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Final Jean Monnet Chair Conference 'An Evolving EU Engaging a Changing Mediterranean'

The third and final Jean Monnet Conference was held on 12 May 2015 at Dar I-Ewropa, Valletta. Fourteen

scholars and a number of students as well as members of the public participated in the conference. It was chaired by Prof. Roderick Pace, Director of the Institute for European Studies and Jean Monnet Professor. The speakers at the Conference were Prof. Alfred Tovias from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Prof. Susannah Verney, from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; Dr. Alexander Apostolides from the European University of Cyprus; Prof. Baldur Thorhallsson from the University of Iceland; Dr. Dana Lusa from the University of Zagreb; Prof. Andrew Geddes from the University of Sheffield; Prof. Panayotis J. Tsakonas from the University of the Aegean, Rhodes; Dr. Stelios Stavridis from the University of Zaragoza; Prof. Gilbert Achcar, from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London; Dr. Charalambos Tsardanidis from the University of the Aegean, Rhodes; and Dr. Angelos Katsaris, from the College of Europe, Natolin, Warsaw.

Prof. Pace opened the Conference by introducing the theme of 'An Evolving

EU Engaging a Changing Mediterranean Region' and the sub-themes which were presented in the rest of the conference.

The presentations covered a variety of current topics including the economic and political crises on both sides of the Mediterranean and the rise of euro scepticism (Prof. Tovias and Prof. Verney); region-specific issues in Cyprus, Nordic countries and the Western Balkans (Dr. Apostolides, Prof. Thorhallsson, Dr. Lusa);



From left: Prof. Pace, Dr. Stavridis, Prof. Achcar

the EU's asylum and migration policies in relation to the Mediterranean (Prof. Geddes, Dr. Carammia and Prof. Tsakonas); the dynamics of challenges posed by the Arab uprisings for the EU (Dr. Stavridis, Prof. Achcar). Other presentations tackled specific issues such as energy security (Dr. Tsardanidis) and climate change policy (Dr. Katsaris).

Prof. Roderick Pace concluded the Conference with a final address and discussion.

A Workshop was held the following day with the participation of Prof. Pace; Prof. Sergio Fabbrini (Professor of Government and Director, School of Government, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome); Dr. Leila Mouhib (Université libre de Bruxelles); Ms Maria Giulia Amadio Viceré (PhD Student, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome); Prof. Fulvio Attinà (University of Catania); Prof. Tsakonas; and Dr. Tsardanidis. The topics discussed included EU-Mediterranean security in relation to the Arab Spring; the promotion of democracy in the region; the provision of aid; migration in the Mediterranean; energy security in the Eastern Mediterranean; and the responsiveness of the EU to the security dilemma faced by small states in its fold such as Cyprus and Malta.

A way forward was also discussed for future academic exchange on the thematic areas tackled during the course of the Jean Monnet project.



From left: Dr. Stavridis, Prof. Geddes, Dr. Katsaris, Prof. Thorhallsson, Dr. Lusa, Prof. Tovias, Prof. Verney, Prof. Pace, Dr. Tsardanidis, Prof. Achcar, Prof. Tsakonas, Dr. Carammia, Dr. Apostolides and Prof. Attinà

Small States in Europe: Opportunities and Challenges

The Institute for European Studies was appointed the local co-ordinator of the project 'Small States in Europe: Opportunities and Challenges' in March 2015. The project is led by the Centre for Small State Studies at the University of Iceland, while the University of Malta is one of the partners in this project alongside the University of Copenhagen; the University of St. Andrews; Vilnius University and Tallinn University of Technology.



Participants of the seminar 'Small States in the EU: Passive Policy Takers or Industrious Agenda Setters?' held on 11 May

The rationale of the project aims to establish a dynamic higher education consortium with the objective of developing the field of small state studies in Europe. This objective shall be reached through intensive study programmes and summer schools, inter-institutional mobility, multiplier events, innovative teaching methods such as new open-access online courses and curricula, and new academic publications.

The project is financed under the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.

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

Under the aegis of this project, a seminar entitled 'Small States in the EU: Passive Policy Takers or Industrious Agenda-Setters?' was organised by the Institute for European Studies in collaboration with the Centre for Small States Studies, University of Iceland. The event was held on 11 May at the Valetta Campus of the University of Malta.

The speakers at the seminar were Ms Pia Hansson, Director, Centre for Small States Studies; Prof. Godfrey Baldacchino, University of Malta; Prof. Anders Wivel, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen; Prof. Baldur Thorhallsson, Jean Monnet Chair and Professor of Political Science, University of Iceland; Prof. Roderick Pace, University of Malta; Prof. Charalambous Tsardinidis, University of the Aegean; Prof. Stelios Stavridis, University of Zaragoza; Dr. Külli Sarapuu, Ragnar Nurkse School of Innovation and Governance, Tallinn University of Technology; Dr. Guido Lessing, Luxembourg Professor of History, Centre d'études et de recherches européennes Robert Schuman; Prof. Lino Briguglio, Institute for Islands and Small States, University of Malta; Dr. Mark Harwood, Institute for European Studies, University of Malta; and Dr. Peter Agius, Head of European Parliament Information Office in Malta.

