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Successful Audit!

As part of the 5-year agreement with the Flemish Government, a Government-appointed evaluation committee audited the IES on 11-12 February 2010. The international committee interviewed representatives of all IES sections: management, senior and junior researchers, supporting staff, teaching and training staff, alumni, Board and Executive Board members, and the Deans of the respective faculties with which the IES shared the Master programmes thus far. In their report, officially published in September 2010, the auditors stated that "they were impressed with the progress of the IES since the previous audit in 2004". They concluded that the Institute "fulfills all criteria that are stated in the Government Agreement" and they "advise the Government to continue its financing to the IES".



The auditing committee, headed by Vlerick-professor Sophie Manigart (presenting the results at IES, see photo), welcomed the creation of Service Level Agreements with the respective faculties as to give the IES more autonomy in the field of teaching whilst also solving urgent career issues for its personnel. Due to its status within university, the IES has thus far not been able to appoint full professors (ZAP); the problem of the ZAP-status within the IES "has to be solved as a matter of urgency", according to the committee. Talks to this end with faculty and university manage-

ment have been ongoing since the publication of the audit results, and are likely to be solved in the course of 2011.

Further recommendations of the audit committee involved implementing a better pricing structure for IES activities, the call for focus on core activities, and the suggestion to structurally involve students in management of the teaching programmes - a point that has been taken up in the new statutes of the IES.

The successful audit meanwhile led to continued support for the IES through a new five-year agreement with Government.

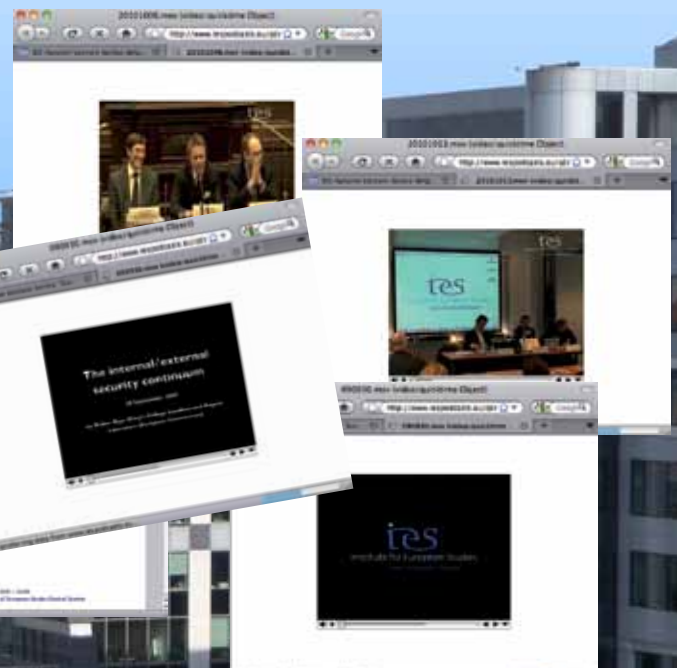
IES goes Podcast !

Beginning in the Summer of 2010, the IES provides a new service to its students and to the community at large. Lecture series, special events, and discourses by internationally renowned scholars or policy makers are podcasted via the IES website. The Institute acquired the necessary hardware and software in order to be able to record and transmit "on the spot" from any location on campus.

As the IES had already taped most of its activities - especially the lecture series - since 2007, lectures from

the past can now be found via the podcast network. You may find podcasts from previous activities in the "events" section of our website:

<http://www.ies.be/events/>



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The Standing Group on International Relations of the European Consortium for Political Science Research (ECPR) awarded an "Honorable Mention" to IES Academic Director **Sebastian Oberthür** and **Thomas Gehring** of the University of Bamberg for their article "The Causal Mechanisms of Interaction between International Institutions", published in the peer-reviewed European Journal of International Relations. The award was granted following a competition for the best contribution in 2007-2009.



Eva at John Hopkins

This fall, Senior Research Fellow **Eva Gross** spent a total of 10 weeks in Washington, DC at John Hopkins University – SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations (CTR) to conduct research on EU-US approaches to civilian crisis management.

During her stay, Dr. Gross also co-organized and presented her research at a policy seminar on this topic in cooperation with her host institute; spoke at a conference 'Europe in 2020' in Lexington, Kentucky; served on a panel on EU approaches to Security Sector Reform (SSR) hosted by the United States Institute for Peace; and, at the invitation of Professor Michelle Egan, gave a talk on the EU's growing role as a peace-builder for a group of graduate students at American University.

Her research stay was divided into four phases:

(1) 22 August – 10 September

The first, and exploratory, phase of the research stay was used to 'set up shop' at the host institute (John Hopkins University – SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations), plan the research to be undertaken, and conduct initial interviews but also identify suitable interlocutors for research interviews. A total of 10 interviews were conducted. In addition, during this first stage the idea of co-organizing a policy seminar was developed: given that under the Belgian EU Presidency a EU-US agreement detailing further cooperation in civilian reconstruction is to be signed, this was viewed as a good opportunity to organize an event. The British Embassy in Washington kindly agreed to host the event, at which point planning began.

