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Third Jean Monnet Conference 'An Evolving EU Engaging a Changing Mediterranean'

The Third Jean Monnet Conference was held on 5 May 2014 at Dar I-Ewropa, Valletta. Fifteen scholars and some fifty 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. Michelle Pace from Roskilde University, Denmark; Prof. Fadel Lamén, Chairman of the National Dialogue Preparatory Commission, Libya; Ms. Berta Fernandez from the Intra-ACP Migration Facility, Brussels; Dr. Adeel Malik from the University of Oxford; Prof. Ahmed Ghoneim from Cairo University; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aylin Güney from Yasar

University, Turkey; Mr. Milan Pajic from the Korean Mission to the European Union in Brussels; and Dr. Macello Carammia, Dr. Arsalan Alshinawi, Prof. Manfred Weissenbacher, Mr. Stefano Moncada and Prof. Roderick Pace from the University of Malta.

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 Arab uprisings, democratisation and state-

building (Prof. Lamén, Dr. Malik, Prof. Ghoneim, Prof. Dr. Güney, Dr. Alshinawi); and the response of the EU to these developments, both in general terms and in particular areas such as migration (Prof. Michelle Pace, Ms. Fernandez, Dr. Carammia). Other presentations tackled specific issues such as the geopolitics of energy, climate change and EU membership negotiations (Prof. Weissenbacher, Mr. Moncada, Mr. Pajic).

Prof. Roderick Pace concluded the Conference with an address on 'The EU Mediterranean Challenge: time for a new paradigm and a new Approach?'



From left: Prof. Ghoniem, Mr. Pajic, Dr. Alshinawi, Prof. Lamén, Ms. Fernandez, Prof. Michelle Pace, Prof. Roderick Pace, Dr. Malik, Dr. Carammia, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Güney and Mr. Moncada

Gozo Seminar

The fifth dissertation seminar for final year Bachelor of European Studies students was held at Manresa House in Gozo on 25 and 26 February 2014. Preparations for this seminar started early in the academic year, with a meeting with third year students in October 2013. Students thus had the necessary time to prepare themselves well for the seminar,

in consultation with their respective supervisors.

Seventeen students and the resident academic staff of the IES attended the seminar. The seminar involved five parallel sessions, with students being divided into different groups according to the research topic in discussion. The

aim of the seminar was to provide students with the opportunity to present their work on the dissertation. 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 discuss any preliminary findings

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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.

During the seminar, a presentation of the Institute for European Studies' post-graduate course was also delivered by Prof. Pace. As in previous years, students' feedback was very



Above: The students and lecturers who participated in Gozo V

positive. Students praised the organization of the seminar and appreciated the feedback they received on their work. They also enjoyed the opportunity to get to know fellow students better.

The Institute will build on this feedback to ensure that future Gozo dissertation seminars will live up to student expectations and continue to be successful and popular among the Institute's undergraduate students.

PhD Seminar

On 7 April the Institute organised a Seminar where PhD students presented their ongoing research. Each student was assigned to one of two panels and given 20 minutes for the presentation. A junior (a fellow PhD student) and a senior (a faculty member) discussant commented on the paper, which was circulated one week in advance, and a general Q&A session followed. The PhD Seminar provided an opportunity for PhD students to present their research and get useful comments while familiarising with academic presentations and discussion. The first panel included a paper by Mr. Andre' Vella on 'The Role of Small States in the CFSP – the Case of Cyprus and Malta' and one paper by Ms. Ylenia Caruana on 'Malta's Adaptation to the EU Envi-

ronmental Policy – The First Ten Years of Membership'. The senior discussants were Dr. Harwood and Dr. Carammia, and junior discussants were Ms. Glorianne Mizzi and Ms. Petra Bishtawi, respectively. The second panel included a paper by Ms. Bishtawi, "Developing a Responsibility-Sharing Principle in Migration and Asylum Policies in the EU", and one by Ms. Mizzi, "Redefining Neutrality – Malta's Concept of Neutrality Post-EU Membership". The senior discussant was Prof. Pace, while junior discussants were Ms. Caruana and Mr. Vella. We thank PhD students for their effort and all participants for their questions and comments and for making the seminar a success.

