**Departures and Arrivals**

**Dr George Kyris** joined the Hellenic Observatory for the period of February - August 2013, as Hellenic Observatory and Neapolis University Post-Doctoral Fellow. George completed his Doctoral Research (specialisation in EU Politics) at the Politics Department, University of Manchester, supported by an award from the IKY State Scholarships Foundation. He has taught European and International Politics at the Universities of Manchester and Warwick and has a long list of publications in peer-reviewed journals, international conferences and the media. Amongst others, his research has focused on the Europeanisation of Cyprus and particularly the Turkish-Cypriots as a contested state. He joins the Hellenic Observatory as a Neapolis University Fellow to undertake research on the Cyprus EU Presidency. His wider research interests include: EU Politics, EU External Relations, EU and conflict resolution and engagement with contested states, especially the Cyprus issue, South-East European Politics, particularly Cyprus, Greece and Turkey, International Relations and Theories, especially European Integration theories, Europeanisation.

**Damiana Otoiu** joined LSEE as a Visiting Fellow from 16 January-22 March 2013. With a PhD in Political Science from the Université Libre de Bruxelles and University of Bucharest, Damiana is currently a Lecturer in the Political Science Department of the University of Bucharest. She is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Research Center ‘Fundamenta Politica’ and Director of the ‘Diaspora and Minorities’ Department of the Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile (IICCMRE). At LSEE she will be conducting research on ‘Property and the (Ethno) Nation: A Political-Legal Construction in Post-Socialist Romania. The Case of the Jewish Community’.
**Departures and Arrivals**

**Branislav Radeljic** joined LSEE as a Visiting Fellow from 14 January-30 June 2013. With a PhD in Politics from Goldsmiths, University of London, Branislav is currently Senior Lecturer in International Politics at the School of Law and Social Sciences of the University of East London. His main research interests focus on the study of European Union Politics and the Western Balkans. In addition to these, Branislav is interested in, and has written about, the presence of Islam in the EU and its impact on future EU of policy making.

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**New Publications**

**Dr Vassilis Monastiriotis’** latest publication is: Monastiriotis V. (2013), Regional Growth in Central and Eastern Europe: convergence, divergence and non-linear dynamics, in Crescenzi R. and Percoco M. (eds), Geography, Institutions and Regional Economic Performance, Advances in Spatial Science series, Springer (pp.77-94).


LSEE has published its latest paper series (**Issue 5**) ‘Promoting Democracy in the Western Balkans After the Global Economic Crisis’ written by Adam Fagan and Indraneel Sircar.

LSEE’s **Dr William Bartlett** has published a number of papers:
- A new working paper for ETF (European Training Foundation) entitled ‘Skills anticipation and matching systems in transition and developing countries: conditions and challenges’.
- **Dr William Bartlett** and Ivana Prica have written a paper ‘Balkan Volatility: The Deepening Crisis in the European Super-periphery’ which was presented at the ‘Moving the Balkans and Bosnia Forward: A Post-Dayton Roadmap’ workshop, November 2012.
- Arandarenko, Mihail; Bartlett, Will (eds), *Labour Market and Skills in the Western Balkans*, Fren (Foundation for the Advancement of Economics) and LSEE-Research on South Eastern Europe (2012).
New Publications


PhD student **Tim Vlandas** wrote an article ‘Mixing apples with oranges? Partisanship and active labour market policies in Europe’ for the *Journal of European Social Policy*.

PhD student **Giovanni Faleg** has recently published the paper ‘Castles in the Sand: Mali and the demise of the EU’s Common Security and Defence Policy’ for CEPS on 28 January.

**Prof Nicholas Barr** has joined the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Higher Education and Finance*.

**Prof Iain Begg** has written ‘Banking Union: Inevitable, but Profoundly Challenging’ in the December 2012 issue of *CESIFO Forum*.

Iain has also written ‘Are better defined rules enough? An assessment of the post-crisis reforms of the governance of EMU’ for the special issue of *Transfer*, Volume 19 (January 2013).

Iain has also written a short contribution to the latest BEPA [the Bureau of European Policy Advisers] review entitled ‘Completing the EMU governance jigsaw puzzle’.

LSEE’s **Dr James Ker-Lindsay**, Vesna Bojicic, and Denisa Kostovicova (editors), wrote ‘*Civil Society and Transitions in the Western Balkans*’ (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013), which is part of the LSEE book series ‘New Perspectives on South East Europe’.

