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### UPDATE IN BRIEF

#### CALL FOR APPLICATION

Until 30 September 2015, young researchers can take the chance to apply for the THESEUS Promising Award with their work in the field of European integration. The award is endowed with 2,000.00 EUR. Call for application: <http://theseus.uni-koeln.de/>

#### THESEUS VISITING PROFESSORSHIP

In October 2015, Prof Fabien Terpan, Sciences Po Grenoble, takes over the THESEUS Visiting Professorship for the winter term 2015/16 at the University of Cologne. In his seminar, he will discuss "The Politics of Law in the European Union".

### SAVE THE DATE

#### AWARD LECTURE

On 26 October 2015, 7 pm, THESEUS Outstanding Award Winner 2014 Prof Loukas Tsoukalis, ELIAMEP, and Prof Wolfgang Streeck, former director of the MPIfG, will speak at the Fritz Thyssen Foundation in Cologne on the future of the Eurozone (**Page 3**).

#### INAUGURAL LECTURE

On 28 October 2015, 7 pm, Prof Fabien Terpan will hold his inaugural lecture at the Institute of Political Science at the University of Cologne (Gottfried-Keller-Str. 6, 50931 Cologne).

#### PUBLIC LECTURE

On 19 November 2015, 7 pm, THESEUS welcomes the President of the European Court of Justice (ECJ) Vassilios Skouris for a public lecture at the Fritz Thyssen Foundation in Cologne.

Please find more information about all THESEUS activities on [www.theseus-europe.net](http://www.theseus-europe.net).

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### FEATURE TOPIC: THESEUS SUMMER SCHOOL 2015



The summer school participants discuss migration and asylum policies with experts Dr Leonhard den Hertog, CEPS, and Dr Yves Pascouau, EPC.

Combining theory and practice: From 22 to 26 June 2015, the THESEUS Summer School 2015 invited 20 international students and young researchers to discuss the topic "Justice, Security and Liberty: Conflicting Goals?" with renowned experts at the Fondation Universitaire in Brussels. The highlight for many students was the final moot court exercise, which is a simulation of a court procedure at the European Court of Justice (ECJ).

During the first three days, the group listened to a series of lectures depicting different aspects of the topic. The renowned speakers came from



the fields of politics and law, working in various parts of Europe. THESEUS Resident Researcher Dr Sarah Leonard, University of Dundee, accompanied the seminar during the whole week. She raised the partici-

**"The topic was so complex that interdisciplinary work was definitely needed."**

- Fabian Rohde, University of Cologne

pants' attention for central questions of European security policies and asked them, what impression they had on the importance of security in EU politics. Carsten Kalla, University of Bonn, spoke about the "perplexities" of freedom, illustrated by the problem of handling data retention between regulations of EU law and national law. Peter Knoope, International Centre

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.

## PROJEKT ACTIVITIES

for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) in The Hague, focused on the topic of counter-terrorism policies, and Dr Leonhard den Hertog, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), and Dr Yves Pascouau, European Policy Centre (EPC) both in Brussels, closed the lecture part of the summer school with their speeches on EU migration and asylum policies.



The moot court was the summer school highlight for many THESEUS summer school participants.

After having discussed the many facets of the summer school topic, the last two days were left for the students and young researchers to apply their knowledge and to dive into the process of judicial decision-making. The simulated case dealt with the admissibility and validity of the Directive on data retention 2006/24/EC, which was defined invalid in the simulation due to its violation of fundamental rights.

“For me as a political scientist, the moot court was one of the most interesting aspects in my student life so far”, said Political Science student Fabian Rohde. Julie Schäfer studies Law at the University of Cologne. The moot court was a new and interesting experience for her. “The intercultural and different subjects that we are studying contributed to two spectacular simulation days, although the co-working between political science and law students was not easy”, explained Julie. She, as well as the other participants, want to recommend the summer school participation to her fellow students.

The summer school was organised in cooperation with THESEUS Project Partner TEPSA. Please find more information on [www.theseus.uni-koeln.de/index.php?id=226](http://www.theseus.uni-koeln.de/index.php?id=226).

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## THESEUS EUROPE@WORK 2015 – Paris & Brussels

“European Energy and Climate Policy” was the topic of the Europe@Work Seminar 2015. 30 international master students from the fields of politics and economics met in Paris and Brussels from 8 to 12 June to visit numerous crucial institutions and discuss the topic with involved decision-makers and experts.

The group got detailed information about the development and associated challenges of European Energy Policy, including risks of market stability, energy prices, the Emissions Trading System (ETS), benchmarks to reduce CO<sub>2</sub>-Emissions, the cooperation between member states and incentives for investors. Among the visited institutions were the company Electricité de France, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the International Energy Agency (IEA), the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), the European Climate Foundation (ECF) and the European Commission. The students came from the University of Cologne, the Turkish-German University (TGU) and Charles University in Prague.

