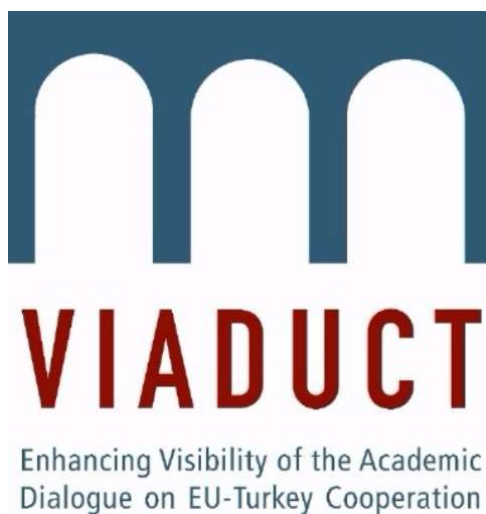




Dear VIADUCT Friends,

We are happy to share with you a brand new VIADUCT Newsletter.

In this **December 2019 Newsletter** you will find:

The **EDITORIAL** by Dr. Julie Smith (Cambridge University)

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EDITORIAL

Turkey: always the outsider

Peace, prosperity, security. These were the values that inspired six European states to come together almost seventy years

Since the 1993 Copenhagen Criteria for would-be members were elaborated, potential members know what standards they are

Kantian notion of peace, making war among them 'materially impossible'. The vision of Jean Monnet, articulated by Robert Schuman, which led to the three founding European Communities that became the modern European Union in 1993, was open to any European country that aspired to be a member. **The only stated condition at that time was a geographical one:** being European was and remains a requirement of membership. At that time, few other states sought to join the Six – some couldn't join and others chose not to.

Right-wing dictatorships in southern Europe and Communism east of the iron curtain ensured that most European countries were *de facto* seen as ineligible to join – being European wasn't, after all, sufficient to enable countries to take the first steps towards membership. The requirements were different from that other Security Community – the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) where Portugal, for example, was an early member though not deemed suitable for Community membership until the 1980s. Nor was Turkey an obvious candidate for Community membership, despite its early membership of NATO and an early expression of intent to join the Community. Turkey has thus been associated with the Union since 1963 and has been formally been a candidate country for twenty years. **Its journey towards the European Union as been glacially slow.** Long-seen as an important NATO ally, the decision by the EU to finally allow Turkey **candidate status** sent a message to Ankara that Turkey could aspire to membership in a way denied to certain other countries such as Ukraine. Then German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer made clear in 2000 that another way, short of membership, should be found for Ukraine. He also slipped Turkey into the same point in his landmark Humboldt Speech. Yet, by then Turkey had achieved that long-for candidate status.

Becoming a candidate state is rarely an end in itself – the aim is to join the Union. From an EU perspective, there is a particular normative power associated with the **enlargement process.**

For a dozen central and east European countries emerging from behind the Iron Curtain, it seemed obvious to make those commitments. The EU seemed indeed to have **transformative power.** If Turkey were to follow the same path, **the prize of a modern secular, democratic Muslim state in the EU seemed possible** – a prize for both sides, as it would fulfil Turkey's long-standing European ambitions and allow the EU to send a message to Turkey's neighbours that secular Islam could be in harmony with European integration.

Yet, under **President Erdoğan Turkey's Euro-visions seem to have evaporated.** The democratic reforms and media freedom required for membership have gone backwards. And whereas the EU is often slow to tackle democratic backsliding among existing member states, it is less tolerant of failings in candidate states. Thus, in March 2019, the European Parliament decided to call a halt to Turkey's accession negotiations. Coupled with President Erdoğan's decision to buy Russian military equipment and to act against the Kurds in Northern Syria, which put him at odds with Turkey's NATO allies, rendering the recent 70th anniversary of NATO a somewhat tense affair (though Turkey was far from the only culprit in this regard), **Turkey's future relations with Western institutions look fraught.**

The United Kingdom was for many years one of the strongest supporters of the prospect of Turkish membership, with politicians from all the major parties sharing this view. Paradoxically, **the Leave campaign used the prospect of Turkish membership to argue for the United Kingdom to leave.** The fact that Turkish membership was a distant prospect and one over which any member state has a veto was willfully neglected by the Leavers. As the United Kingdom, itself a latecomer to the European Union, stands on the brink of leaving the European Union, Turkey is losing one of its longest-standing advocates for EU membership. **As Erdoğan looks to Moscow, one might wonder whether he cares at all.**



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NEWS FROM THE VIADUCT NETWORK

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

VIADUCT Student Papers: call for submissions

VIADUCT encourages young researchers working on EU-Turkey relations to gain experience with academic publishing and supports them by disseminating their outstanding work to a wide audience.

Master students are invited to submit their papers to participate in the VIADUCT Student Papers competition. The winning papers will be published on the VIADUCT website.

[Read the call here](#)



Call for papers

The EUCACIS Online Series is now open for external contributors as well and is looking for policy papers and briefs focusing on the triangle of Central Asia/Southern Caucasus – EU – Turkey relations. If you are interested in publishing a contribution, please contact **Laila Allemand** from Institut für Europäische Politik. We are looking forward to receiving your abstracts!

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Call for papers

"L'Europe en formation: Post European parliamentary elections political and institutional landscape in the EU". CIFE (France) encourages to send your contributions to **Matthias Waechter** and **Laurent Baechler**.

