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The Hellenic Observatory welcomes Angelos Theodorakopoulos. Angelos is currently working as a research assistant with Prof Featherstone. He recently graduated from LSE with an MSc in Economics, fully funded from IKY State Scholarships Foundation. Angelos has a BSc Economics from the University of Patras supported by an award from IKY State Scholarships Foundation for each academic year of his studies.

Prior to joining the HO, Angelos worked as a research assistant in the Department of Economics at University of Patras. During 2009, he participated as an exchange student at Jonkoping International Business School in Sweden for one semester, funded from IKY - State Scholarships Foundation.

Angelos currently holds an unconditional offer for 2013/14 for PhD study in the Economics programme of the University of Essex.

**New Publications**

LEQS - the LSE 'Europe in Question' Series – has recently published its latest LEQS Paper No. 61 on 'Europe Against the Left? On Legal Limits to Progressive Politics' (May 2013) which was written by Bojan Bugaric.

**Abstract**

The EU ‘economic constitution’ systematically biases EU policy making in a neo-liberal direction. Historically speaking, this was not the intent of the EU founding fathers. The original constitutional settlement of embedded liberalism was significantly redefined in the next major revisions of the Rome Treaty. The neo-liberal foundations of the single market and the EMU have imposed real and significant institutional constraints for progressive policy making. However, the role of the European Left was crucial in this alteration of the EU constitutional order. Despite the strong neoliberal consensus among the key political actors of that time, such a change would have not be possible without the Left' retreat towards ‘centre-leftism’, particularly in France. Furthermore, while constraints of the EU economic constitution are significant, we should avoid the ‘naturalization’ of the EU project. The European Left, while in power, failed to leave its distinct imprint on the EU economic constitution. The Left policy agenda remained firmly embedded in the logic of the nation state. The euro crisis pushed these developments even further and, for the first time in the EU history, explicitly challenged the constitutional balance of the EU legal order. The new Austerity Union, a project in the making, profoundly altered this constitutional balance.
The Hellenic Observatory has also published three new GreeSE papers recently, No. 68-70.

GreeSE Paper 68 was written by George Alogoskoufis (March 2013) and is on ‘Macroeconomics and Politics in the Accumulation of Greece’s Debt: An econometric investigation, 1975-2009’.

GreeSE Paper 69 was written by Dimitris Venieris (April 2013) and is on ‘Crisis Social Policy and Social Justice: the case for Greece’.

Last, GreeSE Paper 70 written by Spyros Kosmidis (May 2013) and is on ‘Government Constraints and Economic Voting in Greece’.

EI Visiting Fellow Dr Anne Corbett has published an article (co-written with Mary Henkel) on ‘The bologna dynamic: strengths and weaknesses of the europeanisation of higher education’, for European Political Science, Palgrave Macmillan, May 2013.

PhD student Giovanni Faleg had an Oped published on E!Sharp in May 2013 entitled ‘EU security strategy and regional responsibilities’.

Prof Iain Begg had two publications published recently:


EI Visiting Fellow Richard Bronk has a new article published: 'Hayek on the wisdom of prices: a reassessment’, Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics, Volume 6, Issue 1, Spring 2013, pp 82-107'.
Events

**Wednesday 5 June 2013, 18.30-20.00, Old Theatre, LSE**

'Do countries need currencies, and do currencies need countries?'

*Speaker: Jean-François Copé*

Free and open to all, no ticket required.

LSE European Institute Perspectives on Europe, in association with Génération France.fr

**Thursday 6 June 2013, 18.30-20.00, New Theatre, LSE**

Book launch: 'Representing Europeans: A Pragmatic Approach'

*Speaker: Prof Richard Rose*

Chair: Anthony Teasdale, El Visiting Fellow

Free and open to all; no ticket required.

Book sale/signing will follow.

LSE European Institute Perspectives on Europe lecture

**Thursday 6 June 2013, 14.30-16.00, Wolfson Theatre, LSE**

6th Biennial Hellenic Observatory PhD Symposium on Contemporary Greece & Cyprus

'Eurozone Crisis: True Causes and Effective Therapies'

*Prof Costas Lapavitsas*, Associate Dean, SOAS

Chair and Commentator: Prof Achilleas Mitsos

Organised by the Hellenic Observatory and sponsored by the A.G. Leventis Foundation — Entry is on a first come first served basis

**Tuesday 11 June 2013, 18.30-20.00, Old Theatre, LSE**

'Bosnia & Herzegovina: Ways Forward (A discussion with Lord Owen)'

*Lord David Owen*, Former Foreign Secretary

Discussants: *Christopher Bennett*, Deputy High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina

*Prof James Gow*, Professor of International Peace and Security, King's College

*Sir David Madden*, Former British diplomat and senior member of St.Anthony's College, Oxford

*Chair: Dr Denisa Kostovicova*, Senior Lecturer in Global Politics, Department of Government, LSE

Organised by LSEE Research on South East Europe

**Tuesday 11 June 2013, 18.30-20.00, New Theatre, LSE**

Panel discussion: ‘Can Europe lead in a post-western world?’

