TEPSA Newsletter September 2016 Edition

Editorial

TEPSA Newsletter Editorial September 2016: "The European Union is in an existential crisis: how to get out?", Jaap de Zwaan

The European Union was for a long time a stable organisation. She is now under serious threat. External challenges affect the stability and unity of the Union. To mention a few: the migration crisis, the tensions at our eastern boarders (Russia/Ukraine), the situation in Turkey, the continuing conflicts around the Mediterranean (Syria, Israel/Palestine, Libya) and terrorism. Vigorous and timely responses ...

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Introducing a TEPSA Member Institute

Introducing the New Bulgarian University (NBU)

The New Bulgarian University is a private university located in the capital city of Bulgaria, Sofia. It was established in 1991 with a resolution by Bulgarian Parliament and The National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency, which reviews Bulgaria’s higher education teaching institutions has granted NBU maximum accreditation in three consecutive accreditations in 2001, 2006 and 2012. Since 2004, NBU is an ...

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News from the TEPSA Secretariat

Farewell to TEPSA's Executive Director, Mirte van den Berge

After over six years as TEPSA Executive Director, Mirte van den Berge ended her duties at the end of August 2016 to embark on a new adventure. During her time at TEPSA, she has given a unique contribution to the organization, helping to shape what TEPSA is today and to build close links among TEPSA Member Institutes. The TEPSA Team are ...

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Farewell message from Mirte van den Berge

Dear TEPSA friends, The last six years I had the opportunity to participate in 13 TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conferences, to prepare 13 TEPSA General Assemblies and 18 TEPSA Board Meetings, and to collaborate in numerous projects with academics, practitioners and students. After these truly enriching years, time had come to explore some new horizons. I recently moved to Saudi Arabia where I will start a new professional challenge …

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The TEPSA Secretariat welcomes its new Trainees

Bogdan is a Trainee at TEPSA since September 2016, where he contributes to the management of EU-funded projects related to the topics of parliamentary democracy in the EU, EU-Turkey relations and professional training on EU affairs. He is also providing assistance with the studies conducted for the European Parliament's Policy Department in the field of EU external relations and development. …

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Joint publication from TEPSA and the Egmont Institute: “The reform of the EU courts (III). The Brilliant Alternative Approach of the European Court of Human Rights” By Franklin Dehousse

TEPSA is very happy to announce the publication of the 3rd report on "The reform of the EU courts" by Franklin Dehousse, in cooperation with the Egmont Institute. The report compares the completely opposite justice reform strategies of the European Union and the Council of Europe. It underlines the multiple advantages of the participatory, transparent and progressive strategy for judicial reform …

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News about TEPSA projects

Upcoming 5-day PONT Career Skills Training in Brussels

In the framework of the PONT project, TEPSA (Trans European Policy Studies Association) is organizing a Career Skills Training to guide recent graduates from Master’s programmes, PhD students and young researchers into the practicalities of working life and to introduce them to the Brussels arena. 16 young professionals have been selected to take part in the training that will help …

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TEPSA organised the final workshop in the framework of the PADEMIA project under the lead of Dr Julie Smith (University of Cambridge). The workshop, which took place on 19-20 September 2016, focused on the impact of referenda on parliamentary democracy, notably in the light of the recent Brexit vote. It looked in particular at the interaction of plebiscitary and parliamentary democracy, with reference to …

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ENURC project: Joint publication from TEPSA, the Latvian Institute of International Affairs and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung


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News from TEPSA Member Institutes

News from the Institute of International Relations Prague

ILA Conference in Johannesburg On 7 – 11 August 2016, the 77th biannual conference of the International Law Association (ILA) took place in the largest city of South Africa, Johannesburg. Its Czech branch was represented by Prof. Veronika Bílková from the Institute of International Relations Prague. Mark Galeotti joined the IIR Team The Institute of International Relations Prague is pleased to welcome …

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Congratulations to Florence Haegel, the new Director of the Centre d’études européennes of Sciences Po

We are very pleased to announce you the nomination of Florence Haegel as the new Director of the Centre d’études européennes of Sciences Po Florence Haegel is Professor at Sciences Po. She is working on political parties and politicization. Within the first field, her research deals with party system and party organization, they concern specifically French right wing parties in …

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News from Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)
The Istituto Affari Internazionali extends its deepest condolences for the death of Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, President Emeritus of the Italian Republic and the Institute's Honorary President. IAI recalls his constant and tireless efforts on behalf of Italy and Europe. His example and guidance will be deeply missed.

