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Editorial:

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The traditional pre-presidency conference of the 20-21 May has been a great success. We would like to express our special gratitude and sincere thanks to Prof. Marianne Dony, President of the European Institute for European Studies at the ULB. She managed both to gather high-level speakers and also to adapt the programme to the last minute in order to shed light on the latest economic and financial developments. The participants found the sessions on the Greek and Euro crisis very interesting, as well as the workshops on Security and Defense, Climate policy, African and Mediterranean region, Eastern dimension and External relations. We also take this opportunity to thank the Belgian authorities for their collaboration and their effective participation in the debates. Once again this conference was a great opportunity for TEPSA member institutes to exchange and gather their intellectual point of views in order to reflect on the future of Europe. This common thinking will be further developed with the various TEPSA Working Groups set up at the end of the conference and which will be launched within the year.

Our General Assembly witnessed the election of the new treasurer, Mr. Florent Peterkenne. I take the opportunity to welcome him warmly as well as the new Icelandic member, the Institute of International Affairs and the Centre for Small-State Studies of the University of Iceland. We are looking forward to our future cooperation. Financial solutions to enable TEPSA to recover its solid financial shape were also discussed during the GA.

The responsibility to execute these decisions as well as to the continuation of the implementation of our Work Programme will be taken up by the TEPSA Secretariat before we meet again in December in Budapest.

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Interview with Baldur Þórhallsson

Iceland elected new associate member

During last TEPSA General Assembly, the Institute of International Affairs and the Centre for Small-State Studies of the University of Iceland was unanimously approved as the associate member from Iceland.



TEPSA interviewed Baldur Þórhallsson, who is Jean Monnet Professor and Chair of the Board of the Institute of International Affairs and the Centre for Small State Studies, University of Iceland:

1) How did you get to know TEPSA?

We have of course been aware of TEPSA and its important work but Graham Avery, the former Secretary General of TEPSA, introduced TEPSA to us. He visited us in Reykjavik, gave excellent lectures on the EU's enlargement and has since become a good friend. He encouraged us to apply for membership and has been a great advocator of Iceland within TEPSA.

2) As a new associate member of TEPSA, what do you think is the main advantage of TEPSA and possible benefit for your institute? What do you expect from TEPSA and how could you contribute to it?

We have already benefited greatly by getting to know many of other TEPSA members – experts in the field of European integration. I have been very pleased with the two Pre-Presidency Conferences which I have attended, in Madrid and Brussels, and found them very informative and motivating. We wish to participate in research projects with other TEPSA members, exchange guest lecturers and attend other TEPSA conferences and workshops. We also hope to be able to contribute to ongoing research and teaching activities by TEPSA membership concerning the role of small states in the EU, the North Arctic, the Nordic states, security and defence, Iceland's position in Europe etc.

3) Last February, the Commission opened the negotiations of accession to the EU with Iceland. What do you think are, on one hand, the challenges and on the other hand, the strengths of Iceland on the road of the accession?

The Commission concluded that Iceland is well prepared to assume the obligations of membership in most areas, in particular the policy fields covered by the EEA. The Social Democrats leading the Icelandic government, also appreciated the opinion recommendations that Iceland needs to make serious efforts to align its legislation with the *acquis* and/or to implement and enforce it effectively in order to fulfill the accession criteria in the fields of fisheries, agriculture, rural development, the environment, free movement of capital and financial services. On the other hand, most Icelanders are very concerned that by EU membership they may lose control of their most valuable resource, fisheries and domestic agricultural production may be damaged. These concerns need to be addressed in the accession talks. Iceland, in particular, needs a good deal on fisheries in order to secure a positive outcome in the country's referendum on membership.

Iceland's membership of the Union would have several positive aspects for the EU itself. For instance, Iceland, as an EU member state, would contribute one-third to the overall Union's marine resources, add to its renewable energy resources and give it access to the North Arctic. In addition, Iceland is a stable democracy, highly respects and advocates human rights and has participated in Europe security and defence cooperation since becoming a founder member of NATO.

4) How strong are the current ties between Iceland and the EU? How do you expect Iceland to position itself after EU accession?

Iceland already takes an active part in European integration by membership of the European Economic Area and Schengen. Icelanders generally feel closest to their Nordic neighbours and will undoubtedly position themselves as such

within the EU. Iceland is slowly but steadily turning toward Europe. We sometimes refer to the latter half of the 20th century in Iceland as the American century. However, we are a European nation and have always been close to Europe – where our culture, norms and identity arrive from. One could say that we are turning back home – to our core roots. Iceland's main concern with the Union will be in its most important economic sectors those of fisheries, renewable energy and tourist industry.

