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First colloquium for the Jean Monnet Chair Project 'An Evolving EU Engaging a Changing Mediterranean' held at Dar I-Ewropa

On 20th December 2012 a colloquium was held at Dar L-Ewropa in Valletta to start the research part of the Jean Monnet Project "An Evolving EU Engaging a Changing Mediterranean Region". This activity was co-financed by the EU's Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP), and by University of Malta research funding.

The colloquium, which was chaired by Prof Roderick Pace, Jean Monnet Chair at the University of Malta, was attended by Prof Fulvio Attina of the University of Catania, Prof Aylin Güney Jean Monnet Chair at Yasar University, Izmir, Turkey, Prof Magnús Árni Magnússon, Bifrost University, Iceland, Dr Stelios Stavridis, ARAID Researcher, University of Zaragoza, Spain, and by the Institute of European Studies' academic staff, Dr Mark Harwood, Dr Marcello Carammia, Mr Stefano Moncada, Ms Moira Catania and Mr Jean Micallef Grimaud. In attendance were also a number of M.A. students and a Ph.D. student from the Institute.

The main objective of the Jean

Monnet Project is to analyse and assess key developments in the EU as it evolves further, particularly in the light of the Lisbon Treaty implementation, enlargement, as well as developments in the Mediterranean Region following the Arab-Spring.

The project's main theme of "An Evolving EU Engaging a Changing Mediterranean Region" is split into seven working-themes, each led by a member of the Institute's academic staff. Prof Roderick Pace is co-ordinating working-teams one, "The State of the EU after Lisbon and its External Action in the Mediterranean", and six "Energy Security and Alternatives in the Mediterranean Region"; Dr Mark Harwood leads working-team two, "State Building and Democratic Consolidation (Egypt, Libya, Tunisia)"; Ms Moira Catania working-team three,

"Economic Change in Egypt, Libya and Tunisia"; Dr Marcello Carammia leads working-team four, "Mediterranean Migration"; Mr Stefano Moncada leads working-team 5, "Climate Change & Development in the Mediterranean Region"; and Mr Jean Micallef Grimaud leads working-team seven, "Institutional Issues".

A presentation on each of the working-themes was carried out by the respective working-team co-ordinators during the colloquium. The reports were discussed amongst the academic discussants present at the meeting, with participation from the floor. A full report on the colloquium will be published shortly on the upcoming Jean Monnet Chair website.



Larkin Zahra wins competition to form part of the delegation which received the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize

In December 2012, Larkin Zahra, an alumnus of the Institute for European Studies, was the winner of a Facebook competition to form part of an EU delegation which received the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo. Mr Zahra completed a Bachelor's degree in European Studies at the Institute for European Studies in 2010, following which he finished a Master's degree in European Public Affairs at the University of Maastricht.

After the announcement that the EU had won the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize, the Union launched an initiative to select some citizens to receive the prize on behalf of the EU's 500 million people. In partnership with the European Youth Forum, the EU launched a drawing and writing contest open to children and young people, living in the EU and the acceding/candidate countries, aged 8 to 24, entitled "Peace, Europe, Future: What does Peace in Europe mean to you?". Those aged 8 to 12 had to express their answer in a drawing, while those aged 13 to 17 and 18 to 24 were asked to express their answers to this question in any EU official language. In all, 5,397 submission were received. Mr Zahra participated in this contest by submitting an answer which read "My grandparents would have said 'a dream'. My parents would have said 'a process'. I say that it's my everyday reality!".

Mr Zahra's entry was voted amongst one of the 16 finalists in the 18 to 24 category. For this category, a Facebook competition was also held to select the 'People's Choice' from amongst the answers. Mr Zahra won the Facebook competition, picking up 8,100 votes in six days. He and another three winners of the contest then travelled to Oslo to attend the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize ceremony. During his trip to Oslo, Mr Zahra wrote his winning text on a postcard which was formally presented to Mr Martin Schulz,

President of the European Parliament. The postcard will be exhibited in an EU museum, scheduled to open later this year.