News from the Institute for Development and International Relations (IRM) Zagreb

IRMO was successful in its application for the Erasmus+ Jean Monnet project call. The project "EU Competences and National Cultural Policies: Critical Dialogues" starts on 1st September 2016 and it will last two years. The primary aim is to promote discussion and reflection on the impact of the EU agenda on the Croatian cultural policy. Since Croatia's accession to EU, …

TEPSA has a new Member Institute

On the occasion of the latest TEPSA General Assembly meeting, held in Bratislava on 2 June 2016, the Center for Comparative and International Studies (CIS Zürich) joined TEPSA. The TEPSA Team is looking forward to a fruitful cooperation with CIS Zürich!

News from outside the TEPSA network

Call for Papers “The Political Role of the European Central Bank in European Union Governance”

Conference at University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany), 5-6 April, 2017 Conference conveners Michael Kaeding and Sebastian Heidebrecht cordially invite you to submit proposal abstracts focusing on aspects related to “The Political Role of the European Central Bank in European Union Governance”. Selected papers will be published in a conference transcript (edited volume). Additionally, a selection of papers will be considered for …

Upcoming events at TEPSA Member Institutes

Conference “The Arctic Council and the Italian Perspective. The 20th
Anniversary of the Ottawa Declaration”, 10 October, Rome

“The Arctic Council and the Italian Perspective. The 20th Anniversary of the Ottawa Declaration”, in cooperation with the Italian National Research Council (CNR), the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Italian Society for International Organization (SIOI)

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Conference “The European Union and Peacebuilding”, 17 October 2016, College of Europe, Bruges

This conference, organised by the Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies at the College of Europe together with The Rotary Foundation, will address various aspects of peacebuilding. The keynote address will be delivered by the leading peace researcher Peter Wallensteen, Senior Professor of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University, and Richard G. Starmann Senior Research Professor of …

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EU Diplomacy Lecture “The EU’s Common Foreign and Security Policy, 17 years on” by Dr. Javier Solana, 27 October 2016, College of Europe, Bruges

The Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies at the College of Europe in Bruges is organising the third “EU Diplomacy Lecture” in Bruges. Dr. Javier Solana, President of the ESADE Centre for Global Economy and Geopolitics (Madrid-Barcelona), and former EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, will deliver a high-level lecture on the …

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German-Hungarian Forum, 25/26 October 2016 in Budapest

On 25 and 26 October 2016, the 26th annual conference of the German-Hungarian Forum will be held in Budapest. This bilateral platform promotes the exchange of ideas and experiences between representatives and experts from politics, business, culture, science and civil society in Germany and Hungary. The aim of the forum is to discuss current issues of the social and economic …

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Upcoming events at the Latvian Institute of International Affairs (LIIA)


Presentation of newest publication followed by a public discussion about possible Latvian national budget amendments. October 14, …

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Seminar and workshop series - “Room for Reform?” at the Swedish institute of International Affairs

The European Union (EU) is currently under pressure to respond to several simultaneous challenges. How to fix migration, protecting common values and stabilizing the Eurozone are examples of current questions. These are issues that touch upon the existence and principal aims of the EU; to promote its shared values, peace and wellbeing. The answers to these questions often suggest that …

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CIFE conference on “Migrants in Europe: human rights and international security”, 25 September to 2 October

2016 - Rome

The last course of CIFE’s Summer University programme 2016 will take place in Rome: The “Mediterranean Summer University” will conclude with a regional CIFE Alumni meeting over the weekend. Other destinations of the summer programme were Croatia (Split), Poland (Warsaw), Georgia (Batumi), Bulgaria and Romania (Silistra and Slobozia), and England (Canterbury).