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As the VIADUCT project has entered its final year of implementation, the project partners and interested public will meet in Brussels to wrap up three years of successful cooperation and joint activities on teaching and researching EU-Turkey relations at the VIADUCT Third Annual Conference "Bridge over Troubled Water". Co-organised by CETEUS and TEPSA, the conference will take place on 11-12 March 2020 in Brussels in the framework of the Third VIADUCT Week (09-13 March 2019).

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PAST ACTIVITIES

Webcast Policy Paper



The 2nd VIADUCT Webcast on "**How to write a policy brief**" is online with valuable information for practitioners, academics, and students on the art of writing a policy brief. In this webcast you can find answers, tips, and tricks to the following questions and issues: what is a policy brief? What should a policy brief do? How to structure a policy brief? How to provide recommendations?

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CETEUS Annual Conference, 23-24 October 2019, Cologne



CETEUS at the University of Cologne held its Annual Conference on 23-24 October 2019, covering the current state of EU-Turkey relations, the influential role of the European Council, and the institutional relationships in the EU system. Discussing current developments in the new institutional cycle of the Union and the EU-Turkey relationship with academics, practitioners, students, and multipliers from the civil society, the Annual Conference provided new insights and different perspectives. In a world-café, the VIADUCT Project was presented and established new ties with Pulse of Europe and civil society actors from Cologne.

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VIADUCT Lecture by Dr Julie Smith at the University of Cologne, 23-24 October 2019, Cologne



On 24 October 2019, Dr Julie Smith (Cambridge University) held a Guest Lecture at the University of Cologne on the topic "Turkey as a model for the UK's post-Brexit relationship with the EU". The lecture offered a comprehensive understanding of Britain's relationship to the European Union since its accession in 1973 and drew parallels between a post-Brexit UK and Turkey regarding its relationship with the EU.

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Triangle workshop and keynote with EU Ambassador Christian Berger, 30 October 2019, Istanbul Policy Center



what role does Berlin play in a triangular relationship with Brussels and Ankara? In the framework of the project "TRIANGLE", academics, students and professionals came together to discuss these questions. The academic workshops and public discussion with a keynote of EU Ambassador Christian Berger took place at the Policy Center in Istanbul on 30th of October 2019. Senem Aydın-Düzgüt (Istanbul Policy Center), Funda Tekin (Institut for European Politics/TRIANGLE) and Özgehan Şenyuva (Middle East Technical University/TRIANGLE) welcomed panelist and experts to discuss their views on the EU-German-Turkish relationship and its future path(s) with particular attention to the newly elected European Parliament and the newly assembled Commission.

Blickwechsel Final conference, 13-15 November 2019, Berlin



The Final Conference of the Stiftung Mercator funded Blickwechsel programme took place in Berlin at the Humboldt Graduate School. The programme was devoted to Contemporary Turkey Studies. As part of the Program the TRIANGLE project, in cooperation between CETEUS and the Middle East Technical University's Center for European Studies in Ankara, presented its results after three years of extensive research. Chaired by Funda Tekin, the TRIANGLE project's panel "A contested Relationship – Narratives in EU/German-Turkish Relations Three Years on" discussed with Anke Schönlau, Özgehan Şenyuva and Wolfgang Wessels narratives and institutions in the EU/German-Turkish triangular relationship.

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TEPSA EU@Work Seminar on EU Affairs, 19-22 November 2019, Brussels



This 4-day seminar offered 16 excellent undergraduate students the opportunity to gain first-hand insights from researchers and EU practitioners on the role and functioning of EU institutions and on the state of play of the main EU policies and featured a discussion on EU-Turkey relations with an official from the EEAS. The seminar was organised by TEPsA under the academic lead of Dr. Ilke Toygür (Elcano Royal Institute).

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TEPSA-IRMO Croatian Pre-Presidency Conference, Zagreb, 28-29 November 2019



TEPSA and its Croatian member, the Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO), organized the Croatian Pre-Presidency Conference "Europe at a Crossroad" on 28-29 November 2019. The aim of the TEPsA Pre-Presidency Conference was to bring together researchers from the EU member states and the EU candidate countries, policy-makers, media, civil society organisations, and the broader public in order to discuss agenda and challenges of the upcoming Croatian Presidency.

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Integrating Diversity in the European Union

In the framework of the project **InDivEU**, on 29 November 2019 TEPSA hosted a panel on “The Future of Europe” at its traditional Pre-Presidency Conference, held in Zagreb on the occasion of the incoming Croatian Presidency of the Council of the EU.

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- **Frank Schimmelfennig (ETH Zürich)** participated in the event organized by the Bogazici University-TÜSIAD Foreign Policy Forum in Istanbul on 15 November 2019 on “**Globalization, Populism and European Integration and Values**” with a talk on “The Rebordering of Europe”.
- **Frank Schimmelfennig (ETH Zürich), Funda Tekin (CETEUS) and Juha Jokela (FIIA)** took part in a **panel on the Future of Europe** at the TEPSA-IRMO Pre-Presidency Conference in Zagreb on 29 November 2019.

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E. Badarin and T. Schumacher (forthcoming 2020), “**The EU, Resilience and the Southern Neighbourhood After the Arab Uprisings**”, in Cusumano E., Hofmaier S. (eds.), *Projecting Resilience Across the Mediterranean*, Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 63-86

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