



Academic Year 2011 - 2012

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A new academic year has just started and the EDRC is working hard to manage the number of students and their expectations. The resident academic staff complement of the EDRC has been strengthened further this academic year with the addition of Dr Marcello Carammia in October 2011. Dr Carammia BA, MA (Catania), Ph.D (Siena) lectures in European politics. He was admitted to the Ph.D. in Comparative and European Politics at the University of Siena in 2008. Between 2009 and 2011 he was a post-doctoral fellow and adjunct professor at the University of Catania. He has been a visiting scholar at the universities of Sheffield, Zaragoza, and at the Center for European Studies of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His research focuses on comparative and EU politics and public policy, with a special interest on immigration policy. He is a member of the Comparative Agendas Project

(www.comparativeagendas.org), where he is co-director of the Italian team and a member of the EU team. Dr Carammia joins the other five resident academic staff of the EDRC: Professor Roderick Pace, the Director of the Centre; Dr Mark Harwood, Mr Stefano Moncada, Mr Jean Micallef Grimaud and Ms Moira Catania.

With this team, the EDRC will be able to meet better its growing student numbers and their expectations. 32 students have started the Bachelor in European Studies this academic year. They join another 65 students who are now in the second and third year of their studies. In addition, there are another 94 first year undergraduate students who are taking Europe Studies as a secondary area of studies. The EDRC is also proud to welcome its first students in the Diploma in European Studies. There are 19 students registered for the diploma, which is a part-time evening course. Most of these

students are already in employment and are keen to strengthen their knowledge of the EU.

At the post-graduate level, there are 19 students pursuing European Studies at a Masters level. 3 students are pursuing their Master of Arts in European Studies on a part-time basis and are now in their second year; 16 students have registered for the Masters course in the new academic year, with 9 pursuing their studies on a part-time basis.

Another important milestone was the registration of the first Ph.D. candidate in European Studies at the EDRC on October 2011. Ms Chirelle Sciberras will be conducting research on "Energy Security in the Evolving European Union's External Relations' Policy: The Mediterranean Dimension" under the supervision of Prof. Roderick Pace.

The table below provides details on the number of students following courses offered by the EDRC.

Student Numbers at the EDRC

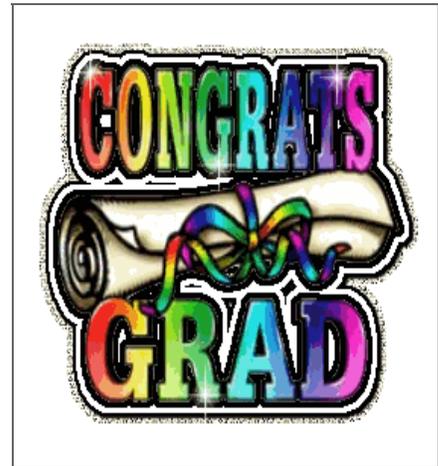
	Bachelor in European Studies (Hons.) (1)	Undergraduate European Studies as Secondary Area of Studies (2)		Diploma in European Studies (3)	Master of Arts in European Studies (4)	PhD (5)	Total EDRC Students (1)+(3)+(4)+(5)	Total Students taking European Studies (1)+(2)+(3)+(4)+(5)
		Law	Communications					
Yr 1	32	70	24	19	16	1	136	414
Yr 2	23	78	11		3			
Yr 3	42	80	15					
Total	97	228	50	19	19	1		

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Later on this year, 40 students will be graduating Bachelor in European Studies Honours and 9 students will be graduating in the Master of Arts in European Studies. The graduation ceremony for the Master of Arts in European Studies took place on the 23 November whilst that for the Bachelor of European Studies (Honours) will be taking place on the 29 November.

The EDRC congratulates these students on their graduation. They join around another 370 students who have graduated from the EDRC since 1994. Indeed, the Centre has

made a strong contribution to the development of European Studies in Malta and many of its graduates are already working in important positions, in the public and private sector, both locally and overseas. A number of the EDRC's graduates have also taken up positions with EU institutions. These students are all leaving their mark in the Maltese economy and society, to ensure that Malta meets the challenges emanating from Malta's membership of the EU whilst reaping the full benefits of EU membership.



EUROMESCO - General Assembly Meeting

On the 6 October 2011, in the EuroMeSCo General Assembly meeting in Barcelona, the EDRC was accepted as a full member of the network.

EuroMeSCo's (Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission) secretariat is now based at the IEMed in Barcelona. This city is also the seat of the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean. It brings together research institutes from the countries on both sides of the Mediterranean. It was originally

established soon after the start of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, the so called Barcelona Process in 1995.

According to the network's statute, the purpose of EuroMeSCo, in tune with the spirit of Barcelona, is to undertake and promote the study of those issues pertaining to the relationship between the countries of the European Union and the Mediterranean basin; to submit the corresponding findings to both private and public organisations, both



national and multilateral, as well as to disseminate those findings as widely as possible by all appropriate means. EuroMeSCo may undertake any other activity useful to achieving its main goal.