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Events

**Tuesday 5 February 2013, 18.00-19.30, COW 1.11, Cowdray House**

‘De Facto States and the Threshold of Sovereignty’
**Dr Rebecca Bryant**, A.N. Hadjiyiannis Senior Research Fellow, Hellenic Observatory Hellenic Observatory Research Seminar

**Wednesday 6 February 2013, 18.30-20.00, Hong Kong Theatre**

‘A Law of Crisis or A Crisis of Law? The EU Legal Order under stress’
**Prof Neil Walker**, Regius Chair of Public Law and the Law of Nature and Nations at the University of Edinburgh
European Institute/Policy Network Eurocrisis@LSE lecture series
Events

Wednesday 6 February 2013, 18.30-20.00, ECFR office, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 35 Old Queen Street, London SW1H 9JA
(by invitation only. For RSVP, email: london@ecfr.eu)

Geopolitical oblivion or a pragmatic approach? Britain, the EU and European foreign policy in 2012
Helga Schmid, Deputy Secretary General, EEAS
Gideon Rachman, Chief Foreign Affairs Commentator, Financial Times
Dr Heather Grabbe, Director, Open Society European Policy Institute
Dr Spyros Economides, SE European Institute
Chair: Susi Dennison, Scorecard Project Leader, ECFR
ECFR and LSE European Institute in partnership with the EU Commission Representation in the UK

Wednesday 6 February 2013, 18.30-20.00, CLM.6.02, Clement House
‘Crisis over ? A perspective on Globalization, Europe and France’
Nicolas Baverez, Economist and historian, Editorialist in Le Monde and the Point
Chair: Stéphane Rambosson
European Institute Perspectives on Europe lecture, in cooperation with Sciences Po Alumni UK

Monday 11 February 2013, 18.00-20.00, COW1.11, Cowdray House
‘Kurdish Problem as a Problem of Turkish Identity: What do the Turks Want?’
Prof Ahmet İnsel, Department of Economics, Galatasaray University
LSE Contemporary Turkish Studies Research Seminar

Tuesday 12 February 2013, 18.00-19.30, COW 1.11, Cowdray House
‘Police Reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina- What went wrong?’
Dr Gemma Collantes Celador, Lecturer in International Security, City University
Tobias Flessenkemper, German Institute for International and Security Affairs
Organised by LSEE Research on South East Europe

Wednesday 13 February 2013, 17.00-18.00, Wolfson Theatre
EU on a Cross-road and the Future of Our European Project - a View from Central Europe
Miroslav Lajčák, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic
Chair: Dr Abby Innes, LSE European Institute
European Institute Perspectives on Europe lecture
Tuesday 19 February 2013, 18.00-19.30, COW 1.11, Cowdray House
‘Transition of Credit Spreads in the European Periphery Debt Crisis’
George Christodoulakis, Senior Lecturer in Finance, University of Manchester
Hellenic Observatory Research Seminar

Tuesday 19 February 2013, 18.30-20.00, Hong Kong Theatre
‘The Crisis, the New Eurozone Governance and the Legitimacy of the EU Institutions’
Prof Stefano Bartolini, Director of the Robert Schumann Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute
European Institute/Policy Network Eurocrisis@LSE lecture series

Wednesday 20 February 2013, 18.30-20.00, Hong Kong Theatre
‘Democratizing a Macro-Economic Union in Europe’
Prof Simon Hix, Professor of European and Comparative Politics at LSE and fellow of the British Academy.
European Institute/Policy Network Eurocrisis@LSE lecture series

Monday 25 February 2013, 18.00-20.00, COW1.11, Cowdray House
‘Sex-Segregation in Academic Careers: Revisiting the Turkish Puzzle’
Dr Berkay Özcan, Department of Social Policy, LSE
LSE Contemporary Turkish Studies Research Seminar

Tuesday 26 February 2013, 18.30-20.00, Hong Kong Theatre
‘The Survival of EU Legal Authority after the Crisis?’
Prof Damian Chalmers, Professor of European Union Law
European Institute/Policy Network Eurocrisis@LSE lecture series

Tuesday 26 February 2013, 18.00-20.00, COW1.11, Cowdray House
’Southeast Europe in the Wake of the Euro Crisis’
Max Watson, Visiting Fellow, St. Antony’s College, Co-ordinator Political Economy at SEESOX programme
Organised by LSEE Research on South East Europe
Sixty-Second Interview

…….. With Corrado Macchiarelli
(Postdoctoral) Fellow in European
Political Economy, LSE European
Institute

Corrado, welcome to the European
Institute where you've joined in
December 2012. Can you tell us where
you're from and name one thing this
place is famous for?
CM: I come from Turin in the north-west part
of Italy, near the Alps - a city famous for its car
industry, FIAT.

