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STRENGTHENING OUR INTERNATIONAL LINKS

TEPSA

The Director of the EDRC, Professor Roderick Pace, attended the annual conference of the Trans-European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) which took place on the 26 and 27 of November 2009 in Madrid. The annual conference was preceded by another conference organized by the *Real Instituto Elcano* of Spain with the title "New Rules for a Closer Union in a Multipolar World – A Renewed Impetus for Sustainable Growth in a Globalised Economy". Professor Pace was one of the panellists in a session entitled "Rediscovering the Mediterranean". (Go to page 4)

FEMISE

The EDRC has reactivated its membership of FEMISE (Forum Euro-méditerranéen des Institutes des Sciences Économiques), a Euro-Mediterranean network estab-

lished in June 2005. FEMISE gathers more than 75 members of economic and political science research institutes, representing the 37 partners of the Barcelona Process. This important research network is supported by the European Commission within the framework of the MEDA regional programme and coordinated by the Institut de la Méditerranée (France) and the Economic Research Forum (Egypt). For more information visit FEMISE's web page at <http://www.femise.org/>

OTHER CONFERENCES

Mr Stefano Moncada participated in the conference entitled "Rethinking Island Studies" organised by the Centre for Historical Studies of the Atlantic (Centro De Estudios De Historia Do Atlantico – CEHA), which was held in Funchal/Madeira (Portugal) from the 2 to the 4 November 2009.

Professor Roderick Pace and **Mr Moncada** attended the conference "Mainstreaming Small-State Studies in Higher Education" organised by the Islands and Small States Institute of the University of Malta, on Tuesday 24 November 2009. During the conference, Prof Pace chaired one of the morning panels while Mr Moncada delivered a paper (see item on page 2)

They joined the EDRC

In 2008 Mr Stefano Moncada joined the resident full-time teaching staff at the EDRC. He specializes in the economics of European integration and has studied at the University of Malta and La Sapienza in Rome. In July 2009 Mr Jean Micallef-Grimaud, an alumni of the EDRC also joined the full-time resident academic staff after working for more than 5 years in Brussels. He is a graduate of the College of Europe, Bruges.

STUDENT NUMBERS AT THE EDRC

There are 122 students pursuing the Bachelor in European Studies degree course at the EDRC on a full-time basis. Fifty-nine are in the first year, 41 in the second year and 22 in the third and final year.

In the MA course, seven stu-

dents are following the course full-time and 11 are following it on a part-time basis – in all 18 students. In addition to these 140 home students, a number of students read European Studies as a secondary area of studies bringing the total number of students at the

EDRC to 322.

The undergraduate and post-graduate courses at the EDRC are fully compliant with the requirements of the Bologna process.



Publications by the EDRC Resident Academic Staff Members



Resident academic staff members are engaged in a number of activities involving research and publication. In 2009 **Professor Roderick Pace** was appointed on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of South European Society and Politics* published by Taylor and Francis and recently quoted in the Social Sciences Citation Index.

Professor Pace also published a number of works, a few of which are included here: (i) "The Union for the Mediterranean from the Perspective of the Mediterranean Island States" in *Études Helléniques / Hellenic Studies*, Volume 17, No 2, Autumn – Greece; (ii) "The Mediterranean Union Risks being Stillborn", in *Europe's World*, Summer, pp148 –151; (iii) "The European Neighbourhood Policy: The Southern Dimensions" in M.Comelli, A. Eralp and C.Üstün (eds.) *The European Neighbourhood Policy and the Southern Mediterranean*, METUP, Ankara; (iv) "Malta: EU-Scepticism in A Polarised Polity" in Susannah Verney et al. (ed), *Journal of South European Society and Politics*, Taylor and Francis, Volume 14, No 4; (v) Jointly with Stelios Stavridis, "The EMPA and Parliamentary Diplomacy in the Mediterranean: A Preliminary Assessment", in Stavridis Stelios and Fernandez Sola Natividad, *Factores Políticos y de Seguridad en el Área Euro-Mediterránea*, *Prensas Universitarias de Zaragoza*, Spain, May; (vi) "The Effects of EU Enlargement on Malta" in Graham Avery, Anne Faber, Anne Schmidt (eds.): *Enlarging the European Union: Effects on the new member states and on the EU*, Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), Brussels, June; (vii) "The European Parliament Election in Malta", European Parliament Election Briefing no 27, *European Parties Elections and Referendums Network* (EPERN), Sussex University, June; (viii) "The Vulnerability of Small States", a short article in the December issue of *In Depth*, newsletter of the Cyprus Centre for European and International Affairs of the University of Nicosia.

