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Editorial:

Descartes revisited: Reflections on the Method

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Since the Treaty of Lisbon has entered into force, one witnesses the revival of the classical debate between the Community method and the intergovernmental method. The establishment of the European Council as institution of the Union is certainly a change largely symbolic, nevertheless the innovation of the creation of the fixed Presidency of the European Council seems to have changed the situation to the disadvantage of the Commission. Member States show greater confidence in their President than in the President of the Commission. The Council is in charge of study tasks and proposals which, in the time of the Delors Commission, were entrusted to the Commission President. In an article published in the newspaper Le Monde from 10 March 2011, the President of the Liberal Group in the European Parliament and former Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt, stressed that "the rise of the European Parliament harms the EU institutions". He put forward that this situation has led to "entrust the reins of Europe to Germany alone" to the disadvantage of smaller Member States. He calls for a return to the Community method, that is to say a revival of the Commission. This is a reaction to Angela Merkel's speech at the College of Europe in Bruges which referred back-to-back the supporters of an opposition between the two methods and defined as third way "the method of the Union". She shared the observation of Mr. Van Rompuy where the choice is sometimes not between the two methods, but between intergovernmental coordination or nothing.

Basically, the debate focuses above all on the management of the economic crisis by the European Council. In this domain, the Treaty provides essentially the recourse to coordination. In these circumstances it is hardly surprising that the leadership was taken by the European Council. However, some of the proposed remedies enter within the scope of the shared competences of the Union and demand legislative action. Here, the role of the legislative triangle, Parliament, Council and Commission, remains essential. According to Angela Merkel, concerted action of the institutions is necessary, but the European Council remains the central coordination actor. One could question whether it was a mistake to enable the President of the Commission to be a full member of the European Council. Nevertheless, he could have the power to block consensus, but this hypothesis is hardly envisageable. Without making use of this power, the Commission is politically bound to the conclusions of the Council. Also, once the European Council President is responsible for preparing the works of his institution, even if he does so in cooperation with the Commission President, the latter loses his exclusive power of initiative on the political perspective. This is an inevitable consequence of the Treaty of Lisbon which follows the process initiated by drafting a Constitution for Europe, in which Mr. Verhofstadt participated in and has signed on behalf of Belgium.

However, this situation is linked to a widespread economic crisis. It would have been surprising if Member States wouldn't have taken the lead in the operations. It is probably too early to draw definitive conclusions on what will be the functioning of the institutions in normal times. To paraphrase Jean Monnet: in difficult times, nothing can be done without the cooperation of Head of States and Governments, but nothing can last without institutions.

But one again, one can question whether intergovernmental cooperation hasn't privileged domains where states fail to agree on because of insufficient mutual confidence. Nevertheless cooperation also enables to create confidence and to facilitate the transition progressively towards greater integration. Isn't this illustrated by the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice? Conversely, it is possible to argue that when creating the habit of marginalizing the Commission, one creates an institutional practice which it is subsequently difficult to alter from. Yet, the outcome of the institutional power play is not yet decided and there is still room for debates on the method.

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Introduction of a Member Institute

Introducing the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)



An Italian non-profit organization, the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) (English: Institute of International Affairs) was founded in 1965 by Altiero Spinelli, its first director, thanks to joint contributions from the Fondazione Olivetti, the cultural and political association Il Mulino and the Nord e Sud Research Center, as well as to substantial support from the Ford Foundation. Spinelli took North American and British think tanks as a model: he created a flexible private organization, distinct from university institutes and governmental or ministerial research centers, yet capable of interacting and cooperating with the government, the public administration, national economic actors and foreign academic centers. These are still the IAI's outstanding features today.

In 1991 the Institute moved to Palazzo Rondinini, an elegant eighteenth century building in the heart of Rome. Many of the activities organized by the Institute take place in its Baroque ceremonial rooms. The Institute's main objective is to promote an understanding of the problems of international politics through studies, research, meetings and publications, with the aim of increasing the opportunities of all countries to move in the direction of supranational organization, democratic freedom and social justice (IAI Bylaws, Article 1).

Research focuses on the following thematic areas:

- Institutions and policies of the European Union
- International economics
- Security and defence
- Transatlantic relations
- The Mediterranean and the Middle East
- Italian foreign policy

The research staff is made up of nearly 30 researchers, including 10 area or project directors. Most of the research projects are carried out together with other institutes with similar characteristics.