This is the first academic position you've taken up after finishing your PhD
and after having worked at the ECB. How do you find academic life so far,
and what do you hope to achieve in academia in a few years?
CM: I'm thoroughly enjoining my time here and my academic life too. I do research,
teaching, I attend seminars and I have the possibility to interact with people from
different backgrounds. This really helps me appreciate the big picture issues.
 Moreover, this position is a good fit for what I have been interested in throughout my
career. It offers a nice mix of political and economic approaches and it allows me to
continue to deal with European issues but from a broader perspective. For the future,
I hope to continue publishing on relevant European issues and to enjoy good
reputation among my students and colleagues.

How are you enjoying London so far? Do you already have a favourite place
in London?
CM: I love London. It is a big city but it has much of the 'local' dimension. Honestly,
it's difficult to mention just one favourite place. However, I often go to the second
floor of Tate Modern, from where I can admire the Millennium Bridge and St. Paul's
Cathedral at night.
Sixty-Second Interview

Can you think of one similarity and one (or the biggest!) difference between the Italian and the British lifestyle?
CM: Without falling into stereotypes, this is a tough question...(laugh) I seriously find that arts and culture represent a vital component of both Italian and British lifestyles. There is a huge variety of cultural things on offer in London during the weekends. In most Italian cities it’s the same, and Turin is no exception.

However, the biggest difference would be, that Italians love to socialise with family and friends and talk a lot; and this ‘socialising’ normally occurs around the table. From what I have heard, in many English homes, laying the table is considered an option and not an obligation. In Italy, this wouldn’t be possible!

What do you like to do in your free time? Any secret hobbies that you have or any activity you’d like to take up in the future?
CM: In my spare time I like to exercise, meet friends, walk around the city and visit museums. A ‘secret’ hobby is that I like to sing and play the guitar, albeit I don’t do it very often now.

Which living person do you most admire?
CM: I have a sincere affection and admiration for my grandfather.

What is the strangest dish you have ever tasted?
CM: The local cuisine from my region – Piedmont – is plenty of ‘unusual’ dishes. Fried brain is not the strangest I’ve ever tasted, but it is definitely the one I like the most among them.

What three items would you rush to save from a fire?
CM: The first object goes without saying: my laptop. Then, probably, a family watch and family pictures since they have a special meaning to me.

If you were offered the trip of a lifetime, where would you like to go and why?
CM: I’d like to go to outer space. Otherwise, if I am curious to go somewhere and I can afford it, I normally buy a ticket and go.

If you had a time machine, where and to what era would you go?
CM: I would travel back to the 60s in the US, and live the cultural revolution of those years.

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1 February: Prof Sara Hobolt is presenting ‘How do Electoral Systems and Party Systems affect Satisfaction with Democracy?’ at a conference at King's College London.

1 February: PhD student Giovanni Faleg is presenting a paper at a workshop on ‘CSDP Strategy: A Reality or Wishful Thinking?’ organised by the UACES CRN Network on CSDP Strategy and the University of Surrey.

1 February: Hellenic Observatory’s Post-Doctoral Research Fellow Dr Daniel Knight is presenting a paper entitled ‘The Mouse Ran Up the Clock: Rethinking Time and Temporality in the Greek Crisis’ to the Department of Social Anthropology, University of St Andrews.

4 February: Prof Iain Begg is giving a talk at a seminar organised by the European Commission and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Dublin on ‘sustainability of economic and social development: perspectives of China and the EU’.

7-9 February: LSEE’s Dr William Bartlett is presenting a paper at the Balkan Forum on Regional Cooperation in Thessaloniki.

12 February: EI’s Visiting Senior Fellow Anthony Teasdale is addressing MSc students at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC, on ‘Latest institutional trends in the EU after the Lisbon Treaty and eurozone debt crisis’.

18 February: Visiting Fellow Dr Richard Bronk is acting as discussant at a seminar presentation by Jens Beckert on ‘Future Matters. The Role of Imaginaries in Economic Decisions’ at the Max Planck-Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies in Paris.

18 February: LSEE’s Dr James Ker-Lindsay is speaking on ‘Power Sharing: Can the EU Impose Sustainable Arrangements?’ at St Antony’s College, Oxford University.

18-20 February: LSEE’s Dr William Bartlett is presenting at a European Training Foundation (ETF) conference in Turin, on vocational education and social inclusion.

20-22 February: Hellenic Observatory’s Senior Research Fellow Dr Nikolas Skoutaris is participating at the closing conference of the European and National Constitutional Law (EuNaCon) project.

