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FIIA participated in organising the third Kultaranta Talks on 14–15 June and will organise a panel at SuomiAreena on 17 July. Director Tiilikainen will compile a report to the OSCE eminent panel while Jyrki Kallio has been awarded J.A. Hollo Prize.

The third Kultaranta Talks

President Sauli Niinistö hosted a debate on foreign and security policy at the President's summer residence in Naantali on 14–15 June 2015.

Strobe Talbott, President of the Brookings Institution and former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State; Alexei Kudrin, Chairman of the Committee of Civil Initiatives and former Russian Minister of Finance; and Wolfgang Ischinger, Chairman of the Munich Security Conference held a discussion on "The World Disorder?". Other sessions and working groups focused on Finland's challenges, the West and the state of democracy, the outlook for Russian development, and intelligence, terrorism and security.

The event was organised by the Office of the President of the Republic of Finland in cooperation with FIIA.

Tiilikainen to compile a report to the OSCE eminent panel

Director **Teija Tiilikainen** has requested contributions from the OSCE network of think tanks and academic institutions to aid the work of the eminent panel in which she participates. Based on the contributions, she will compile a report to assess the ways of strengthening the role and functioning of the OSCE as a key institution of cooperative security in Europe. The draft summary report will be discussed in a



Federal Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel in a seminar on "European Security and the Conflict in Ukraine" on 30 March. The event was organised by the Prime Minister's Office of Finland, University of Helsinki and FIIA.

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project meeting in Vienna in early September.

Report on Arctic Security

Programme Director **Juha Jokela** has edited an EUISS report "Arctic Security Matters" which will be published on 19 June. The report examines how the rapid economic and environmental transformation in the Arctic carry significant political implications. The report also highlights the new security challenges emerging in the region and discusses EU's engagement in Arctic matters.

Dr Jokela visited the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) in Paris in January–March 2015.

FIIA at SuomiAreena

FIIA will organise a panel discussion "Trolls, hawks and doves" at SuomiAreena in Pori on 17 July. Programme Director **Mika Aaltola**

will chair the panel with Veronika Honkasalo, Saara Jantunen, Matti Pesu and Janne Riiheläinen.

Jyrki Kallio awarded

Senior Research Fellow **Jyrki Kallio** has been awarded the J. A. Hollo Prize for the best non-fiction translation published in 2014. The book, *Mestari Kongin keskustelut – kungfutselaisuuden ydinolemus* ("The Discourses of Master Kong – The Essence of Confucianism"), comprises a critical translation of Confucius's Analects, as well as excerpts from other key texts.

NOLAN Conference

The 8th NOLAN (Nordic Latin American Research Network) Conference "Struggles over Resources in Latin America" was held in Helsinki in June 11–13 2015. The Conference was hosted by the Department of Political and

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Economic Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki and it was organised with the collaboration of several partners including FIIA.

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The Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs

The latest issue of the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs, published in late May, focuses on climate change and energy politics. The journal asks **whether China, the world's largest polluter, is in the position to effectively tackle the rise of global temperatures**. In addition, the journal analyzes **the political consequences of Europe's dependency on Russian gas and nuclear technology**.

The journal also explores the second wave of urbanization currently underway especially in Africa, and analyzes **why both Nigeria in the west and Kenya in the east of Africa have so far been ineffective in fighting terrorism within their borders**.

The next issue of the journal will be published in September. The journal is available both as a **printed journal** and as an e-paper at Lehtiluukku.fi.

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