individual data. TEPSA organized this conference in cooperation with its Greek member EKEME.

18 – 20 February 2009, Brussels
2nd TEPSA Training Workshop “Media Training and Applying for EU funding”



From 18 – 20 February 2009 the second TEPSA Training workshop on “Media Training and Applying for EU Funding” took place in Brussels.

The 14 participants from different European research institutes or think tanks were offered a media training in front of a camera and sessions on how to apply for EU Funding including project management.



TEPSA Training 2nd Workshop, 18 – 20 February 2009

TEPSA Training is a special programme for a small group of early stage researchers. Its objective is to familiarize them with working methods that are of importance in the Brussels arena and to prepare and train them to improve their skills for work in the transnational environment. The focus lies especially on developing capacities for analysing, assessing, advising and administering EU related issues and projects. Priorities in professional skills are communication with and advice to policy makers (briefings), communication with the media (both electronic and paper) and fundraising for research activities.

The 3^d workshop of the TEPSA Training Programme in Stockholm in May 2009 will let the participants take part in

one of TEPSA's Pre-Presidency Conferences with the aim of contributing to TEPSA's policy recommendations to the Presidency.

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3 – 4 March 2009, Brussels

**From Istanbul to Brussels:
Dialogue on Turkey's
accession to the EU**



On 3 and 4 March 2009 TEPSA, in co-operation with the Centre for European Studies (CES) of the Middle East Technical University (METU) in Ankara, organised at the Fondation Universitaire in Brussels the Kick-Off Conference of the project "Mobilizing Local Networks for a better informed Dialogue on Turkey's Accession to the EU" (ACCESS-TR) which aims to promote the active participation of local and regional stakeholders in the process of Turkey's accession to the EU.

Under the title "From Istanbul to Brussels: Dialogue on Turkey's Accession to the EU" the Kick-Off Conference



gathered in Brussels a number of key multipliers of the ACCESS-TR project and its outreach and brought them together with representatives of the European Institutions, civil society, diplomatic missions, media and stakeholders of Turkish interest representations in Brussels. By this TEPSA and CES seek to obtain sustainable partnerships after the end of the project.

The **first day of the conference** included a short presentation of the project ACCESS-TR, TEPSA's and CES' involvement and role in it and its approach of establishing a better informed dialogue on Turkey's accession to the EU, an Honorary Speech by Ambassador Volkan Bozkir, three thematic panels on the current state of the art of EU-Turkey relations, insights from the 2004/07 enlargement round and the functioning of the enlarged European Union and a dinner speech tried to build a bridge between the two conference days by on the one hand referring to some aspects that were raised on the first conference day, especially with regard to lessons from former enlargements, on the other hand by giving an appetizer to the discussion on effects of media and communication strategies on Turkey's accession to the EU on the second conference day.

Building on the more general discussion on enlargement and the functioning of the EU beforehand the **second day of the conference** then focused more on specific issues related to Turkey's accession to the 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.

In the **closing remarks** the highlights of the two day conference were summarized and the follow-up of the ACCESS-TR project was presented.

Following the Kick-Off conference held in Brussels the ACCESS-TR project will comprise **workshops in Samsun, Antalya and Gaziantep** which will each focus on four topics (Single Market; Gender issues across social protection, education policies and regional development strategies; Notions of inclusive citizenship linked to the debates on European citizenship; Ways of conducting foreign policy in the European Union); a **Final conference in Istanbul; Virtual Teaching Units; a project website, and Policy Briefings** (representing summaries of research on "EU-Turkey relations and the functioning of the EU"; "History and key features of EU enlargement rounds"; "Single European Market, Customs Union and consumer protection"; "Gender perspectives: Social protection, education policies and regional development strategies"; "Citizenship"; "Foreign Policy in the European Union and joint interests with Turkey").

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4 March 2009, Brussels

TEPSA Board meeting



On 4 March members of TEPSA's Board attended its latest meeting at the Fondation Universitaire, Brussels, chaired by Professor Wolfgang Wessels.