Reflections of a Decade of EU Membership: Expectations, Achievements, Disappointments and the Future

On the tenth anniversary of Malta's membership of the EU the Institute has launched the project 'Reflections on a Decade of EU Membership: Expectations, Achievements, Disappointments and the Future'.

The main objective of this project is to support critical reflection on Malta's first decade of EU membership, in order to encourage an informed debate on Malta's participation in the European integration process. To this end, the Institute for European Studies has invited specialists in the field, scholars and professionals to submit papers based on their analysis of the various sectors in which they work and how these have been affected by EU membership. The aim is to provide an objective assessment of failures, successes and the potential way forward for the future in the particular sector/s.

The call for papers was issued in February and several proposals for paper titles and abstracts have been received and a number of papers are already under review. Provisional titles include 'The Europeanisation of Interest Groups in Malta', 'The Evolving Story of Maltese Environmental Law', 'The Effects of Membership on Malta's Foreign Policy', and 'The impact on the Maltese Dairy Sector', to

name a few.

More information on the project can be found on the following link: http://www.um.edu.mt/europeanstudies/projects/reflections_on_a_decade_of_eu_membership_expectations_achievements_disappointments_and_the_future



Debate by MEP Candidates at the EDC

On 17 March, the European Documentation Centre (EDC) at the Institute for European Studies together with the European Parliament Office in Malta hosted a debate among MEP candidates who are former European Studies students at the Institute. The candidates in attendance were Dr.

Kevin Cutajar, Dr. Miriam Dalli and Mr. Cyrus Engerer. Dr. Peter Agius, head of the European Parliament Office in Malta chaired the event; Prof. Arnold Cassola, an EP election candidate for *Alternattiva Demokratika* was present as a member of the audience and participated in the debate from the floor.



Above: the discussion panel—from left; Dr. Kevin Cutajar, Dr. Miriam Dalli and Mr. Cyrus Engerer

Prof. Roderick Pace, Director of the Institute and Jean Monnet Chair, opened the event with introductory remarks on the importance of bringing Europe back to the Maltese EP election campaign. The debate started with a discussion on the participation of small states in EP committees.

The panel then discussed the phenomenon of the rise in popularity of the Eurosceptics,



Above: the audience for the discussion including Prof. Arnold Cassola (speaking)

including the implications for the functioning of the new Parliament. Other issues discussed included the choice of the next President of the European Commission as well as the salary levels of MEPs in the context of the difficult economic situation in many Euro Area member states.

Discussion at the EDC - Sources and Political Consequence of European Identity among Mass Publics

On 21 May Prof. Paolo Bellucci from the University of Siena gave a public lecture on *Sources and Political Consequences of European Identity among Mass Publics*. Paolo Bellucci is a Professor of Comparative Political Behaviour at the University of Siena, where he is Head of the Department of Political Sciences and Director of the PhD Programme in Comparative Politics. He held visiting positions in a number of universities, including Essex, Montreal, Montpellier, and Oxford. He is a member of the Steering Committee of ITANES (Italian National Election Study), and is chairman of the standing group on Parties, Public Opinion and

Elections (POPE) of the Italian Political Science Association.

During the lecture, which was organised and moderated by Dr. Marcello Carammia, resident academic at the Institute, Prof. Bellucci presented the findings of a large comparative research, the FP6 project *Intune*, which involved 30 European universities and was coordinated by the University of Siena. The issues discussed during this event, which was hosted by the EDC, included the factors which sustain or hinder the development of a European

identity among the citizens of EU member states.



Above: Prof. Bellucci delivering his lecture

Research Seminar 'Overseas Development Assistance — The Effect of Training on Health in Informal Urban Settlements in Ethiopia'

On 30 April, the European Documentation Centre hosted a research seminar organised by the Institute and the Department of Economics entitled "Overseas Development Assistance - The Effect of Training on Health in Informal Urban Settlements in Ethiopia". During this seminar, Mr. Stefano Moncada, resident academic at the Institute, presented part of

the preliminary results from his PhD research which focuses on climate change adaptation and development in the Least Developed Countries.

