



# NEWSLETTER

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*Dear Friends,*

*This issue of the TEPSA Newsletter presents an overview of our activities and latest news of TEPSA and its member institutes.*

*Highlights include a report on the 1<sup>st</sup> TEPSA Training Workshop and TEPSA Conferences on “Effects of EU Enlargement” and “Electing the European Parliament”.*

*Good wishes,*

*The TEPSA Team*

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## News from TEPSA Secretariat

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We are pleased to inform you of some interesting news concerning two of our TEPSA colleagues, Andrew Duff and Yvonne Nasshoven.

Andrew Duff, Member of TEPSA's Board, has been elected President of the Union of European Federalists at its recent Congress in Paris.

Yvonne Nasshoven, Assistant Secretary General of TEPSA, has been elected President of Junge Europäische Föderalisten Deutschland (Young European Federalists Germany) at its recent Congress in Munich.

This will also allow TEPSA to disseminate its findings to major arenas of the debate on the EU's future.

We hereby congratulate them and wish them good luck for their new positions!

## Future events

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The following events are planned:

❖ Hosted by TEPSA Brussels:

Tuesday, 2 December 2008, 13.00  
Brussels

TEPSA, in cooperation with the Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE) will organise a lunch debate with **Graham Avery**, 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?”** taking place at the Fondation Universitaire.

Thursday, 4 December 2008, 12.00  
Brussels

TEPSA, in cooperation with Fondation Universitaire, will host a talk by **Wilfried Martens**, President of the European People's Party, entitled **“Europe, quo vadis”**. This lunch debate will take place at the Fondation Universitaire and the working languages will be French and Dutch.

February 2009  
Brussels

The threat of terrorism, especially after 11 September 2001, has led to a growing necessity of control and security measures in order to protect citizens. This, on the other hand, results in state authorities collecting a large amount of personal data, thus endangering privacy. The crucial question is where the border of security and privacy has to be drawn.

Therefore, in February 2009, TEPSA in cooperation with its Greek member institute EKEME will organise a Conference on **“Security versus Privacy”**.

Further details of all these events can be found on TEPSA's website: [www.tepsa.eu](http://www.tepsa.eu).

❖ Hosted by TEPSA Member Institutes:

4 – 5 December 2008  
**Pre-Presidency Conference**  
Prague



TEPSA's Pre-Presidency Conference will take place on 4 and 5 December in Prague. The Conference is organised by TEPSA's Czech member institute "Institute of International Relations" in cooperation with TEPSA and the EU-CONSENT

network and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in EU studies.

The draft programme includes a presentation of “Priorities and challenges of the Czech EU Presidency” and sessions on the themes EU after the Lisbon Treaty, Euroscepticism, the EU and its international partners, EU facing the global economic crisis and general prospects for the EU.

The event will take place at the premises of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

Further details are available from Petr Kratochvil ([kratochvil@iir.cz](mailto:kratochvil@iir.cz)) or Katerina Krevarova ([Conference\\_service@iir.cz](mailto:Conference_service@iir.cz)) of IIR, Prague.

The Pre-Presidency Conference will be followed by TEPSA’s General Assembly:

**5 December 2008, 14.30**  
**General Assembly of TEPSA**  
Prague

This meeting of TEPSA’s General Assembly, to which all member institutes are invited, will take place on Friday, 5 December 2008 at 14.30 in the Czech Foreign Ministry. The agenda includes the following important matters:

- Appointment of TEPSA’s Board (Chairperson, Secretary General, Treasurer)
- Financial situation
- Report on activities in 2008
- Programme of activities for 2009
- Pre-Presidency Conferences in 2009 (Sweden, Spain)
- Enlargement of TEPSA to include new members (European Documentation and Research Centre, University of Malta)

For further details contact Anne Schmidt ([anne.schmidt@tepsa.be](mailto:anne.schmidt@tepsa.be)).

**9 December 2008, 18:00**  
**“The global economic meltdown: Real causes and real consequences“**  
London

The Global Policy Institute is pleased to invite you to attend the launch of Professor [Stephen Haseler](#)’s new book: "Meltdown: The 'Masters of the Universe' and the Destruction of Western Prosperity".

Vice-Chancellor [Brian Roper](#) will open proceedings. The event will be chaired by Professor [Lord Robert Skidelsky](#) (biographer of John Maynard Keynes), and [Larry Elliott](#) (Economics Editor, The Guardian) will be the discussant.

