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NEWSLETTER

The relevance of the OSCE is discussed in publications as the organisation's 40th anniversary year comes to an end. FIIA will co-organise a seminar on EU Global Strategy in January. Meanwhile, Jyrki Kallio received another award.

OSCE 40th anniversary year ends

Having taken part in the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's Helsinki +40 project and organised a seminar in the Finlandia Hall in July, FIIA ended the OSCE 40th anniversary year by publishing a Finnish Foreign Policy Paper "Not another tea party: The lasting value of the OSCE" by Minister (Hon.) Jaakko Iloniemi.

Meanwhile, Director **Teija Tiilikainen** took part in the OSCE Panel of Eminent Persons on European Security as a Common Project whose **final report** was published in December. In October, Dr Tiilikainen edited a report, "Reviving Co-operative Security in Europe through the OSCE", to support the work of the Panel.

EU Global Strategy seminar

In late January, FIIA will co-organise an EU Global Strategy seminar on Russia and Eastern Neighbourhood in cooperation with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS).

Huovinen chairs Advisory Council

FIIA **Advisory Council**, appointed by the Chancellery Commission of the Finnish Parliament, convened in its current composition for the first time on 22 September. The Council selected MP Susanna Huovinen to chair and MP Antti Kaikkonen to vice-chair the body.



Des Browne, former Defence Minister of the UK and the Vice Chairman of Nuclear Threat Initiative, gave a keynote speech in a seminar on "Euro-Atlantic Security" on 20 October. Other speakers included Visiting Senior Fellow Michael Haltzel and former Under-Secretary of State Jaakko Laajava. Photo: Mattias Lehtinen / FIIA

The Council's duties include monitoring the Institute's operations and liaising with relevant FIIA stakeholders. In addition, the Advisory Council monitors the societal impact of the Institute's activities. The Council serves a four-year term of office, which commenced in June 2015.

Jyrki Kallio awarded

FIIA's Senior Research Fellow **Jyrki Kallio** has been awarded the Centennial Prize of the Joel Toivola Foundation as recognition for his merits in the field of China research. The Foundation commends Kallio especially for his ability to connect China's long history with contemporary issues. Kallio's main research interests encompass China's foreign policy and political culture.

In April, Kallio was awarded the J.A. Hollo Prize for his high-quality translation of a monograph on Confucianism (2014).

Staff News

Programme Director **Mika Aaltola** has been elected to a second term in the board of EISA (the European International Studies Association).

Dr **David Cadier**, an expert on EU-Russia relations, has joined FIIA as a TAPIR Fellow. Senior Research Fellow **Bart Gaens** will be a Specially Appointed Associate Professor at Osaka University until mid-January.

Carrie Weintraub, Management Analyst at US State Department, will join FIIA as a Fulbright Fellow in January, while Christian Fjäder, Director at the National Emergency Supply Agency, will join FIIA in January for couple of months.

As a part of a Nordic researcher exchange programme, Senior Research Fellow **Teemu Sinkkonen** will spend 2016 visiting the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) in Copenhagen and Prof. Alyson Bailes will visit FIIA in February.

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 December issue of the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs (Ulkopolitiikka) focuses on the future of languages. Nearly half of world languages are in risk of extinction during this century. English is the new lingua franca, a dominant world language with over 1.5 billion speakers already. However, it will be increasingly challenged by Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, French and several other world languages that benefit from demographic and economic trends, multiculturalism and education.

Other topics of the current issue include [the rise of radical conservatism](#), [new ideas of development aid](#) and [peace prospects in Syria](#).

The next issue of the journal will be published in March. The journal is available both as a [printed journal](#) and as an e-paper at [lehtiluukku.fi](#).

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