The study aims to measure the impact of community-level Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) on public health,

specifically focusing on the provision of training. The specific context of the research is an informal urban settlement in Ethiopia which is characterised by extreme poverty, poor sanitation and high climate-sensitive risks, and where a biogas sanitation project funded by ODA was established in 2013.

Research Seminar 'Overseas Development Assistance — The Effect of Training on Health in Informal Urban Settlements in Ethiopia' (continued)



Above: Mr. Moncada delivering his presentation

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Mr. Moncada explained that the study has found that training, provided within the biogas and sanitation development intervention, had positive effects on a number of health indicators, self-assessed health,

particularly in the use of contaminated river water and improved waste management. Enhanced direct and indirect effects were visible among participants who live closer to the biogas facilities, reinforcing arguments for the scaling-up of similar development and sanitary interventions.

Placements at the Institute for European Studies

Placements during academic year 2013/2014

For the third 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 optional study unit. This year a total of 22 students were engaged with a growing number of organisations, which signed cooperation agreements with the Institute and the University of Malta.

There are eight 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); Management Efficiency Unit – Office of the Prime Minister; MEUSAC; and the Ministry of Finance. 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 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.

International Placement

Between 1 February and 1 May 2014, the Institute hosted the placement of Ms. Simona Rasalaite, an MA student from Mykolas Romeris

University in Vilnius, Lithuania. Simona has been working as a research assistant to the research project *The EU Migration Policy Agenda – 1975-2013*, coordinated by Dr. Marcello Carammia. Simona has been a constant presence at the EDC, where she

has been working hard for three months. She also attended other activities organised by the Institute, such as the *Jean Monnet Module on Agenda-Setting in the EU* and the *Gozo Seminar*. It has been a true pleasure having Simona at the Institute, and we wish her every success with the development of her career!

Jean Monnet Teaching Module

The second year of the Jean Monnet Module on Agenda-Setting in the European Union (ASEU), coordinated by Dr. Marcello Carammia and supported by the European Commission was successfully concluded. Thirty-one students attended the 2014 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 resident academic staff of the Institute, as well as a number of leading agenda-setting scholars from other European Universities, including Dr. Enrico Borghetto of Nova University and University of Milan, Prof. Laura Chaques of Barcelona University, Prof. Christoffer Green-Pedersen of Aarhus University, Dr. Francesco Marchi of Sciences-Po Paris, and Prof. Catherine Moury of Nova University at Lisbon. The study-unit is divided into the following thematic sections.

EU agenda-setting. Institutions, actors, processes tackles key aspects of agenda-setting processes including the role of EU institutions in setting the agenda of the EU and the impact of the EU agenda on the agendas of Member States' governments. *EU agenda-setting and public policy* deals with EU agenda-setting processes in eight key areas of EU action, notably immigration, the environment, the Mediterranean, economic governance, foreign aid, agriculture and fisheries.



Above: Prof. Catherine Moury

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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.

More details are available on the Module website: www.um.edu.mt/europeanstudies/aseu/

Jean Monnet Occasional Papers

The Jean Monnet Chair at the Institute is a project supported by the EU's Jean Monnet Programme. The theme of the Jean Monnet Chair is 'An evolving EU engaging a changing Mediterranean region'. Seven working teams, composed of academics, students and members of civil society are being engaged to discuss various issues related to the changing situation in the Mediterranean region. The findings of these discussions are being made available as Occasional Papers and Policy Briefs, all of which are published on the Jean Monnet Chair website: <http://www.um.edu.mt/europeanstudies/jmceu-med>. The following papers were added to the series in 2014.