Amongst other events, Mr Zahra had the opportunity to visit the EU Delegation to Norway, where he spoke about his studies



Above: Larkin with Presidents Van Rompuy, Barroso and Schulz, and the other contest winners

and future plans to European Commissioners Neelise Kroes and Maroš Šefčovič. The highlight of the Oslo visit was the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony, which Mr Zahra described as an 'amazing' and 'extraordinary' event. The ceremony was attended by Mr José Barroso, President of the European Commission, Mr Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council and President Schulz, along with 20 heads of state/government, as well as the Norwegian Royal Family. Mr Zahra recounted that he considered the experience of the ceremony to be definitely

unforgettable. Subsequently, Mr Zahra had the opportunity to watch a live CNN interview at Oslo City Hall with Presidents Barroso, Van Rompuy and Schulz.

Following the ceremony, Mr Zahra travelled to Strasbourg to attend the European Parliament's events related to the Nobel Peace Prize. Presidents Barroso and Schulz invited Mr Zahra to address the MEPs by sharing his winning text with all those present at the Parliament.



Above: Larkin launching the Nobel Peace Prize photo exhibition

While in Strasbourg, Mr Zahra was also asked to launch a Nobel Peace Prize photo exhibition. There he had the opportunity to deliver a speech along with President Schulz. Mr Zahra described this as a 'great honour', in view of the fact that he holds the European Parliament close to heart.

This information was provided by Larkin Zahra.

Below: Larkin at the EP, alongside Presidents Barroso and Schulz



Ambassador of Spain to Malta, HE Dr Felipe de la Morena Casado, visits the Institute

His Excellency Dr Felipe de la Morena Casado, the Spanish Ambassador to Malta visited the Institute for European Studies at the University of Malta on 30th January 2013.

The Ambassador was welcomed at the Institute by the Director, Professor Roderick Pace who briefed the Ambassador on the Institute's work. For his part, the Ambassador spoke of the current economic situation in Spain and the prospects of economic recovery. HE Dr de la Morena Casado also met the resident academic and support staff of the Institute. He was accompanied by Mr Gabriel Cremades, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Spain in Malta.



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Students visit Institute for European Studies during Discover University

Over 125 secondary and post-secondary students visited the Institute for European Studies between the 5th and the 10th of November as part of the Discover University Open Week. Discover University is aimed to give secondary students, post-secondary students, and the general public a taste of University life.

The Institute organised a programme of lectures based around the different areas of research of the Institute for European Studies. The talks were delivered by the academic members of staff and focused on different issues including the environment, the EU institutions and the Lisbon Treaty.

Professor Roderick Pace, director and holder of the Jean Monnet Chair, spoke to second year G. F. Abela Junior College

students on the different course options available at the Institute. He went on to highlight the various career opportunities open to students who read for a degree in European Studies.

Mr Jean Micallef Grimaud and Dr Marcello Carammia spoke to fifth form students from St Monica's School on the Institutions of the European Union. Mr Micallef Grimaud gave a short outline of the history of these institutions and briefly explained the way decisions are taken in the EU.

Mr Stefano Moncada spoke to first year and second year Geography students from the Gian Frangisk Abela Junior College. He spoke on the different changes which occurred in the field of the environment

following action at EU level and explained some of the challenges which lie ahead.

Dr Mark Harwood introduced students from St Margaret's College – Zejtun Secondary to a number of opportunities which they might have should they choose European Studies as their main area of study. He went on to introduce the ideals at the heart of the EU institutions and some of the factors which led to the Lisbon Treaty.

The students were hosted at the European Documentation Centre, which is hosted by the Institute, and all visitors were given publications on different aspects of the EU.



Photos: First year and second year students from the G.F. Abela Junior College at the talk delivered by Mr Stefano Moncada on the EU and the Environment

Students from Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary and from St Aloysius College Sixth Form visit the Institute for European Studies

Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary visit

Thirty students from the Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary, Naxxar visited the Institute for European Studies on 26th November 2012. The students attended a talk by Mr Jean Micallef Grimaud.

Mr Micallef Grimaud began by giving an outline of the historical developments which shaped European integration. He then spoke about the different functions of the EU institutions.

The aim of the talk was to give students a comprehensive introduction to the different EU institutions.

Most of the students in attendance are scheduled to visit the European Parliament in Strasbourg next March. After the talk, the

students were invited to visit the European Documentation Centre.

Professor Roderick Pace welcomed the students and spoke about the work of the Institute. Professor Pace ended by highlighting the different opportunities offered by the Institute to students who wish to further their studies in European Studies.

St Aloysius College Sixth Form visit

Students from St Aloysius College upper Sixth Form attended an informative talk on the Institute for European Studies, during their university Orientation Day, on 31st January 2013. The aim of the Orientation Day was to give the students a comprehensive background on the

University and its courses. Prof Roderick Pace delivered a presentation on the Institute, the courses it offers, as well as the projects and initiatives it is involved in. Prof Pace also highlighted the various career opportunities which are available to graduates of European Studies.