5) **To what extent are Icelandic people in favour of Iceland being part of the European Union?**

The public opinion on EU membership has been affected by the so-called Icesave dispute which has dominated political discussion in the country. Since early 2009, the majority of voters have stated their opposition to membership in opinion polls – after a twelve year period where nearly all polls indicated a majority in favour of membership. However, a majority of voters is still in favour of accession negotiations with the EU. The latest Capacent Iceland opinion poll, conducted in February 2010, indicated that 64 per cent of voters were in favour of accession negotiations, 28 per cent against it and 7 per cent did not state an opinion. However, when voters were asked whether they supported or opposed EU membership 6 out of 10 voters opposed membership, 25 per cent were for it and 15 per cent did not state an opinion. That said, an intensive EU debate has not kicked off in the country. The pro-European forces have had a difficult time making their case in an atmosphere of nationalism where Icelanders generally feel that all of their closest neighbouring states, except for the Faroe Islands, have deserted them in a time of great need. One could argue that Icelanders have lost faith in international relations, in general, and in close cooperation with their neighbouring states. The EU is seen by many politicians and voters as not being able to provide Iceland with economic and political shelter and as a bully standing by larger states oppressing a small defenceless neighbour. This is very unfortunate and not according to the reality but this is the general perception of

the populace in the ongoing Icesave dispute.

News from the TEPSA Network

Appointment of Mrs. Dony

Professor Marianne Dony, Director of TEPSA's Belgian member EGE, has been appointed as a Member of the Classe des Lettres et des Sciences Morales et Politiques de l'Academie Royale de Belgique.

News from the TEPSA Secretariat

Election of the treasurer

During last General Assembly, the new treasurer of TEPSA, Mr. Florent Peterkenne, was elected.

Approval of final accounts for 2009

The accounts for 2009 were formally approved by the General Assembly which accorded discharge to the Board.

Additional newsletter in July

A summer edition newsletter will be sent to you at the end of July. So please feel free to send us any information about your institute before the 23rd July!

TEPSA participated in a public hearing on the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI)

TEPSA participated in a public hearing organised by the Greens/ European Free Alliance Party at the European Parliament (EP) on 12 May 2010 about the European Citizen's Initiative (ECI). This initiative is an important step forward for more participative democracy in Europe and will for the first time give people the possibility to raise issues and bring them on the agenda of political institutions. On 31 March 2010, the Commission tabled the ECI proposal on how to put the instrument into practice. While creating a new citizen-friendly tool, the proposal also establishes new burdens for the accomplishment of this democratic initiative. The EP having power to amend EC's proposals, the objective of the hearing was to inform the EP on the view of stakeholders before adopting, together with the Council, a Regulation before the end of the year.

The panel was composed of Gerald Häfner, *coordinator for the Green/EFA group in the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and member of the Committee on Petitions of the EP*, Pr. Jürgen Meyer, *“father of the initiative” and former member of the Bundestag*, Maros Sefcovic, *Vice-President of the EC, responsible for Inter-Institutional Relations and Administration*, Bruno Kaufmann, *Director of the Initiative and Referendum Institute Europe (IRI)* and Isabelle Durant, *Vice-President of the EP and Member of the Greens/EFA in the EP*.

Several aspects of the proposal, the Greens disagreed upon, were put forward during the hearing.

The Commission suggests that citizens' signatures must come from one third of all Member states (MS) to make sure that the initiative is truly European. The audience's point of view was requested and it was confirmed that in order to guarantee European instead of national issues they would propose one fifth of Member states.

Regarding the minimum number of signatures, it was mentioned that a set percentage for all MS is not equitable, explaining that in small countries, signatures would be easier to collect than in bigger MS. Therefore it was suggested that a threshold digressively proportional to the population of each state.

The issue on the minimum age to participate in the initiative was also raised. It was highlighted that since the ECI is not a binding referendum, it would be good for Europe to invite especially young people to shape and share European initiatives and, therefore, recommend the minimum age of 16.

In order to avoid the manipulation of signatures, the procedure established for the collection and verification of signatures should be clarified. It was recommended that the verification of the signatures should be dealt with by the responsible authorities of the MS providing then certification on this.

As for the process of collecting signatures, the panel expressed its disagreement with the EC proposal of a time limit of 12 months and is in favour of 24 months, allowing more time for the meetings, travelling, translation and general support.