The Institute is an active participant in – and has sometimes even been a promoter of – important transnational research networks:

- EuroMeSCo (EuroMediterranean Study Commission)
- ISN (International Relations And Security Network)
- EINIRAS (European Working Group on Information and Documentation in International Relations and Area Studies)
- TEPSA (Trans European Policy Studies Association)
- Transatlantic Editors' Forum

Publications of IAI:

- The International Spectator**, a peer reviewed English-language foreign policy quarterly, published since 2007 by Routledge (Taylor & Francis Group)
- IAI Quaderni**, a series of brief monographs on problems of international affairs in either Italian or English
- La politica estera dell'Italia**, a yearbook on Italy's foreign policy and international affairs, published by Il Mulino
- Affari Internazionali**, an Italian language webzine on politics, strategy and economics

In addition, the IAI manages three websites:

- iai.it: the IAI's official website
- affarinternazionali.it: the site of the webzine by the same name
- effectivemultilateralism.info: a site dedicated to the role of the European Union in the United Nations.

News from the TEPSA Network

TEPSA training – EXACT Network Seminar on Professional Skills



As announced at the General Assembly in Budapest last year and in TEPSA newsletter February edition, in 2011 TEPSA will continue its professional skills training programme TEPSA Training that was launched in 2008.

TEPSA Training is a special training programme for a small group of researchers in an early stage of their career in research and policy advice. The edition of 2011 will be organised in the framework of the EXACT Marie Curie Initial Training Network project, in which 12 researchers on EU external action take part.

TEPSA launched a call for participation aimed at selecting another eight early stage researchers to participate in the 14-day EXACT Network Seminar on Professional Skills from 6 – 19 October 2011 in Brussels. The call for participation is open to all early stage researchers, but applications from the TEPSA network are particularly welcomed, which is also reflected in their reduced rate and additional reimbursement of travel costs. The deadline for applications is **15 May**. Dr. Hanna Ojanen will be Scientific Director of the Training Seminar.

For more information please contact Mirte van den Berge at Mirte.vandenBerge@tepsa.be

EXACT- Starting off the 2nd phase of EXACT – Spreading across Europe

After five months of intensive academic training in Cologne and a series of study trips to EU capitals, the twelve EXACT fellows are now off to their first stints at renowned European think tanks. Having started the second phase of the EXACT programme on 1st of March, the EXACT fellows will now be able to gain practical work experience at their first think tank affiliation for an eight-month period. This so-called professional track of the EXACT programme provides in-house training for the twelve fellows at think tanks in Brussels (TEPSA, CEPS), Maastricht (EIPA), Rome (IAI) and Helsinki (FIIA) until October 2011.

For more information please visit: www.exact-training.net

News from the TEPSA Secretariat

TEPSA Board meeting

TEPSA Board meeting took place last 14 April 2011. Among several issues, the Executive Director Mirte van den Berge and the treasurer Pierre Florent Peterkenne presented the financial accounts of 2010 demonstrating the general robust financial position of TEPSA.

Recent Events

THESEUS Workshop



The Franco-German relationship seen from the outside

17-18 February 2011

The workshop “The Franco-German couple – leadership malgré nous et vous? Franco-German relationship seen from the outside” was organised in the context of the THESEUS project by the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) in cooperation with the University of Cologne, the Centre d’études européennes Sciences Po Paris and the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP) Berlin, took place in Brussels on 17-18 February 2011. The workshop focused on the role and the perceptions of the Franco-German couple in European integration as seen from the other countries of the EU. The participants of the workshop discussed the topic in the context of the historical development of EU integration, the future economic governance and fiscal coordination in the EU, the enlargement policy and external action, the reform of the EU budget, and their leadership over time.

The contributors stressed the still important role of the Franco-German couple in EU affairs today and discussed if and how it evolved over the decades and what impact the economic crisis and other current developments have on it in the near future. The participants further analysed the prominent and ambiguous role of the tandem with which it is conceded by fellow EU member states, such as its impact on treaty reform proposals, the development of the Common and Security Policy (CFSP) and institutional innovations in the EU system. While positive and negative perceptions of the couple vary significantly according to particular member states and the topics discussed, all participants emphasized the salience of the Franco-German relationship in the discussion of EU integration in the respective EU states. A follow-up of the workshop is planned to be organised during the Summer in Berlin. The TEPSA Secretariat will keep you informed on this.