Stefano Moncada has written a paper together with Camilleri M., Formosa S., and Galea R., entitled "*Mainstreaming European Island Issues into European Policy*" which will appear in a book *Mainstreaming Small State Studies in Higher Education*, to be published by the University of Malta Press.

Mr Moncada together with M., Formosa S., and Galea R. have also published "*Islands at the Periphery: Integrating the Challenges of Island Sustainability into European Policy*", which appeared in the *Anuario Do Centro De Estudos de Historia Do Atlantico*, Nr. 1, 2009, Centro de Estudos de Historia do Atlantico, Madeira, ISSN 1647-3949.

PH.D. Regulations Come into Effect

New bye-Laws of 2009 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the auspices of the European Documentation and Research Centre, are available on the University of Malta webpage. Please follow the link:

<http://www.um.edu.mt/registrar/regulations/faculties/edrc/phd-bl-edrc-2009>

Before submitting a Ph.D. proposal, prospective candidates are advised to seek the advice of a member of the Academic Staff of the EDRC or to contact the Director.

New Study-Units

From time to time new study-units are introduced in the EDRC undergraduate and post-graduate courses.

In the second semester **Mr Mark Harwood** will be teaching a new study-unit entitled "*Lobbying the EU Institutions*"

This course addresses the issue of lobbying from an academic and practical perspective, firstly by analysing the opportunities and constraints of trying to lobby effectively in Brussels. It also seeks to test the students' own abilities to oversee a lobbying campaign. Particular attention will be given to the problems faced by Maltese NGOs as well as those coming from similar Member States, namely states on Europe's periphery where a lack of resources can hamper effectiveness.



New Study Units (Continued)

Mr Stefano Moncada will be teaching “*Development studies and the EU*”, starting in the second semester of the current academic year at under graduate level. In the MA European Studies course, Mr Moncada is also offering a new study-unit taught on a seminar basis entitled “*Development Economics and the EU*”.

Development issues have acquired considerable importance both in the EU and in the international arena. The fight against poverty, ways of improving health and education in developing states, managing environmental resources in a more sustainable manner and creating stable and lasting economic development in developing coun-



tries, have increasingly become the focus of national and international policy initiatives. Both courses will enable our students to obtain a better understanding of development challenges and the role of the EU.

Mr Jean Micallef Grimaud who joined our resident full-time members of the academic staff just a few months ago will be teaching a study-unit entitled the “*External Relations of the EU*”.

Following the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty which seeks amongst other things to unite the various strands of the EU's external relations under a single High Representative, the EU is expected to begin to play a more robust role in international affairs. This course seeks to familiarise students with the EU as a global player.

Mr Micallef Grimaud graduated BA European Studies (Honours) from the EDRC in 2000 and furthered his studies at the College of Europe, Bruges from where he joined Malta's diplomatic service—spending a total of five years working in Brussels.

ERASMUS Programme for Student Exchanges

For the academic year 2009 to 2010 eighteen students applied under the Erasmus programme to pursue a semester of study in another European University. Of these eighteen applicants, fifteen students were offered a place, with the most popular destinations being France, Ireland, Hungary, Italy and Poland. Efforts are under way to secure additional places for EDRC students in Ireland (Trinity, Dublin), the UK (Bath, Kent, Queens Belfast), Spain (Madrid, Barcelona), and Germany (Mannheim).

In November 2009 Professor Hlousek from Brno University in the Czech Republic visited the EDRC under the Erasmus programme as part of a staff mobility agreement. Professor Hlousek met with the academic staff at the EDRC and gave lectures on the comparative political systems of the Visegrad Four as well as a lecture on the Czech political system and its policies towards the EU and European integration.

2009 Graduation Ceremonies

December, 9 students graduated Master of Arts in European Studies. The following are the students who graduated this year: **B. European Studies (Honours):** Buhagiar Daniel, Aquilina Ilaria, Bellissimo Maxine, Bugeja Desain Claire, Callus Daniela, Caruana Francine, Cassar Bernardette, Falzon Mandy, Farrugia Kristina, Gatt Leah, Sultana Daniela, Abela Francesca, Borg Ian, Borg Ivan, Borg Mark Anthony, Emma Calleja, Cassar Rachel, Darmanin Amber Marie, Ebejer Bernice, Farmer Rebecca, Grech Christabel, Grech Simon, Pace Paul, Powell Geraldine Sant Estelle, Sarsero Nicole, Sciberras Chirel, Southward Robert, Vassallo Malcolm, Vassallo Victoria, Zammit Sarah; **MA European Studies:** Micallef Donna, Attard Sarah, Borg Claudine, Borg Josephine, Borg Marvic, Caruana Moira, Galea Mariella, Portelli Laurabelle and Seychell Diane.