After the, the students were invited to the Institute for European Studies, where they had the opportunity to visit the European Documentation Centre (EDC). Prof Pace informed the students on the work of the EDC, and on the various books and publications it houses.



Above: (left) Mr Micallef Grimaud delivering the talk to students from Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary (right) Prof Roderick Pace speaking to Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary students in the EDC

Dr Susanna Thede joins the Institute's full-time resident academic staff

Dr Susanna Thede joined the Institute for European Studies full-time resident academic staff on 1st February 2012. Dr Thede holds a Licentiate Degree in Economics, and a Ph.D. in economics, from Lund University. Prior to joining the Institute, Dr Thede was a researcher and assistant professor at the Department of Economics, Lund University. She has also worked as a lecturer at University College Dublin and researcher at Paris School of Economics.

Dr Thede's research covers a broad range of integration issues within international economics. Most recently, she has been studying economic implications of foreign ownership, offshoring effects and consequences of social insurance design and corruption effects on foreign direct investment. She now plans to address economic issues of relevance from a Maltese and Mediterranean perspective.



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<http://www.nek.lu.se/NEKSTH/Default.htm>

Climate News— Winter 2012/2013

Last December the **European Commission** launched an online public consultation on the new EU **Emissions Trading System (ETS)**. The Commission is seeking feedback on structural options and views reflected in the report, entitled “The state of the European carbon market in 2012,” which was published in November 2012. The consultation is open until 28 February 2013. (more on http://ec.europa.eu/clima/consultations/0017/index_en.htm)

The **European Commission** has awarded over €1.2 billion in grants to 23 **renewable energy projects** covering a range of technologies, including: bioenergy; concentrated solar power; geothermal power; wind; ocean energy and smart grids for distributed renewable energy management. (more on http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1385_en.htm)

The **European Environment Agency (EEA)** has published a report on the impacts of **invasive alien species (IAS)** in Europe,

aiming to raise awareness and inform all stakeholders, including the general public about the environmental and socioeconomic impacts of IAS. (more on www.eea.europa.eu/publications/impacts-of-invasive-alien-species/at_download/file).

The **Council of the EU** has adopted Conclusions in response to the European Commission communication “**A Blueprint to Safeguard Europe’s Water Resources**,” which call for better implementation of existing water legislation, including integration of water policy into other policy areas, such as agriculture, renewable energy and integrated disaster management. (more on <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/homepage/highlights/safer-management-of-europes-water-resources?lang=en>).



Information edited by Stefano Moncada and adapted from Climate-L.org

Visit by Professor Peter John

On 6th December 2012, Prof Peter John from University College London, visited the Institute. Prof Peter John is a Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, and has written extensively on various topics related to public policy. He is also editor of the Journal of Public Policy.

Prof Peter John delivered a guest-lecture during Dr Marcello Carammia’s study-unit “Political Parties in Europe”. The focus of the lecture was the influence which political parties have on public policy. Subsequently he visited the Institute for an informal meeting, which was attended by all of the Institute’s academic full-time staff, as well as academics from the Department of Public Policy. The meeting gave the opportunity to those in attendance to discuss the research projects of Prof Peter John.



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<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/spp/people/peter-john>

Jean Monnet Teaching Module ‘Agenda Setting in the EU’

The Jean Monnet Teaching Module on Agenda-Setting in the European Union is scheduled to begin on February 12th 2013. The Teaching Module is co-ordinated by Dr Marcello Carammia from the Institute for European Studies, and is open to university students and external participants from the general public who need to register for this course. No fees are charged.

The module will address questions which focus on key theoretical and empirical aspects of EU agenda-setting. It pursues new approaches to the study of European integration, combining theoretical and methodological training with the empirical knowledge necessary to understand EU actions. Participants will be provided with innovative tools to understand the factors driving the rise and fall of policy problems in the EU political agenda, and to increase their knowledge of key EU policies.

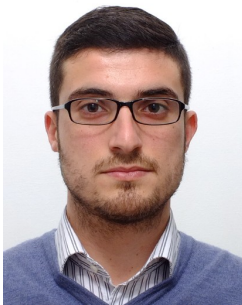
More detailed information, as well as related reading material on the module on Agenda-Setting in the European Union will be available on the Teaching Module website, which will be accessible shortly through the Institute’s main website.