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Past events at TEPSA Member Institutes

Past events at the Romanian Center for European Policies (CRPE) - Summer 2016

Conference on “Education for Justice and Democracy – a citizenship training programme in schools”, 20 April 2016, Romanian Center for European Policies (CRPE), Bucharest. Romanian Center for European Policies together with Liderjust (association of law practitioners) organized on 20 April 2016 the final conference of the project Education for Justice and Democracy – a citizenship training program in schools. During the event, the …

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Past events at the Institute of International Relations Prague - Summer 2016

Symposium: “The International Symposium ‘Czech Foreign Policy’”, 21-22 September 2016, the Institute of International Relations Prague. The International Symposium on Czech Foreign Policy, as its name suggests, focused on a variety of aspects of Czech foreign policy from a wide range of different research fields. It strived to bring together specialists, politicians, academics, the public and the media in order …

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Past events at Elcano Royal Institute - Summer 2016
Roundtable: “Spain: Image and brand 2016. How are we seen, and how are we?”, 20 September 2016, Uría Menéndez (Auditorium), Madrid Analysis of the evolution of Spain’s image and the country’s brand over the course of the past 12 months.
Seminar: “Energy Perspectives in Europe and the United States following the COP21”, 21 September 2016, Casa de América, Madrid

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Past events at IAI - Summer 2016
26 September, Rome “Economic Governance in the Euro Area - The Role of the ECB”. Seminar with Benoît Coeuré, Member of the Executive Board, European Central Bank within the framework of the project The future of the European economy, in cooperation with Centro Studi sul Federalismo (working language: Italian). 21 September, Turin “A Global Strategy for the European Union’s …

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Past events at the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP) – Summer 2016
First workshop of the German-American Dialogue on the post-Soviet space: “Assessing the state of European integration and potential for transatlantic cooperation” From July 5th to July 6th the first workshop of the German-American Dialogue on the post-Soviet space was held in Berlin. More than forty experts and practitioners in the field from Germany, the United States, Georgia, Latvia, Romania and …

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Past events at the Latvian Institute of International Affairs (LIIA) – Summer 2016
Public lecture by Dr. Daniel Hamilton: “The State of Transatlantic Relations and the Possible Impact of US Presidential Elections”, September 22, from 13:00-14:30 at the Stockholm School of Economics (Strēlnieku street 4A, Riga), Soros Auditorium. US foreign policy is about to witness a significant change as President Obama’s term expires in the late fall this year. The arrival of a …

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Past events at the Institute for World Economics, Research Centre for Economic and Regional Studies – Hungarian Academy of Sciences (IWE-HAS) - Summer 2016
Events, conferences and presentations 19-22 April 2016, Moscow - Russia “Challenging the Theories: An Analysis of Russian FDI in the Visegrad Countries”. National Research University “Higher School of Economics” Csaba Weiner’s lecture at the conference „XVII April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development” 20-21 April 2016, Barcelona – Spain Erzsébet N. Rózsa took part in the EuroMeSCo …

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Past events at the Swedish institute of International Affairs - Summer 2016


Publications from TEPSA Member Institutes

Recent publications from the Romanian Center for European Policies (CRPE) – Summer 2016

Lucian Cernat, How important is TTIP for Romania?, Romanian Center for European Policies, Policy Paper no.69, 26 April 2016 The Romanian Centre for European Policies launches the report ‘How important is TTIP for Romania?’. This contributes slightly differently to the analysis of the principal macro- and micro-economic elements of the Romanian economy linked to the negotiation of the free trade …

Recent Publications from the Institute of International Relations Prague - Summer 2016

New Perspectives, Issue 1/16. We are delighted to present issue 01/2016 of New Perspectives. The texts in this issue include “Living in Post-truth: Power/Knowledge/Responsibility” (Benjamin Tallis); “An Unending Quest for Russia’s Place in the World” (Mariya Omelicheva and Lidiya Zubytska); “Too Limited, Too Late: Evaluating the Czech Republic’s Performance as a Small-State Lobbyist in EU External Policy” (Tomáš Weiss); and “When …