The topics covered include the small state perspective in relation to the Sino-Japanese dispute in the East China Sea (Prof. Baldacchino); maximising small state influence in the EU institutions (Prof. Wivel); challenges faced by small states handling the EU Council Presidency (Dr. Sarapuu, Dr. Agius, Dr. Lessing); and the capacity of small states to manage the obligations related to EU membership (Dr. Harwood).

The individual presentations were followed by a panel discussion chaired by Prof. Roderick Pace. The participants were Ambassador Victor Camilleri Executive Director in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Malta, Prof. Briguglio, Prof. Wivel, Prof. Thorhallsson, Prof. Stavridis and Dr. Sarapuu.

SMALL STATES SUMMER SCHOOL 2015

Another component of this project is the Small States Summer School offered by the Centre for Small State Studies in cooperation with the partner universities, which was held in Reykjavik between 22 June and 4 July 2015.

The intensive two-week course is organised around four interlinked main pillars: the role of small states in European integration; good governance, innovation and entrepreneurship in small states; foreign policy and security challenges of small states; and promoting sustainable development in small states.

Each partner university nominates up to four students to participate in the course. Applications were open to all students at the University of Malta. The students selected are Ms. Cristina Cefai, Ms. Miglė Džiugytė, Ms. Nicole Tabone and Ms. Kimberly Zammit, who are all currently reading for a Bachelor's degree at the Institute.

Ms. Nicole Tabone recounts her experience in Iceland:

From left: Ms. Cristina Cefai, Ms. Migle Dziugyte, Ms. Kimberly Zammit, Prof Baldur Thorhallsson, and Ms Nicole Tabone,



My Study Experience in Iceland by Ms. Nicole Tabone

My study experience in Iceland has truly been an exciting one, not only because we were given the opportunity to visit stunning locations like the Blue Lagoon, but also because we were being taught by academics whom I had continuously cited in my work throughout my three years at the University of Malta. Baldur Thorhallsson, Anders Wivel and Caroline Gron are among the many well-known academics who were present at the two-week intensive course at the University of Iceland.

In addition to this, studying with students who are coming from different educational backgrounds and cultures has added to my experience in Iceland, primarily because I was able to listen to first hand accounts of how other small European States function.

Lastly, exploring Icelandic traditions and key political features was also a highlight of my study-trip in Iceland, where, for instance, we had the opportunity to visit the Icelandic parliament and ask questions to two MPs. What was interesting from this particular visit for the Maltese students present was that there are many similarities between Maltese and Icelanders do politics, a fact which I believe can be attributed to our very small population size.

The Institute hosts an International Workshop on Party Politics in Micro-States

In cooperation with the University of Nottingham, the Institute for European Studies organised a workshop on *Party-Politics in Micro-States*. The workshop took place on 13-14 April 2015 at the Valletta Campus of the University. The main organisers were Dr Fernando Casal Bertoa from the University of Nottingham, and Dr Marcello Carammia and Prof Roderick Pace from the Institute. Other participants included Dr Giorgos Charalambous (University of Cyprus), Prof Juli Minoves-Triquel (La Verne University, USA), Wouter Veenendaal (Leiden University, The Netherlands), and Ivan Vukovic (University of Montenegro). The papers presented covered Malta, Cyprus, San Marino, Montenegro and Andorra. The workshop provided an opportunity to set up a research team that is currently developing further projects and will meet regularly in the coming years. The medium-term plan is to publish a book on party politics in small states.



Placements during academic year 2014/2015

For the fourth consecutive year the Institute for European Studies offered to all its second year students the possibility of undertaking placements in European studies, worth 4 ECTS as an elective study unit. This year a total of 20 students were engaged with a number of organisations, which signed cooperation agreements with the Institute and the University of Malta.

There are currently nine entities that offer places for our students, specifically: The Centre for Development Research and Training (CDRT) – Office of the Prime Minister; Ernst and Young Malta; General Retailers and Traders Union (GRTU); Kopin; the Malta Business Bureau (MBB); the Ministry for Sustainable Development and Climate Change; MEUSAC; the Ministry of Finance; and the European Parliament Office in Malta. Our students were engaged in various activities, from assisting with the writing up of EU funding applications, collecting data for EU government-funded activities, managing EU oriented social media, to researching in the field of European Parliamentary elections. A number of students were also offered a placement at the Institute for European Studies, where they worked on a number of research projects under the supervision of resident academic staff.