Thirty-one students graduated Bachelors in European Studies (Honours) this year. The graduation ceremony took place on Wednesday 2 December 2009. In the meantime in another graduation ceremony held on Monday 23

Graduation Speech

The graduation speech in this year's undergraduate ceremony for European Studies, was delivered by Ms Estelle Sant, a European Studies graduand. This was a first for Estelle and for the EDRC graduands since the first group of students graduated in 2000. Ms Sant's speech is being placed on the EDRC web-page. In her speech Ms Sant dwelt on the wonderful experience which the graduands had at the EDRC and thanked all the members of staff for their effort. She had words of encouragement for the graduands present for whom graduation signified a new chapter in their lives and their formal entry into the labour force.





TEPSA

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MADRID TEPSA CONFERENCE 26-27 NOVEMBER 2009

The beginning of the end of the serious, twin crisis – institutional and economic – that Europe has endured for more than a year, will dominate the 6-month Spanish presidency of the European Union and the term of the new team presidency – comprising the trio of Spain, Belgium and Hungary – starting 1st January, 2010. Now that the seemingly endless process of ratifying the new Treaty which will govern the future workings of the EU is over, fresh efforts to encourage a lasting economic recovery must start. As there is not much room left for special measures, the new productive model for growth and job-creation must be achieved through structural reforms based on the competitive-

ness of innovation and on sustainability, both social and environmental.

It is against this backdrop that the new post-Lisbon (post-Lisbon Treaty and post-Lisbon Strategy) period begins. With the proper political leadership, it could lead to a European Union that is more efficient and transparent in the political realm and more competitive and solidarity-minded in terms of economics, and therefore more secure and better adapted to the multipolar, globalized world that is taking shape.

A conference entitled “**The Spanish Presidency 2010: New Rules for a Closer Union in a Multipolar World, a Renewed Impetus for Sustainable Growth in a Globalised Economy**” was

organised just five weeks before the Spanish presidency began, and provided an excellent opportunity to debate the key issues and priorities that will make up the presidency’s agenda. It was organized with a multidisciplinary, trans-European approach, and featured renowned experts from the academic world, specialized analysts and important policymakers from all over the continent. The Conference was co-organised by TEPSA and Real Instituto Elcano, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the Office of the European Commission in Spain, and the Senate. (Reproduced from the TEPSA Web page)

The Lisbon Treaty Comes into Effect - A Comment

On Tuesday 1 December 2009, the Lisbon Treaty finally came into force. The treaty introduces a number of important changes. The directly elected European Parliament gains more power in the legislative process through the extension of the so called ordinary legislative procedure or what used to be called co-decision to new areas of legislation. National Parliaments have been given the primary task of ensuring that new legislation respects the principle of subsidiarity. The pillar structure of the EU has come to an end and now we will start referring only to the EU. The Union has its own legal personality. The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU becomes legally binding on the institu-

tions. Foreign Policy has been put in the hands of a High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy which has been entrusted to the former Commissioner in charge of Trade, Baroness Ashton from the UK, while the new position of President of the European Council has gone to Belgium’s Herman Van Rompuy. The High Representative is now also Vice President of the Commission in charge of matters pertaining to the external relations of the Union which were formerly in the hands of the Commission. It is argued that the division of competencies between the EU Institutions and the member states as articulated in the new treaty takes Europe a step closer towards the realisation of a federal-like structure.

The EU now has an institutional frame-



work which may also permit it to play a stronger role in world politics. But it remains to be seen whether this will be realised in practice. Political analysts have indeed new horizons to scan in the weeks and months ahead as the Union’s new found unity will be put to the test. A lot will depend on the member states’ willingness to allow the new powers with which they have endowed the Union, to be used effectively.

The EUROPEAN DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

The EDC hosts the European Documentation Centre (EDC), the official depository of EU publications and information. Its main objective is to make this material accessible to the general public as well as the University Community. The material at the EDC includes a broad range of information, legislation and documentation produced by the European Union Institutions.

