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THE FINNISH INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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# **FIIA Activities in 2015**

## 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 which will run until the end of 2016. The current programme period began in 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, general political directions 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 integration. 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 covered 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

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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, the Analysis publication series was launched in early 2014. All 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 maintains Eilen, the Archive and Chronology of Finnish Foreign Policy which is available at [www.eilen.fi](http://www.eilen.fi). In addition to the chronology, the archive includes speeches and key documents of the Finnish foreign policy, and was opened in March 2012.

## Summary of Activities

### Research Focus Areas

The year 2015 was the second year of the Institute's three-year research programme period 2014–2016. During the year, Finland's international environment changed in a more tense direction which is more difficult to forecast than before. Russia's actions continued to influence the European security landscape in an unexpected manner, and the refugee crisis rocked political stability in Europe and created new pressure on Finland, too.

The European Union Research Programme studied the EU's external relations, the EU's major developments and the EU policies of the member states. As regards the Ukraine crisis, the programme analysed the EU's sanctions policy as well as the EU's relations with its Southern neighbourhood due to the events in the Middle East and Turkey. The EU's internal security also became a major issue studied within the programme.

The EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia Research Programme focused on Russia's foreign and security policy and on Russia's actions in Ukraine. Moreover, attention was paid to Russia's and the Eastern neighbourhood countries' internal political and economic developments. The domestic factors influencing Russia's foreign policy were studied

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in a special research project funded by the Prime Minister’s Office, to be concluded in 2016.

Research activity in the Global Security Research Programme focused on the study of global power structures and their changes. The geographical emphasis of the programme was in US and Asian studies in 2015, but the programme also covered a wide variety of other topics such as Arctic policies and Latin America. The changes in the security environment in the Baltic Sea region were also given a special emphasis in the programme.

### Publications

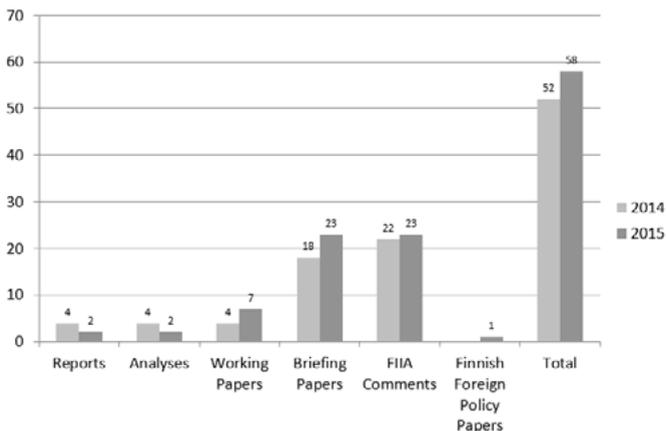
The Institute released a total of 58 publications in 2015, an increase of 11.5 percent from the year before. Approximately 32,500 publication downloads were recorded from the website, an increase of 42 percent.

54 percent of downloads came from Finland.

FIIA’s researchers also published widely outside the Institute, including books and PhD theses, policy papers by other research institutes as well as academic articles in peer-reviewed scholarly journals or scientific books. The Institute’s researchers published a total of 32 peer-reviewed articles in 2015. Altogether, over 160 external publications were published.

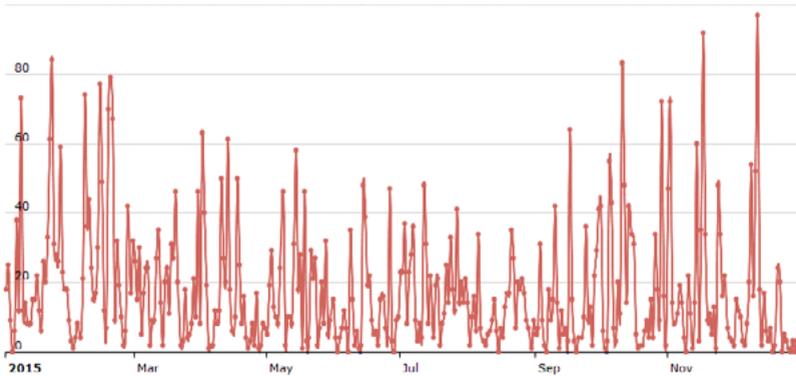
The quarterly journal of the Institute, Ulkopoliitiikka (Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs) maintained a circulation of c.a. 2,400. The Journal focussed on issues such as European defence, global energy issues, new world order and disappearing languages in its 2015 issues.

