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UPDATE IN BRIEF

RESEARCH AWARDS

On 4th December 2014, this year's winners of the THESEUS awards for promising and outstanding research will publicly present their work. The presentation takes place at the LIIA-TEPSA-THESEUS Pre-Presidency Conference in Riga (see Page 3).

THESEUS PHD WORKSHOP 2014

'The EU after the Crisis' is the topic of the THESEUS PhD Workshop 2014, on 16th and 17th October at Sciences Po Paris. Around ten elected postgraduate students of different universities will get the chance to discuss their research work with Prof. Renaud Dehousse, Centre d'études européennes at Sciences Po, and Prof. Wolfgang Wessels, Jean Monnet Chair at the University of Cologne.

VISITING PROFESSORSHIP 2014

In October 2014, Dr. Céline Belot, Sciences Po Grenoble and CNRS, will start her THESEUS visiting professorship at the University of Cologne for the winter term 2014/15. In her seminar, she will discuss the characteristics and origins of Euroscepticism.

SAVE THE DATE

INAUGURAL LECTURE

On 27th October 2014, Dr. Céline Belot will hold her inaugural lecture on 'The emergence of the EU as a political issue: cause for despair or source of hope for European integration?'. It precedes her THESEUS Guest-Professorship at the University of Cologne in the winter term 2014/15. For more information about Belot and her seminar please visit www.theseus-europe.net.

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FEATURE TOPIC: THESEUS SUMMER SCHOOL 2014

During the THESEUS Summer School in June 2014, international students met with political scientists and practitioners in Brussels to discuss the planned Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) between the USA and the European Union.

Among the speakers were Prof. Zaki Laidi (Sciences Po Paris), Prof. Steffen Hindelang (Freie Universität Berlin) and Luca di Carli (DG Trade, European Commission).

The presentations and panel contributions during the first days of the summer school explored a broad range of political, economic, legal and societal challenges surrounding the free trade agreement. They ranged from the challenges for regulatory harmonisation between the United States and the EU to the im-

highlight for the participating students was the final simulation exercise in which they simulated European Council negotiations over the adoption of a mandate to the EU Commission for free trade negotiations with the United States. Programme, report and pictures of the summer school can be found on the THESEUS Website.



THESEUS is a European network of thinkers and actors. It aims at fostering an open and constructive dialogue about future challenges of Europe between academia and politics as well as generations to establish a European interdisciplinary and cross-generational network.

JOINT CONFERENCE

On 24th and 25th March 2014, the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) hosted a pre-presidency conference to discuss 'Priorities and Challenges of the 2014 Italian EU Presidency'.

Three months prior to Italy's presidency of the Council of the EU, academics, practitioners and policy-analysts discussed topics ranging from



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European economic governance over the Ukrainian crisis to challenges for stimulating a job-creating growth. Talks about European neighbourhood policy, prospects of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and the reformation of the EU's immigration policy led to a lively and fruitful exchange of opinions between participants. Also, the conference included a general debate on the effectiveness and legitimacy of EU leadership. The analyses and discussion outcomes of the participating experts resulted in a list of recommendations to provide the Italian government with possible initiatives to advance the European integration process.

The conference was jointly organised with the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), in cooperation with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Commission Representation in Italy, THESEUS and the Centro studi sul federalismo (CSF) in Rome.

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THESEUS EUROPE@WORK 2014 – Berlin & Brussels

THESEUS Europe@Work – Where the Ivory Tower meets Political Life' is an international and interdisciplinary teaching module to offer students insights in 'real life' political processes.

In June 2014, the excursion of this year's seminar on European Energy Policy took place in Berlin and Brussels. During the excursion, the participating political science and energy economics students from the University of Cologne, the Turkish-German University Istanbul and the Charles University Prague visited different institutions, interest groups and policymakers to discuss current challenges of European Energy Policy.