Prague trip/Mercury conference



From 23 to 25 March the EXACT fellows undertook a study trip to the EXACT institution Charles University of Prague and participated in the MERCURY conference “The EU in the World: conflict resolution, development, and cooperation”. During the first day of the excursion, the staff of the Charles University introduced their institution, outlined its research focus and discussed with those fellows that will take up stage in Prague from April 2012 on their possible involvement in ongoing project and teaching activities. The first day of the MERCURY conference on Thursday focused on the presentation of papers on the topics “Conflict Resolution and the Neighbourhood” and “Development and Climate Change”, followed by a lively discussion among the participants and concluded by a speech of Jiří Šedivý, First Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic. Finally the EXACT fellows attended the internal work package sessions of the MERCURY partners on Friday, in which current research activities of the project, such as multilateralism and regional developments, were discussed.

Upcoming events



SAVE THE DATE - Pre-Presidency Conference in Poland

The next TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conference will take place in Poland on 30 June-1st July 2011.

The event is co-organized by the European Institute in Lodz and the College of Europe Campus Natolin. TEPSA members will receive their invitations and the programme in the coming weeks.

6 May 2011, Luxembourg, TEPSA and the Centre d'études et de recherches européennes Robert Schuman (CERE) will hold a TEPSA/CERE seminar on “**The role of the European Union Court of Justice in EU integration after the Treaty of Lisbon**”. The seminar will take place in the European Union Court of Justice in Luxembourg. Distinguished EUCJ judges and academics will discuss this issue in three panels: "the Court of Justice as EU legislator;" "the role of the EUCJ in Justice and Home Affairs after Lisbon;" and "the contribution of EUCJ to the development of European citizenship."

Download [here](#) the invitation and programme of this seminar. For registration please e-mail to crs@cere.etat.lu before **April 22nd 2011**.

15 June 2011, Brussels. TEPSA – IMO Conference on “Croatia at the doorstep of the EU”. The conference will take place in Brussels on 15 June in the morning, and will focus on the ongoing accession process and the perspective of Croatia as new EU Member States. For more information, please contact Tatjana P. Rava at tatjana.rava@tepsa.be



On 16-17 June 2011, the LISBOAN annual LISBOAN conference will take place at Fondation Universitaire, rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels. For more information please refer to the LISBOAN website www.lisboan.net

Studies for the European Parliament



EP Studies on Security and Defence

Under the European Parliament's Framework Contract that TEPSA won in 2009, TEPSA was requested to provide expertise on Security and Defence to the SEDE Committee of the EP. In this context, four studies on security and defence have been lately delivered on:

- **The Role of Private Security Companies in the CSDP Missions and Operations** by *Elke Krahmman (University of Bristol) and Cornelius Friesendorf (University of Frankfurt)*
- **Cyber-War and Cyber-Security: the Challenges Faced by the EU and its Member States** by *Alexander Klimburg (oip) and Heli Tiirmaa-Klaar (Estonian Foreign Policy Institute)*
- **Impact of the Financial crisis and Cuts in Member States' Defence Budgets - How to Spend Better within the EU** by *Christian Mölling and Sophie-Charlotte Brune (SWP)*

- **Missile Defence in Europe: Strategic and Industrial Implications** by *Vit Stritecky, Nikola Hynek and Ditrych Ondrej (IIR)*

For more information please contact Laura Ventura at Laura.Ventura@tepsa.be

News from TEPSA Member Institutes

Cyprus Institute of Mediterranean European and International Studies (KIMEDE)

As mentioned in the previous TEPSA Newsletter, Professor Costas Melakopides, Chairman of the Cyprus Institute of Mediterranean, European and International Studies (KIMEDE), had to retire from his teaching at the University of Cyprus. However, in view of his long collaboration with colleagues and students of that University under the auspices of KIMEDE, and given his wish to extend and renew the life of the Institute, he has long proposed to his former Department of Social and Political Sciences to "inherit" KIMEDE. The Departmental Council discussed Melakopides' offer at the meeting of April 13 and will reach a final decision after clarifying some bureaucratic technicalities. In any event, in view of the strong interest of Department members in collaborating, inter alia, in KIMEDE publications and in the approaching Prepresidency Conference (June 2010), KIMEDE is convinced that a positive decision is forthcoming: if the Department encounters any difficulties to "absorb" KIMEDE, another viable route could soon be secured.