News from our Alumni

The Institute for European Study has a growing alumni network which currently includes approximately 350 from among some 500 graduates of the Institute. The newsletter provides an opportunity to catch up with some alumni. In this issue, we meet ...

James Mansueto

**B.Com. Management and Public Policy,
M.A. European Studies**



Two years after completing his Bachelor of Commerce degree in 2006, James Mansueto started working at the Paying Agency within the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs, which deals with EU funds. Mr Mansueto was keen on the new experience, since it was

the first time he was working on an area connected with the new reality of Malta receiving EU funds. He found the job interesting, but felt he lacked the knowledge to understand the basic functioning of the Union, especially once he was charged with attending management committees led by the European Commission.

In the light of this, he decided to further his studies in the area through a Master of Arts degree in European Studies. During this period, he also started working at the Research Unit within the Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Investment. He was often charged with providing various research papers to his superiors on issues relating to the economic crisis in the EU. Mr Mansueto found that the subjects he was studying in his Master's degree in European Studies provided him with a vast background and important knowledge of the EU, which helped him in the preparation of these research papers.

Today Mr Mansueto's work within the Research Unit of the Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Investment is more focused on issues related to the future framework of the

European Monetary Union (EMU). In this context, he finds that his Master's dissertation was of particular relevance, as it helped increase his knowledge of EMU. With the assistance of his tutor, Ms Moira Catania, he completed a qualitative study of the EU's economic crisis as a catalyst for further fiscal integration. While developments in this area are constantly occurring, he still considers his dissertation as having equipped him with solid knowledge for understanding the ongoing developments as he works on his policy papers at the Ministry.

Joining the European Studies Alumni Network

Past students of the Institute for European Studies can join the Alumni Network by contacting Massimo Costa at massimo.costa@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.

European Commission awards Diploma Supplement Label to the UoM — Institute for European Studies pioneered the introduction of the Diploma Supplement

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency of the European Commission has awarded the Diploma Supplement Label to the University of Malta. The Institute for European Studies was at the forefront at the University to provide the Diploma Supplement to its graduates. The Institute participated in a preliminary pilot project, during the academic year 2005/06, and in December 2006 it was the only entity at the University of Malta whose graduates were awarded the Diploma Supplement. Indeed, 25 graduates in European Studies received it.

The following year, the Diploma Supplement was issued to a larger number of graduates from other courses, 209 in all, of whom 37 (18%) graduated in European Studies. By November/December 2009, the

large majority of under- and post-graduates were awarded the Supplement. Starting from November/December 2010, all University graduates, including those receiving a doctorate, were awarded the Diploma Supplement.

The Diploma Supplement Label is awarded by the Commission (DG Education and Culture) to Higher Education Institutions which apply the Diploma Supplement correctly in every respect. The Diploma Supplement, which is supplementary to the scroll awarded to students, provides detailed and up-to-date information on the course of studies followed. This document helps advance the objective of the Bologna Process of creating a system of easily readable and comparable documents across different European countries.

Activities by the Academic Members of the Institute

Professor Roderick Pace

- Listed below are the latest publications by Professor Pace which are not part of the Jean Monnet Chair Project. Other works, on the 2009 European Parliament elections, strategic culture, Malta's foreign policy, migration and social democracy, are in the printing stage and will be announced in future newsletters.

1. Roderick Pace, "**Euroscepticism in a Polarised Polity**" in Susannah Varney (ed.) "Euroscepticism in "Southern Europe: A Diachronic Perspective", Routledge, 2011.

2. Roderick Pace with Stelios Stavridis and Paqui Santonja, "**The Role of Parliamentary Bodies, Sub-State Regions and Cities in the Democratization of the Southern Mediterranean Rim**" in Stefania Panebianco and Rosa Rossi "Winds of Democratic Change in the Mediterranean?" Rubbettino, Italy, 2012.

3. Roderick Pace with Stelios Stavridis, "**Os Limites da diplomacia parlamentar e a resolução de conflitos internacionais: O caso da Assembleia Parlamentar Euro-Mediterrânica e a sua successor a Assembleia Parlamentar da União para o Mediterrâneo 2004-2011**", Oercursos e Ideias, Revista Científica do ISCET, Portugal, Nos 3 and 4, serie on line, 2011-12, pp. 85-98.