New Occasional Papers:



'The future of human rights protection in the new Libya: prospects and challenges'

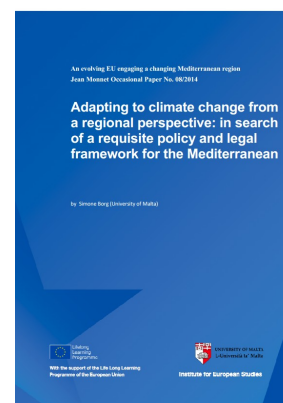
The future of human rights protection in the new Libya: prospects and challenges', an Occasional Paper by Dr. Nasser Algeheita (Azzaytuna University, Libya), was published in May 2014. The paper provides a historical account of the political structure of the country since independence and its impact on human rights whilst examining the current situation and prospects for the future.



'The 2011 Constitutional reform in Morocco: more flaws than merits'

An Occasional Paper entitled 'The 2011 Constitutional reform in Morocco: more flaws than merits', contributed by Dr. Francesco Biagi. The paper examines the Moroccan constitu-

tion-making process, the 2011 constitutional reform and subsequent implementation in a critical manner.



'Adapting to climate change from a regional perspective: in search of a requisite policy and legal framework for the Mediterranean'

An Occasional Paper entitled 'Adapting to climate change from a regional perspective: in search of a requisite policy and legal framework', contributed by Simone Borg, was added to the series in 2014. The paper evaluated the Mediterranean states' potential in adopting a regional strategy on climate change.

All Occasional Papers and Policy Briefs are published on the [Jean Monnet Chair website](http://www.um.edu.mt/europeanstudies/jmceu-med).

Climate News— Summer 2014

Last May 2014 the **European Commission** released data on the Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions capped under the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS), which fell by an estimated 3% in 2013, to slightly under 1.9 billion tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e). During the same period, the cumulative surplus in emission allowances grew to over 2.1 billion tons

CO₂e, from 2.0 billions tons CO₂e at the end of 2012. The figures reported by the European Commission are generated by the EU ETS registry, which is operated directly by the Commission. The figures take into account additional emission sources and other changes introduced under the third phase of the EU ETS, running from 2013-2020. Emissions and compliance data for the more than

12,000 power plants and manufacturing installations covered under the EU ETS are publicly available on the EU Transaction Log (EUTL), which has replaced the Community Independent Transaction Log (CITL). More on: http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-561_en.htm

Last June the **European Commission** and



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the **UN Environment Programme (UNEP)** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that lays the foundation for continued collaboration on environment and climate change issues. Under the MOU, the European Commission and UNEP will engage in more targeted cooperation on such areas as climate change, green economy, biodiversity and the new mercury convention. Using the EU's General Union Environment Action Programme to 2020 (7th EAP) and UNEP's Medium Term Strategy for the period 2014-2017, the specifics of the strategy for dialogue and cooperation will be described in an Annex to the MOU and announced over the coming

months. More on: <http://www.unep.org/newscentre/Default.aspx?DocumentID=2791&ArticleID=10912&l=en>

Last April 2013 the **European Environment Agency (EEA)**, published data for new cars sold in the EU in 2013, which were found to be 4% more fuel efficient than cars sold in 2012, and 10% more efficient than those sold in 2010. The 2013 average fuel efficiency for new cars of 127g carbon dioxide per km put the EU ahead of the EEA's 2015 legal target of 130g carbon. The EEA also notes that the total number of newly registered cars in the EU has fallen to 11.8 million in 2013, down from a peak of 15.5 million in 2007. Of the new cars registered in 2013, 24,000 were

electric vehicles, a 71% increase from 2012, and a further 31,000 were plug-in hybrids.

More on: <http://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/new-cars-meet-co2-target>



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

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News from our Alumni

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

Michela Boffa

B.Eur. Studies (Hons), M.A. Human Rights and Democratisation



Michela Boffa is a Bachelor of European Studies (Hons) graduate, a degree she read from 2008 to 2011 at the Institute for European Studies (then the European Documentation and Research Centre). Ms. Boffa was also actively involved in various student organisations and committees, namely Jeunes Européens Federalists (JEF) (Young European Federalists) Malta, European Studies Organisation (ESO) and

Kunsill Studenti Universitarji (KSU) amongst others. She was also Student Representative of the Institute.