Regarding the admissibility of an ECI, the Commission is very concerned that the new instrument would be abused and therefore intends to use a filtering mechanism for not admitting “abusive” ECIs. The panel wasn't in favour of the Art 4 of the Regulation which states that any proposed initiative against the value of the Union should be rejected. The debate was further

discussed with the audience who tried to establish a limit under which, an initiative should be rejected. The Charter for Fundamental Rights was evoked.

Other issues regarding the implementation were discussed, and the panel concluded the session highlighting that the ECI is one of the major innovations of the Lisbon Treaty and will evolve during the Belgian presidency. It was therefore pointed out that the importance of finding a compromise at the European Council later this year.

We would find interesting to see the development on this issue at Member States' level, so please feel free to contact Laura Ventura at laura.ventura@tepsa.be in order to exchange further on this subject.

Recent events

20/21. May 2010, Brussels

Pre-presidency Conference Brussels - “The Belgian Presidency 2010 – Future prospects for the Belgian Presidency of the EU (2010): Global challenges in a new institutional era”

The Institut d'Etudes Européennes (IEE) at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, the Institute for European Studies (IES) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations, the Universiteit Gent (UGENT), the Université de Liège, the Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL), the Facultés Universitaires St Louis, the Universiteit Antwerpen, organised a conference on “The Belgian Presidency 2010 – Future prospects for the Belgian Presidency of the EU (2010): Global challenges in a new institutional era”, was held in Brussels on 20-21 May 2010, in order to foster and support an insightful Belgian Presidency that will be launched on 01st July 2010 .

The Conference was organised as a part of the “pre-presidency” series of the TEPSA (Trans European Policy Studies Association) with potentially the official “Belgian Presidency 2010” label and the support of the Belgian Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation.

This conference brought together senior scholars and high level practitioners from across Europe to

focus on the 2010 Belgian Presidency of the European Union. It examined both the Belgian vision, outputs and prospects for improving European efficiency in the following thematic: Security and Defense, Climate Change and Environment, Immigration and Development, Eastern Dimension and Energy Supply, Lisbon Strategy and Economic and Social Cohesion and finally the Role of the Semestrial Presidency under the Lisbon Treaty.

The conference also attempted to foster exchange between the academic, policy communities and the Belgian Presidency, especially through plenary sessions by senior policymakers such as governmental officials and a number of "policy link" workshops featuring academics. The conference aimed as well to have an impact on the Belgian Presidency by offering a fresh view on the mentioned thematic.

Some 170 participants (students, academics, EU and Belgian officials, EU practitioners, journalists...) witnessed the event.

The report of the conference can be found as annex to the newsletter.

Upcoming events



July 2010, Brussels

Theseus Summer School

"Freedom, security and justice as a common challenge - justice and home affairs in the EU after the treaty of Lisbon"

THESEUS Seminar for young Leaders 2010 will take place on 10-15 July 2010 in Brussels, at the Foundation Universitaire, rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels.

The THESEUS Seminar will this year discuss. It addresses PhD students and young professionals from administration, research and business and will focus on the recent changes induced by the Lisbon Treaty with in the field of Justice and Home Affairs of the European Union. Like in last years the seminar will feature speakers and high-level experts from international organisations, business, politics, NGOs together with recognised researchers. The deadline for applications is **14 June 2010**.

In addition to the Summer School, THESEUS is looking for highly-motivated applicants to respond to these calls for nominations! The deadline for the nominations is 31 May 2010. The [THESEUS Award for Outstanding Research on European Integration](#) distinguishes persons with an outstanding academic record in the field of European Integration. The [THESEUS Award for Promising Research on European Integration 2010](#) distinguishes an excellent piece of work of a junior researcher.

TEPSA Secretariat will provide with you in a near future the programme of the seminar.

SAVE THE DATE

2./ 3. December 2010, Budapest, Hungary

Pre-presidency Conference Budapest



The Institute for World Economics

Budapest reported that the Pre-Presidency Conference in Hungary is planned for 2 and 3 December 2010, and

will include both plenary sessions and workshops. It will be beginning on Thursday 2 December at 10:00. Workshops will take place during both days. **The THESEUS ceremonial award will take place on Thursday at 6:00 pm** before the official dinner at 7:30pm. TEPSA General Assembly will take place on Friday 3 December in the afternoon.

TEPSA Secretariat will keep you inform on this event regularly.



Briefings for the European Parliament

EP Briefings on Security and Defence

As highlighted in last TEPSA newsletter, for this legislative period TEPSA has won two Framework Contract with the European Parliament in the areas of Security and Defense and Multilateralism.

