



## Fourth Gozo dissertation seminar for third year students (Gozo IV)

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The fourth dissertation seminar for final year Bachelor of European Studies students was held at Manresa House in Gozo on 27 and 28 February 2013.

Preparations for this seminar started early in the academic year, in a meeting which European Studies Director Prof. Roderick Pace, and resident academic Mr Jean Micallef Grimaud had with third year students in November 2012. Students thus had the necessary time to prepare well for the seminar, in consultation with their respective supervisors.

Twenty one students and the seven resident academic staff of the IES attended the seminar. The aim of the seminar was to provide students with the opportunity to present on-going dissertation work. Therefore, students presented their dissertation areas mainly

focusing on the research question/s, literature review, and theoretical and methodological approaches which they were applying. Students were also able to air any preliminary findings or specific problems encountered so far.

As is customary in this seminar, short presentations were followed by a discussion among students and the academic staff, who gave their feedback on the presentations.

Following a short introductory plenary session, the seminar involved six parallel sessions, with students being divided into different groups according to the theme of the sessions.

During the seminar, a presentation of the Institute for European Studies' post-graduate course was also delivered by Prof. Pace.

At the end of the seminar,

students were forwarded a feedback form whereby they could anonymously give their comments and suggestions on this seminar. As in previous years, the feedback received was very positive, and students praised the organization and value of holding such a seminar. In particular, the students appreciated the feedback they received on their work, and they enjoyed the opportunity to get to know fellow students better, now that they are approaching the end of their course of studies.

The next Gozo seminar will build on this feedback to ensure that it will live up to student expectations and to continue in its success and popularity among the Institute's undergraduate students.

*Below: The students and staff members who participated in Gozo IV*



## Panel discussion 'The Lisbon Treaty and Citizenship in Europe' at the European Documentation Centre

A panel discussion entitled 'The Lisbon Treaty and Citizenship in Europe' was held on 8 April at the European Documentation Centre, housed at the Institute for European Studies. The event was organised in collaboration with the European Commission Representation, Malta. The panel was composed of Mr Martin Bugelli (Head of European Commission Representation Malta), Prof. Roderick Pace (Director of the Institute for European Studies and Jean Monnet Chair), Dr Mark Harwood (Senior Lecturer in European Studies) and Dr Marcello Carammia (Lecturer in European Studies).

Following a brief introduction by Mr Bugelli on the main theme, the European Year of Citizens 2013, Prof. Pace spoke on the topic of 'More Powers to the European Parliament and European Citizenship'. He said that, as EU citizens, people stand to benefit from additional rights than they would as citizens of their individual nation state. Professor Pace also discussed the current economic crisis and how this is causing many to associate the EU and EU citizenship with negative developments. However, he also noted that opinion polls show that a majority of persons still believe that the EU is more adept at dealing with the crisis than the individual member states.

Turning to the role of the European Parliament in the crisis, Prof. Pace said that although the Lisbon Treaty has given the Parliament significant power, the EP still did not play a major role in the economic crisis. He argued that this marginal role would not help increase voter turnout at next year's European elections.

Dr Harwood subsequently delivered a talk entitled 'The Committee on a People's Europe and the Politics behind EU Citizenship'. Dr Harwood said that the Committee, was set up 30 years ago to find

ways of creating a stronger link between the citizens of the EU member states and the EU institutions. The Committee had identified many practical recommendations on how to achieve this, such as an EU anthem and flag, together with more practical goals such as the four freedoms. Despite this, polls have shown that the 'cultural' dimensions of the Committee's recommendations, particularly the anthem and flag have taken second place in importance to more concrete aspects of the EU, such as free movement and the single currency. The problem such aspects of identity pose centres on the fact that many of these key components of EU identity, especially the single currency, are now in jeopardy because of the economic crisis.

