

FIIA ^{1/2011} NEWSLETTER

FIIA has launched new research programmes for the next three-year period. The programmes focus on global security, the European Union and EU's eastern neighbourhood with a special focus on Russia's domestic and foreign policy.

Research programmes

A new programme structure has been launched at FIIA for the period 2011-2013. The three research programmes are:

the EU research programme (director Juha Jokela),

the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia research programme (director Arkady Moshes) and

the Global Security research programme (director Mika Aaltola).

The programmes all have three-year working programmes and employ between six and ten researchers each.

Research projects

A research project regarding Finnish Perspectives towards the European Security Market was started at FIIA in March 2011. The other partners in the project are the National Defence University and Finland Futures Research Centre at the University of Turku. The funding for this two-year project comes from the Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation.

The "Securing the Global Flows" project takes place within the Multinational Experiment 7 (MNE 7) during 2011-2012 and is funded by the Scientific Advisory Board for Defence. The premise of the project is that there is a vital need to develop a more coherent and up-to-date normative framework concerning access to global commons (maritime, air, space,



*The speakers of the annual FIIA day ("The Current Economic Turmoil in Europe and the Future of Euro", 1 March): Dr. Jean-Dominique Giuliani (left; **Robert Schuman Foundation**), Dr. Volker Perthes (**SWP**), the Speaker of the Finnish Parliament Sauli Niinistö and Dr. Teija Tiilikainen (FIIA).*

and cyber) which are central to the global flows of information, trade and people.

A research project on the future of Nordic cooperation and influence in a changing political environment (Norden 2020) will be concluded by June 2011. The project is funded jointly with the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and is linked with the Finnish presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers. The final report, which will include policy recommendations, will be published to coincide with the Nordic Prime Ministers' meeting in Helsinki on 20-21 June.

New networks and memberships

FIIA joined the TAPIR-network (The Transatlantic Post-Doc Fellowship for International Relations and Security) in April 2011. The network, led by the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, provides young scholars with two-year fellowships to the network's ten member institutes.

FIIA was nominated to the Steering Committee of the Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission (**EuroMeSCO**) for a period of two years last November. The network comprises 63 institutes from 35 countries in Europe and the

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Mediterranean. Researcher Timo Behr will be representing FIIA on the Steering Committee.

Institute Director Teija Tiilikainen became a member of the **European Council on Foreign Relations** at the end of 2010. Programme Director Mika Aaltola (Global Security Research Programme) has been nominated to the Steering Committee of the Standing Group on International Relations (SGIR).

The EU research programme participates in a Europe-wide PhD and professional training programme **Marie Curie Initial Training Network EXACT**. The focus of the programme is on the EU External Action. As a part of the training programme two PhD candidates will work in the Institute during 2011.

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Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs

The next issue of the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs (**Ulkopolitiikka-lehti**) will be published on 1 June. The theme of this issue will be the industrialised countries' debt crisis. It will also include analysis of the continuing uprisings in the Arab world. In the series about the journal's 50-year history, Jukka Huopaniemi is interviewed about his 1974 article regarding 'Finlandization'.

Publications

All of the FIIA publications can be downloaded from the **institute's website**. Some of the most recent FIIA publications and books by FIIA researchers include:

Books

Palgrave 2011

Russia as a Network State: What Works in Russia When State Institutions Do Not?

Vadim Kononenko, Arkady Moshes (eds.)

NIAS Press 2011

Politicized Society: The Long Shadow of Taiwan's One-Party Legacy

Mikael Mattlin

FIIA Reports 27-28

Tradition in Chinese politics: The Party-state's reinvention of the past and the critical response from public intellectuals

Jyrki Kallio

Hard choices: The EU's Options in a Changing Middle East

Timo Behr (ed.)

FIIA Briefing Papers 74-80

One question, any answers? The EU's role in solving the Kurdish question in Turkey

Johanna Nykänen

A climate of consensus: The UNFCCC faces challenges of legitimacy and effectiveness

Antto Vihma

The Arab uprising: Causes, prospects and implications

Timo Behr & Mika Aaltola

Practicing progressive pragmatism: Charting Barack Obama's course for U.S. foreign policy

Charly Saloniemi-Pasternak

Getting cold in the Caucasus: Can the EU prevent the freezing of the Georgian-Russian conflict

Teemu Sinkkonen

Whose money? The tug-of-war over Chinese state enterprise profits

Mikael Mattlin

Between conditionality and engagement: Revisiting the EU's democracy promotion in the Eastern neighbourhood

Kristi Raik

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