After her first degree, Ms. Boffa read for a Masters degree in Human Rights and Democratisation. The course provided a multi-disciplinary approach to human rights and democratisation in Europe and beyond, enabling her to gain a better insight on the EU and other institutions such as the Council of Europe and United Nations Human Rights structures and instruments.

During the course of her studies, Ms. Boffa started working for the private company Outlook Coop as a Projects Executive on various EU funded Projects, namely focusing on project implementation and reporting. Following her graduation, she was employed with the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE) as a Project Coordinator on an EU funded project titled *Enhancing Equal Rights* which was funded through PROGRESS (http://msdc.gov.mt/en/NCPE/Projects_and_Specific_Initiatives/Enhancing_Equal_Rights.aspx). The project involved her in new experiences in such processes as drafting tenders, procurement, working with service providers and organising the project activities. Ms. Boffa has recently started working as an EU Fund

Officer at the Funds and Programmes Division within the Ministry for European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto, on the General Programme Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows.

Ms. Boffa feels that her studies at the Institute was an enriching experience which introduced her to the realities of being a citizen in the largest democratic union in the world. Reading for a degree in European Studies has helped in many ways, including writing and presentation skills, which proved to be very useful in her work experiences. One of the topics most relevant to her work was the knowledge of the various EU funds. This has enabled her to understand the true importance of the work of the European Union and better appreciate the positive results gained through such funded projects.

Joining the European Studies Alumni Network

Past students of the Institute for European Studies can join the Alumni Network by contacting Thomas Muscat at thomas-anthony.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.

Alumni Survey

A survey was launched in April 2014 with the aim of gathering data from alumni of the Institute of European Studies on their educational and professional activities following their graduation. Participants were asked to provide information on areas including the sector of employment; relevance of studies in European Studies for employment; satisfaction with current employment; and confidence in career prospects.

A total of 64 alumni participated in the survey. While this number is not representative enough, it nonetheless provides valuable insight on our students' professional and educational experiences. Participation was distributed almost equally among both genders. 40 respondents (51%) obtained a Bachelors degree at the Institute, 37 (47%) a Masters degree, and 1 (1%) a diploma. None of the re-

spondents had a PhD because the first course is still ongoing.

The Public Service is the main sector of employment for the Institute's alumni. Most participants found employment in the government sector since graduation (33%), followed by the private sector (24%) and other sectors (16%). The current employment of participants also follows the same pattern (with 52%, 16% and 11%, respectively).

The majority of respondents, 51 (84%), currently work in Malta, while only 8 (13%) work in another EU country.

The gross salary of most participants is between €20,000 and €50,000, with 16 (27%) falling under this category, 11 (19%) earning between €25,000 and €30,000, followed by 8

(14%) earning between €30,000 and €40,000 and 7 (12%) earning more than €50,000.

Most participants have found their studies with the Institute relevant for their current employment. Participants were asked to rate their relevance on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being 'hardly relevant' and 5 being 'very relevant'), with 30% of respondents rating the relevance of their studies at 5; a further 20% rating it at 4; and 27% giving it a rating of 3.

We are proud of the achievements of our alumni and wish them the best of luck with all current and future endeavours.

A full report on the findings of the survey can be found on the website of the Institute: http://www.um.edu.mt/europeanstudies/notices/publication_of_alumni_survey_results.

Activities by the Academic Members of the Institute

Professor Roderick Pace

Since the publication of the last newsletter, Issue 12, Professor Pace was leading the Jean Monnet Chair activities, including the May 5 Annual Conference, and he also launched the series on the first decade of EU membership. The papers of both of these initiatives are currently being edited and prepared for publication. His more recent publications are listed at the end of this section.

International Engagements

TEPSA Pre Presidency Conference Rome March 2014

Prof. Pace attended the TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conference which was held at the Farnesina in Rome on the 24 and 25 March before the 2014 elections to the European Parliament.

