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The Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Introduction

The Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA) is an independent research institute that produces high-level research to support political decision-making and public debate both nationally and internationally.

The Institute receives its core funding from the Finnish Parliament and sets the research agenda independently. Its fellows publish in internationally recognized publications as well as in the Institute's own publication series.

FIIA was established in its present form in 2006, having been maintained up to that point and since the 1960s by a private foundation.

The Director of the Institute is Adjunct Professor **Teija Tiilikainen**. FIIA currently employs about 50 people, over half of whom are researchers.

Research

The Institute has three Research Programmes that ran until the end of 2013 and began their new three-year periods from the beginning of 2014.

The European Union Research Programme focuses on the EU's global and regional role, as well as the internal dynamics of the EU. The main research themes are the EU's external relations, economic policies and institutional development.

The EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia Research Programme studies the EU's eastern environment with a special focus on Russia's domestic, foreign and security policy. In particular, the programme concentrates on political developments in the region and the process of the Eurasian intergation. It also studies international relations in the EU's eastern neighbourhood and the relationship between the region and the EU.

The Global Security Research Programme approaches global security challenges within the framework of broad security. The programme seeks to understand the global trajectories of security that have significance for the European and Finnish security environments. The issues approached include the prospects for global governance systems, changes in the major power structure, significant factors in functional and regional security and insecurity, the role of the transatlantic relationship in world politics, and the different dimensions of the European security policy.

Outreach

FIIA has a broad and active outreach programme intended for decision-makers, researchers, civil servants, NGOs, the media and the general public. Anyone can subscribe to

FIIA's publications and express their interest in receiving invitations to FIIA events through the Institute's website.

FIIA publishes Reports, Working Papers, Briefing Papers, Comments and Finnish Foreign Policy Papers. Furthermore, Analysis publication series was launched in early 2014. The publications can be downloaded from the FIIA website.

In addition to these series, FIIA publishes a quarterly journal in Finnish, *The Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs* (Ulkopolitiikka-lehti).

FIIA's events are tailored to specific target audiences and they attract both national and international speakers and participants. Events vary from closed round tables to major conferences.

The Institute houses a public library specialising in international relations. Its collections are at the disposal of the general public.

FIIA also operates Eilen, the Archive and Chronology of Finnish Foreign Policy. It consists of speeches and key documents of the Finnish foreign policy, and was opened in March 2012.

Summary of Activities

Research Focus Areas

The European Union Research Programme focused on the timely political events in the EU. Among the topics that were researched were, for example, establishing a banking union within the EU, the discussion about Britain's membership in the EU and the EU-US free trade agreement (TTIP) negotiations.

Topics such as European defence and current political situations in some of the Union's member states such as the German elections were also part of the Research Programme's agenda.

The consequences of the European financial crisis were assessed in a joint research project with Etila, the Research Institute of the Finnish Economy. This project was funded by the Jane and Aatos Erkko Foundation, and the final report was published in May 2014.

The EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia Research Programme conducted a research project funded by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs assessing Russia's foreign and security policy and the country's position as an international actor. Top European and American researchers took part in the project and a final report was published in June 2013.

The Research Programme also extended its focuses on Russian

security policy and Russian domestic policy. The defence reform was a concrete research topic that linked to both of these themes.

Research activity in the Global Security Research Programme stressed the study of global power structures and broad security themes such as global climate and energy policy and global governance, weighting especially UN security policy.

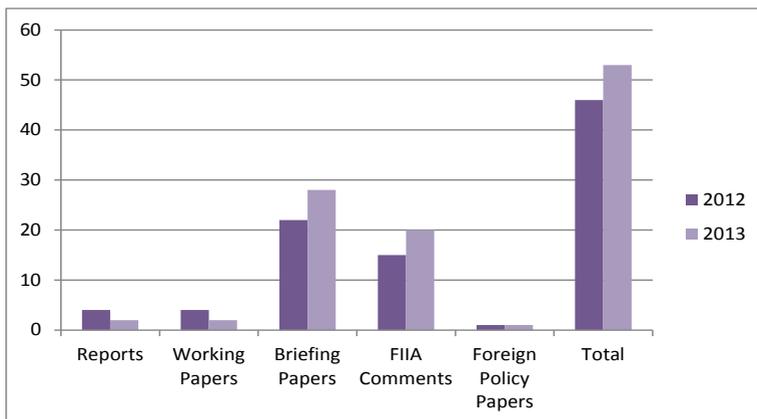
The regional emphasis of the programme focused on the US and Asia. The programme also concentrated on Middle Eastern politics and on special themes ranging from Latin America to Africa. The programme also increased its focus on the Global Arctic and researched the area's strategic importance and coming developments.

The Center for US Politics and Power was established in 2013 and it works in conjunction with the Global Security Research Programme. The aim of the Center is to provide research and expertise on the US global role and its foreign and domestic policy. Activities of the Center included a researcher exchange programme.