RSVP is obligatory for this event, please contact [events@global-policy.com](mailto:events@global-policy.com) or call 02073201355.

**Series of conferences on current priorities on the EU's agenda**  
London

Please find below a list of forthcoming conferences in the series organised by The Federal Trust for Education and Research, London and supported by the European Commission Representation in London. Further details for each event will be available nearer the time.

**16 December 2008** (see below):  
Social Reality Stocktaking – Social Models: British, European, or not that different?

**4 February 2009, Bath University:**  
The EU's Role in the World – A British decision between Atlanticism and Europe?

**20 March 2009:**  
The Budget Review – Does the UK need its rebate?

**24 April 2009:**  
Migration – An Island view: Can Britain pull up the drawbridge?

8 May 2009:

The Single Market Review – Is the single market a good deal for British business?

15 December 2008

**“The Aftermath of the EU summit”**

Helsinki

On 15 December the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA) will organise a seminar called “The Aftermath of the EU summit” together with the European Movement in Finland (Eurooppalainen Suomi). This seminar is a biannual tradition aimed at providing discussion and analysis of the outcomes of the summit. The event will be in Finnish.

16 December 2008

**“Social Reality Stocktaking – Social Models: British, European, or not that different?”**

London

The Federal Trust and Global Policy Institute is pleased to announce its forthcoming joint conference, supported by the European Commission Representation in London, on “Social Reality Stocktaking – Social Models: British, European, or not that different?”.

The conference will take place on 16 December 2008, 14.00 – 17.30 in the Main Lecture Theatre of London Metropolitan University and will be followed by a reception.

Speakers:

- **Frédéric Lerais**, Bureau of European Policy Advisers, European Commission:  
“Europe’s Social Reality: A Stocktaking”
- **Jorma Karppinen**, Director, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions:

“Social Realities in Europe - A comparative view“

- **Henning Meyer**, Head of European Programme, Global Policy Institute: “A European Social Model - Myth or Reality?”
- **Neal Lawson**, Chairman, Compass: “The British Social Model in the European Context“

Please find a flyer with further details on our [website:](http://www.fedtrust.co.uk/admin/uploads/Social_Europe_Invite.pdf)  
[http://www.fedtrust.co.uk/admin/uploads/Social\\_Europe\\_Invite.pdf](http://www.fedtrust.co.uk/admin/uploads/Social_Europe_Invite.pdf).

To register please contact Ulrike Rüb-Taylor ([ulrike.rub@fedtrust.co.uk](mailto:ulrike.rub@fedtrust.co.uk) or 02073203045).

16 December 2008

**“Europe’s Declining Power? Assessing the EU’s performance at the United Nations”**

Helsinki

On 16 December the FIIA will organise a seminar entitled “Europe’s Declining Power? Assessing the EU’s performance at the United Nations” together with the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR). The seminar is also the Finnish launch of an ECFR Report on the same topic. Speakers include **Martti Ahtisaari**, President, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and **Alexander Stubb**, Foreign Minister, as well as writers of the report.

9 January 2009

**“The Greening of Irish Agriculture: Responding to the Challenge of Climate Change”**

Dublin

On Friday, 9 January, the Irish Institute of International and European (IIEA) is hosting a conference on “The Greening of Irish Agriculture: Responding to the Challenge of Climate Change”. This conference is organised to address one of the major strategic challenges facing the Irish economy: reducing emissions in line

with the ambitious targets proposed by the EU for 2020.

Further information is available on IIEA's website [www.iiea.com](http://www.iiea.com).

**23 January 2009**  
**“Is Everything Foreign Policy?”**  
Helsinki

On 23 January 2009 the FIIA will kick-start its series of activities related to the EP elections by organising a seminar in cooperation with the European Parliament Representation in Helsinki. The seminar “Is Everything Foreign Policy?” will deal with the challenges the EU will be facing during 2009 – 2014. The event will be in Finnish.