The Board discussed TEPSA's activities, its situation and prospects and latest developments in the TEPSA network, among which the preparation of a revision of the statutes to be approved by the General Assembly in Stockholm.

The General Assembly of TEPSA in Stockholm on 29 May will be informed of the main conclusions of the Board's meeting.

16 March 2009, Brussels

**Lunch debate with Annemie Neyts
on "Europe, quo vadis"**



TEPSA, in cooperation with the Fondation Universitaire organised a lunch debate with Annemie Neyts, President of the European Liberals, on the topic of "Europe, quo vadis".

19 March 2009, Brussels

“The 2009 EP Elections: Discussing Ways of Enhancing Democracy, Legitimacy and Institutional Balance”



In view of the upcoming European Parliament elections EU-CONSENT and TEPSA organized a workshop in Brussels on 19 March 2009 to discuss ways of enhancing democracy, legitimacy and institutional balance in the EU. In the second part of the workshop Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa (Notre Europe) presented and discussed with experts and representatives from the European institutions, a Call on Political Parties, EU candidates and future MEPs “Give EU citizens a voice” (http://www.iai.it/pdf/Call/call_eng.pdf). The Call which is the outcome of the study *Democracy in the EU and the role of the European Parliament* carried out by five think tanks (the IAI, Rome; CSF; IEP, Berlin; Notre Europe, Paris; The Federal Trust London) together with TEPSA and EU-CONSENT, is being endorsed by prominent Europeans (<http://www.iai.it/pdf/Call/PressRelease.pdf>).

The aim of the initiative was not only to launch the proposal that European political parties name candidates for the post of President of the European Commission, but also to advocate that the European Parliament make full use of its powers, notably the budgetary ones. In this vein, the workshop analyzed whether and how closer interaction between the EP and the national Parliaments, the Council and the Commission can contribute to enhancing the EU legitimacy and effectiveness. In view of filling the gap between the expansion of the EU's competencies and the lack of adequate democratic control and participation, the meeting focused, in particular, on the bridging role that the European political parties can play between EU citizens and institutions.

26 – 27 March 2009, Brussels
EU-CONSENT Plenary



On 26 and 27 March 2009 the Network of Excellence EU-CONSENT met for the fourth time at its Plenary Conference in Brussels. This event marked the conclusion of four years of successful networking and joint research. Once again almost every EU-CONSENT partner institute was represented and researchers from the network seized the opportunity to discuss past activities and in light of the sustainability mandate plan future joint co-operation.

The plenary conference began with the General Assembly in which the project and financial manager

Funda Tekin reflected on the strength and weaknesses of this Network of Excellences from which she drew lessons for the fourth and final reporting (her presentation can be found on the internal part of EU-CONSENT's website www.eu-consent.net). Moreover, Gunilla Herolf and Wolfgang Wessels presented dissemination results and ideas for sustainable network structures. Once again the General Assembly provided the framework for awarding the three winners of the EU-CONSENT PhD Award 2009.



Attila Agh (leader of the EU-CONSENT PhD Centre) congratulated Flavia Zanon (first prize), Simone Weske (second prize) and David Cadier (third prize) to their successful papers and their contribution to EU-CONSENT's concluding PhD Market in February 2009. The General Assembly was followed by the traditional lunchtime debate moderated by Iain Begg. This year two teams - consisting of one PhD student and one senior researcher - debated the motion “Achieving a Coherent European Energy Policy will be the litmus test of further EU integration”. The opponents to this motion were able to convince some researchers to change their minds and thus it was agreed that even though Energy Policy is among the most essential European Policies it shall be doubted whether it can be considered the litmus test for further EU integration. Each of EU-CONSENT's thematic Work Packages had the opportunity to meet during the afternoon of the first day of the conference. Some work packages organized interesting roundtables others gathered in order to discuss and reflect upon their research results of the past four years.

Thursday evening Alyson Bailes gave the EU-CONSENT Annual Lecture and presented her analysis and assessment of “The EU in/and crisis”.