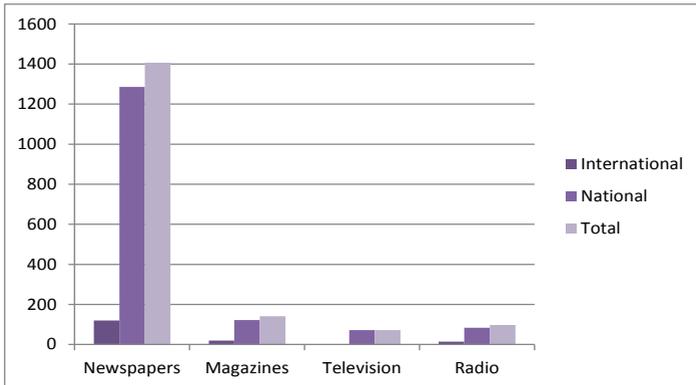
Publications

The amount of publications in 2013 in the FIIA's publication series increased slightly compared to the previous year. The total number of publications in 2013 was 53. The number of publication downloads from the FIIA website increased significantly in 2013. According to the download data, interest towards FIIA's activities and publications is growing especially in Brussels and in the US.

Number of Publications in 2012 and 2013



Appearances in the Media in 2013



FIIA's researchers have also published widely outside the Institute, including policy papers by research institutes and academic articles in peer-reviewed scholarly journals. The amount of academic articles decreased slightly in 2013, but the amount of other major publications increased significantly.

The quarterly journal of the Institute, *Ulkopolitiikka (Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs)* maintained a circulation of c.a. 2,400. The journal was chosen as the best trade and organisation magazine of the year in the Edit awards.

Media Appearances

Current events in international politics were frequently commented on by the Institute's researchers. FIIA researchers appeared as experts on topics such as the German elections,

the development of the EU and, towards the end of the year, more and more on the situation in Ukraine. FIIA's researchers' appearances in the media, national and international combined, reached an all-time record number of 1,716 appearances.

The Institute's presence in social media, i.e. Facebook and Twitter, increased during 2013 and updates were more frequent than before.

Seminar Activity

FIIA's seminar activity was very active in 2013 with 71 organised seminars. The number didn't quite reach the record of the previous year, but even the smaller number of seminars attracted 4,900 participants - nearly as many as 85 seminars in 2012. The seminar guests included e.g. experts, journalists, civil servants and politicians.

FIIA Publication Series 2013

FIIA Reports

Russia as an international actor: The view from Europe and the US
Sean Roberts

Equipping the European Union for the 21st century: National diplomacies, the European External Action Service and the making of EU foreign policy
Kristi Raik & Rosa Balfour

FIIA Working Papers

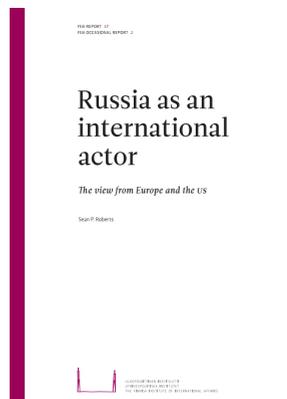
Building bridges or digging trenches? Civil society engagement after the Arab Spring
Timo Behr & Aaretti Siitonen

Political change in Myanmar: Filtering the murky waters of “disciplined democracy”
Bart Gaens

Finnish Foreign Policy Papers

Neither neutral nor non-aligned: The Europeanization of Finland’s foreign and security policy
Teemu Palosaari

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FIIA Briefing Papers

THREE OPTIONS FOR THE EU

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ASSESSING THE EU'S POWERS IN A TRUE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL UNION

Teija Tiilikainen

FIIA BRIEFING PAPER 136 - September 2013



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The EU's defeat in Vilnius - Can the Eastern Partnership be salvaged?

Instead of geopolitics, the EU should concentrate on incremental reform promotion among its willing partners and properly calibrate the "more for more" principle.

The EU's Eastern Partnership agreement in Vilnius was negotiated with a political goal of strengthening the EU's role in the region. The agreement was intended to be a stepping stone to a more comprehensive agreement in the future. However, the agreement was not fully implemented, and the EU's role in the region remains uncertain. This paper examines the reasons for the EU's defeat in Vilnius and discusses the implications for the Eastern Partnership.

The following conceptual framework of the paper, Finn Tønnesen's 'Geopolitics and Geopolitical Strategy', is used to analyze the EU's role in the region. The paper discusses the EU's role in the region and the implications for the Eastern Partnership. It also discusses the EU's role in the region and the implications for the Eastern Partnership.

However, these regional partners with a good economic record and the political will to reform are not the only ones who should be included in the EU's Eastern Partnership. The EU should also consider the role of other regional partners and the implications for the Eastern Partnership.

Selected FIIA Briefing Papers

Three Options for the EU: Assessing the EU's powers in a true economic and political union
Teija Tiilikainen

The WTO Under Pressure: Tackling the deadlock in multilateral trade
Johanna Jacobsson & Marikki Stocchetti

Russia's defence reform: Assessing the real 'Serdyukov heritage'
Katri Pynnöniemi

Japan's New Security Policy: Breaking Away from the Post-War Regime?
Bart Gaens

Selected FIIA Comments

The EU's defeat in Vilnius: Can the Eastern Partnership be salvaged?
Arkady Moshes

Global drug policy is ripe for reform: The emphasis should be on harm reduction instead of law enforcement
Mikael Wigell

Lithuania's presidency gamble: The activeness of Vilnius is pushing the EU's Eastern Partnership forward
Kristi Raik



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