The briefings can be now found on TEPSA website
<http://www.tepsa.be/index.asp?ID=44>
http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/afet_home_en.htm

News from TEPSA Member Institutes

College of Europe

Intensive Seminar on the EU: Enhance your European career!



From 28 June-16 July 2010 the Development Office of the College of Europe will organise the 17th edition of its popular training programme 'Intensive Seminar on the EU' in Bruges and Brussels. Professionals from all over the world are invited to this truly European learning experience. This year's programme will have a special focus on **current political challenges at EU level** including the impact of the Lisbon Treaty, the Europe2020 strategy, Europe's climate strategy, the new EU diplomacy and others.

The Seminar will be divided into three tailored programmes:

-The **1-week Compact Programme (5-9/07/2010)** is designed for experienced professionals working in European affairs who want to learn more about today's hot topics and practice their know-how in hands-on sessions.

-The **2-week Advanced Programme (5-16/07/2010)** is tailored to participants with a substantial knowledge of the EU who wish to improve their skills and gain first-hand insights during visits to the European institutions.

-The **3-week Classic Programme (28/06-16/07/2010)** offers a complete training from introductory lectures about the European integration to working visits and practical workshops in Brussels.

All sessions will be provided by well-known Professors from the College of Europe, competent lecturers from training institutes and experienced practitioners from the EU institutions.

For more information and registration visit:
www.coleurope.eu/IS2010



CIFE Berlin

With the **European Online Academy**, the Centre international de formation européenne in cooperation with the Jean Monnet Chair of the University of Cologne organises the **Certificate** (one-year) and **Master in EU Studies Online** (two-year).

Through a **combination of e-learning and concentrated face-to-face-learning phases** (at weekends mainly in Berlin, Rome, Brussels, Istanbul and Budapest) the European Online Academy allows the participants to deepen and to supplement their knowledge of the European integration process. The programmes are an outstanding opportunity for young professionals or post-graduates to continue their studies while pursuing their career at the same time.

After having successfully completed the first year, the participants obtain the Certificate in EU Studies Online (30 ECTS). In order to specialise in one of the core subjects (**Political Science, Economics and EU Law**), the participants may join the second year of the Master programme and get awarded the Master in EU Studies Online (60 ECTS).

There is also a possibility for students who have already acquired 30 ECTS credits in a relevant post-graduate programme to directly undertake the second year of the Master study programme.

The working language is English. **Deadline for online application is 5 September 2010.** A limited number of scholarships are awarded to particularly qualified candidates to cover part of the fee.

For further information and application please consult our website www.eu-online-academy.org or contact Aline Palige (aline.palige@cife.eu).

The Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP) in cooperation with the Centre international de formation européenne organises the **Master in Studies on the European Union and Central Asia in the International System**. The programme is opened to post-graduates and young professionals from five Central Asian countries (Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan,

Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan), as well as Afghanistan and the Chinese province of Xinjiang.

Through a combination of elearning and periods of attendance in Berlin, the Master programme offers Central Asian participants the opportunity to further their knowledge of the European integration process, as well as understand recent developments in the relations between the EU and Central Asia. It is an ideal training and opportunity for young postgraduates to learn how to negotiate within the EU and with the EU as well as integrate a European and internationally recognised network.

The working language for the entire programme is English. **Deadline for application is 15 June 2010.** Scholarships will be available for selected participants.

For further details on the programme and the application process please consult our website www.eucais.org or contact us via e-mail (info@eucais.org).



The Centre international de formation européenne (Nice) organises several summer university programmes

designed for post-graduate students, researchers and young professionals willing to deepen their knowledge in the fields of European integration and international relations and to increase their understanding of the problems faced by modern society as a consequence of international developments.

The programmes are of short duration (one to three weeks for each programme) and take place from June to September in several European countries (Turkey, Croatia, Austria, UK, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia).

The working language is either French or English. The programmes consist of lectures, seminars, conferences and visits to various relevant institutions of the respective host country.

For further information, please consult our website at www.cife.eu or contact Marie-France Perdigon (marie-france.perdigon@cife.eu).

The Centre international de formation européenne (Nice) in cooperation with the Institut européen des hautes études européennes organises the

Master in European and International Journalism .

The purpose of this Master Degree is to acquaint young journalists with issues specific to European and international politics. It teaches them how to take these into account in any day-to-day practice of journalism. This Master programme is aimed at any student who has already completed an undergraduate programme (three or four years) in journalism and who has demonstrable knowledge of both English and French.

The study programme stretches over one academic year, from October to July and takes place in Nice (France) but also includes several study trips to other European countries.

