A SEMINAR HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MALTA IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CENTRE FOR SMALL STATE STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND

SMALL STATES IN THE EU: PASSIVE POLICY TAKERS OR INDUSTRIOUS AGENDA-SETTERS?

PROGRAME
SEMINAR PROGRAMME
MONDAY 11 MAY 2015
University of Malta - Valletta Campus
Old University Building
St Paul Street

8:30-9:00  Registration
9:00-9:10  Welcoming Address
Professor Roderick Pace, Institute for European Studies, University of Malta

9:10-9:20  Small States in Europe: Opportunities and Challenges
A Brief introduction of the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership Project
Pia Hansson, Director, Centre for Small State Studies

9:20-9:40  Small States beyond the EU: Deploying a ‘Small State-Large State’ Perspective onto the Japan-China Dispute in the East China Sea
Professor Godfrey Baldacchino, Department of Sociology, University of Malta

9:40-10:00  Maximizing Influence in the European Union: Small State Strategies in the European Institutional Landscape
Professor Anders Wivel, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen

10:00-10:20  Do Small States need Shelter? The Baltic States, the Nordic Nations and Scotland
Professor Baldur Thorhallsson, Jean Monnet Chair and Professor of Political Science, University of Iceland

10:20-10:35  Coffee break

10:35-10:55  Small States in the EU: Cyprus and Malta
Professor Roderick Pace, Professor Charalombous Tsardinidis and Professor Stelios Stavridis

10:55-11:15  The EU Council Presidency: Challenges for a Small State Public Administration
Dr. Külli Sarapuu, Ragnar Nurkse School of Innovation and Governance, Tallinn University of Technology

11:15-11:35  Luxembourg and the Rotating Council Presidency of the EU: Experiences and Challenges
Guido Lessing, Professor of History, Centre d’études et de recherches européennes Robert Schuman

11:35-11:55  The Manufacturing Sectors in the EU Small States
Professor Lino Briguglio, Institute for Islands and Small States, University of Malta

11:55-12:15  When Size Counts: How Smallness can Enable a Member State to Better Manage the Obligations of Membership
Dr. Mark Harwood, Institute for European Studies, University of Malta

12:15-12:35  Shaping Union Decisions with 0,08% of its Voting Powers in the Council
Dr. Peter Agius, Head of European Parliament Information Office in Malta

12:35-13:35  Panel Discussion: Coping with Smallness
Chaired by Professor Roderick Pace.
Participants:
Ambassador Victor Camilleri
Professor Lino Briguglio
Professor Anders Wivel
Professor Baldur Thorhallsson
Professor Stelios Stavridis
Dr. Külli Sarapuu

13.35-13:45  Closing remarks
Professor Baldur Thorhallsson