

# FIIA <sup>2/2018</sup> NEWSLETTER

FIIA took part in organising Kultaranta Talks and concluded a research project on hybrid influencing in democracies. FIIA researchers published nine peer-reviewed articles by the end of May in 2018.

## Kultaranta Talks

The **Kultaranta Talks** on 17–18 June 2018 concentrated on the future of the international order, the multilateral system and international climate policy. Hosted by President Sauli Niinistö at Kultaranta in Naantali, the event focused on foreign and security policy was held for the sixth time.

Among the many speakers were UN Secretary-General António Guterres, Prime Minister Juha Sipilä, Vice President of the European Commission Jyrki Katainen, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Martti Ahtisaari, former Swedish Prime Minister Carl Bildt and FIIA Director **Teija Tiilikainen**.

The Office of the President of the Republic of Finland organised the event in cooperation with FIIA.

## Research project on hybrid influencing and resilience

A team of FIIA researchers (**Mika Aaltola**, **Harri Mikkola**, **Mikael Wigell** and **Antto Vihma** together with Tapio Juntunen from University of Tampere) have produced a **report** on hybrid influencing and the vulnerabilities and resilience of democracies (in Finnish). The project was funded by MATINE (The Scientific Advisory Board for Defence) and it was led by Programme Director Mika Aaltola.

## Scientific Advisory Council

FIIA's **Scientific Advisory Council** (SAC) had its annual meeting 24–25



*President Niinistö and United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres at Kultaranta Talks on 18 June.*

May. SAC met for the first time in its new composition which has been nominated for a three-year period 2018–2020. It re-elected Volker Perthes, the director of the SWP in Berlin, as the chairperson.

The tasks of the SAC include offering advice on FIIA's research policy guidelines, the assessment of the quality and relevance of its research work, and the support of its international activities. The SAC was very happy with the activities of the institute. The composition of SAC can be found on the **FIIA website**.

## Olli Ruohomäki part of an independent investigation team

An independent investigation team has completed a safety investigation of the stabbings that took place in Turku on 18 August 2017. In its **report**, the investigation team gives nine safety recommendations in order to prevent similar attacks, minimise damages and improve safety in the future.

FIIA's Senior Visiting Fellow **Olli Ruohomäki** was part of the independent investigation team.

## Peer-reviewed articles

Between January and May 2018, FIIA researchers published nine peer-reviewed articles in academic books from **Palgrave MacMillan** and **Routledge** and journals including **Geopolitics**, **Politics**, **Comparative Strategy** and **the Hague Journal of Diplomacy**. On average, FIIA researchers publish over 20 peer-reviewed articles annually.

## Staff News

Director **Teija Tiilikainen** has been granted a part-time professorship at the European University Institute (EUI) School of Transnational Governance in Florence. She will take part in the planning of two new masters programmes to the school and in teaching activities related to them. The new position does not affect her duties at FIIA.

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## Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs

This year's second issue of *Ulkopolitiikka*, the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs, focuses on Russia's foreign policy tools and strategies. The **main story** depicts how Russia actively tries to narrow down the room for maneuver of the West, deepens its ties with China, and keeps most of its options open towards the key players in the Middle East.

In the profile interview, FIIA's Visiting Senior Research Fellow Leo Michel sheds light on why the world still needs nuclear weapons. In addition, *Ulkopolitiikka* analyses how similar or dissimilar Europe's right-wing parties are, and looks at **why gender inequalities persist in international politics**.

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

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## Recent publications

All FIIA publications are available on the Institute's [website](#).

### Reports

**The security strategies of the US, China, Russia and the EU: Living in different worlds**

Mika Aaltola, Jyrki Kallio, Kristi Raik, Katri Pynnöniemi

**Hybridivaikuttaminen ja demokratian resilienssi: Ulkoisen häirinnän mahdollisuudet ja torjuntakyky liberaaleissa demokratioissa**

Harri Mikkola, Mika Aaltola, Mikael Wigell, Antto Vihma & Tapio Juntunen

**A Stronger North? Nordic cooperation in foreign and security policy in a new security environment**  
Tuomas Iso-Markku, Eeva Innola, Teija Tiilikainen

### FIIA Briefing Papers

**Ambiguity and stability in the Baltic Sea region**  
Charlie Salenius-Pasternak

**The defence of Finland and Sweden: Continuity and variance in strategy and public opinion**  
Charlie Salenius-Pasternak

**The US-Japan-India-Australia Quadrilateral Security Dialogue: Indo-Pacific alignment or foam in the ocean?**  
Sophie Eisentraut & Bart Gaens

**Russian-Chinese relations in Eurasia: Harmonization or subordination?**  
Marcin Kaczmarek

## FIIA Working Papers

**The 'New Turkey' as a NATO member: Domestic state transformation and competing strategic cultures**  
Toni Alaranta

**Geo-Economics as Concept and Practice in International Relations: Surveying the State of the Art**  
Mikael Wigell & Sören Scholvin

### FIIA Comments

**Italy's new maverick government: Mixed signals for the EU, bad news for asylum seekers**  
Marco Siddi

**Finland, Sweden, and NATO's 2018 summit: The agenda looks good for the Nordic neighbours**  
Matti Pesu

**President Trump's Iran sanctions gamble: Divergence across the Atlantic**  
Katja Creutz & Ville Sinkkonen

**Putin 4.0: 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it'**  
Arkady Moshes

**Post-Castro Cuba: Entrenched Military Guarantees Continuity**  
Mikael Wigell

**Russia's Propaganda War about Syria: How Pro-Kremlin Twitter Accounts Manipulate the West**  
Sophie Eisentraut

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