21-23 February: LSEE’s Dr William Bartlett is presenting a paper at a conference in Athens on ‘22 years of international development assistance to Southeast Europe.

21 February: Prof Kevin Featherstone is speaking at a workshop entitled ‘Can Greece be reformed?’ hosted by CERI Sciences Po in Paris.
Staff Calendar

- **22-23 February**: Prof Paul De Grauwe is organising the yearly CESifo conference on international money and finance in Munich. He is taking part in a panel debate with Hans-Werner Sinn on the future of the Eurozone.

El in the News

- **Prof Nicholas Barr**

  YLE reported on 8 January 2013 on the evaluation that was commissioned by the Finnish Centre for Pensions and carried out by Prof Nicholas Barr and Prof Keith Ambachtsheer. This report was also picked up by a number of Scandinavian media resources.

  Nicholas Barr was also interviewed by **YLE TV1 News** in English on 8 January 2013 about this evaluation report. The interview was broadcasted later on by **MTV3 News** and **Nelonen news** (in Finnish).

  Prof Nicholas Barr has also commented about the new university fee reforms, and told the **Financial Times** on 16 January 2013 that the reforms were “flawed”. The main problem being that the loan scheme, which covers the fee and living costs of all UK and other EU students, will recover too little of the money lent. He said: ‘The Treasury cannot afford university expansion, largely because the loans are so expensive [for public finances]. If the universities cannot expand, it creates a seller’s market for the universities. Hence there will be weaker competition that will do less to improve quality’.

  Under the heading ‘And this time we mean it... Lib Dems risk backlash with tuition fee pledge’ the **Independent** on 17 January 2013 quoted Prof Nicholas Barr as saying that a lower cap would make sense to ensure enough people have a high-quality university education. Nick said he believed the Government went too far by ending the taxpayers' subsidy to universities, and says the axed teaching grant should be partially restored.

- **Prof Iain Begg**

  Prof Iain Begg was interviewed by Hot 102 FM on 9 January 2013 about the Eurozone in 2013.

  A **Deutsche Welle** article on 11 January wrote that senior figures from the US government have warned Britain of the dangers of sidelining itself in the EU. Prof Iain Begg argued in that article that exasperation with Britain was on the rise.
El in the News

The Deutsche Welle article was picked up by the South China Morning Post and Miami Herald.

Iain was interviewed by BBC News 24 and BBC World at One on 14 and 15 January 2013 about David Cameron’s Europe speech. Then, on 17 January 2013, Iain spoke to BBC Radio 4 and discussed the EU treaty reform.

Iain Begg also spoke to the Voice of America on 24 January and said that while the euro crisis is pushing much of the continent toward closer integration, Britain wants less.

♦ Prof Damian Chalmers
Prof Damian Chalmers wrote a commentary in the Guardian on 18 January 2013 under the heading ‘The reality of Britain’s relationship with the EU’.

♦ Dr Anne Corbett
Visiting Fellow Dr Anne Corbett wrote an article in the University World News on 6 January 2013 entitled ‘European Students’ Union confronts democratic deficit’.

♦ Prof Paul De Grauwe
The Reuters’ John Odonnell wrote an article on 16 January 2013 entitled ‘EU launches search for most dangerous financial product’ quoting Paul De Grauwe, and this was then picked up by the Telegraph and the Guardian.

CNBC, under the heading ‘What Makes Angela Merkel Tick’ on 21 January 2013 quoted Paul as saying ‘One would expect a country (like) Germany to do better. There has been too much focus on trying to balance the budget when the whole of the euro zone is going into a recession. [Germany] shouldn't have done it now’.

In another CNBC article again on 21 January, Paul told CNBC that the economy’s performance has been lackluster because Merkel had pursued a balanced budget policy in order to lower debt.

♦ Prof Maurice Fraser
Prof Maurice Fraser told the International Herald Tribune on 17 January 2013 that ‘The euro crisis is both a threat and an opportunity for Britain’.

♦ Prof Kevin Featherstone
Prof Kevin Featherstone in his article to Greek paper Kathimerini on 30 January 2013, he argued that Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras ‘has been led by circumstances and forced by circumstances not of his own making to represent the last best hope before further chaos. He’s the best by default’.
EI in the News

♦ **Dr James Ker-Lindsay**
LSEE’s Dr William Bartlett and Dr James Ker-Lindsay were cited in a CNN piece on Croatia’s EU accession. James told the CNN that ‘to some extent Croatia ‘got lucky’ and its imminent membership is down to having ‘friends in the right places’, while Will said that ‘the EU will not be a panacea for Croatia’s economy’.

♦ **Dr Mareike Kleine**

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