

FIIA ^{1/2013} NEWSLETTER

FIIA will establish a Centre for US Politics and Power as the Jane & Aatos Erkko Foundation has granted significant funding for FIIA's US-related research. The Jane & Aatos Erkko Foundation also funds a research project on the future direction of the EU.

The Centre for US Politics and Power

The Jane and Aatos Erkko Foundation has granted significant funding for FIIA's US-related research for the period 2013 – 2016. Thanks to a sum of 1.2 million euros, FIIA will be able to establish a Centre for US Politics and Power and thereby strengthen its research on the US's global role and its expertise on US domestic and foreign policy.

FIIA will launch a professor-level exchange programme with the distinguished Center for Transatlantic Relations (CTR) at Johns Hopkins University. Besides conducting research on transatlantic relations and the US's role in global politics and economy, FIIA and CTR will organise seminars, conferences and an annual summer school for young scholars in either Helsinki or Washington DC.

Due to the support of the Jane and Aatos Erkko Foundation, FIIA will have improved resources to produce high-level topical US-related research for the academic community, political decision-makers and public debate in general.

The future direction of the EU

The Jane and Aatos Erkko Foundation has granted €530,000 for a research project which will focus on the future direction of the EU after the economic crisis. The study will evaluate the EU's development trends and their implications for both the



At the 6th annual FIIA Day on March 6, Minister of Defence Carl Haglund gave a speech on Nordic cooperation and the "Nordic Model". It was followed by a panel discussion before a reception was held at FIIA's premises. An audio recording of Haglund's speech is available via [FIIA's website](#).

EU and Finland. The research project will also seek to support political decision-making and public debate.

The project will be carried out by the Research Institute of the Finnish Economy (ETLA) and FIIA. Researchers from both organisations will take part in the project, which will be finished by the summer of 2014. The project will be led by Research Director Markku Kotilainen (ETLA) and Director [Teija Tiilikainen](#) (FIIA).

External publications

Institute Researchers Timo Behr, Jyrki Kallio, Mika Aaltola, Charly Salenius-Pasternak and Coordinator Maija Salonen recently co-authored a European Parliament report '[The maritime dimension of CSDP: Geostrategic maritime challenges and their implications for the European Union](#)'.

FIIA Researcher [Kristi Raik](#) and the European Policy Centre's Rosa Balfour have co-edited a publication '[The European External Action Service and National Diplomacies](#)' which was published in the EPC Issue Paper series.

Staff News

[Tuomas Iso-Markku](#) has joined the EU programme as a researcher. He focuses on Common Foreign and Security Policy from a small state perspective.

In April, Johanna Jacobsson will join the EU programme as a Visiting Researcher to finish her Academy-funded PhD research on Economic Integration and Labour Markets Integration Agreements.

Head of Russian Department at Warsaw-based Centre for Eastern Studies Marek Menkiszak will come to a two-month visit to FIIA in April.

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

He will focus on Russian policy on Syria during his stay at FIIA.

Researcher **Touko Piiparinen** has been granted the title of docent by the University of Helsinki.

As the three-year programme period comes to an end in December 2013, researcher positions will be declared vacant later this spring.

The Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs

The latest issue of the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs (**Ulkopoliittinen lehti**) came out in early March. This issue focuses on the search for new ideas regarding global democracy as well as ways to enhance the democratic legitimacy of the European Union in crisis. In addition, the issue takes a look at how the Kurds are about to re-draw some of the boundaries in the Middle East, and tries to help the Nordic countries reclaim their lost glory.

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