Number of Publications in 2014–2015



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## Appearances in the Media in 2015



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### Media Appearances

FIIA's media visibility was on a very high level throughout the year, especially due to appearances related to the Ukraine crisis and Russia, the refugee crisis and the security situation in the Baltic Sea region. The researchers also commented frequently on issues such as terrorism and ISIS as well as politics in the US. In addition, topics related to energy issues, Latin America, China and Arctic region were commented on in the media.

In 2015, over 6,300 hits for the Institute were recorded in online, television, radio and print media. Vast majority of the hits resulted from interviews with FIIA researchers.

### Seminar Activity

2015 was a highly busy year for FIIA's seminar activity with 88 organised

seminars. The seminars attracted 4,800 participants altogether.

### Parliamentary hearings

FIIA researchers provided 7 written and/or oral statements to parliamentary committees.

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## FIIA Publication Series 2015

### FIIA Reports

*Venäjän sotilasdoktriinit vertailussa: Nykyinen versio viritettiin kriisiajan taajuudelle*  
Katri Pynnöniemi & James Mashiri

*Russia's Hybrid War in Ukraine: Breaking the Enemy's Ability to Resist*  
András Rác

### Selected FIIA Working Papers

*The US Congress and decision-making on war: Debates on war powers in the separation of powers system*  
Anna Kronlund

*Nordic-Baltic security and US foreign policy: A durable transatlantic link?*  
Eoin Micheál McNamara, Magnus Nordenman & Charly Salonijs-Pasternak

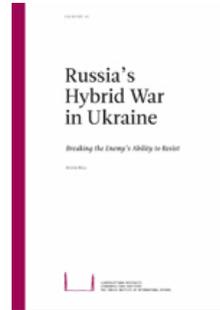
*On Arctic Exceptionalism: Critical reflections in the light of the Arctic Sunrise case and the crisis in Ukraine*  
Juha Käpylä & Harri Mikkola

### FIIA Analyses

*Can the Law Help? Debating Security Council Inaction on Syria*  
Katja Creutz

*Zugzwang in slow motion? The implications of Russia's system-level crisis*  
Veera Laine, Toivo Martikainen, Katri Pynnöniemi & Sinikukka Saari

### FIIA Reports



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## Finnish Foreign Policy Paper



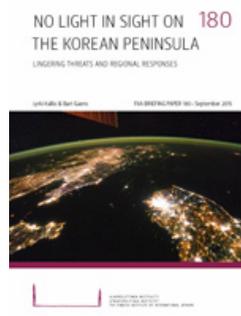
**Finnish Foreign Policy Paper**  
*Not just another tea party:  
The lasting value of the OSCE*  
Jaakko Iloniemi

## Selected FIIA Briefing Papers

*Pushed together by external forces?  
The foreign and security policies of Estonia and  
Finland in the context of the Ukraine crisis*  
Kristi Raik, Mika Aaltola, Katri Pynnöniemi, Charly  
Salonius-Pasternak

*Turkey's New Russian Policy:  
Towards a Strategic Alliance*  
Toni Alaranta

## FIIA Briefing Papers



*No light in sight on the Korean peninsula:  
Lingering threats and regional responses*  
Jyrki Kallio & Bart Gaens

*Crafting the EU global strategy: Building blocks  
for a stronger Europe*  
Kristi Raik, Niklas Helwig & Tuomas Iso-Markku

## Selected FIIA Comments

*Mutual defence in the EU*  
Teija Tiilikainen

*Egypt's democratic window-dressing*  
Wolfgang Mühlberger

*Parading for peace? China's military parade tar-  
gets both domestic and foreign audiences*  
Elina Sinkkonen

## FIIA Comments



*Ukraine is bigger than the conflict in Donbas*  
Arkady Moshes



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