Latvian Institute of International Affairs (LIIA)

Since January 2011 the activities of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs (LIIA) can be followed on Institute's new website <http://liia.lv>. For further information and contacts, please write to liia@liia.lv or andris.spruds@liia.lv

CIFE

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de formation européenne

Master in EU Studies Online



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 2011.** 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).

Summer University

The Centre international de formation européenne (www.cife.eu, 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 week for each programme) and take place from June to September in several European countries (Croatia, Austria, UK).

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).

Master in Advanced European and International Studies

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, economical, and cultural problems of today's modern world.

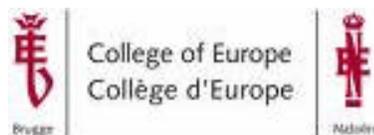
The Master programme guarantees an international education with an excellent academic staff and environment. It is subdivided into two branches: the trilingual programme (teaching languages are French, English and German) which includes semesters in **Nice and Berlin** as well as study weeks in Rome 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 2011.

For further information about the programme, please consult our website (www.iehei.org).

Recent events hosted by TEPSA Member Institutes

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Workshop on the European Citizens' Initiative - a first assessment 25 January 2011

The European General Studies department organised, in cooperation with the European

Political and Administrative Studies Department and the Department for European Legal Studies, a workshop on the European Citizens' Initiative, a new instrument established by the Treaty of Lisbon. The workshop included contributions both from officials of the EU institutions and academics. <http://www.coleurope.eu/events/2456>
College of Europe

Committee Meeting of the project MEDPRO 10-11 February 2011 Scenario Building, Roma **Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)**

Second Meeting on Global Outlook 17 February 2011

Second Meeting Global Outlook, "Mediterraneo e il nuovo protagonismo della Turchia le trasformazioni dell'economia, l'instabilità politica e le nuove opportunità di integrazione", with Prof. Ahmet Faruk Aysan, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Bogazici University, Istanbul **IAI**

Seminar on the West and the Arab-Muslim World 25-26 February 2011

Seminar of the project "The Mediterranean Microcosm in the Broader Relationship between the West and the Arab-Muslim World - A Study Project" in co-operation with the European University Institute and the Brookings, Fiesole **IAI**

Workshop on Energetics and EU cooperation 3 March 2011 **Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (IWE)**

Roundtable on Colombia 4 March 2011

Talk with the Vice President of Colombia Angelino Garzón
oiiip - Austrian Institute for International Affairs

Third meeting on Global Outlook 8 March 2011

Third meeting Global Outlook; "Quale futuro per l'area dei Balcani? Le trasformazioni economiche, la stabilizzazione politica e le opportunità di cooperazione con l'Italia", with. Zdeslav Santic, Chief economist, Splitska Banka **IAI**

Inauguration of TOTAL Chair of EU Foreign Policy 9 March 2011

The College of Europe inaugurated the newly created TOTAL Chair of EU Foreign Policy, which is based in the Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies in Bruges.

The Chair is supported by TOTAL with the aim of stimulating research on EU Foreign Policy. In addition to offering courses on 'The EU as a Foreign Policy Actor' on the Bruges and Natolin campuses, the Chair will carry out research on the development, relevance and effectiveness of European foreign policy, organise conferences and produce publications on the subject. The first part-time Chairholder of the TOTAL Chair of EU Foreign Policy is Professor Stephan Keukeleire, Jean Monnet Chair in European Foreign Policy at the Institute for International and European Policy of the University of Leuven (K.U. Leuven) and co-author of the widely used textbook 'The Foreign Policy of the European Union'. His work is supported by Dr Bohdana Dimitrova as a half-time Senior Research Assistant.

<http://www.coleurope.eu/events/2507>
College of Europe

**Conference on Japanese perspective on Asia
17 March 2011**

China's Rise and the Division of Korea in a Japanese Perspective
Seiichiro Takagi, Professor, School of International Politics, Economics, and Business, Aoyama Gakuin University
Masao Okonogi, Professor, Faculty of Law, Keio University **oiip**

**Conference on 20th anniversary of V4
Cooperation in a year marked by the Hungarian
and Polish EU-presidencies 2011
23 March 2011**

conference coorganized with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation
Shared interests and perspectives of joint action at the EU level by the V4 in the context of EU presidencies **IWE**