Dr Carammia delivered the final talk of the discussion, entitled 'The EU governance after the Lisbon Treaty: institutional complexity and democratic legitimacy'. Dr Carammia said that the Convention on the Future of Europe, which eventually led to the Lisbon Treaty, had amongst its aims that of addressing the EU's institutional complexity. Dr Carammia argued however that if a democratic deficit exists it does not lie in EU's complex institutions and cumbersome decision-making procedures. He summarised the main positions in the academic literature – pointing out how different views about the EU's democratic deficit are related to different understandings of what the EU is and should be. The

conclusion of his talk was that the EU is departing from the model of a 'regulatory state' concerned with the efficient regulation of economic activities, and is increasingly dealing with redistributive policies. Redistribution, in turn, raises political conflict, and if such conflict is not made the object of contestation within EU institutions it can only attract discontent toward the EU as a whole – and against the very project of EU integration. In his view, a politically legitimised EU government, one that is also opposed by a minority competing on the basis of an alternative programme of government, would be an effective way to depoliticise EU integration (what the EU *is*) while focusing political conflict on EU activities (what the EU *does*).

At the end of the discussion, on behalf of the European Commission Representation in Malta, Mr Martin Bugelli presented a number of new academic books to Prof. Pace. The books are to be kept at the European Documentation Centre, to be used for reference work by students.

The panel discussion was very well attended by a good number of students and members of the public.



*Above: Prof. Pace receiving a donation of books from Mr Bugelli on behalf of the European Commission Representation Malta*



*Above: Dr Harwood delivering his talk*



## Visit by Prof. Si Hong Kim from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

Prof. Si Hong Kim, Director of the EU Centre at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, South Korea, visited the Institute for European Studies on 7 February 2013. Prof. Kim was accompanied by Assistant Prof. Heejung Kim from the Department of Italian at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies.

Prof. Si Hong Kim and Assistant Prof. Heejung Kim met with Prof. Roderick Pace, Director of the Institute for European Studies, together with members of the resident academic staff. Dr Jean Paul Baldacchino, Lecturer in Anthropology, and Ms Stefania Fabri, Administrative Director of the International and EU Office, were also present. Prof. Kim provided information on the history and work of the EU Centre at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, which offers undergraduate and post-graduate courses in European Studies, and is involved in international events and research activities related to European Studies.

Prof. Pace discussed the history of the Institute for European Studies and the research interests and activities of its resident academic staff.

Prof. Kim was visiting the University of Malta on invitation from Prof. Paul Sant Cassia, Head of the Department of Anthropological Sciences at the Faculty of Arts, University of Malta.



## Bachelor of European Studies student wins award at Model UN

Cristina Cefai, a first year Bachelor of European Studies student, was last February awarded Best Delegate in the United Nations Environment Programme for her performance in the London International Model United Nations (LIMUN) 2013. LIMUN is a weekend conference wherein students from different countries simulate representing countries in various committees of the UN. Cristina was representing the Republic of Zimbabwe.

The topics debated were genetically modified organisms and their effect on biodiversity, and nuclear waste. The students involved had to carry out considerable research on the topic in the context of Zimbabwe. Ms Cefai then had the challenge of negotiating Zimbabwe's position, and effectively delivering the country's arguments to all the other countries represented in the debate. Ms Cefai remarked on the fact that the negotiations during the simulation required a large amount of time, and sometimes resulted in fruitless discussion - this put into perspective the very long time which it may take for states participating in real-life negotiations

on treaties, conventions and protocols to reach an agreement.

Following negotiations, resolutions were written, and on this aspect, Ms Cefai said that she considers her ability to compromise as having been her greatest asset in writing such resolutions. She maintains that she might have been too flexible in certain instances, in light of Zimbabwe's actual tendencies not to agree with the West's demands.

Another University of Malta student, Christopher Bergedahl, also won an award

during this same event, that of Outstanding Delegate Award in the International Atomic Energy Agency. This positive experience encouraged Ms Cefai, together with the rest of the Maltese delegation, to establish the Malta Model United Nations (MaltaMUN) Society with the aim of training students. MaltaMUN is also actively working on MUNs to be held locally.