The Europe@Work Seminar 2015 was closed with a roundtable discus-



The participants in discussions with energy and climate experts and during their visit of the Parliament (below).

sion on “European Energy Security: Consequences after the Ukraine Crisis. The Future Role of Turkey” on 9 July. The roundtable was chaired by Prof Wolfgang Wessels, University of Cologne. The panelists were Prof Atila Eralp, Middle East Technical University Ankara (METU) and Dr Harald Hecking, Institute of Energy Economics (EWI), as well as two students of Political Science and Economics from the University of Cologne. Dr Hecking spoke about the costs of energy supply and different international pipeline projects. Prof Eralp focused on the role of Turkey as important energy transit state. The audience could get engaged in the following open discussion.

More information on the excursion and the roundtable discussion are available on [www.theseus.uni-koeln.de/index.php?id=225](http://www.theseus.uni-koeln.de/index.php?id=225).

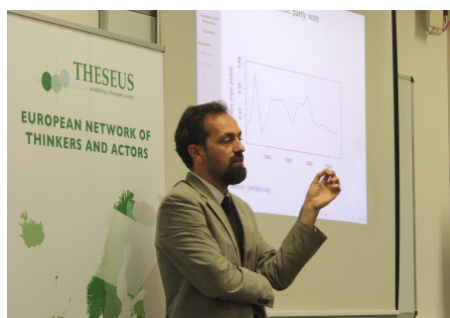




**PROJECT PARTNERS**

**INAUGURAL LECTURE**

How will the future of democracy look like? This is one of the central questions that the French scientist and THESEUS Visiting Professor Emiliano Grossman addresses in his research. In his inaugural lecture on 12 May 2015, he shared his reflections with students, scientists and interested citizens. "We have to analyse the relationship between supply- and demand-side of politics more closely and in new ways, if we want to understand the contemporary political economy", stated Grossman, speaking about politicians and voters.



THESEUS Visiting Professor Emiliano Grossman speaks about the future of democracy at the University of Cologne.

He criticized a supply side focus in politics, which "arises from the understanding that citizens have to adapt to available political options", said Grossman. "This system does no longer function." In his view, voters have become more critical. "They are losing their trust in established parties and partly also their political system." The consequence was that they voted for radical parties or that they no longer came to elections, a development which was further intensified through the current crisis letting people rethink the quality of their government. Grossman found that people above all looked at comparative government performance. „If the growth rate of a country [...] is slightly higher than that of its neighbour states, people are happy", summarised Grossman. A following reception invited the participants to further informal discussions.

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**AWARD LECTURE**

On 26 October 2015, Prof Loukas Tsoukalis, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), and Prof Wolfgang Streeck, former director of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG,) will speak about possible shortcomings of European monetary integration at the Fritz Thyssen Foundation in Cologne. The lecture shall give the opportunity to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of monetary union, the present state of affairs, and Greece as a special case study. It also builds the floor to discuss the risks of disintegration more generally. Registration for participation is possible as of 28 September 2015 via the Fritz Thyssen Foundation ([www.fritz-thyssen-stiftung.de](http://www.fritz-thyssen-stiftung.de)).

In 2014, Prof Loukas Tsoukalis won the THESEUS Outstanding Award for his long-term engagement in the field of European integration research.



THESEUS Outstanding Award Winner Loukas Tsoukalis, ELIAMEP, (3rd from the left) with THESEUS Board Members Prof Wolfgang Wessels, University of Cologne, and Dr Frank Suder, Fritz Thyssen Foundation, and THESEUS Project Manager Mirja Schröder, University of Cologne.

At his awarding ceremony during the Latvian Pre-Presidency Conference on 4 December 2014 in Riga, the scientist explained that for him the European project has always been a symbol for "peace and open borders, democracy, economic development and inclusive societies in a continent confident in its diversity and proud not only of its past". In his research, he critically analyses the EU's development.

More information on the event will follow on [www.theseus.uni-koeln.de](http://www.theseus.uni-koeln.de).

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Centre d'études européennes (CEE) is a multidisciplinary laboratory dedicated to comparative political analysis. Its Director is THESEUS Board Member Prof Renaud Dehousse. Once a year, CEE organises the THESEUS PhD Workshop. The next workshop will be in January 2016.

Created in 2005, CEE's research community includes 120 members. They form a strong team forged by shared scientific thinking and participatory governance. The researchers work in four departments (political science, sociology, law and history), as well as at the Paris School for International Affairs (PSIA). All are internationally known as belonging to the most renowned expert groups in their specific field within Europe. The Centre is part of Sciences Po Paris, renowned French University for the education of future leaders in the fields of Politics and Economics.

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