**Presentation of a research report on EU 10
24 March 2011**

The impact of the 10 new member states on EU-decision-making: experience of the first years **IWE**

**Second Bruges European Business
Conference entitled "Liberating the Power of
Services",
24 March 2011**

The Economics Department of the College of Europe, in partnership with Deloitte, hosted the second Bruges European Business Conference entitled "Liberating the Power of Services". The conference assessed the regulatory and operational environment facing business, four years after the adoption of the Services Directive and one year after its entry into force. EU Commissioner for Internal Market and Services, Mr Michel Barnier, was the keynote speaker. The

important contribution of services to the European economy was analysed; and major players including Microsoft, IKEA and easyJet were present to discuss key issues such as the growing importance of services for manufacturing companies, cross-border mobility of workers in Europe, right of establishment and the effects of the service directive, data portability, privacy and digital content.

<http://coleurope.eu/template.asp?pagename=ecobusinessconf>
College of Europe

**Kick-off meeting MERCURY
24-25 March 2011**

The Workpackage IV, project MERCURY, Prague "organised Multilateralism: the EU in Multilateral Fora" **IAI**

**Panel Discussion on the Arabic World
25 March 2011**

Die Arabische Welt im Umbruch Nordafrika zwischen demokratischem Aufbruch und Bürgerkrieg? (The Arab World in Transition: North Africa between the democratic awakening and civil war)

Cengiz Günay, Nahost-Experte am oiip
Livia Klingl, Leiterin des Ressorts Außenpolitik im Kurier

Karin Kniessl, Nahost-Expertin und Lehrbeauftragte (Wien/Beirut)

Tyma Kraitt, Kultur- und Sozialanthropologin
Werner Ruf, Professor für Internationale und intergesellschaftliche Beziehungen und Außenpolitik an der Uni Kassel

Hannes Swoboda, MEP, Vizepräsident der S&D Fraktion und Mitglied im Ausschuss für auswärtige Angelegenheiten im Europäischen Parlament

Moderation: Muna Duzdar, Bundesrätin, Sprecherin für Außen- und Entwicklungspolitik der SPÖ im Bundesrat

Sebastian Schublach, Renner-Institut, Bereich Internationale Politik, **oiip**

**Discussion on the MENA region
28 March 2011**

Upheavals in the MENA region, its impact on the European Union with George Vassiliou, former president of Cyprus **IWE**

**Panel Discussion on the Iranian Nuclear
Program
28 March 2011**

Nuke Talks – 1

The Iranian Nuclear Program and the Prospects for a Nuclear-Weapons-Free-Zone in the Middle East Austrian and Turkish Perspectives

Panel Speakers: Nilvana Darama, Director of Non-Proliferation Affairs Department in the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs of the Republic Turkey Heinz Gärtner, Senior Fellow, oiip. Chair: Hakan Akbulut, Fellow, [oiip](#)

Workshop on EU competitiveness

31 March 2011

External dimensions of the competitiveness of the EU at IWE [IWE](#)

Seminar on the Southern European policies

1-2 April 2011: "The Southern European policies towards the Mediterranean in a transatlantic perspective" in co-operation with the German Marshall Fund (GMF) , Rome [IAI](#)

Conference on Hungary and Europe

4 April 2011

coorganized by IWE and the Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe (AFC), Hungary and Europe [IWE](#)

Speech on Social Europe: Lessons from the Past, Perspectives for the Future

5 April 2011

Delivered by Minister Frank Vandenbroucke
In his guest-lecture, he will examine the question of social Europe, one of the most topical and controversial subjects nowadays. Mr Vandenbroucke is a former Minister for Social Affairs and Pensions (1999-2003) and for Employment and Pensions (2003-2004) in the Belgian federal government, and Minister for Employment, Education and Training (2004-2009) in the Flemish government.

<http://www.coleurope.eu/events/2543>

[College of Europe](#)

Fourth meeting on Global Outlook

7 April 2011

"Il G20 dopo Seoul: framework per la crescita, stabilità finanziaria e sistema monetario internazionale" with 17 Febbraio 2011 [IAI](#)

International conference on Russia

7-8 April 2011

Russia between two worlds – Achievements, failures of 20 years and prospects [IWE](#)

EU Policy Seminar 'Building Mutual Trust in a European Rule of Law: A Bottom-up Approach

7-8 April 2011

This seminar will provide useful policy recommendations and practical tools to innovatively strengthen the rule of law amongst EU member states. To support this objective, this seminar will gather policy-makers, experts and academics to take stock of experiences, sharing best practices and identifying the most appropriate instruments and policy channels.