## Recent events

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❖ Hosted by TEPSA Brussels:

**“Electing the European Parliament: The way ahead?”**  
Brussels, 26 November 2008

On 26 November 2008 TEPSA organised a conference on “Elections of the European Parliament – the way ahead” at the Fondation Universitaire. After an opening speech by Richard Corbett, MEP, 3 panels discussed the challenges faced by European Political Parties, the chances for a common European electoral system and prospects for an EU public space. The panellists included a mixture of academics, among them for example Sara Hagemann from EPC, Maja Kluger-Rasmussen who has previously been working at DIIS, Denmark and Marianne von de Steeg, University of Utrecht. Present from the political side were Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, TEPSA Board Member and Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament, Guillaume McLaughlin, ALDE policy advisor to the EP's Committee on Constitutional Affairs,

and Arnold Cassola, former Secretary General of the European Greens and Chairperson of Alternativa Demokratika, the Maltese Green Party.

**TEPSA Board Meeting**  
Brussels, 11 November 2008

On 11 November 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.

The General Assembly of TEPSA in Prague on 5 December will be informed of the main conclusions of the Board's meeting.



*Meeting of the Board, 11 November 2008*

**1<sup>st</sup> TEPSA Training Workshop**  
**“Communication with Policy-Makers”**  
Brussels, 5 – 7 November 2008

From 5 to 7 November 2008 the first TEPSA Training workshop on “Communication with policy-makers” took place in Brussels. With the aim of bringing together young researchers and practitioners, the 12 participants from different European research institutes or think tanks were introduced to the demands and needs of the European Institutions with regard to expertise and trained on how to best access relevant

information and how to draft policy briefs for policy-makers.



*TEPSA Training 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop,  
5 –7 November 2008*

*See more general information on TEPSA Training on p. 11.*

### **SInAN-Workshop**

**Brussels, 24 – 25 October 2008**

On 24/25 October TEPSA hosted the first Joint Research Workshop of the SInAN project on “Questioning the myths of enlarging EU” in Brussels. One of the welcome remarks was made by TEPSA’s General Secretary Graham Avery.

For further information please contact Nicole Ahler M.A. ([ahlem@uni-koeln.de](mailto:ahlem@uni-koeln.de)) and visit the project website <http://sinan.ces.metu.edu.tr>.

*See more general information on SInAN on p. 10.*

### **“Effects of EU Enlargement”**

**Brussels, 22 – 23 October 2008**

TEPSA, in collaboration with its member institutes, organised on 22 and 23 October 2008 at the Fondation Universitaire in Brussels a conference on “Effects of EU Enlargement”.

Participants included representatives from TEPSA’s member institutes in the new member states (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech

Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia) and the old member states (Austria, Finland, Germany, Netherlands) as well as from three new member states not yet represented in TEPSA’s network (Malta, Slovakia, Romania). Also present were officials from the European Parliament and the European Commission, as well as a number of diplomatic missions and other organisations. The first part of the conference analysed vertical effects of accession on the new member states, particularly in the economic, social and foreign policy fields, and tried to synthesise them. The second part of the conference referred to horizontal effects of enlargement on the EU’s polity and policies from an academic and policy-making perspective. The final session included a presentation of the recently published book “Institutions of the Enlarged European Union”.

The interdisciplinary conference succeeded in its main goal to bring together researchers and practitioners working on the issue of EU enlargement. Speakers from the new member states presented first research results with regard to effects of accession on their respective home countries. Interestingly, a certain accession “fatigue” in the new member states was identified which was explained by the fact that EU membership was a goal itself and a post-accession strategy was mostly not developed. With regard to the European level it was argued that enlargement did not constitute a “critical juncture” for the EU’s institutional framework.

However, it was made clear by all speakers that it is difficult to draw cause-effect links with regard to enlargement and thus to differentiate between enlargement, transformation and adaptation processes. Many global and domestic factors should be taken into account as potential explaining variables as well. Furthermore, it was stressed to differentiate both between short-term, mid-term and long-term trends and country-specifics. For the

future, more specialised studies are needed to measure effects of enlargement on specific economic sectors, policies or domestic institutions in the new member states but also in the old member states and the EU's polity and policies. Future challenges will be to analyse impacts of enlargement both on the domestic and European level in order to learn lessons for future policy-making with regard to EU enlargements and for the EU's "finalité" as well.

Therefore, follow-up conferences on that topic could be planned. The conference's results will be the object of a publication by TEPSA, also trying to identify future challenges for research and policy-making.

For further information please contact Anne Schmidt ([anne.schmidt@tepsa.be](mailto:anne.schmidt@tepsa.be)) and visit our website [www.tepsa.be](http://www.tepsa.be).