Recent publications from the College of Europe - Summer 2016

Gstöhl, Sieglinde (ed.), The European Neighbourhood Policy in a Comparative Perspective: Models, Challenges, Lessons, Abingdon, Routledge, 2016. The European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) has evolved into one of the European Union's major foreign policy instruments and received considerable attention. However, other EU neighbourhood policies, and their relevance for the ENP, also require examination. This timely book puts the ENP into context …

Recent publications from Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) – Summer 2016
Eight new reports on European Union by the Istituto Affari Internazionali – IAI, June-September 2016 Negotiating the European Union’s Dilemmas: Proposals on Governing Europe, by Nicoletta Pirozzi and Pier Domenico Tortola, (IAI Working paper 16|24) September 2016, 22 p. This paper culminates and concludes the “Governing Europe” research project by presenting an overall assessment of the state of the European …

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Recent publications from the Royal Elcano Institute - Summer 2016

Expert comments William Chislett, Spain’s repeat elections: PP in stronger position but deadlock remains, June 2016 The results of Spain’s election show that the ‘old’ still has a lot of life in it and the ‘new’ has not really yet been fully born. Spaniards are hoping this will not necessitate third elections. Haizam Amirah-Fernández, Brexit and the EU’s ‘Syrian …

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Recent publications from the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA) – Summer 2016

Reports Toivo Martikainen, Katri Pynnöniemi, Sinkukka Saari & Ulkopolititsen instituutin työryhmä: Venäjän muuttuva rooli Suomen lähialueilla Kristi Raik & Sinikukka Saari (eds.): Key Actors in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood: Competing perspectives on geostrategic tensions Briefing Papers Michael Haltzel: What's Going on in the USA? Explaining the Trump phenomenon Mikael Wigell: China’s Advance in Latin America: Gestrategic Implications for Europe, the …

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Recent publications from Latvian Institute of International Affairs - Summer 2016

Ed. by Andris Spruds, Diana Potjomkina. - Riga: Latvian Institute of International Affairs, 2016 “Latvia and the United States: Revisiting a Strategic Partnership in a Transforming Environment” This is a book about building bridges and strengthening the partnership between Latvia and the United States. The publication Latvia and the United States: Revisiting the Strategic Partnership in a Transforming Environment continues …

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Recent publications from the Institute for World Economics, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences – Summer 2016

migration from Sub-Saharan Africa to Europe (A szubsaharai Afrikából Európába irányuló migráció kiváltó okai)
Budapest: MTA KRTK Világgazdasági Intézet, 2016. 25 p. (VGI Műhelytanulmányok; …

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Recent publications from the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP) - Summer 2016

Handbook on Germany’s European Policy published
The Handbook on Germany’s European Policy is published in times of multiple crises and rising skepticism and concerns about Germany’s ties with the European Union. In this context it emphasizes the importance of European integration and the political and economic benefits Germany is gaining from its EU membership. Furthermore, Germany has a great impact …

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Recent publications from the Swedish Institute of International Affairs - Summer 2016

Borg, S. (2016) 'The Arab Uprisings, the Liberal Civilizing Narrative and the Problem of Orientalism', Middle East Critique, First View April 2016. This article engages the problem of Orientalism in Western elite foreign policy discourse on the Arab uprisings. Reconstructing discursive representations among US and EU foreign policy elites, it argues that the Arab uprisings were inserted into a liberal …

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Recent publications from the Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO) Zagreb - Summer 2016

IRMO researchers have published a new book: Hrvoje Butković and Vlčnja Samardžija in cooperation with Ivana Skazlić and Ivana Čavar, Nonstandard work in Croatia: Challenges and perspectives in selected sectors, Zagreb: IRMO, 2016. The book addresses the topic of nonstandard work which has not been sufficiently researched in Croatia. The focuses is on the strategies of Croatian social partners in …

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Public consultation of the European Commission

Public consultation on the European Pillar of Social Rights

The European Commission (Directorate-General for Employment and Social Affairs, Economic and Financial Affairs) has launched a public consultation on the European Pillar of Social Rights. The consultation seeks to make an assessment of the present EU social “acquis”, determining the extent to which existing rights are practiced and remain relevant or whether and where new ways to deliver on these rights …
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