This seminar investigates the possibilities to foster a bottom-up approach to prevent breaches to the rule of law in Europe and foster a European rule of law culture. Adhering to rule of law standards is a common challenge to various public, private and judicial actors. As such , we have gathered a variety of civil society, business and various governmental stakeholders involved in rule of law promotion to discuss the issue.

[Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael](#)

International conference on Economic Governance Reform

12 April 2011 coorganized by IWE (with the Bertelsmann Foundation)

Making the European Union work - Issues for Economic Governance Reform [IWE](#)

Lecture on EU diversity and innovation

13 April 2011

Diversity and Innovation in the European Union: a View from the Inside

Renee Haferkamp, Former Director General of the European Commission

Opening remarks: Otmar Höll, Director, [oiip](#)

Roundtable on Re-thinking the role of regionalism: Perspectives from Asia and the Americas

13 April 2011

The College of Europe (European General Studies) and the United Nations University (Comparative Regional Integration Studies) are organising a joint Roundtable on

"Re-thinking the role of regionalism: Perspectives from Asia and the Americas". The purpose of the seminar will be to revisit the debate on regional integration from two distinct regional perspectives - the Americas and South-East Asia.

<http://www.coleurope.eu/events/2637>

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Inauguration ceremony of the European Parliament - Bronisław Geremek European Civilization Chair

13 April 2011

The College of Europe Natolin Campus will inaugurate the European Parliament - Bronisław Geremek European Civilization Chair. This Chair has been created thanks to the support of the European Union, and in particular the European Parliament in the memory of Professor Bronisław Geremek†.

<http://www.coleurope.eu/events/2572>

[College of Europe](#)

Workshop on G-20
14 April 2011 IWE

Panel Discussion on Obama and the bomb
14 April 2011

2nd anniversary of Obama's Prague Agenda on a world free of nuclear weapons

Panelists: Heinz Gärtner, Senior Fellow, oiip
 Alexander Kmentt, Austrian Foreign Ministry
 Markus Kornprobst, Chair of International Relations, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna
 Damian R. Leader, Chief Arms Control Delegate, USOSCE

William C. Potter, Director of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, California

Welcome: Otmar Höll, Director oiip
 Moderation: Fabio Polly, ORF, [oiip](#)

TEPSA sponsored lecture
15 April 2011

By *Dr. Visnja Samardzija* from IMO in Zagreb titled "Croatia on its path towards EU membership: some experiences and lessons learned in the accession process".

A series of lectures were hosted on the current situation in the Middle East as well as to focus attention on the High North, Nuclear disarmament, American Politics and development aid to name but a few.

[Centre for Small State Studies, University of Iceland](#)

Upcoming events hosted by
TEPSA member institutes

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Debate on les Révolutions Arabes et Nous
26 April 2011

[Centre d'études européennes Sciences Po Paris](#)

Seminar on voir le pouvoir - équipement et instruments de l'Etat et la question de l'agrégation
26 April 2011

*Projet rEr (Réseau État Recomposé) de l'axe prioritaire Les recompositions de l'Etat, de l'action publique et des modes de gouvernance (Project rEr of the prior axis recompositions of State, public action and modes of governance).

<http://cee.sciences-po.fr/fr/agenda/details/199-voir-le-pouvoir-equipement-et-instruments-de-letat-et-la-question-de-lagregation.html>

[Centre d'études européennes Sciences Po Paris](#)

Workshop
28 April 2011

First developments of the European Economic Governance

[Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences](#)

Lecture series

29 April 2011

The seminar series titled **The Europe Dialogues** that started in the fall continued this semester. The lectures all take place lunchtime Fridays and have so far been well attended. The aim of the lecture series is to shed light on the strong connection Iceland has to Europe through a series of lectures by Icelandic as well as foreign academics. Since January talks on such varied topics as the European roots of mathematical textbooks to cyber-security threats and the origins of Icelandic medieval culture, to name but a few were offered. For the remainder of the series we are, for example, offering:

Maximilian Conrad, Assistant Professor of European Studies at the University of Iceland, will talk about the European Citizens' Initiative

[Centre for Small State Studies, University of Iceland](#)

Seminar on the State and Climate Change
3 May 2011

*Projet rEr (Réseau État Recomposé) de l'axe prioritaire Les recompositions de l'Etat, de l'action publique et des modes de gouvernance. (Project rEr of the prior axis recompositions of State, public action and modes of governance).

