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NEWSLETTER

To coincide with its 50th anniversary, FIIA has launched a project on Finnish foreign policy in order to support research in the field through various activities. The Institute has also established a project to enhance debate and research on peace mediation.

Research projects

The Finnish Foreign Policy project seeks to support foreign policy research in Finland and to arouse international interest in the topic. The online archive, which consists of speeches and key foreign policy documents and sits at the heart of the project, will be launched in 2011.

Another function of the project is to build a network of interested researchers by organising research seminars on Finnish foreign policy and the ultimate aim of the project is to stimulate publications in the field. To that end, the Institute has launched a new publication series:

Finnish Foreign Policy Papers.

The first paper in the series is written by Eric Hayes, the former Head of the European Commission Delegation in Finland, and is titled *From Cold War to Common Currency: A personal perspective on Finland and the EU.*

The aim of the Institute's recently launched peace mediation project is to enhance debate, research and awareness of peace mediation in Finland by bringing together national and international researchers, experts and decision-makers.

The project, which is conducted in close cooperation with the Crisis Management Initiative (CMI), draws upon networks of researchers and practitioners in order to organise events and training as well as to analyse the key questions relating



Prime Minister of Finland Jyrki Katainen delivered a speech in an *event* jointly organised by FIIA, the Prime Minister's Office and Europe Information. He argued that the solution to the European debt crisis lies at national level: each Member State can take austerity measures.

to Finnish peace mediation capacity and tradition, the topical issues of peace mediation, peace mediation as part of Finnish foreign policy, and the role of small states in peace mediation.

FIIA has been commissioned to undertake research for the European Parliament regarding the EU's foreign policy towards the BRICS in a joint project with the College of Europe.

The final report of the **PROBALT project**, which aims to make the prevention of the Baltic Sea eutrophication more effective, will be published in November.

New researchers

Dr **Bart Gaens** and Ambassador **Eija Rotinen** have joined the **Global Security programme**. Dr Gaens is an expert on Japan and EU-Asia relations and will be focusing on major power relations in Asia. Ambassador Rotinen, who is a Visiting Researcher from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, has a great deal of experience in the Middle East, North Africa and Latin America. Furthermore, Jyrki Kallio will join the programme in October and will focus on Chinese political thinking and Chinese foreign policy.

In November, Dr Hanna Ojanen will return from the Swedish

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Institute of International Affairs (UI) to the FIIA [EU research programme](#) and Niklas Helwig will join the programme as an EXACT fellow.

Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs

The latest issue of the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs (Ulkopolitikka) was published in mid-September. It deals with the shift of global power to the East with particular focus on the assertiveness of China and the fears towards the rising superpower in the West. In the forthcoming December issue, the journal will take a look at some possible outcomes and political options for Europe in the current crisis. The journal has also renewed its home page [ulkopolitiikka.fi](#), where you can now browse and read book reviews from 2006 onwards.

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Books

Routledge 2011

[Understanding the politics of pan-democratic scares: An introduction to global politosomatics](#)

Mika Aaltola

Tampere Peace Research Institute 2011

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