*Prof Mary Kaldor*, Professor of Global Governance, LSE

*HE Dr Jaimini Bhagwati*, Indian High Commissioner in London

*Mark Leonard*, ECFR co-founder and director

Chair: *Robin Lustig*, BBC Radio 4 former presenter

Free and open to all, no ticket required

Europe at the Crossroads debate series - ECFR and LSE European Institute in partnership with the EU Commission Representation in the UK
Monday 17 June 2013, 18.30-20.00, Old Theatre, LSE
Speaker: John McCormick
Chair: John Palmer
Book sale/signing will follow.
Free and open to all; no ticket required
LSE European Institute Perspectives on Europe lecture

1 June: Prof Maurice Fraser is speaking at the Hay Philosophy and Music Festival 'How The Light Gets In' about national stereotypes in Europe. Also at the same festival, Maurice is taking part in the debate ‘Beyond Borders’ on the case for and against the free movement of peoples in Europe.

2 June: At the Hay Philosophy and Music Festival Prof Maurice Fraser is also taking part in a debate on 'The End of the University?'.

3 June: Prof Paul De Grauwe is taking part in a meeting with IMF Article IV visiting team on the euro area in Brussels.

4 June: Dr Waltraud Schelkle has been invited for an expert conversation on democracy and economic governance reforms with MPs of the Green Party in Berlin.

5 June: Dr Waltraud Schelkle is giving two papers at the international conference 'Shifting to Post-Crisis Welfare States in Europe?' in Berlin. The first is on 'The finance-welfare state nexus of the crisis' (joint with Eddie Gerba) and the second one on 'Central banks as social policy actors' (joint with Deborah Mabbett).

5-8 June: LSEE's Dr James Ker-Lindsay is presenting a paper on 'Diplomatic Engagement without Recognition' at a workshop on 'Blurring of Sovereignty? De Facto States in the International System', at the 1st European Workshops in International Studies in Estonia.

6 June: Prof Iain Begg is talking on ‘The future of the euro area – What kind of Europe do we want? What kind of Europe will we get?’ at the 18th annual conference of the German British Forum in London.

11-12 June: LSEE’s Dr Will Bartlett will be a key note speaker at a conference on ‘Jobs, Welfare and Inclusion in the Western Balkans’, organised by the World Bank at Becici in Montenegro.

12 June: Dr Waltraud Schelkle has been invited by the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation in Berlin to give a presentation to MPs of the Social Democratic Party on 'Welfare policies in and after the crisis.'
**Staff Calendar**

**13 June:** Prof Paul De Grauwe is taking part in a conference in Venice on the Euro area.

**13-14 June:** Hellenic Observatory’s Dr Nikos Skoutaris is participating in a workshop of the project on ‘Member States’ Constitution and EU Integration’ directed by Prof S. Griller of Salzburg University. Nikolas is presenting the Cyprus Country report.

**14 June:** LSEE’s Dr Will Bartlett is giving the annual Friedrich-Erbert Stiftung Lecture at the Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade on ‘The Political Economy of Welfare Reforms in the Western Balkans’.

**14-15 June:** Dr Vassilis Monastiriotis is giving a paper on ‘Individual unemployment risk and its determinants across the regional labour markets of pre- and post-crisis Greece’ at the annual conference of the Greek section of the European Regional Science Association in Patras, Greece.

**15 June:** Dr Jonathan White is giving a paper at a conference on ‘Democracy and Representation in Times of Crisis’ at LSE.

**17 June:** LSEE’s Dr Will Bartlett is presenting the paper ‘A New Growth Model for Croatia?’ at a conference on ‘Croatia – the 28th EU Member Country’ organised by Oesterreichische Nationalbank, at the OeNB premises in Vienna.

**17 June:** Prof Paul De Grauwe is giving a seminar at Erasmus University in Rotterdam.

**17 June:** LSEE’s Dr James Ker-Lindsay is taking part in a panel discussion on Cyprus organised by the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Yasar University, Izmir.

**20 June:** Prof Iain Begg is taking part in a talk on ‘Fédéralisme économique européen et différenciation : réflexions autour de la place du Royaume-Uni’, at a CEDECE conference in Paris.

**20 June:** LSEE’s Dr James Ker-Lindsay is speaking at a LSEE co-convened roundtable discussion on Europeanisation and policymaking in South East Europe at the British International Studies Association annual conference in Birmingham.

**20 June:** Dr Mareike Kleine is attending the EPSA annual meeting in Barcelona, presenting a paper entitled ‘The timing of decisions in the European Union’.

**20-22 June:** Prof Sara Hobolt is attending as well as chairing the Section on EU and European Politics at the European Political Science Association conference in Barcelona. Sara will be also presenting three papers at the conference:

- Sara B. Hobolt, James Tilley and Catherine E. de Vries, ‘For Better and for Worse? Grievance Asymmetry in Economic Voting’
- Sara B. Hobolt, Eamonn Molloy, Stephen Whitefield, and Spyros Kosmidis ‘Emotions in Party Rhetoric: An Analysis of British Election Manifestos’
- Simon Hix, Sara B. Hobolt and Bjørn Høyland, ‘Career Paths and Legislative Activities of Members of the European Parliament’.
20-22 June: PhD student Tim Vlandas is co-presenting (jointly with Chiara Benassi) a paper on union strategies towards temporary workers in Europe at the 10th European Conference of the International Labour and Employment Relations Association (ILERA), in Amsterdam.

