

FIIA ^{3/2015} NEWSLETTER

FIIA has launched a research project on Russia's changing role in Finland's neighbouring areas. Meanwhile, Nordic international relations institutes will launch a researcher exchange programme which FIIA will coordinate.

A research project on Russia

FIIA is conducting a one-year research project entitled "Russia's changing role in Finland's neighbouring areas" with funding from the Prime Minister's Office. The project is directed by Teija Tiilikainen and supervised by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland.

The first phase of the project examines Russia's internal political situation, its energy and Arctic policies as well as its role in the Baltic Sea region security environment. The second phase will focus on drawing conclusions for Finland. Several Briefing Papers will be published as part of the project. The final report will be delivered to the Prime Minister's Office by June 2016.

Researcher exchange programme launched with Nordic institutes

FIIA will coordinate a 3-year researcher exchange project (2016–2018) between the Nordic institutes of international affairs (DIIS in Copenhagen, IIA in Reykjavik, NUPI in Oslo, UI in Stockholm and FIIA). The programme is financed under the forthcoming Finnish presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers.

The programme's long-term goals are increased Nordic research cooperation in foreign and security policy, including joint applications for international research funding and greater Nordic mobility of researchers.



Peter Trubowitz, professor and director of the US Centre at LSE, gave a key note speech on "Long term priorities for US foreign policy" at FIIA's Centre on US Politics and Power Summer Session on 9 September.

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OSCE network's contribution debated in Vienna

Director Teija Tiilikainen chaired a workshop with the OSCE network of think tanks and academic institutions in Vienna on 1 September. The workshop finalised the network's report on the functioning of the OSCE which has been prepared to support the work of the Panel of Eminent Persons. Tiilikainen is a member of the panel which provides advice on how to reconsolidate European security.

The network's report will be presented at the Belgrade Security Forum and submitted to the Panel of Eminent Persons in early October.

Helsinki +40 July seminar

The conclusions of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's Helsinki +40 Project and its Final Report, "Building the OSCE of the Future" were discussed at a seminar organised by the OSCE PA and FIIA at

Finlandia Hall on 5 July. Opened by OSCE PA President Ilkka Kanerva, the seminar included remarks by PA Secretary General Spencer Oliver, and long-time Finnish diplomat, Ambassador Jaakko Iloniemi.

China Research Days

The 4th annual China Research Days will be organised on 22–23 October. The event will bring together keynote speakers from China, the US and Europe, as well as presenters of academic papers selected competitively following a call for papers.

The presentations will address both China's foreign policy and internal developments, as implied by the title of the event, "Awakening to China's Dream: Domestic realities, global ramifications". The first day of the event will be open to the public, whereas on the second day, there will be a closed session for researchers. The event is sponsored by the Joel Toivola Foundation.

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

The Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs

The latest issue of the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs, published in mid-September, analyses the new world order in the making. The journal asks whether the **West is losing its leading position** as China and other rising powers are challenging it both economically and politically.

In addition, the journal **interviewed Finnish Foreign Minister Timo Soini** on his ambitions in foreign policy and his stance on NATO.

In a **long essay**, Soini's predecessor Erkki Tuomioja discusses what the West could have done better in its diplomacy towards Russia, and how to look for ways to end the war in Ukraine.

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

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