The EDRC Director, Prof Roderick Pace, represented the Centre at the General Assembly.

A Colloquium 'The Politics and Economics of the Euro Crisis'

A colloquium on 'The Politics and Economics of the Euro Crisis' will be held on Friday 2 December 2011 at the University of Malta, Msida Campus. Given the ongoing crisis in the Euro Area, which has now deepened even further, bringing about also a political crisis in both Greece and Italy, the subject chosen for this colloquium is surely a very topical one, also from the national perspective since Malta is a member of the Euro Zone.

The speakers in this colloquium will be

Dr Susannah Verney, Assistant Professor at the University of Athens, Mr Michael C. Bonello, former Governor of the Central Bank of Malta and Ms Moira Catania, a resident academic staff members of the EDRC. The colloquium will be chaired by Professor Roderick Pace, Director of the Centre. Dr Susannah Verney will speak about Greek domestic politics and the Eurozone crisis. Mr Michael C. Bonello will discuss whether the Euro is a crisis of the currency or a failure of politics. Ms

Moira Catania will discuss the EU Economic Governance 'Six Pack' and its contribution towards preventing another Euro Area crisis.

Further details on the colloquium can be found on the EDRC website at:

<http://www.um.edu.mt/edrc/notices/politics-economicseurocrisis>





International Climate Policy Workshop

The University of Malta's EDRC hosted the 23rd International Climate Policy (ICP) Workshop at the University Valletta Campus between 20 and 21 October.

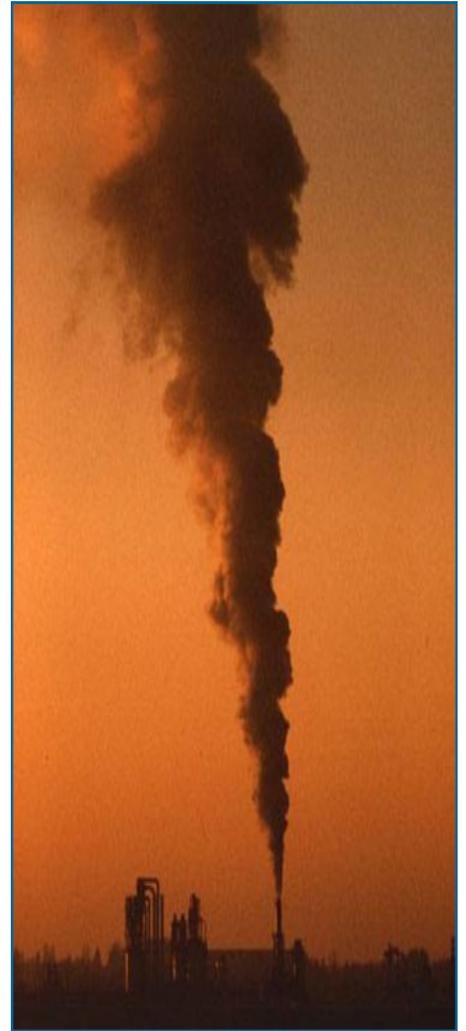
The ICP Ph.D. Workshop is organised twice annually under the auspices of the European Ph.D. Network on International Climate Policy. It offers Ph.D. candidates the opportunity to present their research ideas and results, receive feedback, exchange information and network with fellow colleagues, all in an informal and stimulating environment. A total of 62 applications were received from five continents, with the majority coming from Europe. A good number of Ph.D. students, around 30, from all disciplines working on topics relevant to climate policy presented their papers and research, previously vetted by an ad-hoc scientific committee that selected the most valuable papers.

Four keynote speakers complemented the programme by stimulating the discussions, as well as providing valuable and experienced information to the workshop. They were Prof. Lino Briguglio, member of the IPCC and Director of the Island and Small States Institute, Prof. Manfred

Weissenbacher, expert on energy issues, lecturer and researcher at the Institute for Sustainable Energy; Dr Åsa Persson, research fellow at the Stockholm Resilience Centre and Stockholm Environment Institute; and Dr. Noel Aquilina from the Department of Physics, Faculty of Science of the University of Malta. The workshop was inaugurated by Professor Roderick Pace Director of the EDRC.

The full programme of the workshop, together with the presentations and additional audio/video information is available on the official website of the workshop. The following 24th ICP workshop, scheduled for Spring 2012, will be organised in Freiburg (Germany) by the University of Freiburg & Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems.

The ICP workshop was organised by the EDRC and supported by the Island and Small States Institute (ISSI), Faculty of Economics, Management and Accounts (FEMA) of the University of Malta, and received financial and technical support from the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment (MFEI) and the Malta Tourism Authority (MTA).



