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NEWSLETTER

FIIA's three research programmes are engaged in a variety of activities, ranging from a research project on Eurasian integration, a summer school on US foreign policy and a number of projects related to European Parliament elections.

Eurasian integration project

In 2014 (January–September) the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia Research Programme will be conducting a research project aimed at analysing the current trends in and prospects of the Eurasian integration. The project will attempt to take into account the variety of views and assessments that exist in all member states of the Eurasian Customs Union and places an emphasis on conducting research interviews in Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russia. The findings will be published in the autumn of 2014.

European elections

FIIA is participating in several European research and outreach projects partly related to the upcoming European elections.

The EU programme is actively taking part in the activities of the European Policy Institutes Network (EPIN) coordinated by CEPS in Brussels. Under EPIN umbrella, FIIA organised a Research Round Table focusing on parliamentarism in European Economic Governance and a seminar mapping out the political directions of the approaching European elections.

Together with Folktinget, which promotes the position of Swedish-speaking people in Finland, FIIA has been engaged in the pan-European New Pact for Europe project which aims to enhance informed debate on



On March 3, the 7th annual FIIA Day focused on the future of Ukraine and the stakes of outside actors. The panelists included Kristi Raik, Volodymyr Fesenko, Arkady Moshes and Robert Nurick.

the future of Europe among citizens, stakeholders and policymakers.

A research seminar and election candidate debate was followed by a full house in the Parliament's auditorium.

FIIA is also a member of the research project led by the Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute and VoteWatch, which aims to elucidate the role and functioning of the European parliament for Europeans by examining 15 key votes that shaped the current European parliament. The project provides interesting data on the political organisation of the parliament and voting behaviour of the MEPs. FIIA's tasks include analysing the available data in the Finnish context.

CUSPP Summer School

FIIA's Center for US Politics and Power (CUSPP) will organise a summer school for doctoral students on US foreign policy in Helsinki

and Tallinn in August 2014. The programme will include keynote presentations by distinguished scholars from the US and Europe on a wide range of topics related to US foreign policy. The summer school also provides an opportunity for students to give presentations on their ongoing research in addition to informal activities, which will allow engagement with other scholars working on US foreign policy.

The call for papers will be published on FIIA's webpage in April 2014. For further information, please contact Senior Research Fellow [Anna Kronlund](#).

Workshop: Goeconomics as Foreign Policy Strategy

FIIA will organise a workshop on the foreign policy of regional powers (e.g. Brazil, China, India and Russia), economic and resource security, the interplay between economy and foreign policy and other geo-

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economic aspects of international relations. The workshop will be held in Helsinki on 5 September 2014. The [call for papers](#) has been published on the FIIA website.

Staff news

Wolfgang Mühlberger and Toni Alaranta will join the European Union Research Programme in the beginning of April. Mühlberger has previously worked as a Senior Research Analyst in the National Defense Academy in Vienna where he focused on the EU's relations with its southern neighbours. Alaranta received his PhD degree from the University of Helsinki in 2011 and his research focuses on Turkey.

As [Teija Tiilikainen](#)'s five-year term as Director is coming to an end in December 2014, the position has been declared [open](#).

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The Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs

As the European Parliament elections are around the corner, the latest issue of Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs (Ulkopolitiikka-lehti) [explores the different dividing lines in European politics](#).

The March journal also evaluates [the situation of Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries](#), features an article on the Peace Hill of Karen people in Myanmar and analyses the governmental programme of Germany's new grand coalition.

The Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs can be read both as a printed journal and as an e-paper at Lehtiluukku.fi. A free sample of the articles is available at www.ulkopoliitiikka.fi.

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Juha Jokela (ed.)

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