PhD Seminar

On 25th May the Institute organised a Seminar where PhD students presented their ongoing research. Each student was given 20 minutes for the presentation of her or his work. A junior (a fellow PhD student) and a senior (a faculty member) discussant commented on the paper, which was circulated one week in advance. A general Q&A session followed. The PhD seminar provided PhD students opportunity to present their research and get useful comments while the familiarising themselves with academic presentations and discussion. The papers presented by Ms Ylenia Caruana on "Malta's Adaptation to the EU Environmental Policy -The First Ten Years of Membership", by Ms Glorianne Mizzi, "Redefining Neutrality—Malta's Concept of Neutrality Post-EU Membership", and by Mr Jean-Pierre Schembri on "Communicating Europe - Political Communication as an EU Policy Tool". Senior discussants were Prof Pace and Dr Carammia. We thank PhD students for their effort and all participants for their questions and comments.

Jean Monnet Teaching Module ‘Agenda Setting in the EU’

The Module, which is supported by the Lifelong Learning Programme, is open to all university students, as well as to the general public. Members of the general public could register for the Module by following this link: <http://www.um.edu.mt/publiclecturesregistration>.

More details are available on the Module website at <http://www.um.edu.mt/europeanstudies/aseu>. Further information can be obtained by contacting Dr Carammia at marcello.carammia@um.edu.mt.

Successful completion of the 2014-2015 edition Jean Monnet Module on Agenda-Setting in the European Union

Dr Carammia is the holder of the Jean Monnet Module on Agenda-Setting in the European Union (ASEU), supported by the European Commission (www.um.edu.mt/europeanstudies/aseu/). After very successful first and second editions, the third and last edition was positively concluded too. Thirty-six students attended the 2015 edition of the ASEU Module – seventeen European Studies students, five Communications students, six Erasmus students, and three from the general public.

The Module, an 8-ECTS study unit offered by the Institute, was collectively taught by the faculty of the Institute, plus a number of leading agenda-setting scholars from other European Universities. This year, guest lecturers were Dr Petya Alexandrova from Hannover University, Dr Shaun Bevan from the University of Edinburgh, Prof Daniela Irrera from the University of Catania, Prof Stefaan Walgrave from the University of Antwerp, Prof Claudio Radaelli from Exeter University, Dr Francesco Marchi of Sciences-Po Paris.

As in past editions, the Module involved three thematic sections. However, the detailed contents of single sections was different.

EU agenda-setting. Institutions, actors, processes. (Six 4-hour lectures, held by the module coordinator and guest lecturers.)

This section of the course dealt with a) key aspects of agenda-setting processes, in general and in the context of the EU, and the role of EU institutions in setting the agenda of the EU (Dr Marcello Carammia); b) EU institutions and agenda-setting (Dr Petya Alexandrova); c) The agenda-setting power of the mass-media (Prof Stefaan Walgrave); d) Representative agenda-setting: how public opinion and policy promises drive agendas (Dr Shaun Bevan); e) The Europeanisation of domestic agendas (Prof Claudio Radaelli); f) the impact of the EU political agenda on Maltese politics and policy (Mr Jean Micallef Grimaud).

EU agenda-setting and public policy. (Eight 4-hour lectures, held by the academic staff of the Institute for European Studies and guest lecturers.)

This section dealt with EU agenda-setting processes in eight key areas of EU action. Each lecture illustrated for each policy when, how and why it entered the EU agenda; as well as the relationship between agenda-setting processes and key policy actors, outputs and outcomes. The policy areas covered were immigration (Dr Carammia), the environment (Ms Marie Briguglio), the Mediterranean (Prof Roderick Pace),

economic governance (Ms Moira Catania), foreign aid (Mr Stefano Moncada). Guest lecturer Prof Daniela Irrera contributed with a lecture on the EU organised crime and counter-terrorism agenda.

Simulating agenda-setting processes. (Two 4-hour lectures/classwork held by a guest lecturer) Simulating agenda-setting processes. (Two 4-hour lectures/classwork held by a guest lecturer)

The closing lecture consisted of an eight-hour workshop on EU negotiations, coordinated by a guest researcher and professional trainer of EU officials, Dr Francesco Marchi. This exceptionally successful workshop helped students to gain an intellectual understanding of negotiators' behaviour and of central concepts in negotiation as they apply in the European Union institutional context; and improve their ability to analyse the negotiation situation and learn how to develop a toolkit of useful negotiation skills, strategies, and approaches adapted to work in the European institutional context.

The quality of the Module is assessed in several ways. One particularly important source of assessment are students themselves. An assessment questionnaire is circulated at the end of each lecture, with seven questions about the overall quality of the lecture. The overall average mark was 4.61 - an extremely high mark of which the whole staff of the Module is very proud! More details are available on the [Module website](#).



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Discussion at the EDC: The Role of the EU in the Western Balkans

The Institute for European Studies organised a half-day seminar on 12 March entitled 'The Role of the EU in the Western Balkans'. This event was organised with the support of the European Commission's DG NEAR, and took place in the European Documentation Centre, which is located inside the Institute for European Studies, at the University of Malta. The panel was composed of Ms Natalija Sandić, from the Innovation Fund Serbia; Professor Roderick Pace, from the Institute for European Studies; and Mr Joe Tanti, from the Malta Business Bureau.