*Effects of Enlargement (EE) Conference,  
22 – 23 October 2008*

### **“La crise financière en Europe”** Brussels, 23 October 2008

TEPSA in cooperation with the Fondation Universitaire organised a lunch debate with [Baron Lamfalussy](#), Professor Emeritus at the Université Catholique de Louvain, on “La crise financière en Europe”.

### **❖ Hosted by TEPSA Member Institutes:**

### **“Pakistan: America's Next Battleground?”** London, 25 November 2008

On Tuesday, 25 November the Global Policy Institute held the sixth seminar in the Middle East Seminar Series.

The title of the seminar was “Pakistan: America's Next Battleground?” and featured a presentation by Professor [Anatol Lieven](#) of Kings College, London.

### **“Global food and agricultural issues”** Budapest, 25 November 2008

In the course of this seminar at the Institute for World Economics (IWE) of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, [Judit Kiss](#), research director at the Institute for World Economics and [Miklós Somai](#), senior researcher at the IWE delivered a speech.

### **“The Reform of the European Neighbourhood Policy”** Bratislava, 21 November 2008

The aim of this one day conference was to discuss the state of the European Neighbourhood Policy and its potential for reform, in particular with respect to the tools, the regional dimension(s) and the institutions.

### **Hearing at the European Parliament** Brussels, 12 November 2008

On 12 November 2008 the authors of TEPSA's briefings on European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument (ENPI), [Jérôme Boniface](#) (EIPA, Maastricht), [Mara Wesseling](#) (University of Amsterdam), [Burcu Gultekin Punsmann](#) (METU, Turkey), [Michal Koran](#) (IIR, Prague), [Alena](#)

Vieira (University of Minho), Vadim Kononenko (UPI-FIIA, Helsinki) and Matjaz Nahtigal (University of Ljubljana), presented their findings to Members of the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee in the framework of a workshop on the implementation of the ENPI in Brussels.

These briefings, prepared under TEPSA's framework contract with the European Parliament, are available on the website of TEPSA and the European Parliament. They provide an analysis of the state of the art of ENPI implementation in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russia, Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus. The presentations were followed by a discussion between MEPs and the researchers.

The hearing was chaired by Michael Gahler, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Other MEPs included Janusz Onyszkiewicz (Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe), Milan Horacek (Greens) and Laima Andrikiene (Group of the European People's Party and European Democrats, Vice-Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Human Rights, Member of ENPI-East Working Group). The hearing was also attended by representatives of political groups and assistants of MEPs as well as by administrators of the Secretariat of the Foreign Affairs Committee. The Policy Department of the European Parliament (Directorate General for External Policies) organised and managed the event in collaboration with Yvonne Nasshoven and Anne Schmidt from TEPSA.



*Hearing at the European Parliament,  
12 November 2008*

[Country-specific reports](#), including an assessment of the progress achieved by each country and an analysis of the remaining challenges ahead, were presented by the following authors:

- Burcu Gultekin-Punsmann (METU, Turkey), author of the briefing on [Armenia](#) with Graham Avery (TEPSA), presented her results and as co-author also the study on [Georgia](#), in the absence of its authors Piret Ehin and Andres Kasekamp (both from the Estonian Foreign Policy Institute).
- Jérôme Boniface (EIPA, Maastricht), in presence of co-author Mara Wesseling (University of Amsterdam), presented the briefing on [Azerbaijan](#).
- Matjaz Nahtigal (University of Ljubljana), author of the briefing on [Russia](#) presented results from his research conducted with Piret Ehin (Estonian Foreign Policy Institute).
- Michal Koran (IIR, Prague), as co-author, presented the main findings of the briefing on [Ukraine](#), written by Zsuzsa Ludvig (Institute for World Economics, Budapest) with the help of Tamas Szemler (Institute for World Economics, Budapest) and him.
- Vadim Kononenko (UPI-FIIA, Helsinki), in absence of Andris Spruds (Latvian Institute of International Affairs) and Renars

Danelsons (Advanced Social and Political Research Institute of Latvia Institute), gave, as co-author, a presentation on the briefing on [Moldova](#).

- Alena Vieira (University of Minho), author of the briefing on [Belarus](#) presented results from her research with Giselle Bosse (University of Maastricht).