The main focus of the conference was the programme of the Italian Presidency which was due to commence in July 2014. The general theme was "Growth, Employment and Immigration" and the principal organizer and mover of the conference was the prestigious Rome-based Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) under the leadership of Prof Gianni Bonvicini, Executive Vice President of the Institute. IAI

and TEPSA prepared a background paper assessing the main challenges faced by the EU and presented a series of recommendations to the Italian foreign ministry. European and national officials as well as European researchers and practitioners participated in the discussions. The background paper and the report of the conference can be accessed at <http://www.tepsa.eu/tepsa-pre-presidency-conference-in-rome-24-25-march-2014/>.

University of the Aegean – Rhodes May 2014

Prof. Roderick Pace and Mr. Andre Vella (Ph.D. candidate at the Institute) participated in a conference organized by the Department of Mediterranean Studies of the University of the Aegean in the Greek island of Rhodes. Two papers were presented one by Prof Pace on the Europeanization of Malta's Foreign Policy and one jointly with Mr Vella on the European Parliament and the Cyprus Problem. The latter paper has been submitted for publication in a jointly edited book. Professor Pace also chaired one of the panels.

The conference was co-sponsored by a number of Institutions apart from the

University of the Aegean that including EGE University and the University of Economics in Izmir, Turkey; the Institute for International Economics, Athens; the Royal Docks Business School of the University of East London, STAMP, the Center for the Study of States, Markets and People; ARAID, University of Saragoza, Spain and the Institute for European Studies.

Small States — University of Iceland, Reykjavik

Prof. Roderick Pace participated as a lecturer in the Small States Summer School organized by the Centre for Small State Studies of the University of Iceland. This was the second time that Prof Pace was invited to participate in the school. Professor Pace's interest in small state studies has taken him to Iceland on several occasions in the past fifteen years where he has consolidated links with academic colleagues on this subject. This summer's programme was led by Dr. Baldur Thorhallsson, Jean Monnet Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Centre for Small States, a leading expert in the field of small-state studies and European integration.

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This year's broad theme was "Small States, Regional Integration and Globalization". On Wednesday 25 June he gave a presentation during a half day conference on Small States and Governance. On Thursday he gave a half day seminar to students on small states and the EU.

Publications

Roderick Pace, *The Europeanization of Malta's Foreign Policy*, Rhodes, March 2014 (Conference Paper);

Roderick Pace jointly with Andre Vella, *The European Parliament and the Cyprus Problem*, March 2014 (Conference Paper);

Roderick Pace (Forthcoming) "The Maltese Parliament: A Slow Awakening to Its Responsibilities" in Claudia Hefftl, Christine Neuhold, Olivier Rozenberg, Julie Smith (eds.) *Palgrave Handbook of National Parliaments and the European Union*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Roderick Pace (Forthcoming) "Malta and Ten Years of EU Membership: How tenacious was the Island?" *Revista General de Derecho Público Comparado / Comparative Public Law Review* 16 (2014) ISSN 1998-5091, University of Valencia, Spain.

Roderick Pace jointly with Marcello Carammia (2014) "Malta: Hidden Change?" in Lorenzo De Sio, Vincenzo Emanuele and Nicola Maggini (eds.), *The European Parliament Elections of 2014*, Centro Italiano Studi Elettorali (CISE), Rome, pp 215-222, ISBN (print): 978-88-98012-15-2 and ISBN (online): 978-88-98012-16-9, can be downloaded at <http://cise.luiss.it/cise/2014/07/29/the-european-parliament-elections-of-2014-the-e-book/>

Roderick Pace with Marcello Carammia (Submitted for Publication) "The Giant is Still Sleeping: the Third European Election in Malta", *South European Society and Politics* (SESP).

Roderick Pace (Work in Progress) "A Tale of Two Islands: Cyprus and Malta in the EU" in forthcoming second edition of a book by Eleanor Zeff and Ellen. Pirro (eds.), *The EU Member States*

Dr. Mark Harwood

In May, Dr. Harwood attended the Malta Mediterranean Forum on Governance—"The future of Catalunya within Spanish polity".

