Europe at the Crossroads

The European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) and the LSE European Institute have recently been awarded an EU grant for the organisation of events and initiatives for the promotion of debate on themes such as the Eurozone crisis, the future of Europe, the European External Action Service, and others.

The debate series in the academic year 2012/13 will be called “Europe at the Crossroads” and will consist of five public events, in partnership with the EC Representation in the UK. The first scheduled event will take place at the LSE on 3 December and will be on “Europe’s Choice: the Future of the European Union after the euro crisis”. More details will follow in the next issues of Digest.

Doctoral graduate a runner-up for Best Dissertation Prize

Recent EI PhD graduate, Dr Andreas Kornelakis’ Thesis was a runner-up for a Best Dissertation Prize in the field of labour studies. Andreas’ thesis was on “Mediating EU Liberalisation and Negotiating Flexibility: A Coalitional Approach to Wage Bargaining Change”.

The competition is organised annually by the journal Labor History, the Editorial Board acts as a selection committee, and the results were announced at Taylor and Francis.
Dr Daniel M. Knight, currently an Honorary Research Fellow and Admissions Programme Coordinator at the Department of Anthropology, Durham University, is joining the Hellenic Observatory for a 1-year period from 3 September 2012 until 2 September 2013. He will undertake research on the project “Under the Wings of Daedalus: photovoltaic energy transition and economic sustainability in Greece”.

Cristina Maza is the new LSEE Administrator as of 13 August 2012. Cristina holds a BA in Political Science from the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, and a MA in Central & South Eastern European Studies from UCL’s School of Slavonic & East European Studies. She has worked in logistics and project management for a variety of non-governmental organizations in El Salvador, Serbia, Spain, the United States & the United Kingdom.

Dr Kyriakos Moumoutzis is joining the European Institute as the new LSE Fellow in EU Politics. Kyriakos will be a teaching fellow for one year for the Politics and Government in the European Union (PGEU) stream. Kyriakos has studied political science with an emphasis on European integration at the University of Athens, the University of Exeter and LSE where he has also taught on European Union institutions, politics and policies. His research interests include the interactions between the EU and its member-states especially as conceptualised by the literature on Europeanisation, International Relations Theory and especially Foreign Policy Analysis, Greek foreign policy and especially Greco-Turkish relations. His research is currently focused on a) structural v. domestic-political explanations of foreign policy change and b) causal explanation and research design in the Europeanisation of policy areas, where there are no legally binding instruments available at the European Union level. He has recently published research on a theoretical framework for the study of Europeanisation in the field of foreign policy and on the issues of research design that emanate from this framework. His 2009 LSE thesis title was Explaining change in Greek policy on EU-Turkey relations 1996-1999: the Prime Minister’s leadership style and the formulation of the Helsinki strategy.
New Publications

The Penguin Companion to European Union

On 27 September, Senior Visiting Fellow Anthony Teasdale is publishing the fourth edition of *The Penguin Companion to European Union* (Penguin Books, 880 pages), of which he is co-author with the late Timothy Bainbridge. Through a series of thematic A to Z entries, the *Penguin Companion* explains the ideas, institutions, policies and personalities that have shaped politics at European level since the Second World War.

In this new edition, Anthony has given the book a stem-to-stern refit, updating and expanding many existing entries and adding new material on the key developments of the last decade - including the drafting and aborted ratification of the European Constitution, the new institutional power balance defined by the Lisbon Treaty, and the politics and economics of the eurozone debt crisis.

The European Institute is organising a public launch event for the book - including a panel discussion on “The European Union Now: What is it and where is it going?” - at the LSE on Friday 19 October (lunchtime). More details in the next issue of Digest and on the EI website.

Hellenic Observatory’s and LSEE’s Annual Newsletters 2011/12

The Hellenic Observatory and LSEE-Research on South Eastern Europe have published their two Annual Newsletters for the academic year 2011-12. Click here for the Hellenic Observatory’s annual newsletter and here for LSEE’s annual newsletter.

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LSEE’s Dr Will Bartlett’s journal article in the *European Planning Studies*, entitled “Structural Unemployment in the Western Balkans: Challenges for Skills Anticipation and Matching Policies”, Journal: CEPS European Planning Studies, is forthcoming in September.

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LSEE’s Dr James Ker Lindsay’s book on Cyprus has been recently reviewed positively on the Library of the European Parliament’s blog.
New Publications

- **Dr James Ker Lindsay** will also have a chapter in a book that will be published in September: James Ker-Lindsay, ‘Turkey and Greece: What Future for Rapprochement?’, in Ebru Canan-Sokullu (editor) *Turkey: Security Challenges in the 21st Century* (Lanham, MD: Lexington, 2012).

