



Welcome

... to a new Academic Year

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The academic year has started and once again the EDRC is revving up its engines to meet the challenges and the expectations of its students. The number of students reading European Studies has increased over the years and a snap shot of the student numbers registered to study at

the EDRC as at the start of the academic year is provided in the diagram below. Since 1994, the European Documentation and Research Centre (EDRC) has been running a Bachelor and a Masters course in European Studies. Towards the end of this year, 23 students will be graduating Bachelor in European Studies Honours and

nine students will be graduating in the Master of Arts in European Studies. The graduation ceremonies take place on the 18 November for Master of Arts in European Studies and 3 December for Bachelor in European Studies (Honours).



Student Numbers at the EDRC

	Bachelor in European Studies (1)		Undergraduate European Studies as Secondary Area of Studies (2)		MA European Studies (3)	EDRC Students (1) + (3) (4)	Total (1)+(2)+(3) (5)
	Hons	Gen	Law	Communications			
Year 1	35	0	78	11	12	47	136
Year 2	45	0	65	10	5	50	125
Year 3	42	0	44	3	0	42	89
Total	122 (124)*		211 (180)*		17 (18)*	139	350

* means the totals as of the end of last academic year 2009 - 2010

The EDRC has made a very strong contribution to the development of European Studies in Malta and the majority of its graduates have entered positions where they are being of service to the community. The table on the next page shows the number of graduates in European Studies since the first MA and Bachelors graduates (initially the Bachelor's degree was of four years duration) in 1994 and 2000 respectively. We are proud of the record – 374

European Studies graduates in between 1994-2010 is quite an achievement.

The EDRC is looking towards new horizons. Last year Ph.D. regulations were approved by the University Senate and we hope that 2011 will be the year when the first Ph.D. candidate in European Studies is registered.

We have also designed an evening Diploma in European Studies whose objective is to reach out to those who for some reason are unable or do

not want to enrol for a full-time degree course at the University. This Diploma fits the expectations of those who are already holding a job in banks, businesses, the media and government service and who wish to strengthen their knowledge of the EU. But it is also appealing to those who wish to acquire knowledge of the EU because they wish to understand better what their rights as EU citizens are! It is hoped that in October 2011, a sufficient number of applicants apply to permit us to launch the course.

European Studies Graduates from the European Documentation and Research Centre (EDRC) 1994 - 2010

Year	Bachelor in European Studies	Master of Arts in European Studies	Master of Philosophy
1994	0	1	
1995	0	0	
1996	0	2	
1997	0	4	1
1998	0	4	
1999	0	7	
2000	3	6	1
2001	3	14	
2002	19	2	
2003	13	6	1
2004	17	13	
2005	25	22	
2006	24	24	
2007	37	5	
2008	27	10	
2009	31	12	
2010	23	11	
Total	222	149	3
GRAND TOTAL	374		



Research Activities of the EDRC

Research and teaching go together like a horse and carriage. At the EDRC we never seem to have enough research funding, but what funding is secured is usually used to the utmost. This year we were awarded a grant by the University Research Grant Committee which was used to finance two research projects. The first led to a one day colloquium on "The Small Island States of Europe"

which brought together scholars from Cyprus, Iceland, Ireland and Malta. In this project we teamed up with the Island and Small State Institute of the University to explore the economic and political dimension of these four islands' participation in the process of European integration.

The scholars who participated in this colloquium were: from Cyprus – Professor Andreas Theophanous and Dr

Y. Tikrides of the University of Nicosia; from Ireland, Professor Peadar Kirby from the University of Limerick and Dr Mary Murphy from the University of Dublin; from Iceland Professor Baldur Thorhallsson from the University of Iceland; and from Malta Professor Roderick Pace, Dr Mark Harwood, Mr Stefano Moncada, Mr Jean Micallef Grimaud and Dr Gordon Cordina. The papers presented at the colloquium will

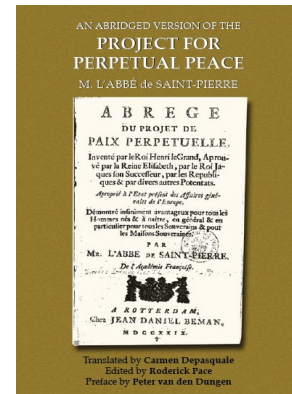
be developed further and they will be published next year in a book by Ashgate Publishers. Work has already started on this publication which will also serve as a very useful teaching tool at the University of Malta and hopefully beyond.