Professor Roderick Pace, Director of the Institute for European Studies, introduced the seminar and explained the significance of the event, which was designed to create a better understanding of the EU's enlargement challenge in the Western Balkans. He stressed that once the EU emerges from one of the greatest economic crises in its history, there are diverse, and certainly more exciting, initiatives awaiting it, such as enlargement. He explained that throughout the seminar, the audience would be acquainted with the EU's Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA), which provides financial and material support for the candidate countries and potential candidate countries and helps them to fulfil the requirements for accession in the EU by supporting them in five main sectors, namely the public administration reform, rule of law (justice and home affairs), economic development, transport, energy and environment, social development and inclusion, and agriculture and rural development. Ms Natalija Sandić, Senior Associate of the Innovation Fund Serbia, spoke about IPA in the Balkans and successful achievements of the Innovation Fund Serbia. Ms Sandić spoke of the objectives of IPA II and explained the budgetary allocations given to each of the candidate countries. She explained Serbia's experience in IPA II and outlined the grants program Serbia is benefiting from.

The second part of the seminar dealt with Malta's EU accession experience, lessons from which can be useful to the Balkan countries as they prepare to take on the important challenge of enlargement. In this respect, Professor Roderick Pace, shared his reflections on Malta's EU membership experience,

speaking of the profound changes that Maltese society and economy have undergone in the last decade - some directly linked to Europeanization, whilst others were caused by the process of globalization.

Mr Tanti spoke of the challenges and opportunities for Maltese business arising from Malta's EU membership, Mr Tanti spoke of the fears faced by Maltese businessmen in the pre-accession phase, most notably the idea that EU products would be favoured over Maltese products in local market. The post-accession phase for Malta has seen growing opportunities from the EU's Single Market and support from the EU with Malta's GDP per capita now at c. 86% of EU average.

The seminar ended with an informal discussion in the form of a question and answer session. Questions from the floor referred to the budgetary allocations of IPA II and the sectors making most benefit from the instrument, the way Maltese businesses are dealing with competition from foreign businesses opening in Malta, and the effectiveness and efficiency of IPA II, amongst others.



Ms. Natalija Sandić

Live Webstreaming at the EDC: Our Dignity, Our World, Our Future

On 27 May, the European Documentation Centre hosted a live webstreaming of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's visit to the European institutions, in particular his address to youth on their role on the post-2015 agenda. The initiative by the European Commission and the United Nations, which commemorates its 70th anniversary this year, entitled "Our World, Our Dignity, Our Future. The Post-2015 development Agenda and the Role of Youth", was simultaneously being livestreamed to audiences across the world.

The event featured an interactive debate between the Secretary-General and Youth Ambassadors. During the event, a group of young people engaged the Secretary-General by asking their most pressing questions on development, the post-2015 agenda and other issues that are priorities for young people, including employment, climate change, citizenship and decision-making.

The event was among the activities related to the 2015 European Year for Development, the first ever European Year to deal with the European Union's external action and Europe's role in the world. The post-

2015 development agenda is also set to be agreed at the United Nations, including the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals that will replace the Millennium Development Goals.



Mr Ban Ki-moon addressing the audience at the Palais des Beaux-Arts

Gozo Seminar

A dissertation seminar for final year Bachelor of European Studies students was held for the sixth consecutive year at Manresa House in Gozo. This year's seminar was held on 4th and 5th March and was attended by around 25 students and the resident academic staff of the Institute. The aim of this seminar is to provide students with the opportunity to present their work on the dissertation. During the seminar, they have the opportunity to obtain feedback on their work from the Institute's academic staff, in addition to their supervisor, as well as from their fellow students.

The seminar was organised around six parallel sessions, with students allocated to different groups according to the research topic being discussed. Students presented their dissertation topics and the work carried out so far, generally focusing on the research question/s, literature review and the methodology that they were applying. The student presentations were followed by a discussion among the students and academic staff who provided feedback on the presentations. The seminar provided an opportunity for students to discuss specific problems that they encountered in their work and to share similar experiences with their colleagues.

During the seminar, Prof. Pace also delivered a presentation on the Institute's post-graduate course. As in previous years, the students' feedback on the seminar was very positive. The students appreciated the feedback they received on their work and also enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with their fellow students and get to know them better. The Institute will continue to build on this feedback to ensure that in the coming years, the Gozo dissertation seminar continues to be a beneficial and enjoyable experience for the Institute's undergraduate students.



Third year BA (European Studies) students and the Institute's academic staff in Gozo

Our Common Future Under Climate Change

Mr. Stefano Moncada presented his findings of his Ph.D. research at a Paris climate change scientific conference, which was among the biggest events of this nature over the last years. Mr. Moncada who is an assistant lecturer at the University of Malta's Institute for European Studies, is also in the final stages of his Ph.D. with the Department of Economics (FEMA).

Mr. Moncada's presentations dealt with climate change adaptation and development in informal urban areas, focusing on the effect of a bio-gas water, hygiene and sanitation project on the adaptive capacity of vulnerable communities in Ethiopia.