*Information provided by Cristina Cefai*



*Photo: The Maltese delegation at LIMUN 2013—credit: timesofmalta.com*

## Jean Monnet Chair and Jean Monnet Teaching Module

### Launch of Jean Monnet Chair website

The website for the Jean Monnet Chair 'An Evolving EU Engaging a Changing Mediterranean Region' was launched in February 2013. The Jean Monnet Chair at the Institute for European Studies is held by Professor Roderick Pace. The Chair is involved in leading research and discussion on the different aspects of change taking place in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The website is a source of material related to the theme of the Chair. This includes providing information regarding events organised by the Institute in relation to the Chair, and a description of the working-themes and working-teams involved in the Chair.

The Jean Monnet Chair website can be accessed at the following URL: <http://www.um.edu.mt/europeanstudies/jmceu-med>.

### Jean Monnet Occasional Papers and Jean Monnet Policy Briefs

The Jean Monnet Chair website is also being updated with Occasional Papers and Policy Briefs, contributed by various scholars from different universities, whose research interests are relevant to the theme of the Chair.



Above: 'Iceland's contested European Policy: The Footprint of the Past—A Small and Insular Society', by Baldur Thorhallsson

Three Occasional Papers are already available on the website: 'Iceland's

contested European Policy: The Footprint of the Past - A Small and Insular Society', contributed by Dr. Baldur Thorhallsson; 'Migration in the Central Mediterranean', contributed by Prof. Roderick Pace (this paper is referred to on p. 8 of this newsletter); and 'Taking its place in Europe – Iceland's long road to its EU application', contributed by Assoc. Prof. Magnús Árni Magnússon.



Above: 'Taking its place in Europe – Iceland's long road to its EU application', by Magnús Árni Magnússon

A Policy Brief, contributed by Susanna Thede, and entitled 'What's the use of a transatlantic free trade area?', has also been already made available through the Chair website.



Above: 'What's the use of a transatlantic free trade area?', Policy Brief by Susanna Thede

### Jean Monnet Teaching Module

The Jean Monnet Teaching Module on Agenda-Setting in the European Union commenced on 12 February 2013.

The Module has involved seminars delivered by Dr Marcello Carammia, Prof. Roderick Pace, Ms Moira Catania, Dr Mark Harwood and Mr Stefano Moncada from the Institute for European Studies; Dr Peter Agius, Head of Malta's EP Office; Dr Anne Rasmussen from Leiden University; Dr Sebastiaan Princen from Utrecht University; Dr Arco Timmermans from the Montesquieu Institute at Leiden University; Ms Marie Briguglio from the Faculty of Economics, Management & Accountancy at the University of Malta, Prof. Fulvio Attinà from the University of Catania and Prof. Frank Baumgartner from University of North Carolina.



Above: Dr Anne Rasmussen during a seminar

Prior to the commencement of seminars, a website dedicated to the Module was launched. The website is updated with information regarding the scholars involved in the teaching of the Module, together with material for students related to the various seminars. It can be accessed at: <http://www.um.edu.mt/europeanstudies/aseu>.



Above: Dr Sebastiaan Princen during a seminar

## Climate News— Winter/Spring 2013

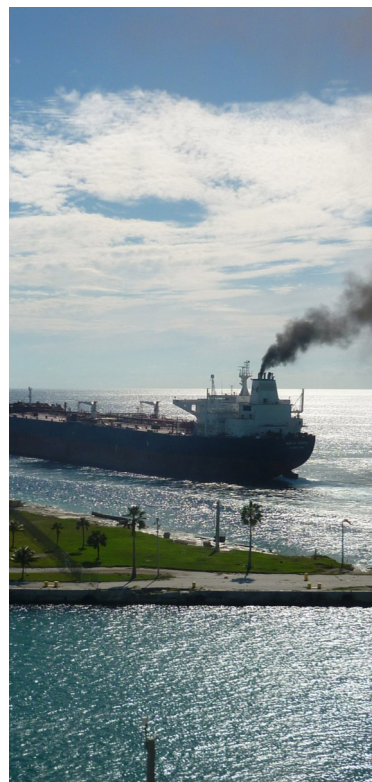
Last March the **European Commission** launched a Communication, entitled “The 2015 Climate Change Agreement: Shaping International Climate Policy Beyond 2020,” with the intention of kick starting a public consultation on how to design the 2015 Climate Agreement being negotiated through the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) under the UNFCCC (more can be read at: [http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/international/negotiations/future/docs/com\\_2013\\_167\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/international/negotiations/future/docs/com_2013_167_en.pdf)).