These presentations gave rise to a lively [discussion](#) between MEPs and TEPSA experts. The main points addressed were the priorities of EU assistance, problems of domestic capacity building, how to better involve civil society, the question of impact assessment of the ENPI and the visibility and efficiency of the EU's action.

#### **“After the elections in the United States of America: the world crisis and the perspectives“**

[Budapest, 6 November 2008](#)

On that topic the Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences organised a press conference.

#### **“European Union-regionalism – minorities in Eastern and Central Europe“**

[Budapest, 6 November 2008](#)

On this topic the Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences hosted a joint conference of Institutes of Social Sciences.

#### **“Financial Crises and International Reserves“**

[Budapest, 14 October 2008](#)

The Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences has organised a conference series with the Joint Vienna Institute (JVI).

On October 14, [Alex Mourmouras](#), Deputy Chief of the European Division of the IMF Institute and guest researcher at the JVI in

Vienna gave a lecture on the Financial Crises and International Reserves.

#### **“Strengthening ESDP: The EU's approach to international security“** [Helsinki, 18 – 19 September 2008](#)

On September 18 and 19, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA) organised a high-level seminar for an international audience of researchers and policy-makers on the topic “Strengthening ESDP: The EU's approach to international security“.

The seminar was arranged in cooperation with the EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) and the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI). It was a part of a bigger project, launched by the EU Institute for Security Studies, to address European interests and strategic options given the complex challenges confronting EU foreign and security policy in a fast-changing global environment. The project has been undertaken with the review of the implementation of the European Security Strategy in mind.

#### **Activities with THESEUS and EU-CONSENT**

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##### **THESEUS**

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, the next THESEUS Board Meeting will take place in Paris. TEPSA will be represented by its Assistant Secretary General Yvonne Nasshoven.

##### **EU-CONSENT**

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 activities.

TEPSA will organise and host the [concluding plenary conference, 26 and 27](#)

[March 2009](#) at the Fondation Universitaire in Brussels.

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.

More 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](#).

This provides PhD students from this Network of Excellence with the unique opportunity to structure an EU-CONSENT event according to their needs, ideas, visions and interests of which the topic could be: methodology, theories, policies and others.

The final PhD School “[Lessons of the Past for Visions of the Future – 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.

A detailed programme with further information is provided in the recent issue of the EU-CONSENT Newsletter and via the EU-CONSENT mailing lists.

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## **SInAN – Advance Notice**

### **SInAN PhD School**

**“EU’s Institutional Architecture and the Impact of Enlargement – History, Present and Future”**

[9 – 13 February 2009, Brussels](#)

The first PhD School within the framework of SInAN 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 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. Therefore, the SInAN PhD School takes on the task to explore, explain and evaluate:

- the evolution of EU’s institutional architecture from the very beginnings to the Lisbon Treaty
- the impacts of enlargements on EU’s institutional architecture and its “absorption/integration capacity”
- the Turkish accession process in the broader context of EU enlargement and as a case “sui generis”
- the evolution of the architecture of Turkish-EU relations from the 1960s onwards
- the history of perceptions and “myths” that have characterised the debate on Turkey’s EU accession process in Turkey as well as in Europe.

Thereby opportunities and challenges posed by Turkey’s accession to the EU shall be highlighted.

The week of the PhD school will feature 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 will have the chance to present and discuss their own research while adequately tutored.

### [Applications: Deadline 15 December 2008](#)

We invite applications from doctoral students that are working on the above mentioned topics. As part of the PhD school every participant will be presenting

his or her own research. In addition to presenting a paper based on the doctoral research carried out, each participant will also be expected to act as a discussant to another presentation, and to contribute to the general discussion of paper presentations throughout the school.

The participants do not have to pay for their participation (travel, accommodation), but please note that costs will be reimbursed only for those who fully participate in the classes, since all academic programmes are compulsory.

Applications must contain:

- a letter of motivation
- 500 word abstract of the applicant's proposed paper for presentation at the PhD School
- CV
- full contact coordinates.

After the deadline for submissions 10 participants will be selected by the organisers on the basis of the applications.

Please send your motivation letter, abstract, CV and certificates by 15 December 2008 via e-mail to Nicole Ahler M.A. ([ahlern@uni-koeln.de](mailto:ahlern@uni-koeln.de)).