Mr. Moncada also co-authored two other papers the first with Professor Briguglio, Director of the Islands and Small States Institute, on the 'Vulnerability/Resilience Framework Approach', assessing the risks of being harmed by climate change health impacts. Professor Hilary Bambrick, from the University of Western Sydney, presented the second co-authored paper entitled 'Managing climate-sensitive health risks in vulnerable Pacific Island Communities: Lessons from Rabi Island'.

More than 2,000 scientists from over 100 countries attended the Paris Conference. The objective was to inform the upcoming Conference of the Parties (COP21) of the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) scheduled for this autumn, also in Paris.

Further information on the proceedings of the conference may be obtained by following social media using #CFCC15, as well as Mr Moncada's twitter account @stefanomocada



Mr Moncada presenting his findings

A Decade of EU Membership Occasional Papers

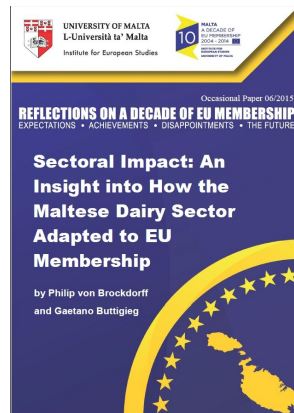
On the occasion of Malta's first ten years as an EU member state, the Institute for European Studies has invited Maltese scholars, specialists and professionals to contribute their analysis of the various sectors in which they work and how these have been affected by EU membership. The aim is to lay out a mosaic of papers which will provide readers and followers of the Institute with a dispassionate assessment of the main impacts of EU membership. Seven papers in the series have been published to date and more papers are being prepared for publication.



New Occasional Papers:

'The Europeanisation of Maltese Interest Groups: A Comparative Study After the First Decade of EU Membership'

The paper 'The Europeanisation of Maltese Interest Groups: A Comparative Study After the First Decade of EU Membership' by Dr. Mario Thomas Vassallo was published in April. The author analyses the changes Maltese interest groups have experienced in the last decade in areas such as attitudes towards the EU, participation in EU circles, EU funding, socialisation, lobbying and normative change.



'Sectoral Impact: An Insight into How the Maltese Dairy Sector Adapted to EU Membership'

The second paper published in April is entitled 'Sectoral Impact: An Insight into How the Maltese Dairy Sector Adapted to EU Membership', written by Dr Philip von Brockdorff and Mr Gaetano Buttigieg. The authors discuss the state of the Maltese dairy sector prior to and following Malta's accession to the EU and how this sector has had to adapt to the new realities of membership.



'The Impact on Maltese Environmental NGOs'

The third paper published in July is entitled 'The Impact on Maltese Environmental NGOs Membership', written by Michael Briguglio. The author investigates the impact of Malta's European Union accession on Environmental NGOs (ENGOS).

All Occasional Papers in this series are published on the following link: <http://www.um.edu.mt/europeanstudies/projects/decadeeumembership/occasionalpapers>

Submission of Papers

The deadline for the submission of contributions has been extended into 2015. Papers are to be submitted to Prof. Roderick Pace (roderick.pace@um.edu.mt). They are not to exceed 6,000 words including footnotes and excluding the bibliography.



News from our Alumni

The Institute for European Studies has a growing alumni network which currently includes approximately 350 from among 552 graduates of the Institute. The newsletter provides an opportunity to catch up with some alumni. In this issue, we meet ...

Kenneth Curmi B.A. Hons. Italian, B.A. Philosophy, M.A. European Studies



Kenneth Curmi is a Master of European Studies graduate, a degree he read from 2003 to 2005 at the Institute for European Studies (then the European Documentation and Research Centre).

This is an important year to me, as it marks the tenth anniversary since I obtained my MA in European Studies. Having graduated in Italian, my first foray into European Studies was motivated purely by career prospects. With Malta entering the Union, I knew that I'd find some open doors, but never during the lectures which Professor Pace gave with zeal on the historic idea of a Union or on the many attempts at forming a coherent foreign policy, could I have imagined where the course would eventually lead me. Today I am working at the European Parliament as the

Representative of the Parliament of Malta to the European Institutions in Brussels. My degree in European Studies is obviously very helpful, and indeed has been indispensable in getting me here. Theory and practice on their own can never reveal the complex reality of things: it's when the practical reality is combined with the theoretical understanding that one is finally able to see the complete picture. Apart from acting as a bridge between my parliament and the European institutions, my current post requires me to report on the goings-on in Brussels, and it's interesting how things I learnt ten years ago are still very relevant today, and how I encounter them in my everyday work, even if they may have changed in form. New initiatives still echo old ones, if not in content at least in intent, and it is telling in this regard that the *raison d'être* offered by the Commission in the explanatory memoranda accompanying proposals frequently harks back to decades-old Community principles. Learning the history of integration, and the conflicting political tendencies, such as the federalist and intergovernmental approaches underpinning the very idea of a closer union, has helped me grasp issues and consider proposals and initiatives holistically, which is essential when reporting back to Members of Parliament. In politics, underlying motives and intentions matter as much as the superficial content. They say history repeats itself, and the same can be said for ideas. The academic understanding of the legislative process, even when this has been superseded by events, and the analysis of treaties, even when new treaties have come into being, equips one with the tools needed to comprehend the functioning of the

European Union. And so while the EU is ever changing and even as legal concepts and definitions evolve, the foundation one acquires during the course makes absorbing new concepts and ideas easier. The MA course in European Studies has helped me even in other spheres of life, and as a writer with a regular column on the Malta Independent on Sunday, I draw from the academic discipline I acquired during my years at university to comment on everyday happenings and report on a variety of issues with as much rigour and objectivity as is humanably possible.