The **first Environment Council** of the **European Commission** under the **Irish Presidency**, held on 21 March 2013, included policy debates on: the European Commission's proposal to minimize the climate change impacts of bio-fuels; proposed changes to the directive on environmental impact assessments; and access and benefit sharing of genetic resources (more can be read at: <http://>

[www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/pressdata/en/envir/136431.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/envir/136431.pdf)).

The **European Environment Agency (EEA)** has released a technical report that provides an overview on the state of knowledge on the impact of **international shipping** in European waters on air quality and climate change. The report calls for addressing both air pollution and greenhouse gases (GHGs) in an integrated manner (more on <http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/the-impact-of-international-shipping>).

The **European Environment Agency (EEA)** produced an Eye on Earth map that highlights potential **climate-induced flood risk and temperature increases** in European cities, in advance of the First Eye on Earth User Conference, which will be held from 4-6 March 2013, in Dublin, Ireland (more can be read at: <http://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/climate-change-and-flood-risk>).



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

## Placements in European Studies

For the second consecutive year, the Institute for European Studies has offered placement opportunities to its second year Bachelor of European Studies students.

Students who choose this study-unit are assigned a place of work where they have to carry out 112 hours of 'placement', which is equal to eight hours a week for 14 weeks of the academic semester. The total of 112 hours can be divided into either one full day (eight hours) of work per week, or into two half-days (four hours each week) - this is done according to both the needs of the students and of the entities hosting the placement. Each student is appointed a mentor from the entity hosting the placement, with the role of helping the students in developing an enhanced practical knowledge in the area of European Studies. Each student is assigned a specific task by the entity hosting the placement, which task is reviewed and approved by the academic staff of the Institute for European Studies. Students are to keep a logbook of their activities, together with a description of the learning experience.

This year, eleven have taken up this opportunity. They are carrying out their placement in different host entities: three were assigned to the Malta Business Bureau (MBB); two to the Malta EU Steering Action Committee (MEUSAC); three to the Ministry of Finance; one to KOPIN Malta; and two are carrying out research work at the Institute for European Studies.

## New books at the EDC

In the past year, the European Documentation Centre (EDC) has been constantly working to update its book collection and to improve the services offered by the library. This has led to an investment of around €8,000 in books, through collaborations with Agenda Bookshop, the University of Malta Main Library, Sage and Palgrave Publications and the European Commission Representation in Malta.

The EDC now holds a number of new books, mainly published in the last two years, providing the most recent and up-to-date information on European politics, economics, international relations, climate change and other topics. A special section in the EDC is devoted to books on methodology, literature review and research methods which are essential to students who are carrying out research and writing their dissertations.

All books at the EDC are catalogued in the University of Malta's OPAC library catalogue and can thus be searched for online.

Moreover, apart from Wi-Fi services, the EDC is now equipped with computer terminals and printing services, for the convenience of its users. For more information on the EDC and its services, please visit: <http://www.um.edu.mt/europeanstudies/edc> or email on [edc@um.edu.mt](mailto:edc@um.edu.mt).



## News from our alumni

**T**he 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 ...

### Ivan-Carl Saliba

**B.Com. (Management), M.A. European Studies**



Ivan-Carl Saliba's completed his Bachelor of Commerce degree in 2002, following which he started working in the Public Service as a Principal Officer. After completing a mentorship programme for management graduates, he started work at what was then the Ministry for Urban Development and Roads, where he dealt with EU affairs and the management of EU funded projects. This EU-related work experience led him to start a Master of Arts in European Studies at the Institute for European Studies, in order to improve his knowledge of European matters. During this period he was promoted to Senior Principal within the Ministry. Following his completion of the M.A. degree in European Studies, he was appointed Assistant Director within the Policy Development Directorate at the Ministry of Finance. Mr Saliba's main responsibility was to provide advice and draw up positions on single market issues and the Lisbon Agenda. Amongst various tasks, he was directly involved in coordinating the compilation of Malta's National Reform Programme.