The other project also partially funded under the University Research Grant Scheme involves the publication on its 300th anniversary of the 1710 essay by John Bellers, *Some Reasons for an European State* with commentaries by the editors Peter van den Dungen of the University of Bradford and Roderick Pace, EDRC Director. This book will appear towards the end of this year. In this essay, Bellers, follows in the footsteps of fellow Quaker William Penn who proposed a plan for the unification of

Europe. Neither Bellers nor his essay are as much well known as Penn and his 1693 work, *An Essay Towards the Present and Future Peace of Europe* in which he proposed the establishment of a European Parliament. Peter van den Dungen republished Penn's essay with a commentary in 1983 and last year he donated copies of the work to University Library. Appropriately, the focus now shifts to John Bellers.

Last year, Professor Roderick Pace and Professor Carmen Depasquale, then Head of the French Department, Faculty of Arts, published a translation of the 1729 work by the Abbé de Saint-Pierre, *An Abridged Version of the Project for Perpetual Peace* (Midsea Books, Malta, 2008).

These works testify to the depth and richness of the intellectual roots of the European integration process which is also a peace project. These works are of interest to specialists of European Studies and International Relations.



An Abridged Version of the Project for Perpetual Peace

Resident Academic Staff

The resident academic staff complement of the EDRC has increased to five with the addition as from the start of this Academic Year of Ms Moira Catania. Ms Catania graduated BA (Hons) in Economics, obtaining a first class degree, in 1994 and MA in European Studies with Distinction in 1998. From 1994, she worked at the Economic Policy Department at the Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Investment. In 2002, she was appointed Director (Economic Strategy) within the Economic Policy Department. Ms Catania has worked extensively on

issues related to the monitoring and analysis of the domestic economy, macroeconomic policy, and on the EU economic policy coordination and fiscal surveillance processes.

The other resident academic staff members of the EDRC are Professor Roderick Pace, the Director of the Centre; Dr Mark Harwood, Mr Stefano Moncada and Mr Jean Micallef-Grimaud.

A number of full-time resident academic staff members from other University Faculties and Departments also teach a number of study-units on the EDRC courses: from the Department of European and Comparative law we have

Professor Peter G. Xuereb, Professor Eugene Buttigieg and Dr Ivan Sammut; Dr Rose-Marie Azzopardi and Mr Robert Suban from the Department of Economics; Professor Kevin Aquilina and Dr David Fabri from the Faculty of Law; Dr Emanuel Buttigieg from the Junior College. The EDRC also has a number of part-time, visiting lecturers attached to it. These are Dr Peter Fenech from Ganado and Sammut Advocates; Ms Mikela Fenech Pace, Dr John Consiglio, Ms Maria Brown, Dr Neil Falzon, Ms Marie Briguglio and Dr Michael Ascik.

Alumni Network

The EDRC has been building its alumni network. With 374 graduates and growing this task is not an easy one. So far a third of our alumni have responded. The person in charge at the EDRC is Ms Romina Zammit, a member of the administrative support staff. If you know of alumni who have not answered to our call, please ask him to get in touch with Ms Zammit at the earliest. She can be reached at romina.zammit@um.edu.mt. From time to time we will be publishing alumni news for two good reasons: to help the members of the European Studies Community keep in touch with one another and to encourage students who are presently labouring in one of our courses and to reassure them as they ponder on their future – and their career. In this issue we meet two alumni, Mr Aaron Farrugia (MA, 2005) and Mr Simon Lee Barberi.



AARON FARRUGIA (graduated 2005)

Aaron graduated from the University of Malta with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Finance (2002) and an M.A. in European Studies (2005). He worked as an Economist / Statistician at the **National Statistics Office**, and then at the **Ministry of Health and Social Policy** as an EU Fund Manager. His duties covered the EU Structural and Cohesion Funds, which required Aaron to liaison with the Planning and Priorities Coordination Division at the Office of the Prime Minister and other related Departments/Agencies to develop a clear understanding of procedures and controls relating to the management of these funds.

In 2009 he joined Malta's Local Councils Association (LCA) as Policy Co-ordinator for the Maltese National Delegation in the **Committee of the Regions (COR)**.

In this position, Aaron's role is to ensure that Maltese COR members are briefed on all COR opinions and Communications from the Commission. He liaises with Malta's Permanent Representation and technical attaches in Brussels and coordinates with the six COR commissions, political parties and national delegation coordinators of the other Member States. He attends all the plenary meetings, National Delegation Coordinators' meetings and some of the COR commissions' meetings in Brussels.

Aaron told us "I love my job because it is challenging and it's in a way different every day." "I look back on my whole EDRC experience with plenty of great memories and much knowledge procured. My training at the EDRC has really made a difference in my University experience and the opportunities that I have had in pursuing my goals. The small class sizes, personal attention, and devoted lecturers and professors allowed me not only to obtain a wonderful education, particularly in the political sciences, but to grow as an individual and a leader. It is very easy for me to directly relate my career path to my time at the EDRC."