In June, Dr. Harwood attended the BRISMES Annual Conference held at the University of Sussex. The conference dealt with the Middle East in the global perspective and included submissions that highlight the connections between the Middle East and other areas of the globe, as well as ties within the region, be they between individual countries or between sub-regions, such as the Mashreq, Maghreb, Levant, and Gulf.

Dr. Harwood also attended the first PADEMIA Conference held in Brussels in the same month. The conference consisted of parallel thematic workshops organised along the lines of PADEMIA's research themes, including changing parliamentary institutions in Europe and multi-level democracy. Dr. Harwood presented a paper on Maltese parliamentary scrutiny entitled "The Maltese Parliament: on the fringe and ill-equipped".

Dr. Marcello Carammia Promotion

On March 1st, 2014, Dr. Marcello Carammia was promoted Senior Lecturer.

Conferences

On June 12-14, Dr. Carammia attended the General Conference of the Comparative Agendas Project (<http://www.comparativeagendas.info/>) that was hosted by the University of Konstanz. 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. The conference was also the occasion to present the book project *Agenda Dynamics in Italy – Exploring the interactions between Parties, Parliament and Government* at which Dr. Carammia is working with Dr. Enrico Borghetto of Nova University Lisbon and Dr. Federico Russo of the University of Siena.

Publications

Petya Alexandrova, Marcello Carammia, Sebastiaan Princen, and Arco Timmermans (2014) "Measuring the European Council agenda: Introducing a new approach and dataset". *European Union Politics*, 15, 1: 152–167. This article is one of the outcomes of a 5-year long project on the European Council, which among other things resulted in the publication of a dataset of all European Council Conclusions coded on the basis of their policy content. *European Union Politics* is the highest-ranking political science journal on the European Union.

Petya Alexandrova, Marcello Carammia, and Arco Timmermans (2014) "EU High-Politics: The Policy Agenda of the European Council (1975-2010)". in Yann-Sven Rittelmeyer and François Foret, (eds) (2014) *The European Council and European Governance. The Commanding Heights of the EU*. London: Routledge, p. 53-72. This chapter contributes to an edited book involving a number of leading scholars of the European Council. The book provides a diverse set of perspectives to the European Council, an institution increasingly central to EU politics and public policy.

Enrico Borghetto, Marcello Carammia, and Francesco Zucchini (2014) "The impact of government party policy priorities on Italian law-making from the First to the Second Republic (1987-2006)". in Christoffer Green-Pedersen and Stefaan Walgrave (eds.) *Agenda Setting, Policies, and Political Systems. A Comparative Approach*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 164-182. This book chapter is part of an edited book, published by a leading American publisher, featuring chapters on many European countries and the US. As the first book-length, comparative agenda-setting study published so far, this book is likely to become a classic reading in the field. The chapter on Italy analyses the impact of party policy priorities on legislative decisions in Italy – or to put it differently: whether and to what extent the priorities that political parties spell out during election campaigns matter once they are in government – and its variation across Italy's First and Second Republic.

Activities by the Academic Members of the Institute

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Enrico Borghetto and Marcello Carammia (forthcoming 2014) **"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. This chapter will contribute to an edited book on the governance of coalition governments in Italy. The chapter by Borghetto and Carammia looks at how single parties of a coalition government affect the policy priorities of the whole government.

Marcello Carammia and Roderick Pace (2014) **"Malta: mutamento sottotraccia?"**, in Lorenzo De Sio, Vincenzo Emanuele and Nicola Maggini (eds), *Le elezioni europee 2014*, Roma: Centro Italiano Di Studi Elettorali (CISE). This chapter contributes to an edited book on the 2014 European Parliament elections, featuring chapters on the outcome of elections in all EU countries. Single contributions first appeared, in Italian and English, in the website of CISE (Italian centre of election studies, a research centre of Luiss University in Rome). The Italian version of the book can be freely downloaded at http://cise.luiss.it/cise/download/CISE006_2014_6_A4.pdf, and an English version will be published soon. The online version of the ebook was posted on the *Washington Post* blog *The Monkey Cage* as an "excellent resource on European Parliament elections" (see <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/06/05/excellent-resource-on-european-parliament-elections/>).

