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NEWSLETTER

A new 3-year programme period will start in January with some new emphases on the research agenda. Meanwhile, FIIA is preparing a report on major trends in the EU as part of a larger research project on Finland and competition in global politics.

Programme period 2017–2019

The European Union research programme will focus on the EU's external relations, the Union's major trends of development as well as on its political system and institutional structure. The study of Nordic cooperation both within the EU's context and in general will be enhanced during the new programme term as well as the study of the EU's role in global trade policy.

The EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia programme will focus on Russian foreign and security policy as well as on those of the EU's Eastern partnership countries. During the new programme term the study of Russia's policies in relation to its immediate neighbourhood, including the Baltic Sea region, will be further strengthened. The study of Russian internal political developments including their ideological undercurrents forms another strengthened focus.

The Global Security programme will cover changes in global power structures, with particular emphasis on the roles of the US and China – and in the future also India – as well as main trends in global governance in particular in the field of security policy, broadly defined. The Arctic policies form a specific theme for the programme which also focuses on new areas of interdependence such as cyber politics and geoeconomics.



Brigadier General (ret.) Juha Pyykönen presented a FIIA Report on Finland and Sweden's NATO cooperation on 7 October.

Project on the EU's future

FIIA is preparing a report on major trends in the EU. The report, entitled *The European Union - Between Deepening and Disintegration*, identifies four key areas for the EU's future:

- developments in the common political space, including the rise of populism and the Brexit process;
- common economic space, including reform of the Economic and Monetary Union;
- common territory, especially governance of migration; and
- common security, including the EU's efforts to defend the European security order, deepen defence cooperation and fight terrorism.

Under each of these subtopics, the report analyzes the drivers, processes and implications of further integration and cooperation on the one hand, and disintegration on the other hand.

The report is part of a larger research project of FIIA on "Finland and the Tightening Competition in Global Politics", funded by the Government's analysis, assessment and research activities unit. The project is led by Director Teija Tiilikainen. Several researchers of the EU Research Programme are contributing to the report which will be published next spring.

Staff News

M.Soc.Sc. Ville Sinkkonen will join FIIA's **Center on US Politics and Power** as a Research Fellow in the beginning of January.

Senior Research Fellow **Jyrki Kallio** defended his PhD thesis, *Towards China's Strategic Narrative*, at the University of Lapland on 25 November.

Enemmän kuin puoli taivasta, written by Tiina Airaksinen, Minna Valjakka and FIIA's Senior Research Fellow **Elina Sinkkonen**, was awarded the Kanava Prize for the best non-fiction book on 3

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November. Sinkkonen has also been granted four-year research funding from the Kone Foundation.

Research Fellow **Veera Laine** has returned from her three-week visit to NUPI in Oslo.

Senior Research Fellow **Teemu Tammikko** (formerly Sinkkonen) will return to FIIA in January after having spent a year at DIIS in Copenhagen.

Senior Research Fellow **Charly Salenius-Pasternak** will be visiting **Oxford University** in January-March.

Senior Research Fellow **Mikael Wigell** has been elected the chairman of the Finnish International Studies Association.

Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs

The 4/2016 issue of *Ulkopolitiikka*, the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs, focuses on **political identities** at a time when the fundamental liberal ideas of European integration are

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increasingly challenged by populist parties and nationalistic ideologies across the continent. The Journal also takes a look at the brand of Finland during the past 100 years. Other topics of the current issue deal with the phenomenon of **fake media**, Turkey and mass surveillance in Europe.

The journal is available both as a **printed journal** and as an e-paper at lehtiluukku.fi. The next issue is due in March.

Recent publications

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