4. Roderick Pace, "**Growing Secularisation in a Catholic Society: The Divorce Referendum of 28 May 2011 in Malta**", South European Society and Politics, Taylor and Francis, Vol. 17, No. 4, December 2012, pp. 573-589.

5. Roderick Pace (assisted by Ivan-Carl Saliba), Malta Chapter in the report "**Democratic Control in the Member States of the European Council and the Euro zone summits**", Directorate General for Internal Policies, Policy Department C: Citizens'

Rights and Constitutional Affairs:EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IP/C/ AFCO/IC/2012-012 / PE XXX.YYY EN, 2012.

Dr Marcello Carammia

- On December 13 Dr Carammia attended the workshop of the research project "Party Pledges and Democratic Accountability" (http://www.cies.iscte.pt/np4/?newsId=606&fileName=Party_Pledge.pdf), organised by Prof. Catherine Moury of the Nova University of Lisbon and hosted by the Lisbon University Institute (ISCTE-IUL). He presented a paper titled "**Just Empty Words? Issue Competition in Italy between Rhetoric and Institutional Behaviour**", written with Elisabetta De Giorgi.

Mr Stefano Moncada

- Mr. Moncada has recently published a book with his colleague Dr. Alexandros Apostolides, from the European University Cyprus, entitled '**Development Co-operation Handbook - Development in Theory, Development in Action**'. The event was organised by the NGO Support



Above: Mr Moncada at the event in which his book was published.



Above: Attendees to the event in connection with the publishing of Mr Moncada's book 'Development Co-operation Handbook - Development in Theory, Development in Action'

Centre in Cyprus, and supported by the European Commission and Europe Aid.

- Mr. Stefano Moncada also attended on behalf of the Institute for European Studies the annual conference of **FEMISE**, a research network that specialises on socio-economic issues in the Mediterranean.

The conference took place in Marrakech, Morocco, on the 23rd and 24th of November, and it was entitled "**Inclusive Development in the Southern-Med Countries and the role of the EU-Med partnership**". A number of different sessions were held, with the aim of discussing current socio-economic issues encountered by the Mediterranean regions, also in the light of the recent political changes initiated by the Arab spring. The role of the EU-Med partnership was also discussed, with some specific pieces of research presented that tackled directly the challenges and opportunities faced by EU and Mediterranean countries vis-à-vis development and growth objectives. A much more detailed report of the whole conference is available upon request. For more information about FEMISE please visit <http://www.femise.org/en/>.

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The Institute for European Studies is a multi-disciplinary teaching and research Institute within the University of Malta. It runs an evening Diploma course, as well as full-time courses leading to the Bachelor of European Studies degree and to qualifications at MA and PhD level. Each year Maltese and international students enrol in its degree programmes, and through the ERASMUS Programme it offers a number of student and staff exchanges with universities and institutions of higher learning abroad. All of the Institute's courses are fully in line with Bologna Process guidelines.

Founded in 1992 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 LISBOAN network, EPERN and the two Euro-Mediterranean networks, EuroMeSco and FEMISE. 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 and Climate Change.



TEPSA

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Dublin Conference

The Irish Institute of International and European Affairs, in association with TEPSA, held a pre-presidency conference in Dublin on the 22nd and 23rd of November 2012. Dr Mark Harwood attended on behalf of the Institute for European Studies.

The conference was divided into four key themes, namely the priorities of the Irish government once it assumes the Presidency of the Council of the EU in January 2013, economic governance and EMU, 'smart, green growth' and the foreign policy agenda of the Union, with particular emphasis on the European External Action Service. The conference took place within the imposing surroundings of Dublin Castle and included key speakers from the Irish government, the EU, business, think tanks and academia.

While debating the future and the importance of developing the Union's economic and political integration, a persistent theme throughout the conference was the dilemma of a multispeed Europe and the need to develop new models of integration. In particular there was unease about Europe a la carte as well as repeated concerns, primarily voiced by Irish delegates, of a British exit from the Union. A pervasive feeling was that this would leave Ireland isolated and also remove from the Union's mix one of its fiercest free-market advocates. A distinguished German participant expressed concern over a British withdrawal from the Union, stating that the UK was needed to counterbalance Germany's political power within the Union.

It was noted that the Union was created during the peace of the initial post-WWII years, and it was devised to maintain that peace, but the Union had shown itself less capable at dealing with crisis. Maybe it was best to reconfigure the Union to ensure that it can weather storms in the future as successfully as it has prospered during periods of peace.