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The FIIA will launch a joint research project with the European Policy Centre (EPC) on European External Action Service. Another new project will focus on Russian infrastructure, while the Global Security programme will begin to monitor US elections.

Research projects

The FIIA will launch a joint research project with the European Policy Centre (EPC) on “The Impact of the European External Action Service (EEAS) on National Diplomacies” in January 2012. The project will provide a systematic account of the adaptation of fifteen national diplomacies of EU member states to the new European foreign policy structures. The project is partly funded by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and it will be led by Rosa Balfour, Senior Policy Analyst at the EPC, and FIIA researcher **Kristi Raik**.

MATINE (Scientific Advisory Board for Defence) has granted funding for a research project on “Critical Infrastructures and Dynamics of Change in Russia”. The project explores Russian thinking on critical infrastructures and possible ways to mitigate the risks involved. The research involves **Katri Pynnöniemi** as project leader and one researcher from both Finland and Russia. The final report is due by the end of 2012.

The **Global Security research programme** will pay particular attention to the US presidential elections in the coming year and explore its consequences for US domestic and foreign policy.

Concluded projects

The final report of the **PROBALT project**, which aims to make the prevention of Baltic Sea eutrophica-



The FIIA celebrated its 50th anniversary in Finlandia Hall in September. Dr Hanna Ojanen, Ambassador Kirsti Lintonen, Veli Sundbäck and Dr Osmo Apunen participated in a panel discussion on Finnish foreign policy.

tion more effective, was published in November. The report, **Governing the green-blue Baltic Sea – Societal challenges of marine eutrophication prevention**, outlines four sets of measures that, on the basis of the case studies, are urgently needed at various governance levels – ranging from international to local.

Earlier this year, the FIIA was 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, **The EU Foreign Policy towards the BRICS and Other Emerging Powers: Objectives and Strategies**, presents four options for the EU to further develop the strategic partnerships

and to engage more actively with emerging powers.

Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies has published a special issue on the impact of distrust on regional security and cooperation. Institute researcher **Sinikukka Saari** has edited the issue and researcher **Teemu Sinkkonen**’s article has also been published in it.

New board members

Dr Kimmo Kiljunen and Pirkko Mattila, MP, have been appointed to the FIIA board as of 1 January 2012 as two positions opened due to the rotation system.

Furthermore, Dr **Hanna Ojanen** has been elected to another term on the **TEPSA** board.

The Finnish Institute of International Affairs is an independent research institute that produces high level research to support political decision-making and public debate both nationally and internationally

New researchers

Dr **Patrick Matschoss** has joined the Global Security research programme. His work focuses on global climate change governance and energy policies. He has previously led the IPCC Working Group III Technical Support Unit. The FIIA's expertise in the area will be strengthened further when **Harro van Asselt**, Marie Curie Fellow with the Environmental Change Institute (ECI) of the University of Oxford, joins the Institute for the duration of March 2012.

Meanwhile, Researcher **Vadim Kononenko** is on a sabbatical for a year, during which he will work as a political advisor to Tarja Cronberg, MEP. Researcher **Barbara Zanchetta** will also be away for a year as she is working on a book and visiting the Geneva Centre for Security Policy in Switzerland.

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Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs

The latest issue of the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs (**Ulkopolitiikka-lehti**) was published in early December. It takes a look at some possible outcomes and political options for Europe in the current crisis. Moreover, the Finnish presidential candidates answer some of the most important questions regarding Finnish foreign policy.

Publications

All FIIA publications can be downloaded from the [institute's website](#). Some of the most recent FIIA publications include:

FIIA Report 31

Governing the blue-green Baltic Sea: Societal challenges of marine eutrophication prevention
Mia Pihlajamäki & Nina Tynkkynen (eds.)

FIIA Briefing Papers 88-96

Swimming in murky waters: Challenges in developing the EU's external representation
Piotr Maciej Kaczyński

On aika päättää: Suomen vaihtoehdot Afganistanissa 2012-2015
Charly Saloniuss-Pasternak

Legal order free of pillars: European Courts' jurisdiction in the post-Treaty of Lisbon setting
Janne Salminen

The empowered European Parliament: Accommodation to the new functions provided by the Lisbon Treaty

Teija Tiilikainen

The persistence of Putin's Russia: Why don't Russians demand more?
Sinikukka Saari

Between consensus and confusion: Institutional changes and policy challenges in the EU's development policy Post-Lisbon
Marikki Stocchetti

Austerity ahead: How will a conservative victory change Spanish politics?
Teemu Sinkkonen

Kiina haastaa harmonialla: Kommunistinen puolue valaa uutta ideologista perustaa historian varaan
Jyrki Kallio

Europe's declining role in the G-20: What role for the EU in the club of the most important powers?
Juha Jokela

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Forever a Pilot? Assessing the policy dialogue and project-based cooperation in energy efficiency between the EU and Russia
Vadim Kononenko

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