The first part of the excursion took place from 11th to 13th June 2014 in Berlin. The students learned about challenges of the Federal Foreign Office in making Germany's voice heard in international debates on energy policy. They dived in descriptions of the day-to-day debates in the German Parliament and were informed about the behind-the-scenes processes of strategy development within the German Economic Council in shaping German energy policy in a business-friendly way.

From 16th to 18th June 2014, the students spent the second part of their excursion in Brussels. They were in-



duced in NATO's calculations concerning the development of international conflicts and got the chance to question an energy expert of the European Commission about the institution's positions in European energy talks. At the newly formed European External Action Service (EEAS), they received insights in the institution's action plan for giving the EU a strong voice in United Nations (UN) conferences and other crucial meetings in international policy-making. In all debates, the on-going Ukraine crisis and its consequences for energy security in Europe played a crucial role.

The THESEUS Europe@Work Seminar 2014 was jointly organised by the Jean Monnet Chair of Prof. Wessels and the Institute of Energy Economics (EWI), University of Cologne. More information about the seminar, including its final roundtable discussion, is available on www.theseus-europe.net.



LATVIAN PRESIDENCY

From 4th to 5th December, the LLIA-TEPSA-THESEUS Pre-Presidency Conference 'Moving the Union Forward: Involvement, Growth, Sustainability' will take place in Riga. It precedes the Latvian presidency of the Council of the European Union, which will start in January 2015.

The THESEUS conference will discuss both issues with an 'inward-' and 'outward-perspective' on EU politics. The



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former will concentrate on citizens' concerns in an increasingly influential EU, namely the sustainability of institutional and economic developments. The latter includes talks on the EU-USA Transatlantic partnership (TTIP) and its influences on development cooperation and international trade. Further sessions of the conference address the Eastern partnership, European energy policy and opportunities for promoting growth and jobs within the EU.

Part of the Pre-Presidency Conference will be the official presentation of the winning works of the THESEUS awards for promising and outstanding research on European integration. Once a year, the promising award honours an excellent work of a junior researcher in the field of European integration. The outstanding award correspondently honours long lasting efforts taken by a senior researcher.

The THESEUS conference is jointly organised with TEPSA, the Latvian Institute of International Affairs (LIIA), and the European Commission Representation in Latvia. More information will shortly follow on the websites of TEPSA (www.tepsa.eu), THESEUS (www.theseus-europe.net) and the LIIA (www.lai.lv).

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From left to right, backrow: Mirja Schröder, Wolfgang Wessels, Thomas Suermann and Brigid Laffan with the winners of the THESEUS awards on promising and outstanding research 2013 Andrés Inotai (front, left) and Francisco Seoane Pérez (front, right).

THE TEPSA NETWORK

The Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), partner of THESEUS, is a network of leading European research institutes in the field of European affairs, with an office situated in Brussels. TEPSA's aim is to provide high quality research on European integration based on the triple 'A' approach of Analysis, Assessment and Advice, which shall result in most efficient discussions on European policies and options for resolving future political challenges.

TEPSA has been established as an international non-profit association under Belgian law in 1974 and has steadily increased its membership to include institutes all throughout Europe in response to the enlargement rounds of the European Union. Nowadays, TEPSA consists of 33 member institutes and associate members located in 29 countries, both EU member states and candidate countries. TEPSA and its member institutes engage in a two-fold approach, providing expertise on EU policies and politics combined with profound experience in organising and conducting EU wide research, training and networks.

TEPSA's activities are undertaken in close cooperation with its partners, ranging from TEPSA member institutes to EU institutions, national governments, universities and civil society. The association is governed by its members via a general manage-

ment organ (TEPSA General Assembly), which elects the administration organ (TEPSA Board) for a period of three years.

The chairperson of the TEPSA Board is Professor Wolfgang Wessels, chair holder of the Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science at the University of Cologne. The Secretary General, responsible for the daily management of the association, is Professor Jaap de Zwaan, Lector of European Integration at The Hague University for Applied Sciences and emeritus Professor of European Union Law at the Erasmus University Rotterdam.



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