Placements

Dr. Carammia coordinated two placements at the Institute, which were concluded at the end of the first semester. One project was connected to the European Parliament elections. The European University Institute in Florence (www.eui.eu) coordinated the construction of a European-wide voting advice application, a web-based application that tells you the political party closer to your policy preferences. The output of this large scale effort was EUandI (www.euandi.eu), a voting advice application which is unique in several respects, especially in terms of academic

rigour and reliability, and for its social network features. The [Maltese team](#) of EUandI involved Dr. Marcello Carammia and Mr. Stefano Moncada from the academic staff of the Institute, and the students Erica Pisani and Nicole Tabone.

The second placement project coordinated by Dr. Carammia consisted in the collection, organisation and coding of information on Malta's budget and its change over time. This is an ambitious project aiming at analysing a long-term budgetary time-series spanning over about 250 years, from the Order of St John to 2013. The project is part of collaborative research coordinated by Dr. Carammia and [Prof. Frank Baumgartner](#) of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, which also involves Prof. Roderick Pace and Mr. Stefano Moncada at the Institute. Two students worked on this project – Ms. Petra Bruno and Mr. Adam Vella – providing a key contribution to finding and coding budgetary data.

Mr. Stefano Moncada

Conferences

Mr. Moncada has been researching for his Ph.D. in the area of international development and climate change adaptation, by specifically looking at how Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) affects the adaptive capacity of Least Developed Countries (LDCs), with a focus on Ethiopia. Preliminary results of his research were accepted for publication, following a peer review process, in two conference proceedings. Mr. Moncada gave a

presentation entitled 'Clearing Puddles or Eating Garlic? Perceptions of Sustainable Coping Strategies in Informal Urban Settlements in Ethiopia' during the conference entitled 'Adaptation Futures 2014', held in May in Fortaleza (Brazil). Subsequently in June he also attended the general conference of the European Association of Development and Training Institutes (EADI), where a paper entitled 'Overseas Development Assistance - The Effect of Training on Health in Informal Urban Settlements in Ethiopia' was also accepted for publication.

Publications

Marie Briguglio and Stefano Moncada, "Environmental challenges in Malta", in Gale de Oliveira, M.S., Kennet, M., Amaral, S. Tezza, E., Briguglio, M. & Salman, D. (eds.), "The Greening of the Mediterranean", The Green Economics Institute Publishing House, Reading., 2013. ISBN: 978-1-907543-906

International Networks

Mr. Moncada was elected to the Executive Committee of the European Association of Development and Training Institutes (EADI), the leading European network in the field of development research and training, and one of the biggest in the world. The association was founded in 1975 and is an independent and non-profit-making international non-governmental organisation. Its Secretariat is based in Bonn, Germany. EADI is a Europe-wide network of institutes, researchers and students of various disciplines in the field of development studies. It publishes the peer-reviewed *European Journal of Development Research (EJDR)*, an EADI Book Series, and a EADI Newsletter. The EADI website is a communication channel for EADI members and a reference point for the development community as a whole. More on: www.eadi.org



Above: Mr. Moncada in front of a poster dealing with his presentation in Fortaleza

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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.



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TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conference.

TEPSA and the Rome-based Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) organised a Pre-Presidency Conference which was held at the Farnesina in Rome on the 24 and 25 March before the 2014 elections to the European Parliament.

The Speakers included Lapo Pistelli, Italian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Laurent Muschel, Director for Migration and Asylum, DG Home Affairs of the European Commission, Antonio Tajani, Vice-President of the European Commission, and Antonio Missiroli, Director of EU-ISS.

The main focus of the conference was the programme of the Italian Presidency which was due to commence in July 2014. The general theme was "Growth, Employment and Immigration". IAI and TEPSA prepared a background paper assessing the main challenges faced by the EU and presented a series of recommendations to the Italian foreign ministry.



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