- **Dr Mareike Kleine**’s latest publication: Kleine, Mareike (forthcoming), Knowing Your Limits: Informal Governance and Judgment in the EU, *Review of International Organizations*.


- EI PhD student Giovanni Faleg has recently published a [commentary](#) for CEPS on the new CSDP missions in the Sahel, Horn of Africa and South Sudan.

Events

**Thursday-Friday 6-7 September, Cyprus**

*Forum* on “The Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union: Challenges and Opportunities”

**Prof Kevin Featherstone, Prof Iain Begg, Dr Spyros Economides** and **Dr James Ker-Lindsay**

Organised by Neapolis University (Pafos, Cyprus) and the Hellenic Observatory.

**Tuesday 11 September, 17.30-20.00, Room U8, Tower 1, LSE**

“The Greek Crisis and its possible Resolutions”

**Apostolos Doxiadis** (writer), **Pavlos Eleftheriadis** (Oxford), **Andreas Koutras** (financial analyst, ITC markets), **George Prokopakis** (business consultant), **Nikitas Konstantinidis** (LSE)

Organised by the Hellenic Observatory

*Please note that this event will be conducted in Greek.*

**Monday 17 September, 16.00, LSE campus**

(venue tbc to ticketholders)

**Pierre Moscovici**, French Finance Minister

For more details, see LSE events or EI website.

European Institute - APCO Worldwide *Perspectives on Europe* Series public lecture
1 September: **Dr Mareike Kleine** is giving a talk at the American Political Science Association in New Orleans.

2 September: **Prof Iain Begg** is taking part in a JCMS former editors’ panel at the UACES conference in Passau.

2-5 September: **Mr Maurice Fraser** is chairing a panel discussion on euro scepticism and attitudes to Germany at the annual conference of the University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) in Passau, Germany.

3 September: **Dr Jonathan White** is presenting a paper on “The Party in Time” at the Moral, Social and Political Theory Seminar, Australia National University (Canberra).

6 September: **Dr Simon Glendinning** is giving a paper on “Forgiving the Unforgivable” at the Society for European Philosophy and Forum for European Philosophy Joint Conference at MMU, Manchester.

6-8 September: LSEE’s **Dr William Bartlett** is presenting a conference paper at the 12th Bi-annual Conference of the European Association for Comparative Economic Studies, University of the West of England. The paper is entitled “The Impact of the Eurozone Crisis on the Western Balkans” and is written by Will Bartlett (LSE) and Ivana Prica (Faculty of Economics, Belgrade).

7 September: **Dr Mareike Kleine** is giving a talk at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

6-7 September: The Neapolis University (Pafos, Cyprus) and the Hellenic Observatory are co-organising a Forum on “The Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union: Challenges and Opportunities”. The Forum will take place in Nicosia and **Prof Kevin Featherstone, Prof Iain Begg, Dr Spyros Economides** and **Dr James Ker-Lindsay** are all participating at this event.

8 September: **Dr Simon Glendinning** is giving a paper on "The End of History" at the Telos Europe Conference in L'Aquila, Italy.

12 September: **Prof Paul De Grauwe** is giving a lecture on "Managing the fragility of the Eurozone" at Conference Academia Europaea, in Bergen, Norway.

13 September: **Prof Paul De Grauwe** is also giving a keynote lecture at the Conference Banque de France in Strasbourg.
Staff Calendar

13-15 September: El PhD student Giovanni Faleg is presenting his paper on "Learning communities and the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy: practice or knowledge-driven change?" at the XXVI Conference of the Italian Political Science Association in Rome (IR section, panel: "In Knowledge We Trust? Expertise-Based Actors and Networks in Times of Crisis".

16 September: Prof Iain Begg will be at the Czech National Bank in Prague for a meeting of the Research Advisory Committee, of which he is a member.

17 September: Prof Iain Begg will be in Brussels for a European Trade Union Institute Advisory Board meeting on 17 September.

18 September: LSEE’s Dr William Bartlett is organising the launch conference of the new LSEE project on "Mapping VET Education Policies and Practices for Social Inclusion and Social Cohesion: the role of VET in promoting employment, equity, social cohesion and active citizenship in Western Balkans, Turkey (WBT) and Israel" which will be held in Belgrade on 18 September. The conference will be attended by leaders of research teams from nine countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Israel, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey) as well as officials from the European Training Foundation (ETF), a decentralised Agency of the EU based in Turin, Italy. The project is funded by the ETF (European Training Foundation) and lasts for 18 months, with a completion date on December 2013.

20-21 September: Dr William Bartlett is also presenting a conference paper "Institutions and growth: the role of reform complementarity in explaining economic growth in the EU Eastern Neighbourhood Countries" written by Will Bartlett and Aleksandra Nojkovic (former LSEE Visiting Fellow) at the conference of the FP7 SEARCH project to be held at the University of Cagliari.

