

FIIA 1/2012 NEWSLETTER

The FIIA has opened an online archive of Finnish foreign policy and will launch a Briefing Paper series on the future of the European economic and monetary union. Furthermore, a new Scientific Advisory Council has been appointed for 2012–2014.

Research projects

Eilen – Archive and Chronology of Finnish Foreign Policy was launched on 1 March 2012. The online archive, which is maintained by the FIIA, is available at www.eilen.fi, and will, in its initial stage, consist of a chronology of Finnish foreign policy and speeches by key foreign policy actors.

The FIIA will launch a Briefing Paper and roundtable discussion series on the future of the European economic and monetary union. The

series will focus on the conduct of, and the key developments in, the EU's policies and governance system in the context of the current crisis. Specific papers written by Finnish experts will cover topics such as the functioning of the monetary policy, developments in economic governance and the future of the single markets.

The FIIA and the Crisis Management Initiative (CMI) have produced a report entitled “[Global Networks of Mediation: Prospects and avenues for Finland as a peace-maker](#)”. The FIIA peace mediation project will throughout this spring focus on the EU's capacities in peace mediation with a number of round-table debates. The next report is planned for the autumn.

FIIA researchers [Bart Gaens](#), [Juha Jokela](#) and [Mikael Mattlin](#) have co-edited a thematic issue of the Asia–Europe Journal, entitled “The EU's Asia – Re-negotiating Boundaries, Re-negotiating Norms”, which is to be published in April.

The FIIA Lecture Series on Changing Global Security continued with Dr William Zartman's lecture on the “[Power of Talk](#)” on 5 March. Dr Zartman is the Jacob Blaustein Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University.



Jean-Claude Piris, former Director General of the Legal Service of the Council of the EU, addresses the audience of the 5th annual FIIA Day on February 29.

New Scientific Advisory Council

The Executive Board of the Institute has appointed a Scientific Advisory Council for a three-year period between 2012 and 2014. The tasks of the Advisory Council include offering advice on FIIA's research policy guidelines, the assessment of the quality and relevance of its research work, and the support of its international activities.

Members of the SAC: Professor Alyson Bailes (University of Iceland), Dr Julie Gilson (University of Birmingham), Director Kristian Harpviken (Peace Research Institute Oslo), Professor G. John Ikenberry (Princeton University), Director Christian Lequesne (Ceri/Science-Po), Director Volker Perthes (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik), Judge Allan Rosas (EU Court of Justice), Research Fellow Eugeniusz Smolar (The Polish Institute of International Affairs), Professor Jonas Tallberg (Stockholms universitet), Director Dmitri Trenin (Carnegie Institute Moscow) and Professor Helen Wallace (London School of Economics and Political Science).

Staff news

Dr Sean Roberts will join the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia research programme in June. He wrote his PhD thesis on the Russian political parties at the Centre for Russian and East European Studies (CREES) at the University of

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Birmingham. Furthermore, he has been a visiting researcher at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) and the Aleksanteri Institute in Helsinki.

Dr Mauricio Romero is visiting the Global Security research programme until the end of April. His area of expertise include state formation and dissolution, the dynamics of democratisation, and criminal networks and politics. During his stay at FIIA, Dr Romero will focus on drug policy in the context of Latin America.

FIIA researcher Barbara Zanchetta is on a leave of absence and is currently working on nuclear disarmament issues as a Visiting Fellow at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy in Switzerland (not the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies as mentioned in the previous FIIA Newsletter).

Dr Janne Halttu has been appointed FIIA's Head of Communications as of 1 March. Halttu received his doctorate from the University of Westminster in London and has previously worked as Project Designer and Acting Head of Communications at the Institute.

Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs

The latest issue of the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs (*Ulkopolitiikka-lehti*) was published in early March. The theme of the issue is the rise of the global middle class, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region, where the middle class may amount to more than three billion people by 2030. The journal also analyses Russia after the elections, takes a look at the current space race, and visits the strongholds of Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Publications

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

FIIA Report 32

**Global networks of mediation:
Prospects and avenues for Finland as a peacemaker**
Touko Piiparinens & Ville Brummer (eds.)

FIIA Briefing Papers 97–100

**Yhdysvaltat tienhaarassa:
Presidentinvaleissa kampaillaan**

kansallisesta identiteetistä, maan suunnasta ja globaalista roolista
Mika Aaltola & Charly Saloniemi-Pasternak

Russian protest on- and offline: The role of social media in the Moscow opposition demonstrations in December 2011

Markku Lonkila

**Constructing a German Europe?
Germany's Europe debate revisited**
Timo Behr & Niklas Helwig

Fighting climate change: A structural shift towards renewable energies requires concerted policy action
Patrick Matschoss

FIIA Comments

The sun is setting on Putin's system
Arkady Moshes

The Republican Party at a crossroads
Charly Saloniemi-Pasternak

Putin's plans lack plausibility: The future president writes a lot but says very little
Katri Pynnöniemi

Will the EU road open for Kosovo as well?
Tanja Tamminen

Moldova deserves more from the EU
Kristi Raik

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