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The Center for US Politics and Power

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The Visiting Professor/Fellow will be integrated into the research activities of the CUSPP which focuses mainly on the US role in global governance, security and the changing international political economy.

A new research project on Latin America

Dr **Mikael Wigell** has started a three-year research project funded by the Academy of Finland which is entitled "Varieties of Extractive Capitalism: The Politics of Natural Resource Extraction in Latin America".

The research project is concerned with the relationship between natural resource extraction and development and will conduct a comparative analysis of the mining sector in four Latin American countries: Bolivia, Chile, Colombia and Peru. These countries have been at the forefront of the current extraction boom and provide a leading laboratory for the analysis of the



Programme Director Juha Jokela, Prime Minister Jyrki Katainen, Yle Correspondent Elina Ravantti, Director of Government Institute for Economic Research Juhana Vartiainen and President of the European Movement in Finland Riitta Myller at a seminar on 1 July after a European Council meeting.

politics of natural resource extraction. The project seeks to understand the patterns through which these resource-abundant states interact with their societies and extractive industry developers when making decisions about natural resource extraction and the use of natural resource rents.

Seminar on the future of European security and defence

FIIA and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland will organise a seminar on "**The Future of European Security and Defence**" on 10 October. The speakers will include Foreign Minister Erkki Tuomioja, Lithuanian Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Andrius Krivas, Director of

the European Union Institute for Security Studies Antonio Missiroli and Director of FIIA Teija Tiilikainen.

Future World Order theme at Think Corner

The University of Helsinki Think Corner recently partnered with the Finnish Institute of International Affairs and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to carry out a series of events regarding the future world order as emerging superpowers (China, India and Brazil) challenge the traditional hegemonies and the globe faces increasingly serious challenges. Several FIIA researchers will take part in the **events**.

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

Staff news

Dr **Bart Gaens** will be the Acting Programme Director of the Global Security Programme while Dr Mika Aaltola is visiting Johns Hopkins University until early December.

Dr **Antto Vihma** is visiting Sciences Po in Paris until the end of October.

Harri Mikkola defended his doctoral dissertation “Neopragmatism and Politics: Essays on the Possibilities and Consequences of Richard Rorty’s Neopragmatism to Political Science” on 27 September at the University of Tampere.

Marikki Stocchetti will defend her doctoral dissertation “Inside the European Consensus on Development and Trade: Analyzing the EU’s Normative Power and Policy Coherence for Development in Global Governance” in the Helsinki

University Main Building on 11 October at noon.

Dr **Mikael Mattlin** has been granted the title of Adjunct Professor by the University of Turku.

The Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs

As several Finnish industrial sectors are struggling due to weakening competitiveness, the autumn issue of the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs (*Ulkopolitiikka-lehti*) focuses on the future of Finland. It is argued in **the issue** that to regain its prosperity, Finland needs to find its way out of the commodity trap, refocus on industrial services and climb up the value chain.

The issue also visits Serbia and Saudi-Arabia, evaluates Norway’s thirst for Arctic oil and presents legal issues involved in President Barack Obama’s **drone wars**. In the **profile section**, Ari Kerkkänen, the director of The Finnish Institute in the Middle East, argues why only a diplomatic solution can bring peace to Syria.

The Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs can be read both as a printed journal and as an e-paper at Lehtiluukku.fi.

Recent publications

All FIIA publications can be downloaded from the **Institute’s website**.

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