Joining the European Studies Alumni Network

Past students of the Institute for European Studies can join the Alumni Network by contacting Joanne Muscat at : joanne.muscat@um.edu.mt. Members of the Institute's Alumni Network are kept informed about the Institute's events, and also receive the Institute's and the European Documentation Centre's newsletters.



Activities by the Academic Members of the Institute

Prof. Roderick Pace

Publications

With Marcello Carammia chapter in **new edition** by De Wael et al. (eds.) **Les Democraties Europeennes** (Book Chapter);

“IMMIGRATION-INTEGRATION: A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR THE EU”, TEPESA PRE-PRESIDENCY CONFERENCE, Friday 5th June 2015, 11.00 am Parallel Session IV, Rm L6A100. LUXEMBOURG 4-5 June 2015 (Conference Paper);

With Andre Vella, **“The European Parliament and the Cyprus Conflict”**, in Stelios Stavridis and Daniela Irrera (ed.), *The European Parliament and its International Relations*, Routledge, Advances in European Politics Series, Taylor and Francis, London and New York, pp. 252-271, ISBN: 978-1-138-01602-6 (hbk) / ISBN: 978-1-315-71398-4 (ebk) (Book Chapter);

With Mark Harwood and Susanna Thede, *Mediterranean Politics*, Volume 20, Issue 1, 2015, **Changing Capitalism in the Arab and Muslim World pages 118-123** (Referred Journal);

With Marcello Carammia, article on the 2014 European Election in Malta, **“The Anatomy of a Misfit: The 2014 European Election in Malta”**, special edition, *South European Society and Politics*, Taylor and Francis.

REPORT ON MIGRATION BY THE EESC

During the month of September and October, Prof. Roderick Pace provided input as an expert of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) on a report being prepared by SOC/525 on the European Agenda on Migration. The rapporteur is Mr Stefano Mallia and the Co-Rapporteur is Mr. Cristian Pîrvulescu

BUILDING BRIDGES

Prof Pace is currently writing a paper as part of the project "BUILDING BRIDGES". the aim of the project is to analyze "National Perspectives on the European Union". It encourages an analytical and educational approach. The project aims to stimulate the public debate around national experts on the relationship between

their member state and the EU and on the future of the Union. This project will help confront their visions with others' from different member states, but also those of people from different horizons. Last September Prof Pace attended a public hearing in Brussels as part of this project and participated in the discussion. This project is led by the Institut français de relations internationales (IFRI).

<https://www.ifri.org/en/recherche/zones-geographiques/europe/projet-building-bridges>

Dr. Mark Harwood

During the academic year 2014-2015 Dr. Mark Harwood published the following:

Harwood, Mark (2014). *Malta and the European Union*. 1st Edition. Ashgate, UK.

Harwood, Mark (2015). 'Adopting Same-Sex Unions in Catholic Malta: Pointing the Finger at Europe', *South European Society and Politics*, Volume 20, Issue 1, 2015, pgs 113-131.

Harwood, Mark (2014). 'The Maltese Parliament and EU Affairs'. *Pademia Online Papers on Parliamentary Democracy*. 11/2004.

Harwood, Mark (2014). 'Ten Years of EU Membership - The Maltese Parliament', *Malta – Ten Years of EU Membership Paper Series*, 01/2014. Institute for European Studies, University of Malta, Malta

He also delivered the following papers:

Harwood, Mark (2015). 'Differential take up of 'European' norms: the juxtaposition of the accelerated promotion of LGBTI rights in Malta and the stagnation of gender equality policies over the same period'. UACES Conference on 'New Perspectives in European Studies: Europeanisation in the EU and the Neighbourhood', Queen's University, Belfast, UK, March 6-7 2015.

Harwood, Mark (2015). 'When Size Counts: How Smallness can Enable a Member State to Better Manage the Obligations of Membership'. University of Malta Seminar in collaboration with the Centre for Small State Studies at the University of Iceland entitled 'Small States in the EU: passive policy takers or industrious agenda-setters?', University of Malta, Valletta, Malta, May 11 2015.

During the second semester Dr. Harwood was on sabbatical, a period he had utilised to undertake research on a number of articles which are due to be published during the next academic year.

Dr Marcello Carammia

Participation to conferences

In the period covered by this newsletter, Dr Marcello Carammia attended four international workshops and conferences, where he presented five papers.