The second day of the conference targeted the presentation and in depth discussion of EU-CONSENT's research results. Gaby Umbach presented a synergy paper that compiled answers from EU-CONSENT researchers to a questionnaire. This presentation was followed by some conclusions that Wolfgang Wessels drew from four years of joint research. These two presentations were commented by researchers representing the different thematic foci of the Network of

Excellence. The discussion revealed the broad and multi-disciplinary approach of EU-CONSENT that was needed in order to integrate more than 50 partner institutes into the European Research Area. The conference was concluded by a roundtable discussing with the European Commission and the new president of ECSA world sustainability options for EU-CONSENT.

EU-CONSENT's Concluding Plenary Conference provided the perfect opportunity to reflect upon the past activities to which posters presenting the results of the different work packages added. Even though the plenary conference marked the concluding event there are still lots of interesting activities to come in the remaining two months of project lifetime: e.g. the concluding Work Package conference on "Deepening and Widening in the specific case of the European foreign, security and defence policy" (Cambridge, 16-17 April 2009); a seminar on "Economic and social governance in the making: EU economic governance in the flux" (Bruges, 7-8 April 2009); a conference on "EU Governance in Crisis" (Brussels, 7 May 2009); and the Swedish Pre-Presidency Conference (Stockholm, 28-29 May 2009) – only to name a few. If you are interested in participating you are certainly invited to visit the EU-CONSENT website (www.eu-consent.net) to access further information.

Let me conclude by thanking the TEPSA office in Brussels and each TEPSA member institute for the close and successful co-operation throughout the past four years of EU-CONSENT networking.

Funda TEKIN

SInAN Call

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION CES-METU Fellowship Programme



The Center for European Studies – Middle East Technical University (CES-METU), Ankara, and the Jean Monnet Chair of Political Science at the University of Cologne are looking for **experienced researchers, academics and experts from European Research Area** interested in participating in the CES-METU Fellowship Programme. This Programme offers **study visits** (providing travel and accommodation) from 2 weeks up to 1 month at the CES-METU in Ankara. The study visits shall be carried out between April and June or September and October 2009 and shall address the research priorities of the joint EC-funded project SInAN (see below).

The overall objective of SInAN is to ensure better knowledge of Turkey in the EU and of the EU in

Turkey by contributing to conceptions on political and socio-economic implications of Turkey's accession to the EU and the current debates on EU institutional reforms and the EU's absorption capacity. Thereby synergies between academic networks in Turkey and the EU shall be created through strengthening their collaboration and integration.

Additional to the research conducted in Ankara, the fellows are expected to give lectures in the context of the MA Programmes on European Integration at CES-METU and/or associated universities in Turkey.

Format of the Programme

The CES-METU Fellowship Programme of the project "Strengthening and Integrating Academic Networks - SInAN" enables the mobility between CES-METU and the European Research Area and will enhance both the dialogue between academic institutions in the EU and Turkey and the exchange of research experience.

SInAN Research priorities are:

1. The EU's institutional architecture
2. Employment, social affairs and equal opportunities
3. Turkey and EU's external relations

The findings of the research conducted at CES-METU in Turkey may also be presented at the Joint Flagship Conference 'Turkey's Accession to the European Union: Communicating Research Findings for Constructive Dialogue' in Ankara (October 2009) and will be published as working papers on the project webpage.

We invite all researchers interested in a study visit to apply for participation with a motivation letter, an outline of the research to be conducted during the study visit and a CV to Thomas Maschke, M.A. at University of Cologne (thomas.maschke@uni-koeln.de). Deadline for application is 05.04.2009.