24 June: Prof Paul De Grauwe is attending a committee meeting on the euro at the Hague.

25-27 June: Hellenic Observatory’s Dr Nikos Skoutaris is participating in the 20th International Conference of Europeanists organised by the Council of European Studies (CES, Columbia University) in Amsterdam. He will be presenting a paper entitled ‘Promoting regionalism in the neighbourhood? The case of ENP’.

25-27 June: Dr Waltraud Schelkle is attending the international conference of the Council on European Studies in Amsterdam, and presenting a paper on 'Searching under the lamp post: the evolution of fiscal surveillance' (joint with Deborah Mabbett). Waltraud is also a discussant on the panels 'Domestic and European Responses to the Euro Crisis: Lessons for Governance' and 'Challenging Male-Normed Austerity Programs’.


25-27 June: Tim Vlandas is also convening a panel of the 20th International Conference of Europeanists on ‘Divided We Stand: The Political Economy of Dualised European Labour Markets’ where he is also presenting, in Amsterdam.

27-29 June: Tim Vlandas is co-presenting a paper on union strategies towards temporary workers in Europe in the 25th Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, held in Milan.

26 June: Dr Jan Komárek is presenting a paper entitled ‘The politics of Euroconstitutionalism in the “other Europe”’ at a conference organised jointly by the International Journal of Constitutional Law, European Journal of International Law and UMR de Droit comparé de Paris (Université Paris I – Panthéon Sorbonne) to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the European Court of Justice's judgment in Van Gend en Loos, which set European integration on a constitutional course.

28 June: Dr Jonathan White is giving a paper at a conference on ‘The Territorial State after 1989’ at the German Historical Institute in London.

28 June: Prof Paul De Grauwe will be in Palma de Majorca to give a keynote lecture at the Conference of Spanish International Economists.

29 June: Prof Paul De Grauwe is taking part in a workshop on the state of macroeconomics in Hamburg.
EI in the News

♦ **Prof Nicholas Barr**

Prof Nicholas Barr gave an interview to the Spanish newspaper *El Economista* on 15 May.

♦ **Prof Iain Begg**

Prof Iain Begg has given various radio interviews:
- To ITN’s 10 o’clock news on 7 May, discussing the UK leaving the EU.
- To BBC Radio 4 on 10 May about the relations between the UK and Europe, and again on 12 May about the economic implications of Britain’s EU membership.
- Iain also talked to Sky News on 29 May about the OECD report on the prospects of growth in the UK economy.

♦ **Dr Rebecca Bryant**

Hellenic Observatory’s Dr Rebecca Bryant gave a radio interview on the Cyprus crisis to *Jadaliyya*.

♦ **Prof Damian Chalmers**

A paper written by Prof Chalmers for the think tank Policy Network, proposing that EU directives should only tested by national parliaments, was picked up by the *Guardian* on 20 May.

♦ **Dr Anne Corbett**

On 9 May, *Times Higher Education* hosted a story by Visiting Fellow Dr Anne Corbett entitled ‘Hollande’s HE reforms face test’. ‘Fioraso [French higher education and research minister] is trying to reunite the universities that were broken up after the unrest of 1968’, Anne said.

♦ **Prof Paul De Grauwe**

In a *Telegraph* story on 30 April by Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, Prof Paul De Grauwe has reportedly debunked the myth that Germany achieved its miracle by carrying out the Hartz IV reforms under Chancellor Gerhard Schröder. These labour reforms helped, but they were marginal. In some key respects Germany’s labour markets are more rigid today that those of Italy or Spain.
Commenting on Slovenia’s serious debt problem, Prof Paul De Grauwe has reportedly told Bloomberg on 1 May that ‘Now that the bankers have run away from the periphery, German and French politicians no longer care about bank creditors’.

Paul wrote an article for Project Syndicate on 12 May entitled ‘Debt without drowning’, which was picked up by Turkish Zaman and Warsaw Business Journal.

♦ Prof Maurice Fraser

Prof Maurice Fraser wrote an article for the French Figaro on 2 May entitled ‘La réputation de la France est en jeu en Europe’ [France’s reputation at stake in Europe].

♦ Dr Simon Glendinning

Dr Simon Glendinning was interviewed by BBC Radio 4 on 26 May about the benefits of secularity in politics.

♦ Dr Bob Hancké

Dr Bob Hancké was interviewed by European Voice about the new Executive Masters Degree in the Political Economy of Europe, which is starting in December 2013.

♦ Dr Vassilis Monastiriotis

Dr Vassilis Monastiriotis was quoted in an article on 8 May in the Cyprus Weekly entitled ‘In quest of a new growth model for Cyprus’. This article was then picked up by a number of other news resources such as Kathimerini (Cyprus), Sigma Live, InCyprus, Politis News and the Cyprus News Agency.
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