At a later stage, Mr Saliba was assigned by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance to head the Research Unit within his Office. Part of the remit of the Research Unit is to respond to the evolving economic and fiscal policy issues flowing from the global financial, sovereign debt and euro-zone crises. While undertaking these duties, Mr Saliba gained practical insight into how the EU was tackling the sovereign debt crisis, and attended meetings in Brussels on these issues on a regular basis. In this context, Mr Saliba is confident that the knowledge he gained from his M.A. in European Studies was very useful in applying certain concepts and theories into day-to-day EU policy making.

Recently, Mr Saliba was appointment Director of the Research Unit within the Ministry for Finance.

Since October 2008, Mr Saliba has been lecturing at the Institute for European Studies, and he also acts as supervisor and examiner on dissertations within his area of specialisation. He is currently writing a research paper on 'Federalism in the EU after the sovereign debt crises' as part of his ongoing interest in this subject.

### Bjorn Callus

**B.Eur. Studies (Hons.), MA European Studies**



Bjorn Callus graduated with a Bachelor's

degree in European Studies, from the Institute of European Studies, in 2007. He subsequently followed a Master of Arts in European Studies degree at the Institute, graduating in 2008. Following his completion of studies, Mr Callus joined the Public Service as an EU Fund Officer in 2009, where he worked in the Payments Unit of the Agricultural Paying Agency. Mr Callus maintains that the knowledge he gained in both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in European Studies helped him to quickly understand the workings and technicalities which were part of the duties of his position.

In 2011 Mr Callus was engaged in a new position within the Agricultural Paying Agency, that of EU Fund Manager, and now heads the Market Mechanisms Unit which manages and authorises funds connected with the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF).

As part of his responsibilities, Mr Callus began attending management committees, organised and chaired by the Commission, in Brussels. He was also involved in attending Council meetings at working-party level. He considers the knowledge gained in his European Studies degrees to be of great use in helping him understand and engage in such meetings, and sees his studies in this area to have provided him with a very solid background and basis for being involved in work on EU affairs.

### 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](mailto: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.

# Activities by the academic members of the Institute

Professor Roderick Pace



Above: *Strategic Cultures in Europe* - ISBN 978-3-658-01168-0

Prof. Roderick Pace contributed a chapter in the book **"Strategic Culture in Europe"** which was published by Springer in April 2013. The editors of the book are Dr. Heiko Biele Research Director at the Bundeswehr Center for Military History and Social Sciences and lecturer at the University of Potsdam, Dr. Bastian Giegerich Research Fellow at the Bundeswehr Center for Military History and Social Sciences and Consulting Senior Fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies and Alexandra Jonas, M.A., Research Fellow at the Bundeswehr Center for Military History and Social Sciences and lecturer at the University of Potsdam.

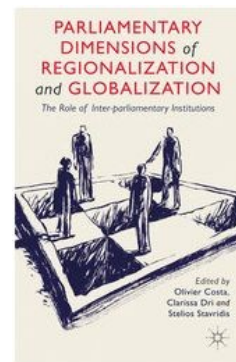
European countries work together in crisis management, conflict prevention and many other aspects of security and defence policy. Closer cooperation in this policy arena seems to be the only viable way forward to address contemporary security challenges. Yet, despite the repeated interaction, fundamental assumptions about security and defence remain remarkably distinct across European nations. This book offers a comparative analysis of the security and defence policies of all 27 EU member states and Turkey, drawing on the concept of 'strategic culture', in order to examine the chances and obstacles for closer security and defence cooperation across the continent. Along the lines of a consistent analytical framework, international experts provide case studies of the current security and defence policies in Europe as well as their historical and cultural roots.