Workshop on “Party Politics in Micro-States” at the University of Malta

On 13-14 April, Dr Carammia presented a paper at the international workshop on “Party politics in micro-states” co-organised by the Institute and the University of Nottingham. The paper, co-authored with Prof Roderick Pace, focused on the *Structural and contextual determinants of Malta’s two-party system*, draws on established political science theories about the relationship between country size and party politics (particularly the impact of size on the number of parties in the political system) to explain Malta’s perfect two-party system. In turn, it uses the case of Malta to further refine existing general theories. The paper demonstrates that the relationship between size and party system is not deterministic, but rather mediated by the processes whereby political parties and cleavages coevolve in a particular political system.

Third ReShape Workshop

On June 11-12, Dr Carammia attended the third annual workshop of the *ReShape* project, coordinated by Prof Fulvio Attinà of the University of Catania under his Jean Monnet Chair Ad Personam. The topic of the workshop was “Insecurity Complexes. The Response of the EU and the Member States”. At this workshop, Dr Carammia presented a paper on *Sharing Responsibility for Asylum Seekers and Refugees. A Protective Capacity Index with Application to European Union Member States*, co-authored with Ms Petra Bishtawi, PhD student at the Institute for European Studies. The paper develops a theoretically based and empirically measurable index of the capacity of single EU member states to provide protection to asylum-seekers, and compares the theoretical

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distribution of asylum-seekers among member states which would result from the application of that index with the actual distribution.

Comparative Agendas Project

On June 22-24, Dr Carammia attended the General Conference of the Comparative Agendas Project:

<http://www.comparativeagendas.info/>) that was hosted by the Nova University Lisbon. As one of the coordinators of the Italian Agendas Project and a member of the EU Agendas Project, Dr Carammia attended several panels and workshops and presented two papers.

One paper on *Policy Gaps. Exploring the Mismatch between Electoral Priorities and Policy Outputs*, co-authored with Enrico Borghetto and Federico Russo of the Nova University Lisbon, used Italy as a case study to provide a systematic analysis of the policy promises that political parties do not respect once they are in government.

Another paper, *Budgeting in Authoritarian and Democratic Regimes*, is the first analysis ever carried out of how budgetary processes vary between democratic and non-democratic regimes. The paper compares five cases – Brazil, Malta, Russia, Turkey, USA – and as an extensive and resource-intensive effort it involved scholars from several universities in Europe and the US (namely Prof Frank R. Baumgartner and Derek A. Epp from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, US; Ben Noble from Oxford University, UK; Beatriz Rey from Syracuse University, US; Tevfik Murat Yildirim from the University of Missouri, US), alongside of Dr Carammia and Ms Petra Bishtawi PhD student at the Institute for European Studies.

The data on budgetary processes in Malta, used to contribute to this paper, are part of a broader project analysing change in the budget of Malta between 1775 and 2013. This is the longer budgetary series ever collected at the level of single expenditure votes. Dr Carammia is currently working on a number of papers based on these data.

Fifth Research Sessions of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

With its Research Sessions, the ECPR provides the opportunity to a selected set of inter-

national projects to organise international workshop between researchers working on promising collaborative projects. The 2015 edition of the Research Sessions was hosted by the Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands. Only six workshops were supported. Dr Carammia took part in one such project, chaired by Prof Markus Haverland of the Erasmus University Rotterdam and focusing on *Agenda-Setting beyond the European Commission*. The other coordinators of the project are Prof Sebastiaan Princen from Utrecht University and Prof Amie Kreppel from Florida University. At the workshop, Dr Carammia presented a paper on *Setting the agenda of EU migration policy. Institutional change, agenda-setting modes, and policy priorities*.

Publications

Three research outputs by Dr Carammia were published or accepted for publication since last January 2015.

With Roderick Pace chapter in **new edition** by De Wael et al. (eds.) **Les Democraties Europeennes** (Book Chapter);

With Roderick Pace, article on the 2014 European Election in Malta, **"The Anatomy of a Misfit: The 2014 European Election in Malta"**, special edition, *South European Society and Politics*, Taylor and Francis.

Enrico Borghetto and Marcello Carammia (2015) "Party priorities, government formation and the making of the executive agenda". In Nicolò Conti and Francesco Marangoni (eds.) *The Challenge of Coalition Government: The Italian case*. Abingdon: Routledge, 36-57.

NOTICES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Dr Carammia was invited to chair one section of the 8th Pan-European Conference on the European Union

The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), the second largest political science organization in the world and the largest in Europe, organizes a biannual conference on the European Union. This is the flagship event for European Union scholars, which in 2016 will be hosted by the University of Trento. As most major conference, the Pan-European Conference is organised in a few sections, each one including a number of panels. Each panel then features between three to five pa-

per presentations.

Dr Carammia has been invited to chair one of the thirteen sections of the conference, dealing with a major themes of his expertise: policy-making in the EU. The co-chair will be Prof Sebastiaan Princen from Utrecht University, with whom Dr Carammia has close working relationships.

