

FIIA ^{1/2017} NEWSLETTER

FIIA has launched new research projects on Nordic cooperation, US global role, societal resilience, and tension on the Korean peninsula. FIIA has started publishing video recordings of selected seminars on its website.

Project on Nordic cooperation

Director **Teija Tiilikainen** will lead a project on the prospects of Nordic cooperation in foreign and security policy until the end of March 2018.

Project on US global role

Programme Director **Mika Aaltola** will lead a project on US global role and transatlantic relations until the end of 2017.

Like the project on Nordic cooperation, the project was granted 80,000€ and was launched in the beginning of March. Both projects were commissioned by the Government's Analysis, Assessment and Research Activities unit.

Project on resilience

FIIA has also been granted MATINE (Scientific Advisory Board for Defence) funding (51,030€) for a one-year project entitled "Societal Resilience in the Age of Competitive Interdependency: Prospects and Challenges". Programme Director **Mika Aaltola** and Senior Research Fellows **Harri Mikkola** (who will coordinate the project) and **Juha Käpylä** will take part in the project.

Projects on Korea and China

The Korea Foundation has granted \$25,000 to Senior Research Fellow **Elina Sinkkonen** for a research project on "Geopolitical and Ideological Tensions on the Korean Peninsula and Their Regional



Dr. Suzanne Fry, Director of the Strategic Futures Group of the US National Intelligence Council, presented a report on global trends at the 10th annual FIIA Day on 28 February. Video recording of the seminar is available on the [FIIA website](#).

Ramifications". The project started in January. Elina Sinkkonen and Senior Research Fellows **Bart Gaens**, **Jyrki Kallio** and **Katja Creutz** will contribute to the project.

After the Korea project, Sinkkonen will stay at FIIA on a four-year Kone Foundation research grant. Her research project will focus on the changing authoritarianism in China.

New Pact for Europe

The Finnish National Reflection Group led by FIIA **visited Lisbon** in the end of January to discuss the key challenges of the EU with the Portuguese reflection group. The final report providing a Finnish view to the ongoing debate on the future of Europe will be published in May. The **project** promotes a European-wide debate on reform proposals by addressing several fundamental questions which need to be answered to develop the EU. It is supported by a consortium of European

foundations and a high-level Advisory Group chaired by Herman Van Rompuy.

Seminar videos

FIIA has started publishing video recordings of selected seminars. The presentations of the 10th Annual FIIA Day seminar, "**Global Trends**", and another seminar, "**Oil and Geopolitics**", are already available on the FIIA website.

Staff News

Dr. Mark Katz will join FIIA for six months in the framework of the CUSPP (FIIA's Center on US Politics and Power) exchange programme in the beginning of April. He works as a Professor of Government and Politics at Schar School of Policy and Government of George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. His focus at FIIA will be on multiple challenges to US foreign policy. He is

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also an expert on Soviet and Russian foreign policy and global role.

In May, Leo Michel, an expert on US defence and security policy, will return to FIIA for six months. His second visit is also in the framework of the CUSPP exchange programme.

Adjunct Professor Jussi Lassila will join FIIA's EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia research programme in the beginning of April. He has published widely on Russian media and politics.

Senior Research Fellow **Charly Salenius-Pasternak** visited **Oxford University** in January-March.

Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs

This year's first issue of the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs (Ulkopolitiikka) concentrates on the future of multilateralism. Joonas Pörsti's **article** looks at what will happen to multilateral cooperation

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as nationalistic values are strengthening all over the world and Donald Trump's administration has already announced dramatic cuts to the US funding of some UN agencies.

The Journal also includes a wide **reportage** about the US alt-right movement. The Journal interviewed its leaders and asked what kind of world they want to create. The issue also deals with the domestic roots of Trump's foreign policy, Taliban in Afghanistan and the development of security and defence policy in Germany.

The Journal is available both as a **printed journal** and as an e-paper at lehtiluukku.fi.

Recent publications

All FIIA publications, including FIIA Comments not listed here, are available on the Institute's **website**.

Working Paper 93

**NATO as a "Nuclear Alliance":
Background and contemporary issues**
Leo Michel

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**The EU-Japan partnership: Stepping
stone for a stronger presence in Asia?**
Bart Gaens

**A More Powerful European Council:
Old and new trends**
Juha Jokela

**The Southern Gas Corridor:
Challenges to a geopolitical approach
in the EU's external energy policy**
Marco Siddi

**Alternative Ways of Global
Governance: Informal institutions
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Katja Creutz

**Turkish Troops in Syria: Is it all about
the Kurds from now on?**
Toni Alaranta

**Xi Jinping at Mid-term and Beyond:
What lies ahead for China during the
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Jyrki Kallio

**Middle Eastern Terror in Flux: Mosul
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Wolfgang Mühlberger & Olli
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FIIA Comments

**Trust in multilateral fora needs to be
restored**
Katja Creutz & Olli Ruohomäki

One Year after the Sanctions
Arkady Moshes & Ryhor Nizhnikau

Astana's Syria Conference
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