Contact and further information: <http://sinan.ces.metu.edu.tr>.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme Cooperation: Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities**

TEPSA is pleased to inform its Member Institutes about the funding possibilities available under the theme "Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities", of the Cooperation programme within the FP7. This programme supports research activities carried out by different research centres through transnational cooperation. The budget is devoted to support cooperation between universities, research centres and public authorities throughout the EU and beyond.

Research proposals should focus on growth, employment and competitiveness; the combination of economic, social and environmental objectives in a European Perspective. Other possible topics are: Europe in the world, Citizens' Europe, Socio-economic and Scientific indicators, Future implications of global knowledge, migrations and ageing.

Project proposals should have a strong dissemination strategy linking their project results with the agenda of policy makers at various levels. Moreover, they should target policy makers, civil society organisations and economic actors at national and European level. The deadline for applications within this call is **13 January 2009**.

Detailed information on the "Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities" theme and the Call for Proposals are available at:

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ssh/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ssh/home_en.html).

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### **TEPSA Brief**

In July the first issue of the *TEPSA Brief*, dealing with the proposal for an Eastern Partnership was published. The *TEPSA Brief* is a new publication which will inform regularly and in a concise way about upcoming and existing debates in the Brussels arena. It will provide background material and summarize the major cornerstones of current discussions. *TEPSA Brief* No. 3 addresses the Conclusions of the European Council of 15 – 16 October 2008. Should you have suggestions or proposals for topics please contact Yvonne Nasshoven at [yvonne.nasshoven@tepsa.be](mailto:yvonne.nasshoven@tepsa.be).

## TEPSA Training

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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.

TEPSA Training offers added value to the training provided by the home institutes of the researchers by familiarizing them with working methods that are of importance in the Brussels arena. 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. A focus on selected European policies will serve as a platform for applying and practising the skills learnt.

The programme follows an interactive scheme where participants will contribute their own experiences and backgrounds.

As announced under “recent events”, the 1<sup>st</sup> TEPSA Training Workshop took place from 5 to 7 November in Brussels.

From [18 to 20 February 2009](#) TEPSA will organise the 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop of TEPSA Training dedicated to the topic of [Communication with media and applying for EU funding](#).

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.

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## TEPSA Guest Lecture Series

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The TEPSA Guest Lecture Series is a new initiative approved by TEPSA’s General Assembly in December 2007. It encourages TEPSA member institutes (“hosts”) to invite other TEPSA members (“guests”) to give lectures on European topics to their institutes and the wider public, and therefore contribute not only to reinforce the research community, but also to disseminate reflection and information on key issues of European policies.

The subjects of the lectures are based on the propositions made by potential “guests” and on the interest expressed by “host” institutes. On the “host” side, TEPSA member institutes in 23 EU member states and TEPSA associate institutes (IMO in Croatia, College of Europe, EIPA, CIFE) have been invited to participate. On the “guest” side, the TEPSA Guest Lecture Series targets Directors and Senior Researchers from TEPSA member/associate institutes as well as TEPSA Board members.

The TEPSA Guest Lecture Series is coordinated by TEPSA’s secretariat in Brussels and implemented in collaboration with the “host” institutes and the “guests”. After the TEPSA Guest lecture of [Dr Andris Spruds](#), Research fellow at the Latvian Institute of International Affairs (Riga) on [“The EU-Russia relations: Baltic perspectives”](#) which was hosted by TEPSA’s Hungarian member [Institute for World Economics](#) on 17 June, the following two lectures took place in October 2008:

On 14 October, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs organised a TEPSA Guest Lecture on [Denmark’s opt-outs](#) and what will happen to them. The results of a report on the subject, commissioned by the

Danish Parliament, were introduced at the event. Dr Ian Manners, the Senior Researcher and Head of EU Unit at the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), presented the findings of the report. Minister of Labour, Tarja Cronberg, and Tiia Lehtonen, researcher of the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, gave commentary speeches. The event was chaired by Dr Hanna Ojanen.

On 9 October, the Centre of International Relations from the University of Ljubljana, under its Director Prof. Dr Marjan Svetlicic, hosted a TEPSA Guest Lecture on the topic of [European Negotiations](#). The lecture by Dr Paul Meerts, Advisor to the Director of the Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael, was attended by about 70 participants. Among other things he emphasized the specific characteristics of multilateral negotiations within EU, as compared to other multilateral negotiations, differences among countries approaches and characteristics of diplomatic vis-à-vis business negotiations. Explanations were given on how to prepare for such negotiations, what skills are needed and which factors are decisive in determining outcomes. The lecture triggered off many questions by the auditorium.