Above: *The New Member States and the European Union: Foreign Policy and Europeanization* - ISBN 978-0415679275

**"The New Member States and the European Union: Foreign Policy and Europeanization"** is another book with a chapter written by Prof Roderick Pace, on Malta's foreign Policy, published by Routledge on 11 February 2013 in the series Routledge Advances in European Politics. Prof Pace's chapter is entitled: **"Malta: A Lilliputian's Struggle for Security and Peace"**. Edited by Michael Baun and Dan Marek, this book examines the impact of EU membership on the foreign policies of the 12 new member states that joined the EU in 2004 and 2007. Among scholars of European politics there is a general consensus that membership in the European Union changes the countries that join. Yet considerable debate remains over what exactly changes, to what extent, how or why these changes happen, and why some countries, policies, and institutions change more than others. Expert contributors examine the impact of EU integration and membership, with chapters on the 12 new EU entrants since 2004: Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Cyprus, Malta, Bulgaria, and Romania. Utilizing a common analytical framework, each of the country case studies examines the impact of EU membership on the foreign policies of the new member states in three key areas: foreign policy making institutions and procedures, interests and preferences, and strategies and actions.

Top right: *Parliamentary Dimensions of Regionalization and Globalization: The Role of Inter-Parliamentary Institutions* - ISBN 978-1-137-32273-9



Jointly with Stelios Stavridis and Natalia Ajenjo, Professor Roderick Pace co-wrote a chapter entitled **"The Origins, Structures and Functions of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly and of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly"** in the book **"Parliamentary Dimensions of Regionalization and Globalization: The Role of Inter-Parliamentary Institutions"**, edited By Oliver Costa, Clarissa Dri and Stelios Stavridis. The book is published by Palgrave Macmillan ISBN: 978-1-137-32273-9, ISBN10: 1-137-32273-X. This volume intends to make sense of the current 'puzzle' that international parliamentary institutions represent. Their rapid growth in numbers and under a diversity of forms in the post-Cold War emerging new order is a worldwide phenomenon, even if its first expression dates back to the end of the 19th century. Their objectives vary from creating a permanent institutional structure for the peaceful settlement of disputes to promoting transparency in international politics, including the reinforcement of civil society participation in regional integration schemes. Are these goals kept nowadays? Are they being achieved? Which means and interests define the work within these assemblies? The three parts of the book include analyses of supranational and non-supranational regional parliaments and the specific case of the inter-regional relations established by the European Parliament. Olivier Costa is Senior Research Fellow at CNRS (National Centre for Scientific Research), Centre Emile Durkheim, University of Bordeaux, France; Clarissa Dri is Lecturer in the Department of Economics and International Relations, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Florianopolis, Brazil; Stelios Stavridis is ARAID Senior Research Fellow, Research Unit on Global Governance and the European Union, University of Zaragoza, Spain.

## Activities by the academic members of the Institute (continued)

### Professor Roderick Pace



**"Migration in the Central Mediterranean"** is the title of a paper written by Prof. Roderick Pace and published in the Occasional Paper series of the Jean Monnet Chair Project 'An An Evolving EU Engaging a Changing Mediterranean Region'. Prof. Pace's Occasional Paper can be accessed through the Jean Monnet Chair website at the following URL address: <http://www.um.edu.mt/europeanstudies/jmceu-med/papers>.

### Dr Mark Harwood

Recently the following contribution by Dr Mark Harwood, Senior Lecturer at the Institute for European Studies, has been published:

Mark Harwood, **"Malta's Europeanization Experience: How smallness enables a state to minimise the monitoring of its implementation of EU policy by third parties"** in The Journal of Public Administration and Policy Research, Vol. 4 (6), 2012, pp. 130-139.