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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 Economic studies were submitted in February to the European Parliament:

- **“Labour Market issues in the EEA”**
Author: Dr. Nick Parsons,
Cardiff University, Great Britain
- **“Regional Cooperation and the EEA”**
Author: Dr. Mindaugas Jurkynas,
Institute of Political Science and International
Relations at Vilnius University, Lithuania
- **“The EEA and the international financial crisis”**
Authors: Dr. Andreas Maurer/ Bettina Richter,
Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik
Berlin, Germany

News from TEPSA Member Institutes

Miscellaneous

Jean-Claude Juncker re-elected as President of CIFE: Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker has been re-elected as President of the *Centre International de Formation Européenne* (CIFE). This is his second term of office at the head of this centre of excellence which, since its creation in 1954, offers various multidisciplinary higher education programmes on European integration. After meetings of the CIFE steering bodies, over sixty alumni from nearly every CIFE generation and programme gathered for the traditional reception on 10 March in Brussels, given by Mr. Juncker. On this occasion, the recently launched CIFE alumni website (<http://alumni.cife.eu>) entirely dedicated to catering for the alumni of its numerous programmes was also demonstrated.

Future events hosted by TEPSA Member Institutes

Forthcoming

25 March to 22 April 2009

European questions – European answers?

Serie of conferences in six Hungarian cities, (communication and dissemination campaign of the Ministry of Foreign Relations), Speakers: researchers of IWE, the Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

The Malta European Studies Association (MESA) will hold a series of seminars between March and July 2009, under the MESA Project funded by the

European Commission (Jean Monnet Programme). As always, these will be led by eminent visiting professors. The theme this year is “The New Social Policy Agenda and The Lisbon Treaty”. This is a very relevant issue in the contemporary world as a new agenda has been drafted to deal with the current rapid and deep economic and social change. **List of Seminars for this year:**

- 24 April 2009

Title to be announced

The second seminar will be given by **Prof. Anthony Kerr**, Faculty of Law University College, Dublin

- 2 June 2009

"New Forms of Protection from Discrimination after Lisbon"

The third seminar will be given by **Prof. Erika Szyszczak**, Jean Monnet Professor of European Law at the University of Leicester.

- 26 June 2009

"Gender and the New Social Agenda"

The fourth seminar will be given by **Dr Susanne Burri**, Utrecht University.

- 14 July 2009

"Recent European Court of Justice Cases on Collective Employment Law Rights or How to help doom a Referendum on the Lisbon Treaty without really trying"

The fifth seminar will be given by **Dr Gavin Barrett**, Senior Lecturer, School of Law, University College, Dublin.

April 2009

3 – 4 April 2009, Rome

Seminar on “Political and Security Cooperation in Europe’s Four Sea Basins”, Rome

The Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) is organising a seminar on “Political and Security Cooperation in Europe’s Four Sea Basins”, that will take place in Rome on April 3rd and 4th. The seminar is the second event of the EU4SEAS project, supported by the 7th Framework Programme of the European Commission and led by the Barcelona-based CIDOB. The seminar, that will bring together around 40 researchers and practitioners from the EU, Russia, Central Asia and the Southern Mediterranean, aims to assess the role and impact in the political and security fields of sub-regional actors and organisations in the four sea basins. Also, it will evaluate whether or not the EU, as well as NATO and other international organisations reinforce security cooperation at the sub-regional level. While the EU has always been keen on promoting regional and sub-regional multilateralism, proposing itself as a sort of model of that kind of cooperation, its strategies and policies have not always been consistent with that aim.

14 April 2009

Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council, Mr. Hido Bišćević, public lecture: South East Europe at the Crossroads: Facing Future Challenges Together

Venue: Institute of International Relations, Prague

17 April 2009

Are European Elections Useful? Sciences Po, Paris

Thirty years after the first direct elections of the European Parliament, this conference aims at shedding some more light on the effects and practices of the European elections. Scientific Committee: Bruno Cautrès, Renaud Dehousse, Sylvie Strudel, Alexander Trechsel. Please find more information at: http://www.portedeurope.org/IMG/pdf/European_Elections_programme_eng_def.pdf

21 April 2009

Round table entitled The Outcome from Gaza: The implications for the future of the Palestinian statehood, the peace process, and future role of Iran in the region of the Middle East

- The round table discussion will be focused on two current salient issues: the prospect for the Palestinian statehood and today's role of Iran in the region of the Middle East.
- The conference will be organized by the Institute of International Relations in Prague, in cooperation with the Heinrich Böll Stiftung in Prague.