*Dr Paul Meerts, TEPSA Guest Lecture, Ljubljana, 9 October 2008*

## Briefings for the European Parliament

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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](http://www.tepsa.eu).

The following briefings concerning the ["Implementation of the four common spaces" in EU–Russia Relations](#) are currently being prepared, and will be submitted soon 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

## Calls for Applications for Tenders

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Within the framework of the IPA Information and Communication Programme, TEPSA together with METU, Turkey successfully submitted a tender called "ACCESS-TR" to the European Commission (see further information below).

Furthermore, TEPSA submitted a tender for a study on a "Common European Asylum System" to the European Parliament with participation from IAI, EIPA, the University of Ljubljana and the Institute for Migration and Security Studies in Berlin.

Recently, TEPSA informed you on a call for tender on "Monitoring policy and

research activities on 'Science in society' in Europe" (deadline: 15 January 2008). The contract will include a set of national reports, a synthesis report on 'Science in society' activities in the European research area, and the maintenance of an online system to be linked to the EU 'Science in society' portal. The maximum possible budget is EUR 850 000. For further information also refer to the contract notice available at: <http://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:291325-2008:TEXT:EN:HTML>.

If a call you wish to participate in would be interesting for a group of member institutes or researchers, you can contact the TEPSA Secretariat to find collaborators or to envisage a collective initiative coordinated by us. You can also contact TEPSA in order to look for partners for other projects initiated by your institute (funded by the EU or other sources).

## ACCESS-TR

Joint METU/TEPSA project under IPA Information and Communication Programme, EuropeAid/126488/C/ACT/Multi.

The action will address the overall problem of insufficient knowledge of the enlargement process and will aim to promote the active participation of local and regional stakeholders in the process of Turkey's accession to the EU.

The target groups of this project consist of local governments, municipalities, academic communities, chambers of commerce, business organisations, trade unions, civil society organisations (i.e. women's, consumers', environmental, cultural organisations, etc.), students, local media and press members, not only in Istanbul and Ankara, but also and more importantly in and near the Turkish cities of Antalya, Samsun and Gaziantep. The final beneficiaries of this project include, in addition to the target groups identified above, the local public at large in the cities/regions where the conferences and

workshops will be held, as well as academic and research communities, both in Turkey and in Europe, working on enlargement and the Turkish membership in the EU. More specifically, the action will have the following benefits for the target groups:

More concretely, the action will comprise a [Kick-off conference in Brussels](#), [Workshops in Samsun, Antalya and Gaziantep](#) on Single Market (sectoral approaches, consumer protection), Gender issues across social protection, education policies and regional development strategies, Notions of inclusive citizenship linked to the debates on European citizenship and Ways of conducting foreign policy in the European Union, a [Final conference in Istanbul](#), [Virtual Teaching Units](#), [a project website](#) and [Policy Briefings](#) on subject areas such as 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.

## Miscellaneous

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### Commission Grant Website

At [http://ec.europa.eu/grants/search/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/grants/search/index_en.htm) the European Commission launched a website making details of the beneficiaries of EU funding publicly available.

Details on the grants for TEPSA and some of its member institutes can be found as well.

### Announcements

We are pleased to report that [Martin Westlake](#) has been appointed as Secretary

General of the EU's Economic and Social Committee with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October. Martin Westlake, who has been a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe, is the son-in-law of Jacques Vandamme, one of TEPSA's founders. For more details see <http://eesc.europa.eu/organisation/secretarygeneral/index-en.asp>.

### **Briefing from IIEA Dublin on Lisbon Treaty**

TEPSA's Irish member institute IIEA prepared a report on "Prospects for the Lisbon Treaty".

We thank Jill Donoghue, Director of IIEA for responding with this report to our request for the information of other members of the TEPSA network.

### **News of TEPSA Member Institutes**

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#### **Jean-Claude Juncker awarded by the Jean Monnet Foundation**

The Jean Monnet Foundation for Europe, which is celebrating its 30 years of existence this year, awarded, on Friday 14 November in Lausanne, its Golden Medal to Luxembourg Prime Minister, Eurogroup Chairman and [President of CIFE Jean-Claude Juncker](#).