### Dr Marcello Carammia

On March 14, Dr Marcello Carammia, Lecturer at the Institute for European Studies, took part in a workshop organised by the University of Milan, where Prof. Peter John, University College London, and Prof. Tony Bertelly, University of Southern California, presented their research project, of which the last output was the book **"Public Policy Investment: Priority-**

**Setting and Conditional Representation In British Statecraft"** (forthcoming Oxford University Press). Together with other colleagues from the Universities of Milan and Siena, Dr Carammia will be involved in the next stage of the policy investment project, which includes replication in, and comparison with, other countries.

Dr Carammia has also attended two workshops organised by country teams of the Comparative Agendas Project (CAP, [www.comparativeagendas.info](http://www.comparativeagendas.info)). The CAP analyses agenda-setting processes through rigorous analytical techniques. In an effort to optimise the comparability of datasets, each country team is holding intensive meetings to review codebooks and data. On March 15 and 16, Dr Carammia took part in the meeting of the Italian Agendas Team ([www.italianpolicyagendas.weebly.com](http://www.italianpolicyagendas.weebly.com)), of which he is a co-coordinator, which was held at the University of Milan. On April 25-26 he took part in the meeting of the EU Agendas team ([www.policyagendas.eu](http://www.policyagendas.eu)), of which he is a member, held at the Montesquieu Institute at The Hague.

Dr Carammia has recently been invited to participate to the ResponsiveGov project ([www.responsivegov.eu](http://www.responsivegov.eu)) as a country expert for Italy. The project is funded by the European Science Foundation and coordinated by Dr Laura Morales, University of Leicester.

### Mr Stefano Moncada

#### Climate Change and Development Research in Ethiopia

Mr. Stefano Moncada, Assistant Lecturer and researcher at the Institute for European Studies at the University of Malta, has recently visited the city of Shashemene in Ethiopia, where he has been conducting research on a community-based environmental and sanitation project. This second trip had the aim of finalising the collection of data for his Ph.D. research, that aims at monitoring and evaluating

development interventions in the area of climate change adaptation. The partners involved are the Ethiopian Women and Children Development Organisation (WCDO), and the Maltese NGO Kopin (<http://www.kopin.org/>), which received financial assistance from the Maltese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs, within the internationally agreed 'fast-start climate change' initiative.



*Above: Mr Moncada in a focus group discussion with male representatives—source: Hilary Bambrick*

Data collected from two surveys, pre- and post-development intervention, together with the focus group discussions, is being inputted and analysed, with results expected to be discussed during the next months. The survey was designed in cooperation with Ms Marie Briguglio, from the Department of Economics of the University of Malta, and with Prof. Hilary Bambrick, from the School of Medicine of the University of Western Sydney, who are also coordinating the behavioural and public health analysis, respectively.



*Above: Mr Moncada in a focus group discussion with female representatives - source: Hilary Bambrick*



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The Institute for European Studies is a multi-disciplinary teaching and research Institute within the University of Malta. It runs full-time courses leading to the Bachelor of European Studies degree and to qualifications at MA and PhD level, as well as an evening Diploma course. 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, 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.



TEPSA

the Trans European  
Policy Studies Association

## TEPSA Report on Britain and the European Union

In February 2013, the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) issued a report which summarised the ideas and opinions contributed by its members, regarding a survey on questions relating to Britain's membership of the European Union. The survey was conducted between 13 December 2012 and 7 February 2013.

The report was created in the light of the recent declaration by British Prime Minister David Cameron that if his party were to be re-elected after the May 2015 election, it would hold a referendum on Britain's membership of the EU by the end of 2017.

TEPSA members were invited to respond to a series of questions on: their perception of Britain's role in the EU; the consequences of a possible UK exit from the EU; and their advice to British people regarding the UK's relations with the EU. The report provided a summary of the replies received from TEPSA network members in 13 countries - Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, Greece, Finland, Luxembourg, Hungary, Cyprus, Austria, Lithuania and Croatia.

The report also contains a special contribution by the member institute of TEPSA in Dublin, as well as a concluding contribution from TEPSA's London member institute.

The full report is available at the following URL: <http://www.tepsa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Britain-and-the-EU-views-of-members-of-the-TEPSA-network2.pdf>.