SIMON LEE BARBERI (graduated 1994)

Simon Lee Barberi graduated from the University of Malta with a Bachelor in Management Honours Degree in 1994 and an M.A. in European Studies from the EDRC in 1997. Simon was among the first students

who completed the M.A. at the EDRC. He then worked for the Malta Chamber of Commerce as Trade Co-ordinator and then helped set up the Malta office of the Malta Business Bureau in 1999. The main objective of this office was to provide a variety of EU information services for Maltese economic operators on various aspects of the *acquis communautaire*, especially in view of the (then) ongoing EU membership negotiations. This job also entailed the preparation of impact assessments of proposed legislation on the affected sectors and the preparation of various reports such as the Lisbon Strategy Malta Implementation Report for FOI and UNICE in 2003.

Simon has been heading the EU Advisory Services arm of Ernst & Young Malta since 2004. This job entails leading teams and the project management of various EU-related advisory assignments on behalf of international and local corporate and government clients for Ernst & Young in Malta and abroad. These assignments include issue and project management, training, impact assessments and Cost Benefit Analysis reports, policy analysis, EU Public relations, programme evaluation, as well as lobbying and project finance. Besides leading various teams preparing for local public procurement bids, Simon also forms part of Ernst & Young's European-wide EU Advisory Services network and contributes to the preparation of pan-European bids for European Commission, EIB and World Bank tenders.

Simon says that the variety of EU policy related issues studied at the EDRC have prepared him for the wide-ranging topics that he deals with both in his current and previous occupations. Simon found the MA European Studies programme to be very well organised and the lecturers were both knowledgeable and experienced in their particular subjects. The contacts established during his Degree programme were and continue to be very important to him on both a professional and personal basis.

My Mini European Assembly Experience

Albert Camilleri

(2nd Year Student European Studies)

The Mini-European Assembly experience started in the first year of sixth form where some of my friends told me that they were applying to join that year's session. After several meetings, we decided to stay and participate in this educational project. Little did we realize then the significance of this competition.

The main aim of Mini European Assembly is to train students in team-work, research, public speaking, debate and current affairs through discussions on relevant European affairs. Several teams of students from both sixth forms and first-year University participate in it. Every month or so, a Plenary Session takes place where students have to write their own speeches, and for one of the sessions, a team has to write either a report or a resolution on the topic at hand. Topics discussed this year included the Copenhagen Accord, Corruption in Public Institutions, Europe's competitiveness, Secularism Sustainable Tourism and finally Consumer Rights.

Each plenary session takes place in a different setting such as the Law Courts, the old University, the Archbishops' Palace and the Airport. The final session always takes place in Parliament. I took part twice, and this year, my team consisted of four university first-year students namely Andrea Gonzi, Isabelle Camilleri and Victoria Calleja along with our advisor Abigail Cremona. The team which each participating group represents is drawn by lot, and we were chosen to represent Spain. In the final session, we presented a report on consumer affairs.

Happily, in the final session I was chosen as "Best Speaker" by the panel of judges, and happier still my team won. Overall, a great experience where I met some great people, learned a number of new skills which helped me improve my personality.



The final session in Parliament



The winning team of Mini European Assembly 2010

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TEPSA

the Trans European
Policy Studies Association

The Democratic Control of Foreign Policy

On the 15 November, 2010, The Istituto Affari Internazionali (ROME) and TEPSA are organising a seminar on the Democratic Control of European Foreign, Security and Defence Policy. Several TEPSA researchers have examined this issue of democratic control of the EU's foreign and security policy more in depth in three papers that will be presented during the seminar. The seminar covers the following topics: The saliency of the issue of the democratic control of European foreign, security and defence policy; The level of democratic parliamentary control: national, transnational or European?; and The Lisbon Treaty and the powers of the European Parliament in the democratic control of CFSP-CSDP.

Pre-Presidency Hungary

With the upcoming Hungarian Council presidency starting in January 2011, the Institute for World Economics and TEPSA in cooperation with THESEUS are organising the pre-presidency conference, which will take place in Budapest on 2-3 December 2010.

EDRC Joins Lisbon Network

The EDRC has joined the Lisbon network which aims to promote excellence in teaching EU studies. LISBOAN which is led by Prof. Wolfgang Wessels, University of Cologne (Germany) brings together academics involved in research and teaching on the Lisbon Treaty in order to overcome persistent disciplinary and geographical divides in EU studies. LISBOAN will thus support the establishment of a European Higher Education Area in a field of major political importance to promote synergies between research and teaching, highlight innovative approaches and establish best practices in teaching this key issue to present and future generations of students. The network furthermore strives to enhance the visibility of EU studies in the wider disciplines involved in particular economics, history, law and political science.