Currently work is underway to upgrade the catalogue, webpage and other services to aid in the location and retrieval of such information.

This work has intensified since the appointment of a new documentalist, Ms Veronica Calleja, in July 2009.

The appointment of the new documentalist after the departure of the previous one, permits the EDC to resume with its plans. These include more outreach activities targeting students, members of the academic staff and the public in general and aiming to inform them more on EU issues and the facilities at the Centre.

It is hoped that more progress on this aspect will be realized in 2010.



The EDC forms part of the Europe Direct Network, a free information service on the EU.

Professor Donatella Viola, the new EDC External Examiner

Professor Donatella Viola from the University of Calabria is the EDC's new External Examiner. She succeeds Professor Neill Nugent of the Manchester Metropolitan University who held the appointment for three years.

Professor Viola graduated in International Relations in 1989 after studying at the Facoltà di Scienze Politiche dell'Università degli Studi di Messina. In 1999 she graduated Ph.D from the London School of Economics and Political Science. The title of her Ph.D. Dissertation was "European

Foreign Policy and the European Parliament in the 1990s: An Investigation into the Role and Voting Behaviour of the European Parliament's Political Groups" Amongst her numerous publications we find: **Articles:** "[La' Guerra di Bush al terrorismo' e il Golfo: la Comunità internazionale a confronto](#)". In [La Creazione di una zona di pace e di stabilità attorno all'Unione europea](#), Pfoestl E. (a cura di), Roma: Istituto di studi politici S. Pio V, 2007, pp. 175-249; [European Governance: Policy making between politicization](#)

[and control](#). Walzenbach G. P. (a cura di), Cap. cap. 10, "[Interparliamentary cooperation in the European Union: Towards Multi-level Governance](#)", Aldershot: Ashgate. 2006. pp. 165-185; [The 2004 Elections to the European Parliament](#). Juliet Lodge Lodge J. (a cura di), Cap. 18, "[Italy](#)", London: Palgrave. 2005. pp. 155-172;" (cont.page 6).

A Seminar for Undergraduates

Third year students in the Bachelor in European Studies degree programme will participate in a one-and-a-half day seminar during which they will discuss the progress in their research with fellow students and resident EDC academic staff members supervising them in the writing of their dissertations. The seminar is planned for mid-February 2010 after the end of the examination period.

The students were informed about this seminar in a meeting held on 7 December 2009. They are to prepare brief powerpoint presentations on the methodology of their research, the title and research question of their dissertation and the progress achieved so far. At the end of each presentation, members of the academic staff and the other students present can comment and ask questions on the presenta-

tions. From these discussions and comments, students will be able to make the required changes in order to improve their work in time for submission at the end of May 2010.

This is the first time that such a seminar is being organised.



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External Examiner (continued)

[Verso una politica comune europea dell'ambiente? Problematiche e prospettive](#)". *Il diritto dell'economia*, 2004, n. 2, pp. 249-275; [Constitutional Revision in Today's Europe](#), European Public Law Series Vol. XXIX. Amato G., Braibant G., Venizelos E. (a cura di), " [Towards a European Constitution: The Role of the European Parliament](#)", Londra: Esperia. 2002. pp. 629-651; " [The Role of the European Parliament in the Process of the EU Enlargement in Central and Eastern Europe](#)". In [The Role of the Central European Parliament in the Process of European Integration](#), Mansfeldova Z., Klima M. (a cura di), Praga: University of Economics Prague, 1998, pp. 127-143; [Re-thinking the European Union. Institution.](#)

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Prof Neill Nugent

We wish to take this occasion to thank Professor Neill Nugent who was our external examiner for the past three years. Professor Nugent holds a number of important academic posts, he is Academic Director, Institute of Euro-

pean Union Studies at the State University of New York; Visiting Professor at The College of Europe, Bruges; Visiting Professor at the Centre for European Integration Studies, University of Bonn. Professor Nugent is also Co-editor with Professor William Paterson of Palgrave-Macmillan's *European Union Series* and Co-editor with Professor Michelle Egan and Professor William Paterson of the series *Palgrave Studies in the Politics of the European Union*.

Professor Nugent is a Jean Monnet Professor of European Integration and Professor of Politics at the Manchester Metropolitan University. He is a resident academic in the Department of Politics and Philosophy at the same University.

Professor Nugent teaches the politics, policies and government of the European Union and co-ordinates the politics research degrees and undergraduate projects at his University.