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**FIIA Activities
in 2018**

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Introduction

The Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA) is an independent research institute which 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 its research agenda independently. Its fellows publish in internationally recognised 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 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.

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 neighbourhood 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 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 world's great-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. Asia and the Arctic are also on the programme's agenda.

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 one's 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 FIIA Analysis series was launched in early 2014 and it became a peer-reviewed publication in 2017. 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 roundtables to large public seminars.

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. In addition to the chronology, the archive includes speeches and key documents of Finnish foreign policy, and was opened in March 2012.

Summary of Activities

Research Focus Areas

The year 2018 was an eventful year in the midst of the Institute's three-year research programme period 2017–2019. International politics in 2018 was characterised by a crisis in great-power relations and concerns over the rules-based international order.

President Donald Trump withdrew from both the Paris climate agreement and the UN human rights council, while relations between the US and China escalated to a trade war. Criticism against Russia increased in the US as accusations of election meddling proved true. These tensions also affected the partial deterioration of arms control systems. European affairs on the other hand were shaped by significant developments in the political spectrum of EU member states such as Germany, Italy, Poland and Hungary. Despite an increase of political instability and challenges to EU's principle of rule of law, citizens' approval of EU grew.

The focus of the *European Union Research Programme* concerned mainly EU's global role and security policy, which also became joint themes with the Global Security research programme. The EU research programme looked at EU's role as a security community, the Brexit process and how the EU has coped in a tense environment of great

power politics. Russia policies of bigger EU countries, energy policy, and Nordic foreign and security policy cooperation were studied. In addition to EU's external relations, close attention was paid to the internal development of the union as well as EU policies of member states.

The focus of the *EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia Research Programme* moved from Russia's foreign and defence policy and Russia's actions in Ukraine towards research on domestic political factors behind the foreign policy and analysis of civil society. Political and economic developments of EU's eastern neighbourhood countries, especially Ukraine and Belarus were studied as well. Substantial efforts were made in comprehensive research on Sino-Russia relations and political and economic developments in the post-

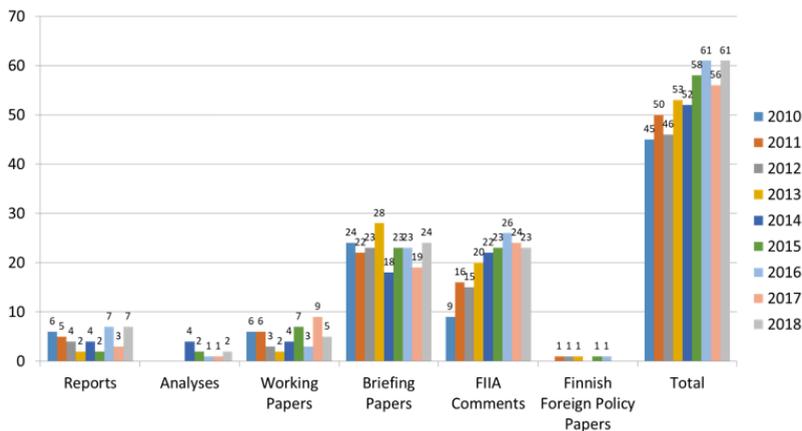
Soviet region.

Research activity in the *Global Security Research Programme* focused on global power structures and their changes, with geographical emphasis on the US and Asia, including China's global role and India. A geoeconomic perspective functioned as an integrative element under the programme's broad research agenda. Research on issues such as resilience in western societies against hybrid interference was also conducted.

Publications

The Institute released a total of 61 publications in 2018, an increase of 8.9 percent from the year before. Over 41 000 publication downloads/views were recorded from the website. FIIA's researchers also published widely outside the Institute, including

Number of Publications in 2010–2018



FIIA Publication Series 2018

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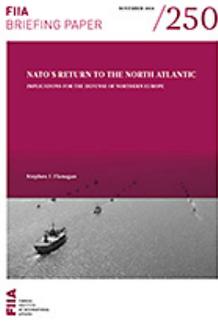


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