Participants of the Workshop



Visit of Foreign EDCs Representatives

On Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 November, representatives from 35 European Documentation Centres (EDCs) visited Malta to take part in the European Documentation Centre coordination meeting and the Europe Direct Annual General Meeting held in Floriana. At the start of their stay in Malta, a group of EDC representatives accompanied by Mr Mauno Hanninen from DG Communications visited our centre and were welcomed by Professor Roderick Pace, Director of the EDRC and Daniela Callus, EDC Documentalist. Professor Pace explained the role of the EDRC and the EDC in Malta, and gave an overview of the origins of both. An outline of the day-to-day workings of the EDC was provided and the representatives were

asked to give their own suggestions and best-practice methods from their daily working experiences. The representatives were also given a tour of the Main Library of the University of Malta and were shown around campus.

Documentalist Daniela Callus also participated in the Europe Direct AGM and EDC Coordination meeting together with the other EDC representatives. Sessions focused on the role of EU Information providers as tools to bringing the EU closer to the people. Special sessions focused on the use of the internet, particularly social networking sites, and great emphasis was placed on the need for more resources to be invested in this respect. Several speakers spoke of the importance of Twitter,

Facebook and similar sites, and their importance in promoting the work of the different Europe Direct Information centres.

The EDC coordination meeting dealt largely with the role of EU bookshop in the daily life of an EDC, and importance was given to how this website should be changed to better cater for the needs of the EDCs around Europe. Documentalists and EDC representatives were addressed by Ms Margaret Warton-Woods, Head of Unit in charge of the EU Bookshop, and were given the opportunity to discuss amongst themselves and give feedback on how far the website is efficient, and on where it can be improved.



EDC Representatives being welcomed by the Director EDRC



EDC Representatives at Annual General Meeting in Floriana



5 Ideas for a Younger Europe

Ms Laura Muscat (3 Year European Studies Student)

On Monday 7 November the EDRC and the Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences hosted a seminar called '5 Ideas for a younger Europe'. This seminar formed part of a campaign which has been set-up by the first vice-president of the European Parliament, Mr Gianni Pittella, and the vice-president of the European Economic and Social Committee, Ms Anna Maria Darmanin, who is responsible for the EESC's communication policy. Mr Pitella and Ms Darmanin are visiting various European universities to meet young political science and communication students

and conduct interactive debates with them on the future of the European Union. The aim of this initiative is to gather the thoughts, expectations, concerns and hopes of young European students and eventually Mr Pitella and Ms Darmanin will be submitting a joint resolution in their respective institutions based on this campaign.

A large number of European Studies and Communication Studies students attended the forum. Amongst the issues raised by students was lack of funds towards programmes involving Council of the European Union and European Parliament simulation sessions, as well

as exchanges with other universities on similar sessions. Students also wish to have more opportunities to participate in internships and work placements both at undergraduate level as well as for graduate students. Students highlighted that the experience gained from these opportunities would make a valuable contribution to their future careers.

The session proved to be a beneficial forum where students had the opportunity to present their perspective on the future of Europe and concrete proposals for youth involvement and active citizenship in EU matters.

Lecture at the University of Catania

Professor Roderick Pace, Director

The Director of the EDRC, Professor Roderick Pace, participated in a discussion which took place on the 17 November 2011 at the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Catania as part of the inauguration of the third edition of the Jean Monnet Module entitled "New Skills for New Challenges". This module is led by Professor Francesca Longo of the University of Catania. The other participant in the discussion was Professor Fulvio Attinà, Professor of International Relations and Jean Monnet Chair of European Politics in the same Faculty. The discussion centred on the present crisis which the European Union



is going through and its impact on the EU's role in world politics. After the Lisbon Treaty came into effect there were strong expectations that this would provide the Union with a more effective foreign policy which would enable it to play a more prominent role in world affairs. But the financial crisis and the euro troubles have caused the EU to turn inwards at the expense of its international role. The discussion was

followed by a question and answer session in which the students attending participated. The activity took place at the Aula Magna of the Facoltà di Scienze Politiche in via Vittorio Emanuele III.

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Forum Euroméditerranéen des Instituts de Sciences Économiques

The forthcoming FEMISE annual conference, which will be held in Marseille, France, December 15-16, 2011, will address three main topics:

1. The Fall of Authoritarian Regimes and the Rise of Democracy: Root Causes and Economic Consequences; 2. Towards Political and Economic Inclusion: Managing the Transition and Beyond; and, 3. Roundtable discussion on the Role of the International Community in Supporting the Transition/The FEMISE annual conference, attended by Mr. Stefano Moncada, Ass. Lecturer of the EDRC, is a platform for members of the network, academics, policymakers and representatives of the EU to engage in a constructive dialogue about

the future of the region and the role of the EU in supporting the process of transformation.

The conference will include 4 parallel sessions, 2 sessions per day. These will include presentations of selected FEMISE ongoing research projects.

These sessions will be on the following topics: Integration and FDI, migration, sustainable development, financial markets, employment and well-being, competitiveness and firms' behaviour.

Mr Stefano Moncada will be representing the EDRC at this meeting.

Source:

<http://www.femise.org/2011/10/conferences/conference2011/>