The Jean Monnet Foundation thus praises the rare determination shown by Juncker whom it describes as an "essential craftsman of European construction" who has "never feared facing up to the crises of the Union, always seeking the way to understand them and to overcome them".

Jean-Claude Juncker had already been awarded the international Charlemagne Prize 2006 which Jean Monnet himself received in 1953.

#### **Foreign guest for a scientific consultation at IWE**

From 24 to 27 November 2008, [Valerij Heyets](#), Director of the Institute for Economy and Forecasting of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences spent four days at the Institute for World Economics (IWE) of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences for a scientific consultation.

#### **New personnel at FIIA**

Researcher [Tiia Lehtonen](#) joined the European Union research programme at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs on October 1<sup>st</sup>. She has previously worked as a researcher at the European University Institute in Florence and will defend her PhD thesis there soon. Her expertise includes the EU's institutional development and reform, the status of small member states in intergovernmental decision-making, treaty negotiation dynamics and national ratification processes.

Ms. [Tuulia Nieminen](#) will join the Institute's EU programme on 24 November as a research assistant. She has previously worked at the Institute and at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland.

#### **Hiski Haukkala defended his thesis**

[Hiski Haukkala](#), researcher at the European Union research programme at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, defended his doctoral thesis at the University of Turku on 27 September. The thesis is called [Multi-Causal Social Mechanisms and the Study of International Institutionalisation: The Case of EU–Russia Strategic Partnership](#) and it examines the development of EU-Russia relations after the cold war. Special emphasis is on determining why the relations have been so problematic and which circumstances explain these problems. Under critical scrutiny is the common understanding of the differences between the EU's and Russia's outlooks

on the world. Besides locating the potential differences between these world views, the thesis also deliberates the factors explaining the significance of these differences to the changing political circumstances.

## Publications

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### Latest Quaderno IAI, English Series, edited by Riccardo Alcaro:

Obama's election breathes fresh air into the troubled transatlantic relations: but what concrete steps need to be taken to re-build the US-European security partnership?

Re-launching the transatlantic security partnership, the latest [Quaderno IAI, English Series](#), edited by [Riccardo Alcaro](#), draws attention on several aspects of the issue.

### Publication of IWE researcher Judit Kiss:

Judit Kiss (Ed.): *Milyen legyen Magyarország nemzetközi fejlesztéspolitikája?* (What should the international development policy of Hungary be like?), Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest 2008.

### CIFE's quarterly review "L'Europe en Formation" with the title "The Western Balkans between Nation-Building and Europeanisation" (forthcoming issue):

It features articles written by Claude Nigoul, Nicolas Moll, Dorian Jano, Alexander Kleibrink, Angela Wieser and Vedran Dzihic, Lilla Balazs, Arolda Elbasani, Antonija Petričušić, Petar Dragisic, Tchavdar Marinov, Filippa Chatzistavrou, Labinot Greiçevci and Arta Ante:

"The Western Balkans between Nation-Building and Europeanisation", *L'Europe en Formation* No. 349, 3/2008, CIFE, Presses d'Europe, autumn 2008, ISSN 0154-9928.

### "Ireland's Future After Lisbon: Issues, Options, Implications", report made by a Task Force of the Irish Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA):

It examines in detail the implications of various future scenarios for the Lisbon Treaty, including some actions initiated by the EU and some by Ireland. The scenarios examined in the report are:

1. Member states abandon Treaty
2. MS engage in renegotiation of Treaty
3. Presidency proposes solution to European Council
4. EU becomes 'multi-speed' or 'multi-tier' or fragments
5. Ireland seeks a Protocol to Treaty
6. IRL makes a Declaration appended to Treaty
7. IRL secures opt-outs
8. IRL decides not to ratify Treaty

The report, available at <http://www.iiea.com/files/Lisbon.pdf>, has 160 pages, and includes a concise summary (pages 5-18).

### Forthcoming report by the Irish Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA): "The Next Leap: Competitive Ireland in a Digital Era"

The IIEA will shortly be launching a report on Ireland's digital competitiveness entitled "The Next Leap: Competitive Ireland in a Digital Era" which identifies the key themes which will determine Ireland's competitiveness in this key sector.