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Adjunct Professor Teija Tiilikainen has been granted a second five-year term as the Director of the Institute. A research project on the Eurasian Economic Union predicts an uphill struggle for Eurasian integration.

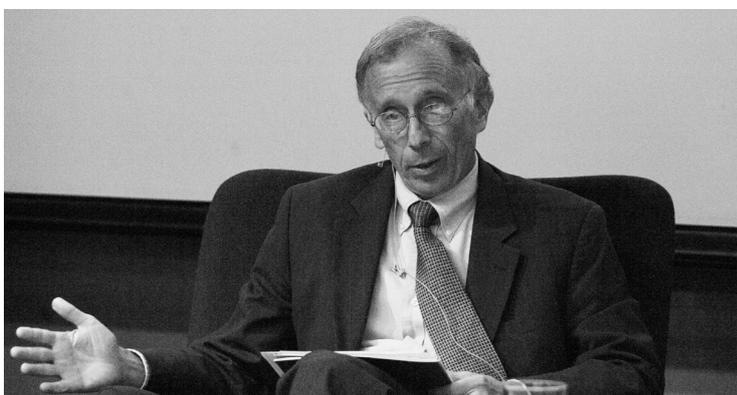
Director appointment

The Board of The Finnish Institute of International Affairs has nominated Adjunct Professor **Teija Tiilikainen** the Director of the Institute for the next five-year term. Dr Tiilikainen has been the Director of the Institute since 2010 and her second term will begin in January 2015.

Dr Tiilikainen has previously worked as the Director of the Network for European Studies at the University of Helsinki and as the State Secretary in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. Her research focuses on the EU's political system and external identity.

CUSPP Summer Session

The Center for US Politics and Power (CUSPP) at FIIA organised the very first Summer Session on the topic of **Nordic-Baltic Security and US Role in the Region after Ukraine** in Helsinki and Tallinn in August, 2014. The aim of the Summer Session was to provide a platform to discuss the topic from different perspectives and it gathered researchers and experts from Europe and the US. The themes included in the programme were US global rebalancing and its impact on the region, transatlantic relations and US politics, dependencies and cooperation (military and trade), regional military cooperation, NATO, cyber and flows, the Arctic and the scenarios of insecurity. The forthcoming FIIA report on the issue will



Visiting Senior Fellow Robert Nurick giving a presentation at a seminar on US-Russian relations and the EU in the light of the conflict in Ukraine on 11 September (audio recording online).

further continue on the themes of the Summer Session.

The Summer Session is part of the agenda of the CUSPP that aims to provide a platform for the research on the US global role and US foreign and domestic policy in Finland and to strengthen CUSPP networks internationally. The Center's visiting scholar programme not only invites scholars from the US to contribute to the research focuses of the Center but also provides opportunities for its own researchers to visit the US.

Eurasian Union project

The EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia Research Programme has conducted **a research project on the prospects of Eurasian integration**.

The project concluded that the Eurasian Economic Union has, on paper, the potential to transform economic relations in the region and to offer an alternative to the EU in the post-Soviet space. However, weak institutions and large asymme-

try between member states continue to hinder closer ties and the crisis in Ukraine has led to an increasingly hostile international environment. Hence, the union faces an uphill struggle to maintain momentum and deliver the results member states desire.

Staff news

Dr **Mari Neuvonen** has joined the European Union Research Programme for a year. She comes from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in the framework of the exchange programme between the Ministry and the Institute. She holds a PhD from the University of Bristol and her areas of expertise include the EU's Middle East policy, Israel-Palestine relations and the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the EU.

The Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs

The issue 3/2014 of the Journal was published in mid-September with

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a focus on **border issues** and the **war in Ukraine**. Contrary to what was hoped for during the heyday of globalisation in the 1990s, the world has not become borderless. There is a massive development of new barriers, border fences and highly controlled areas around Europe's external borders and other parts of the world. In most cases, these rigid borders separate wealthy people from the poor.

In the profile interview, Ilkka Laitinen, the former director of EU's border agency Frontex, explains why sending more patrols to borders will not stop illegal immigration to Europe. In another high profile interview, MEP Olli Rehn looks back at the key decisions made during his term as the EU's economic commissioner. Rehn acknowledges that Germany has consolidated its position as the EU's leading nation but

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advises Finland to seek also other partners inside the EU.

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