<http://cee.sciences-po.fr/fr/agenda/details/212-the-state-and-climate-change.html>

[Centre d'études européennes Sciences Po Paris](#)

Seminar SGCEE: L'Europe est-elle une puissance averse au risque ?
5 May 2011

<http://cee.sciences-po.fr/fr/agenda/details/150-leurope-est-elle-une-puissance-averse-au-risque-.html> Programme 2010-2011

[Centre d'études européennes Sciences Po Paris](#)

Lecture Series

6 May 2011

Dr. Fabrizio Tassinari from the Danish Institute of International Studies, will present his book "Why Europe Fears its neighbors"

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Lecture series

Sören Holmberg from the University of Gothenburg in Sweden, will talk about Swedish attitudes to the EU and the Euro.

Centre for Small State Studies, University of Iceland

17th European Concert

9 May 2011

The Local Committee for the College of Europe organises the 17th European Concert at the Royal City Theatre on Europe Day, Monday 9 May 2011 at 8.00 p.m. This year we are proud to announce 'Meeting Bach', a dance performance from the B.O.G. company in cooperation with Luc Tooten, the first cello soloist of 'the Brussels Philharmonic-the Flemish Radio Orchestra'.

<http://www.coleurope.eu/events/2483>

College of Europe

**Perceptions about Georgia: Leading or Losing the Struggle for Democracy**

10 May 2011

On May 10, 2011, Clingendael Institute and Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF), with co-sponsorship from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will host a high level seminar with speakers and participants from the Georgian government, media, and civil society, from EPF's regional network, and the European Union to discuss the rule of law and democracy on the ground in Georgia.

Georgia, more than any other country in the post-Soviet space, has publicly committed itself to establishing the rule of law and building democratic institutions. However, because public rhetoric and domestic actions can differ, it is time to compare the perceptions of Georgia's road to a European style democracy with the actual situation on the ground.

Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael

Seminar SGCEE : Devolution et la haute fonction publique : du Royaume-Uni au Pays de Galles ?

12 May 2011

<http://cee.sciences-po.fr/fr/agenda/details/151-devolution-et-la-haute-fonction-publique--du-royaume-uni-au-pays-de-galles-.html>

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Lecture series

13 May 2011

Meike Stommer, PhD student from Ernst-Moritz-Arndt University in Greifswald, Germany, will present her dissertation topic on the foreign policy of Iceland after the Second World War

Centre for Small State Studies, University of Iceland

Conference

17 May 2011

Perspectives of the next financial framework 2014-2020 coorganized by IWE **Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences**

Seminar on les études européennes : un champ cohérent ? Une analyse de l'évolution des méthodologies depuis les années 80

19 May 2011

<http://cee.sciences-po.fr/fr/agenda/details/197-les-etudes-europeennes--un-champ-coherent--une-analyse-de-levolution-des-methodologies-depuis-les.html>

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Conference

European Parliament, Brussels

31 May 2011, 15.00-17.30

Conference organised by EKEME, ECEFIL and TEPSA



One year after its eruption and as the crisis deepens, the question of what will be the key strategic consequences and policy implications of the current financial and economic problems warrants an answer.

EKEME in collaboration with ECEFIL and TEPSA organize an event on the topic "**after the crisis: adjustment in Greece and the Eurozone**", to be held in Brussels on the 31 May 2011, between 15:00 and 17.30 at the European Parliament's building.

The conference aims to raise public awareness over the current economic situation both in Greece and the eurozone and to kick off a public debate.

Greek Centre of European Studies & Research

International conference

8 June 2011

European enlargement and the neighbourhood policy of Hungary with states in South-Eastern Europe coorganized by IWE **Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences**

Call for Papers: Workshop EU Agencies and their External Relations. Which Way Forward? 10 June 2011

This workshop bring together academic and practitioners working in external relations of EU agencies.

Proposals on the following issues are welcomed:

- The impact of EU agencies on third countries
- The legitimacy of the external relations of EU agencies. How are external relations organised and controlled? What are the risks and opportunities?
- The concept of legitimacy and its relevance for studying agencies and their external relations
- Potential inter-institutional conflicts and the impacts on the external relations of agencies
- Case studies of agencies, agreements of those agencies with third countries/ relations with international organisations.