Dr. Susanna Thede

Dr Susanna Thede participated in the 24th Silvaplane Workshop in Political Economy held in July 2015. This yearly event, which is hosted by the Journal of Political Economy, brings together European researchers to discuss topics at the Political Economy frontier in a 4-day intensive workshop. Dr Thede presented a paper titled 'Corruption and FDI Market Selection: Evidence for Swedish Enterprises' (joint with N. Gustafson), which is currently under revision before submission to an international journal. She has also continued to work on the papers titled 'A Simple Model of Job Task Offshoring and Social Insurance' and 'Importers, Exporters and Multinationals: Exploring the Hierarchy of International Linkages (joint with Joakim Gullstrand and Karin Olofsdotter)', which have been under revision for publication in the International journals *International Economics and Economic Policy* and *Open Economies Review*. She has also published the policy brief 'The EU, Investment Protection and TTIP' in the Institute's *Jean Monnet Policy Brief Series* (09/2015).

Two New Academic Members of Staff at the Institute

Dr. Jean Claude Cachia

Dr. Jean Claude Cachia has been an academic with the Institute for European Studies since October 2015. He teaches modules in Small States, Research Methods and Political Parties.

Jean Claude obtained a BA (Hons) in International Relations from the University of Malta in 2008 and a Master of Arts in Diplomatic Studies in 2009 from the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies.

In 2010, Jean Claude was awarded a Master of Arts in Research Methods in Politics and International Relations from the University of Sheffield. He was awarded a Ph.D. in Politics from the University of Lincoln in 2014 with a doctoral dissertation based on the Impact of Europeanization on Malta's Political Parties and Party Systems.

His research interests include Europeanization, European Integration, Eu-ization, Malta in the EU, Foreign Policies, Political Parties and Comparative Politics.



Ms. Elaine Cordina

Ms. Elaine Cordina joined the academic team at the Institute in November 2015. Prior to that, she has worked for eight years at the European Commission, notably in the Secretariat General and in DG MARE. In both DGs, she has been responsible for inter-institutional relations with the European Parliament and Council while at the Secretariat General, in particular, she was part of the secretariat of the Groupe Relations Interinstitutionnelles, the body that brings together members from all the Commissioner's cabinets and tasked with monitoring political, legal and administrative aspects of the inter-institutional affairs of the Commission.

Prior to the Commission, Elaine worked first at the Malta-EU Information Centre in the years leading up to Maltese membership of the EU and then as a parliamentary assistant to an MEP in the European Parliament in Brussels.

Elaine is in possession of a BA Hons in International Relations at the University of Malta and a Masters in Diplomacy at the Mediterranean Academy for Diplomatic Studies.



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Founded in 1991 as the European Documentation and Research Centre (EDRC), the Institute was granted the status of a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in 2004. The Institute is engaged in various research and publication activities in European Integration Studies and is a member of the Trans-European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), EPERN, EADI, and the two Euro-Mediterranean networks, EuroMeSCo and FEMISE. The Institute is also a member of the Council for European Studies (hosted at Columbia University).

The research interests of its staff include comparative politics and history of the European Union (EU); EU institutions; EU external relations and enlargement; small states in the EU; Malta in the EU; Euro-Mediterranean relations; Stability and Growth Pact; economic governance of the euro area; Europe 2020; EU development policies, climate change, international economics, economic causes and consequences of globalisation and EU trade and cohesion policy.



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TEPSA - Pre Presidency Conference Luxembourg

Before the start of an EU Presidency of the Council, member Institutes of the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) of which the Institute for European Studies is a member, organize "pre-presidency conference" in the country which will be going to assume the Presidency. The conference in Luxembourg was led by the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Européennes Robert Schuman and took place on the 4 and 5 of June 2015. Professor Roderick Pace, Director, attended the conference and participated in one of the panels on the subject of immigration which was entitled "Immigration - Integration: A new Opportunity for Europe?" He also prepared a paper for the occasion which was circulated as a work in progress.

The proceedings were inaugurated by H R H Grand-Duke Henri and the first keynote speech was delivered by Minister Foreign Affairs, Jean Asselborn on "The priorities of the Luxembourgish EU presidency". This inaugural event, as all the other activities which followed were held in the chamber where the European Parliament used to meet periodically. Following this the panel discussions began. The proceedings and 'recommendations' were included in a single document which was passed to the Luxembourg presidency.

Several representatives from the leading research Institutions of the 28 member countries participated in this conference. TEPSA General Assembly was also included as part of the program. <http://www.tepsa.eu/luxembourg-tepsa-pre-presidency-conference-4-5-june-2015/> In November Professor Pace goes to The Hague to participate in the next TEPSA pre presidency Conference which is being organized by the Clingendael Institute for International Relations. At this conference, Prof Pace is also participating as a discussant in a panel on migration. <http://www.tepsa.eu/tepsa-pre-presidency-conference-in-the-hague-november-2015/>