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FIIA Activities in 2016

The Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Introduction

The Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA) is an independent research institute that 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 the research agenda independently. Its fellows publish in internationally recognized 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 and 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 environment 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.

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 their 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 Analysis publication series was launched in early 2014. 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 major conferences.

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 2016 was the third year of the Institute's three-year research programme period 2014-2016. The year was eventful in international politics and it included various unpredictable events.

Wars in Ukraine and Syria continued and increased political tensions in Europe in the form of the juxtaposition of security policy, the continuing refugee crisis and international terrorism. The referendum vote of the United Kingdom to leave the European Union increased uncertainty about the EU's unity and ability to function. Uncertainty spread to affect the future of transatlantic relations when Donald Trump was elected as president of the United States in November.

The European Union Research Programme studied the EU's external relations, the EU's major developments and the EU policies of the member states. Moreover, attention was paid to the EU's relations with the Middle East and Turkey, a theme which was also examined separately from the EU. The EU's energy policy as well as the Union's security and defence policy became crosscutting themes with the Global Security research programme.

The EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia Research Programme focused

on Russia's foreign and security policy and on Russia's actions in Ukraine. Additional focus was placed on the internal political and economic developments in Russia and the Eastern neighbourhood countries, especially Ukraine and Belarus. The domestic factors influencing Russia's foreign policy were studied in a special research project funded by the Prime Minister's Office that was concluded in 2016.

Research activity in the Global Security Research Programme focused on the study of global power structures and their changes. The geographical emphasis of the programme was in US and Asian studies in 2016, but the programme also covered a wide variety of other topics such as Arctic policies and Latin America. The changes in the security environment in the Baltic Sea

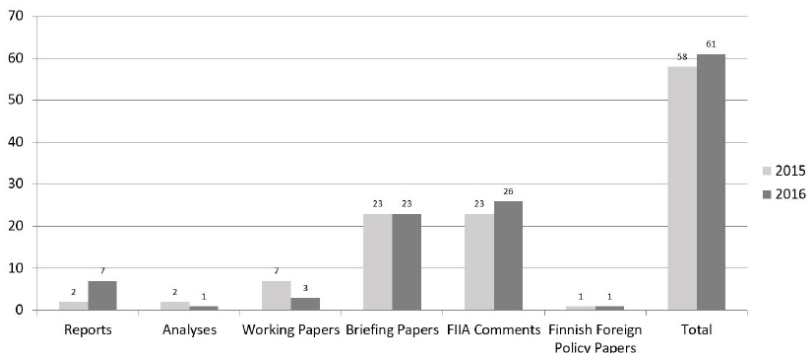
region as well as questions in security policy (including security of supply) were also given a special emphasis in the programme.

Publications

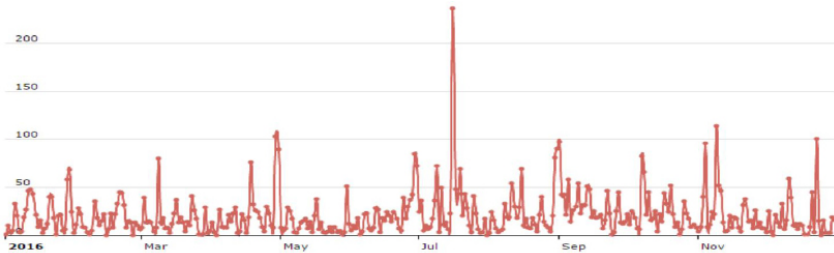
The Institute released a total of 61 publications in 2016, an increase of 5.2 percent from the year before. Approximately 29,900 publication downloads were recorded from the website. 55 percent of downloads came from Finland.

FIIA's researchers also published widely outside the Institute, including books and PhD theses, policy papers by other research institutes as well as academic articles in peer-reviewed scholarly journals or scientific books. The Institute's researchers published a total of 21 peer-reviewed articles in 2016. Altogether, over 150 external publications were published.

Number of Publications in 2015–2016



Appearances in the Media in 2016



The quarterly journal of the Institute, *Ulkopoliitikka* (Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs) maintained a circulation of c.a. 2,500. In its 2016 issues, the Journal dealt with themes such as fear in world politics, the rise of nationalism, and identity in foreign policy.

Media Appearances

FIIA's media visibility was on a very high level throughout the year, especially due to appearances related to a report entitled "Neighbouring an Unpredictable Russia: Implications for Finland". The report was released in late August, and discussion concerning the report continued on an almost daily basis even in October.

The researchers also commented frequently on issues such as terrorism, Turkey's coup attempt and political development, the fighting

in Syria, presidential elections in the United States, and Russian activity in international platforms.

In 2016, over 8,700 hits for the Institute were recorded in online, television, radio and print media. Vast majority of the hits resulted from interviews with FIIA researchers.

Seminar Activity

2016 was a highly busy year for FIIA's seminar activity with 101 organised seminars and roundtable discussions. The seminars attracted 5,365 participants altogether.

Parliamentary hearings

FIIA researchers provided 22 written and/or oral statements to parliamentary committees in 2016.

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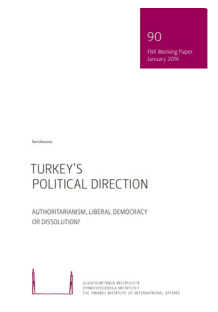
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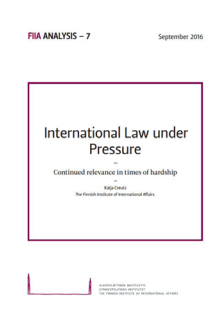
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