20-21 September: Dr Spyros Economides and Dr James Ker-Lindsay are speaking at the Belgrade Security Forum in Serbia.

21-22 September: Prof Iain Begg is taking part in the European Strategy Forum meeting in Lisbon on the EU budget.

21-22 September: Dr Jan Komárek is presenting a paper entitled "The European Court of (What Kind of) Justice?" at the conference "Europe's Justice Deficit", which will take place at LSE.

21-23 September: Mr Maurice Fraser is participating in the annual UK-Italy conference at Pontignano, where the theme will be “The UK and Italy: do we share the same future”?

25 September: Dr Mareike Kleine is giving a talk at Université de Nice.
26-29 September: Prof Iain Begg will be at the plenary conference of the NEUJOBS project in Bratislava.

26 September: Prof Paul De Grauwe is giving a talk on the euro crisis at St Andrews' School of Economics and Finance.

27 September: Visiting Fellow Dr Anne Corbett is moderating a session of senior officials from the Commission, the World Bank and the European University Association on competing leadership for reform in higher education in Europe, at the Global Seminar on Strategic Issues in Higher Education (Novi Sad initiative) at the Centre for Advanced Studies, Dubrovnik.

28 September: Prof Paul De Grauwe is also making the opening address on the Euro-crisis Conference at Sussex European Institute.

30 September: Prof Iain Begg is speaking at Hay Festival in Segovia, Spain.

Also in September...

Dr Simon Glendinning is a participating in “These Associations” by Tino Sehgal in the Turbine Hall at Tate Modern, London, most Tuesdays and Wednesdays (14.00-18.00) throughout September. Click here for more information on this event.

In September, Dr Jan Komárek is presenting his new article "The Place of Constitutional Courts in the EU" to the Law Faculties in Stockholm and Helsinki. In Helsinki, Jan is also discussing the book "Ratio and Voluntas", authored by Professor Tuori. A short book review will be published by Modern Law Review. Jan will also be teaching as a guest in LLM programmes at both universities, as well as at the University of Lund.
Sixty-second Interview

... with new LSE Fellow in EU Politics, Kyriakos Moumoutzis.

Kyriakos, welcome to the European Institute, a familiar territory for you, as you used to be a PhD student here some years ago! Can you tell us a few things about your doctoral studies here and how you think getting a PhD from the EI has helped you in your career so far?

KM: It was a uniquely worthwhile experience; occasionally frustrating, but ultimately most rewarding. The quality of training that the School provides is the best help one might wish for in the pursuit of an academic career and the practical implications of the School’s reputation are quite impressive.

What do you think it is that the EI/LSE offers that other European Studies departments/big universities don’t?
KM: If I had to single out one element of the PhD programme, it would have to be the weekly EI PhD seminars. The research discussed in these seminars provides a unique opportunity to think about how basic methodological rules should be applied to particularly diverse projects. If properly prepared, one can sample the experience of designing research wildly different from one’s own and ultimately improve one’s understanding of the fundamentals of scientific inquiry.

Are there any people or written work that inspired you into academia?
KM: While I was an undergraduate at the University of Athens, I was taught by George Mavrogoordatos; a most intelligent, most knowledgeable political scientist with an inspiring and unwavering refusal to conform to anything that is irrational regardless of how natural it may appear.

Tell us a few things about you: who is Kyriakos Moumoutzis in brief?
KM: I was born and raised in Athens, Greece. I spent the better part of the past decade studying, teaching or doing research on European integration mainly from a political science perspective. While my teaching has covered various aspects of the study of the EU, my research has focused primarily on Europeanisation. After an interval during which I served in the army, I am as of September 2012 a LSE Fellow in EU Politics.
I’m sure you will find that a few things have changed (or keep changing) around the LSE campus since the last time you were here. What is the one thing though that you’re hoping to see it’s remained the same?
KM: George IV pub, where many long weeks have come to a pleasant end in the company of colleagues and friends.

Where are you from originally, and can you name one thing this place is famous for?
KM: Greece, which sadly is currently famous for its crisis.

What do you do in your free time? Do you have any favourite hobbies? And if you had more free time, what would you like to learn?
KM: I enjoy a good film regardless of genre, science fiction novels, guitar-led jazz and as of late bowling. I think that I might like to learn to play a musical instrument.

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you choose and why?
KM: London - strange as it might sound. Options are virtually limitless, visually it is remarkably diverse, travel is easy and I don’t mind the weather!

What is your earliest childhood holiday memory?
KM: Going to the beach during summer holidays in Nafplio, Greece.