More information available at: <http://www.clingendael.nl//cesp/events/20110610/>
Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael

Annual Summer School 20 June – 3 July 2011

The organization of the annual summer school, funded by Erasmus **Centre for Small State Studies, University of Iceland**

Seven panels on Small states August 2011

Efforts for the next few weeks will go to organizing seven panels on small states at the ECPR conference in Reykjavik
Centre for Small State Studies, University of Iceland

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Margit Rácz, From Mountains to Molehills?
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Kiss Judit, Mitől robbannak az élelmiszerárak?
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Szunomár Ágnes, A kínai Líbia-dilemma, avagy hogyan törjünk egyszerre pálcát és lándzsát
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*Nico Prucha, **Eyeballing Libya – al-Qua'ida's New Foothold?***

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*R. Alcaro and E. Jones(eds.), **European Security and the Future of Transatlantic relations**, IAI Quaderni New Series, Edizioni Nuova Cultura, April 2011*

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More info on the report:

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Iain Begg, Making the European Union work

More info on the report: http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/bst/de/media/xcms_bst_dms_33325_33326_2.pdf, published by Bertelsmann Stiftung

TEPSA recommended reading

Creeping nationalism affects the enlargement

Christophe Hillion “The Creeping Nationalisation of the EU Enlargement Policy” Sieps, Report No. 6, November 2010

<http://www.wider-europe.org/sites/default/files/attachments/events/SIEPS%20report.pdf>

The policy of enlargement has been considered a most successful - and a rare example of an integrated - EU foreign policy. Besides its impact on broader European integration project, the enlargement has also been a most tangible expression of EU's normative power. Its main objective is EU member-state building: shaping of a third state into an EU member-state through a process of wholesome transformation and the harmonization with the *acquis* - which ends with the state being admitted to the EU club. However, Christophe Hillion indicates in this paper certain signs of increased nationalisation of the enlargement policy, which are expressed by instrumentalisation for domestic political gains and promotion of national agendas. According to him, enlargement is becoming increasingly dominated, if not already held hostage, by EU national governments. His main finding is that the desire of national governments to control the enlargement policy is manifested through: 1) introduction of discretionary “benchmarks” by the Council, 2) changes in the application procedures that allows individual member-states to delay accession, 3) central emphasis on the concept of EU “absorption capacity”, and 4) additional national rules for the applicants.

Christophe Hillion further states that such “creeping nationalisation” raises the question of credibility of the enlargement policy overall, but, particularly challenges EU commitments to current (and potential) candidate states and the continued normative influence of the EU – the last one being a goal which prominently features in the Lisbon Treaty. Furthermore, it may create a context of unpredictability of future enlargement and even compromise the integrity of fundamental principles

of EU law. While EU member-states have always played a central role in enlargement and their domestic interests have always considerably influenced this policy, the involvement of national governments in more recent period seems to have increased considerably. According to this latest Sieps report, the change was due to the past experience of some candidates' lack of preparedness for accession, doubts about the sustainability of further enlargement, and the demands for more democratic accountability in the course of accession of new states. Moreover, it is argued that “creeping nationalisation” of the enlargement policy is yet another example of the broader trend in which promoting national interests over European ones is no longer considered a taboo.

Although Christophe Hillion elaborates on possible legal remedies, he concludes that the new equilibrium between national and European interests in the enlargement policy is more likely to come out from policy adaptation. In that regard, the concerns of national governments should be dealt with by substantively addressing current shortcomings of the enlargement policy and increasing the confidence into the ability of EU institutions to effectively prepare new states for full-fledged membership.

Open Consultations of the European Commission

TEPSA would like to draw your attention to the following open consultation.

On 9th February 2011, the European Commission presented a Green Paper which proposes major changes to EU research and innovation funding to make participation easier, increase scientific and economic impact and provide better value for money. The changes, to be introduced in the next EU budget after 2013, would bring together the current Framework Programme for research, the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme, and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology.

The Commission is seeking the views of all interested individuals and organisations on these proposed changes and on the specific questions set out in the Green Paper. The deadline for contributions is Friday 20 May 2011. In parallel, a competition for the name of the Common Strategic Framework is being organised.

And a reference to more Open Consultations can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/consultations/index_en.htm