To apply candidates are asked to fill out an online application form that can be found on www.iehei.org/journalism. **Deadline for application is 30 June 2010.**

Student grants are available for particularly qualified students to cover part of the fee.

For further information about the programme, please consult our website (www.iehei.org/journalism) or contact M. Frédéric Lépine (Master.journalism@cife.eu).

The Centre international de formation européenne (Nice) in cooperation with the Institut européen des hautes études européennes organises the **Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS)**. This study programme is targeted at students who have completed their undergraduate studies. Its objective is to give students an over-arching, encompassing vision of the political, social, economic, and cultural problems of today's modern world.

The Master programme guarantees an international education with an excellent academic staff and environment. It is subdivided into two branches: the trilingual programme (teaching languages are English, French, and German) which includes semesters in Nice and Berlin as well as study weeks in Rome and Rostock; the anglophone programme which includes semesters in Istanbul, Nice and Berlin. A limited number of full and partial scholarships are available for particularly qualified candidates.

The deadline for applications for both branches of the Master programme is **June 30th, 2010**.

For more information have a look at www.iehei.org or contact Mrs. Kristina Petersen (Kristina.petersen@cife.eu).



The CIFE Office in Brussels will organise the “17th Midi du CIFE” on the 9 June at 1:00 at the Fondation Universitaire to discuss the **Europe 2020 Strategy: for a sustainable economic and social relaunch**. Mario SEPI President of the European Social and Economic Committee will chair the debate.

To participate please contact **Bruno.BOISSIERE@cife.eu**

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INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

ADMISSION TO THE INTERNATIONAL MA PROGRAMMES

The Institute of International Relations and Political Science invites students to join International Master's programmes. The IIRPS VU offers two MA study programmes in English: War and Peace studies and Central and Eastern Europe studies.

MA in War and Peace studies

The aim of this programme is to provide deep understanding of war, peace-building and post-conflict reconstruction processes and skills to critically analyze and evaluate political and military strategies of armed conflict, policies of conflict resolution. Master programme in War and Peace studies will enable holistic and comprehensive approach to strategy-making, planning of conflict resolution and peace-building projects, creative application of acquired knowledge and skills in crisis situations.

Completing this MA programme students will acquire:

-Deep understanding of war, its context and consequences;

-Deep understanding of peace-building and post-conflict reconstruction process and its context;
-Skills to critically analyze and evaluate political and military strategies of armed conflict, policies of conflict resolution and post-conflict reconstruction;
-Holistic and comprehensive approach to strategy-making, planning of conflict resolution and peace-building projects.

Master in Central and Eastern European studies (CEE)

The aim of this programme is to provide knowledge and develop the skills necessary to analyse, compare and evaluate both the domestic and foreign policies of the countries of Eastern and Central Europe and the international processes within the regions. The programme focuses on the following countries: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Belarus and Ukraine.

Students will acquire:

-Advanced knowledge of the concepts, theories and methods in contemporary political science, especially in the field of International Relations and Comparative Politics;

-Deep understanding of the history and political systems of the Eastern and Central European countries, as well as political and economical transformation processes that are taking place in the region;

-Skills and knowledge to discern the factors that influence the making of domestic and foreign policies in the states of Eastern and Central Europe;

-Skills to analyse the development of the region in the context of contemporary international and regional co-operation;

-The methodological skills to undertake and produce independent research project.

Curriculum and structure

International MA programmes offered by the IIRPS VU are composed of compulsory and elective courses which make 60% of the programme. The rest 40% of the programme is dedicated for research projects, including Master's thesis and Master's seminars.

Both programmes are composed of 60 local or 90 ECTS credits and will last for 1,5 year. Studies of the programme are completed by defence of the Master's thesis. The students will be awarded a Master de gree in political science.

Studies in the IIRPS MA programmes offer the following benefits:

-An opportunity to study in the leading Lithuanian political science institution, which possesses significant expertise in the areas relevant to war and peace studies as well as a deep and comprehensive knowledge of the regional processes from the “insider’s” perspective;

-A study in the inspiring academic environment that comprises both 425-year-old academic traditions and modern teaching and learning methods.

-Richest political science and international relations library in the region

-For students of MA programme in Eastern European Studies – possibilities to visit the countries studied, and establish relations with political science students of the region.

Admission procedure:

Each applicant is required to have a Bachelor degree or its equivalent in Social Science or Humanities. The selection criterion is based on the weighted average of all grades recorded in the transcript of the student's academic report. All applicants have to prove their English proficiency, therefore, minimum 80 of TOEFL (iBT) or 550 (pBT) or 6 of IELTS score is required. Note: if your mother tongue is English and/or if you have a university degree in English you will be exempt from providing an English language test score.