Venue: Czernin Palace, the seat of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prague

29 April 2009

International Seminar "5th Anniversary of the European Union Eastern Enlargement"

Organized by Elcano Royal Institute and Embassies of the new EU eastern members. Venue: Head office of the European Institution in Madrid, Spain

More information: www.realinstitutoelcano.org

May 2009

15 May 2009

Civil Society Project – Final Conference

On the 15th May 2009, the EDRC will be holding a National Conference on "Malta and European Union Membership – Five Years On and Looking to the Future" at the Grand Ballroom, Radisson SAS Baypoint Resort, St Julian's, Malta. A number of guest speakers will be leading the conference during the morning session. In the afternoon there will be workshops and a number of contributors to the fifth and final Civil Society Project Report, will also be presenting their papers. This report will be distributed within the conference to all participants. This topic was chosen as 2009 marks the fifth anniversary of

Malta as a EU Member State. This is all taking place within the framework of the EDRC's Civil Society Project, which was funded by the European Commission for the first three years.

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Recent events hosted by TEPSA Member Institutes

29 January 2009, Budapest

Europeanization and Economic Development: Challenges and opportunities before and after Accession

Bilateral workshop with Croatian researchers from the Institute of International Relations

30-31 January 2009, Budapest

Impact of Enlargement/Accession and regional network-building

International conference in partnership with the Instituto Complutense de Estudios Internacionales (ICEI) Madrid

2 February, Budapest

Serbia, Russia and the Pax Americana in South Eastern Europe

CONSENT lecture in Budapest, Speaker: Dušan Reljic, Stiftung für Wissenschaft und Politik (Berlin)

5-6 February 2009, Budapest

Balance of the EU Membership in the Visegrád Countries: Results and Expectations

Joint international conference

6 March 2009, Zagreb

"Where is the EU Heading? Future Developments and Reflections on Croatia" EU CONSENT Project Results' Presentation Meeting

EU CONSENT, the Institute for International Relations (IMO) Zagreb and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Croatia organised in Zagreb on the 6th March 2009 the first project results' presentation meeting.

The discussion was organised within two panels. The first panel, chaired by Dr Nevenka Cuckovic (IMO), focused on the EU response to the global economic crisis and the role of education and innovation in long term growth, employment and competitiveness. Causes of global economic crisis and applied solution were analyzed. One of the introductory speakers on the first panel was Professor Iain Begg from London School of Economics (LSE), who analysed the causes, consequences, the EU response on the global crisis and opened some questions on possible final solutions. Dr Felix Roth from Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) in Brussels focused on innovation and education as main generators of long

term competitiveness. The need to increase the level of tertiary education was stressed, since it has become obvious that Lisbon strategy targets in employment will not be reached by the year 2010. Both lectures provoked some interesting thoughts. The second panel, chaired by Dr Visnja Samardzija (IMO), dealt with the EU institutional reform and its' impacts on future EU enlargement policy, and with security institutions and cooperation in wider EU. Institutional analysis of the effects of enlargement on the EU was given by Dr Edward Best from the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) in Maastricht. Detailed analysis of the security systems in Europe was provided by Dr Gunilla Herolf from International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) in Stockholm. Both speakers took wider perspective on the subject, from the point of view of the EU deepening and widening scenarios.

12 March 2009

Visit of H.E. Dr. Hasan Hasanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Hungary

Venue: Institute for World Economics, Budapest

26 March 2009

"The Future of Citizenship in the European Union"

This first seminar in this year's series was given by **Prof. Jo Shaw**, Salvesen Chair of European Institutions at the University of Edinburgh, Co-Director of the Edinburgh Europa Institute and Dean of Research, College of Humanities and Social Sciences. This seminar examined in more depth the future trajectory of citizenship in the European Union, this paper uses as a case study recent citizenship debates in the United Kingdom.

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26 and 27 March 2009

European Ideas and Actions, Their Impacts on Social and Health Policy, and on the Nordic and Other European Models

A research seminar co-organised by NordWel, the Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm, RECOWE and the Centre for European studies at Sciences Po Paris.

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