If you could change one thing in history, what would it be?
KM: Hmm - my first thought was fiscal mismanagement in Greece during the past thirty years. But I suppose the only humane answer is one of the countless armed conflicts that have cost human lives.
EI in the News

♦ Dr William Bartlett
“Kosovo is a lawless place” William has reportedly told Business Week on 30 August, commenting on the sell-out of the majority stake in Kosovo’s state-owned post and telecom company PTK.

♦ Prof Iain Begg
Iain was interviewed by Al Jazeera UK on 19 July about the drop in UK unemployment, and again on 10 August on cuts in the growth forecast for the Eurozone.

♦ Dr Rebecca Bryant
Hellenic Observatory’s Senior Research Fellow Dr Rebecca Bryant has presented the findings of a report conducted together with Christella Yakinthou (International Center for Transitional Justice’s Cyprus Program) entitled ‘Cypriot Perceptions of Turkey’ at a Press Conference in Istanbul. The report received front-page news coverage in most major Turkish papers like Milliyet, Zaman, and Aksam.

♦ Prof Paul De Grauwe
On 14 July, the Economist reported on Paul and Ansgar Belke of the University of Ouisburg-Essen taking part in an online debate about the potential mutualisation of Europe’s debt.

El Pais, under the title “Murcia follows Valencia in seeking bailout” on 22 July, says that Paul forecasts a full bailout in the fall, when the Spanish Treasury will need to refinance maturing debt worth 27 billion euros.

On 23 July, NBC News reported on Paul stating that although on one hand people are asked to cut their wages and live in poverty because banks have to be saved, on the other, “these same banks use all sorts of tech to help super rich to evade taxes.”, stressing that this sort of disparity can create popular resentment and eventually unrest. This story was also picked up by Lex and Global Post.

Various print and online newspapers reported on Paul’s statement saying that between the two options that the ECB currently faces (buying the ESM’s debt or give the ESM a banking licence), “the first proposal would be controversial, to say the least; the latter would be possibly illegal”, pointing out that the only strategy that can work is one that is centred on the ECB. This was reported on the Irish Independent, Reuters UK and Föhrenbergkreis Finanzwirtschaft.
EI in the News

...Prof Paul De Grauwe (continued)

Under the heading “Soros-Backed Group Urges ECB Action, Bank Union to End Crisis” La Repubblica reported that a group of economists, including Paul De Grauwe, issued a statement saying that ending the euro-zone debt crisis requires greater political union and European-level banking insurance as well as more aggressive action by the European Central Bank.

The Wall Street Journal (Europe) reported on 30 July on Paul saying that the Bundesbank was the first euro-zone central bank to reject bank bonds backed by Ireland, Greece and Portugal. "If we don't stop the panic, the thing will unravel, and the ECB is the only one that can do this," said Paul.

On 6 August, Wall Street Journal (Europe) also wrote that for some European leaders, the sacred summer vacation looked like a luxury of the past. "They can certainly go on holiday but there's a great risk they'll have to return," Paul is reported saying.

Numerous Greek media outlets picked up on a report entitled “Five years later: Where is the euro heading to?” which was published in the Belgian paper L’Echo, in which extended references were made on Greece by three economists: Paul De Grauwe, Geert Noels (Econopolis) and Etienne de Callatay (Degroof Bank). This analysis was picked up by Newsbeast.gr, Kerdos, Epikaira Online, Ethnos, e-Go.gr, Nooz.gr, Athena 984, Capital.gr and real.gr.

Dr James Ker-Lindsay

On 20 July, Poten & Partners reporting on the renewal of UNFICYP’s mandate for another six months in Cyprus, had statements by James as saying “UNFICYP matters crucially to Greek Cypriots. It’s seen as holding the line to Turkish aggression, whether that threat currently exists or not. The Turkish Cypriots couldn’t care less about UNFICYP”. These statements were also seen in the Cyprus Mail on 20 July.

James was also interviewed by Foreign Policy (Romanian edition) on 2 July; the article is entitled “Cyprus: An EU Presidency Weakened at the Top”.
EI in the News

- **Dr Vassilis Monastiriotis**
  Vassilis was interviewed by *File on Four*, BBC Radio 4 on 17 July about the report on EU regional development.

  In an article in *Coalition for Resistance*, Vassilis wrote that the Greek government’s recent crackdown on illegal immigrants illustrates the risk that racism and xenophobia are becoming mainstream, commenting on the 4 August events in Athens against illegal immigrants.

- **Dr Waltraud Schelkle**
  Waltraud wrote a letter to the *Financial Times* on 19 July on European nationalism.

  On 7 August, Waltraud also spoke to *BBC Radio 4* on Europe’s sovereign debt crisis.

- **Timothee Vlandas**
  EI’s doctoral student Timothee Vlandas has been reported in a *Diario des Sevilla* as having shown that the positive effects of employment policies depends on the context in which they apply.

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