International applicants provide their Statement of Interest and Competences in the form of motivational letter and CV which are to be included in the application form and sent by mail.

The **deadline** for International Master Programmes for EU/EEA citizens is 15 June. The admission results will be announced in one month after the deadline, at which point admission letters will be sent. The academic year at Vilnius University starts September 1 and finishes June 30.

Tuition fee: 1,280 EUR per one semester.

For more information please visit www.tspmi.vu.lt

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Miscellaneous

Reflections on the Schuman Declaration by Jean Paul Jacqu 

On the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the Schuman Declaration Professor Jean Paul Jacqu , Secretary General of TEPSA, has analysed the Schuman Declaration and its significance both to the process of European integration over the past sixty years as well as to the way ahead for the further development of EU's institutional structure.

The document can be found as annex to the newsletter and on the TEPSA website.

Recent events hosted by TEPSA Member Institutes

4 March 2010

Cooperation in the Far East – forum on the Chinese-Hungarian economic relations organized by IWE and ITD Hungary (Hungarian Investment and Trade Development Agency)

31 March 2010

The world economy and its impact on Hungary – round table discussion, co-organized by IWE and the Nation Council for Sustainable Development

15 April 2010

Crisis in the eurozone- dilemmas and perspectives conference and discussion with researchers and with representatives of the media

16 April 2010

The European Union towards Sustainable Development – discussion organized by the European Online Academy, Asko Stiftung and IWE

20 April 2010

The Eastern Partnership – the Eastern vector of the Neighbourhood Policy of the European Policy . Club Europe, panel discussion

26 April 2010

Migration: Auswirkungen auf die Sendeländer (Migration: Impacts in the sending countries) – presentation of the special issue of the quarterly *Südost-europa*. (57. Jahrgang 2009 – Heft 4.)



EKEME: 30 Years of Research on Matters European
From the current Crisis to Europe 2020: the EU and Greece in front of the Challenge of Economic Governance



The issue of financial crisis, which soon became a widespread economic crisis and is already threatening the cohesion of the EU and the stability of the Eurozone is one of the greatest challenges at international and European level. It has also an obvious direct impact on economic and political governance in Greece and throughout Europe. *Picture (from left) Mr. E. Venizelos - Minister of Defence Mr. N. Frangakis - President of EKEME and Prof. J.-V. Louis - TEPSA*

On the occasion of the celebration of its 30 years since its creation (November 1980), EKEME organised a Symposium on: "From the current Crisis to Europe 2020: The EU and Greece in front of the Challenge of Economic Governance". The event took place on Friday, May 14, 2010, at the Amphitheatre of "Megaron Theodore Karatzas, of the National Bank of Greece (Athens).

The Symposium focused on the concept of Sustainability in conjunction with revisiting the Lisbon Strategy, under the general need to review the functioning of the EMU.

Emeritus Professor Jean-Victor Louis, former Secretary Gen. of TEPSA), member of the European Commission Ms. Maria Damanaki (via a video-message) and Professor Vassilios Skouris, President of the European Court of Justice, addressed the audience, stressing EKEME's contribution to Research on matters European, while the President of EKEME Mr. Nikos Frangakis briefly referred to EKEME's 30 Years of Activity and its Future Prospects.

Prof. Evagelos Venizelos (Minister of Defence), was the key-note speaker on aspects of economic governance in Europe under the current crisis. Emeritus Professor Jean-Victor Louis [University of Brussels (ULB) and honorary Legal Advisor to the National Bank of Belgium] gave a speech on: "Economic Governance, Europe 2020

and the Lisbon Treaty" and Emeritus Professor Panos Kazakos [National & Kapodistrian University of Athens and member of the Board of EKEME] spoke on: "Economic and political reforms for development".

The second session was titled: "The Economic Crisis and the Future of Europe".

Mr. Panagiotis Gennimatas [Honorary Vice President of the European Investment Bank] spoke about: "The EU Lisbon Strategy 2020: What changes and what results?" Mr. Christos Gortsos [Gen. Secretary, Union of Greek Banks and Assoc. Professor, Panteion University] made a presentation on: "The ECB and the support system of the European banks to the crisis", while Assoc. Professor, George Pagoulatos [Athens University of Economics and partner of EKEME] referred to the: "Axes of European economic governance".

