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# NEWSLETTER

FIIA and the Center for Transatlantic Relations have launched a project on domestic factors influencing U.S. and European foreign policies. FIIA will move to new premises at Arkadiankatu 23 in November.

## Project on US and Europe

FIIA and the Center for Transatlantic Relations at Johns Hopkins University (SAIS) in Washington D.C. have initiated a research project entitled “The Changing Domestic Determinants of U.S. and European Foreign Policies”. The project’s comparative approach looks at domestic political currents, demographic trends, changing economic prospects, and domestic institutional and personal factors influencing foreign policy on both sides of the Atlantic.

The project is led by Daniel S. Hamilton, Executive Director of the Center for Transatlantic Relations, and FIIA Director **Teija Tiilikainen**.

## Kultaranta Talks

The 5th **Kultaranta Talks** took place on 11–12 June in Naantali. In honour of the centenary of Finland’s independence, the future was discussed from the perspectives of security, politics and economics. High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini, Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs Børge Brende and Deputy Secretary General of NATO Rose Gottemoeller discussed the future of European security institutions.

The Kultaranta Talks were organised by the Office of the President of the Republic of Finland in cooperation with FIIA.



*David Kilcullen, Senior Fellow in the Future of War Program, New America Foundation, delivered the keynote speech at the seminar “Age of Islamic Militancy: The Future of Terrorism and Counterterrorism” in Helsinki on 23 May.*

## FIIA Report: The EU’s Choice

Ever since the global economic and financial crisis hit Europe in late 2008, European public debate has been rife with speculations about the possible collapse of the European Union. Yet the prevailing view in Europe is that the EU is needed more than ever to address common challenges.

FIIA Report **The EU’s Choice: Perspectives on deepening and differentiation** shows that the EU’s responses to the various upheavals indicate simultaneous trends of deepening integration and differentiation. It duly analyses the drivers, processes and implications of further integration on the one hand, and differentiation on the other.

The report is an outcome of a research project at FIIA entitled **Finland and the Tightening Competition in Global Politics** funded by the Government’s analysis, assessment and research activities.

## New Pact for Europe

The final report, **New Pact for Europe: National Report Finland**, provides a Finnish view on the ongoing debate on the future of Europe. The report, which was published in May, is based on discussions in the National Reflection Group and two transnational dialogues. Programme Director **Juha Jokela** acted as rapporteur.

The **project** promotes a European-wide debate. It is supported by a consortium of European foundations and a high-level Advisory Group chaired by Herman Van Rompuy.

## FIIA to move in November

As the Institute’s rental agreement expires at the end of November, FIIA will move from its current premises in Katajanokka, Helsinki, to Arkadiankatu 23. The new premises are closer to the Parliament.

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

### Staff News

Project Manager Sannamari Bagge will be on a leave of absence from July until the end of June 2018.

Kukka-Maria Kovsky will fill in for her for the next year.

An open vacancy in the **EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia** research programme will be announced in August.

### Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs

This year's second issue of *Ulkopolitiikka*, the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs, focuses on the **power of the rich**. Billionaires are influencing politics in Russia, China, the United States and all over the world.

The Journal also takes a look towards **Asia** as certain frozen conflicts are showing signs of escalation. In the Philippines, the political upheavals are mirrored in the lives of local fishermen.

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The Journal is available both as a **printed journal** and as an e-paper at [lehtiluukku.fi](http://lehtiluukku.fi).

### Recent publications

All FIIA publications are available on the Institute's **website**.

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#### Working Paper 94-96

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**America's Dilemma: Dealing with Multiple Adversaries Simultaneously**  
Mark N. Katz

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**Political culture and the domestic aspects of American leadership: Towards a new version of the Clash of Civilizations**

Mika Aaltola & Ville Sinkkonen

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**Trapped in the Twilight Zone? Sweden between neutrality and NATO**

Robert Dalsjö

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#### FIIA Briefing Papers 219-223

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**Belarus's Disequilibrium: Mounting Challenges and Reluctance to Change**  
Arkady Moshes & Ryhor Nizhnikau

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**India's 'Look East' - 'Act East' Policy: Hedging as a Foreign Policy Tool**

Bart Gaens & Olli Ruohomäki

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**Trade liberalization at a crossroads:**

**The US and China play key roles**

Tuuli Koivu

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**The cyber-enabled information struggle: Russia's approach and Western vulnerabilities**

Veli-Pekka Kivimäki

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Teemu Tammikko

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#### FIIA Comments

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Charly Saloniemi-Pasternak

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**The crisis over Ukraine - three years on: Is a "grand bargain" totally ruled out?**

Arkady Moshes

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David Cadier

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Elina Sinkkonen

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**The antitrust dispute between the European Commission and Gazprom**

Marco Siddi

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Jyrki Kallio

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