The third session was titled: "Greece in the EU 2020". Mr. Achilleas Mitsos [General Secretary of Research and Technology, former Director Gen. of the European Commission and partner of EKEME] presented the: "Regulatory State intervention in Greece and the issue of competitiveness". Mr. Christos Staikouras [MP, Deputy Head of Sector Economy Policy Responsibility of Nea Demokratia] spoke for the: "Public financial stabilisation and the dynamics of growth" and Mr. Michael Cortessis [Chairman, Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research] presented: "The Three Aspects of Greece's Financial Problem: Politics, Society and Competitiveness".



Emeritus Professor Christos Rozakis [Vice President, ECHR and partner of EKEME] made the epilogue of the celebration: "For a total Re-instatement of Europe towards the perspective of deepening".

The audience made interesting remarks and the intensity of the discussion that followed each session was a sign of the interest the speakers provoked.

Berlin, 26 March 2010

The **Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP)** is organising an expert workshop on "**EU, Russia and the common neighbourhood**" in the framework of its "Study Programme on European Security". Representatives from the academic and policy-making community will discuss the following key questions: What foreign policy approaches the EU and Russia follow towards the common

neighbourhood? How does Russia perceive European policy initiatives in its 'near abroad' and what do these perceptions mean for the EU? And finally, in how far does Russia intervene with the transformative power of the EU? In other words, does Russia (actively) pursue strategies to limit the diffusion of European ideas?

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29-30 April 2010
Institute for International Relations (IMO)
co-organized international conference:

„Croatia on the Eve of EU

Accession: The

Path of Reform“ in cooperation with Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement, French Institute for International Relations and other Croatian partner, Centre for the Renewal of Culture (COK). The goal of the conference was to analyze perspectives and challenges of the upcoming Croatian membership to the European Union with the accompanied positive impacts for the whole region of South East Europe (SEE). Conference dealt with democratization and the role of civil society, reforms of judiciary, public administration and with tackling the crisis in Croatia. In addition, conference was also focused on the Croatian contribution to the EU and entire SEE region after the EU accession. The entire region has an EU perspective but it depends on dealing with crucial challenges like fight against the corruption, reforms in the public sector and full cooperation with the ICTY.

More information: <http://www.imo.hr/node/825>

10-11 May 2010

London School of Economics (LSE), in cooperation with **Institute for International Relations (IMO)**, German Foundation Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) and with financial support of the National Bank of Greece, organized a regional conference „Regional Policy and Decentralisation in South East Europe“. Experts for regional and local development from the UK, Croatia, Romania, Greece, Serbia, Macedonia and Kosovo took part at the conference. This event marked a start of work of the newly founded scientific department at the LSE covering South East Europe (LSEE). Conference covered decentralization of local entrepreneurial activities, development of regional innovation systems and FDI attraction to less developed areas. Specific themes included decentralization and the public sector,

decentralization and ethnicity, fiscal decentralization and performance of regional policy.

More information: <http://www.imo.hr/node/832>

Upcoming events hosted by TEPSA member institutes

Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

27 May 2010

Visit of Chen Xin, director, Economic Department of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in IWE

1st June 2010

The Greek crisis and its consequences – Club Europe, panel discussion with experts

1st June 2010

The global crisis and the Eurasian region – lecture of Aleksander Bykov, researcher, Institute for Economics of the Russian Academy of Sciences



College of Europe

5 November 2010

La conférence « Charles de Gaulle : Européen méconnu ? », organisée par le département d'Etudes Politiques et Administratives Européennes le 5 novembre prochain, aura pour objectif d'arriver à une nouvelle appréciation de la politique européenne du général et de son influence sur la construction européenne.

<http://www.coleurope.eu/events/2180?language=fr>

On 6-8 September 2010, the conference "Europe at the Crossroads" organised by UACES will be held at the College of Europe. Plenary Speakers:

-Mr José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission
-Professor Jacques Pelkmans, College of Europe, Bruges campus

-Professor Kalypos Nicolaidis, University of Oxford

<http://www.coleurope.eu/events/1861?language=en>



INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University together with the Faculty of History of Vilnius University organize an international conference **‘Lessons of Democracy and Civic Consciousness at the Turning Points in Lithuanian History’** on September 14-15, 2010 in Vilnius at the premises of the IIRPS VU. The goal of the conference is combining insights from political science and history to reflect on the concepts of democracy, statehood and civic consciousness in the current Lithuania and in other post-communist countries. Having in mind the problems of lack of civic consciousness and weak civil societies which post-communist democracies face, the conference shall ask what could be learned from historical experience of civic consciousness and democratic action against totalitarianism such as civic disobedience, resistance to Soviet regime and solidarity during the movement for independence years. Conference working languages will be English and Lithuanian.

Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University together with the BASNET Forum Association and Lithuanian Researchers' Service Centre announce an International conference **„New Challenges for Science in the Context of Globalisation“**. The conference aims to discuss on the role of science in the social and political life, analyse the European and American visions of strategic development of science, evaluate the results of the ongoing Lithuanian reform of science and education as well as to share the ideas and visions of science policy and the insights on the models of effective research governance. The conference will take place on 30 September, 2010 in Vilnius.

The Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University together with Lithuanian Political Science Association announce

the annual Lithuanian political science conference 2010: “The Revision of Political Ideas in Lithuania, Europe and all over the World: New Trends in Political Reality and its Analysis“. The conference aims to discuss on the new ideas in politics and political science, analyse and critically evaluate the images and ideas which shape political processes in Lithuania, Europe and all over the world. The conference papers will focus on the most burning topics of policy analysis covering the fields of new public management; EU identity, governance and neighbourhood policy; (re)visions of world order as well as principles of democracy and liberalism in response to the new challenges brought by the changing reality. The annual conference will take place on 19 November, 2010 at the premises of the IIRPS VU.

1 and 2 June, 2010

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International Seminar: **"The role of the Parliaments in the EU decision making"** organised by Manuel Giménez Abad Foundation, Elcano Royal Institute and the Centre for Constitutional and politics Studies, will take place at the Aljafería Palace, Zaragoza

24 June 2010

European Seminar organised by *Elcano* and *Notre Europe*

Towards a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy: **How to reform CAP to improve agriculture's contribution to the Europe 2020 Strategy?** 24 June 2010 - *Instituto de Crédito Oficial (ICO)*, Madrid For more information:

info@rielcano.org

29, June 2010

Internacional Seminar "Priorities in a new EU-Latin American partnership"

organised by Friends of Europe and Elcano Royal Institute

9 horas, *Concert Noble*, Bruselas

For more information: info@friendsofeurope.org

More analyses can be found at www.realinstitutoelcano.org, you can also find us in Facebook Elcano at Europe.

Publications

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Gábor Fóti and Tamás Novák eds. **Impact and Management of the Global Crisis: Selected Policy Lessons conference volume, Hungarian-Bulgarian workshop in Budapest, October 16, 2009**

Kihívások, 196. sz., 2010. április:
Éltető Andrea: SPANYOLORSZÁG VÁLASZÚTON (SPAIN ON THE CROSSROADS)

Kelet-Európa Tanulmányok VI.
 Ludvig Zsuzsa és Novák Tamás (eds.) **EU–orosz kapcsolatok és a Keleti Partnerség: tagállami érdekek és álláspontok. Stratégiai partnerek (EU-Russian Relations and the Eastern Partnership: interests and standpoints of the member states. Strategic partners)**

Working Papers No. 194 March 2010:
 Stavros Rodokanakis and Irini Moustaki
EVALUATING THE RISK OF UNEMPLOYMENT: COMPARISON BETWEEN THE TWO MOST POPULATED GREEK REGIONS WITH THE ENTIRE COUNTRY

Gábor Túry - Krisztina Vida eds. **Monitoring jelentés (Monitoring Report) 2010 - (Performance of the Ten New Central and Eastern European Member States)**
 Eds: Country reports in Hungarian + Introductory Remarks and Summary in English + bilingual statistical table, 120 p.

The report will be downloadable from 31 May 2010 at: <http://www.vki.hu>

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Inside Spain
 William Chislett

Differentiated Integration and Flexibility in the EU under the Lisbon Treaty: challenges for the Trio Presidency (ARI)

Carlos Closa
 The entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty brings a number of institutional innovations. The Treaty

includes a number of modalities of differentiated integration which did already exist and it adds some new forms.

Electoral Blow to the Reunification of Cyprus (ARI)

William Chislett
 The defeat of Mehmet Ali Talat in the presidential election of 18 April in the internationally unrecognised Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and the victory of Dervish Eroglu, the Prime Minister, dealt a potentially severe blow to the chances of reunifying Cyprus, the only divided country in Europe.

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 Europe's goal is to design a coherent energy policy, supported by all of its member states, that allows it to blend the international leadership it has already exercised and demonstrated on climate change

Too Big a World? Lula, Brazil and the Middle East (ARI)

Günther Maihold
 The new activism of the Brazilian government and its President, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, in the Middle East has opened up a new front for Brazil's foreign policy, with significant risks to the chances of its experienced leader engineering a successful outcome.