(2) 26 September – 29 October

The second phase of the research stay involved more detailed research and additional inter-

views. A total of 15 interviews were conducted, and a chapter of the research monograph drafted. In addition, SRF Eva Gross received an invitation to speak at a conference on 'Europe in 2020' held by the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, University of Kentucky in Lexington that took place on 20-22 October. The two-day event, which included a keynote by EU Ambassador to the US Joao Vale de Almeida targeted a student audience of 60 postgraduate students, and included panels on European political and economic integration, European security, and Europe seen from a citizen perspective. In her remarks Eva Gross addressed the evolution of the EU as a security actor.

(3) 6-15 November

A seminar on post-conflict reconstruction took place during the third phase of the research stay. The seminar itself was attended by 38 experts, and included a keynote address by Jean Arthur Regibeau, Political Director at the Belgian Foreign Ministry. SRF Eva Gross also attended the EUISS Washington Forum, which took place on 9-10 November. The remainder of the stay was spent on drafting and revising text for the research project. Finally, on November 15th Eva Gross spoke to a group of students at American University at the invitation of Professor Michelle Egan.

(4) 8-18 December

The fourth and final phase of the research stay was used to conduct final research interviews and to polish the written text. Finally, Eva Gross contributed her expertise at a panel on EU approaches to Security Sector Reform (SSR) hosted by the United States Institute for Peace on 16 December.

Strategic Away Days

Following the Government audit in February, IES management and postdoctoral researchers held a strategy meeting at the Chateau de la Poste, near Namur. Accompanied with representatives of the junior researchers and of the supporting staff, the group discussed possible future scenarios for the IES, for two consecutive days. Based on the self-evaluation report, the five-year planning and the (positive) outcome of the audit, researchers and staff considered the IES current structures and procedures to assess whether they can withstand the continuous growth of the Institute.



The strategic days gave way to a further "clusterization" of the Institute, i.e. the "clusters" of the IES (Migration, asylum and Diversity / EFSP / Information Society / Sustainable Development / Economics / E-learning & Training) evolve into mid-management structures so that a more decentralized management of research is possible. The meeting also discussed the impact of the enhanced autonomy of the IES *vis-à-vis* its teaching programmes. It is clear that the intense two-day meeting will trigger a lot of work, and many meetings to come! The format of the "away days" proved very productive so that the aspirations are to make this a compulsory annual event.

Metropolis 2010

The IES Migration and Diversity Cluster was well represented by researchers Richard Lewis and Hannelore Goeman at the Metropolis International annual conference in the Hague the week of October 5th 2010. With 900 registered delegates, Metropolis can legitimately claim to be the largest conference of its type to be held regularly. This dynamic network of academics, non-governmental organizations and practitioners in the field of migration and diversity is spreading its wings into corners of the world where it was not currently represented. The presence of delegates from Asia (India, China and Japan) and Africa was very apparent and due to the tireless efforts of Metropolis Executive Director Howard Duncan (who presented three years ago at one of IES' lecture series).

The conference theme this year was Justice and Migration: Paradoxes of Belonging and it tackled the difficult issues of migrant integration (which is the topic of Hannelore's doctoral thesis). Professor Elspeth Guild of the University of Nijmegen and the London firm of solicitors Kingsley Napley, who specialize in human rights and immigration law, gave the keynote speech and the conference was honoured by the presence of Queen Beatrix throughout the first session.

Richard organized a workshop at which Hannelore also presented on the theme of Immigrants, Culture



and the Integration Process. In spite of last minute cancellations by three of the seven speakers and a sparse audience due to competition from about 30 other workshops that afternoon, there was an interesting discussion on the topic. In addition to Richard's introduction in which he posed the question "what is culture and "what is a culture" and tried to answer it, two other speakers presented in addition to Hannelore.. She spoke about the double standards that are often applied - we encourage inter-cultural dialogue but this is circumscribed by a different interpretation of values. Dr. Chantal Lacroix of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (a Vienna based research organization) described her doctoral work in the UK and Germany and emphasised that immigrant culture (literature, art and music) can help to re-define national culture and thus assist the integration process. Finally Professor Han Entzinger of the Erasmus University Rotterdam gave a presentation on his research on perceptions of the indigenous Dutch population of the degree of integration of migrants over time. Professor Entzinger is credited with the Dutch notion of inburgering - "creating the new citizen" and making a major contribution to Dutch government practice on integration. In view of the Dutch political situation and the rise of the vote for the Freedom Party, Professor Entzinger's intervention was particularly relevant.

Richard on Al Jazeera



On 24 October 2010, Senior Research Fellow **Richard Lewis** was the special guest on the Al Jazeera English's Riz Khan Show to talk on the issue of *multiculturalism* after German Chancellor Angela Merkel's pronouncement earlier that week that attempts to build a "multicultural" Germany had "failed."

The Riz Khan Show is a daily news show that covers a wide range of different kinds of topics - the week before Richard's appearance, it hosted George Clooney on talking about Sudan, while they interviewed Jimmy Carter the following week. Other past guests of the show included Hillary Clinton, Stanley McChrystal, Richard Holbrooke, John Pilger, Brian Eno, Richard Perle, Boris Berezovsky, Howard Zinn, Noam Chomsky, Emma Thompson, Yuri Geller, Yusuf Islam, Her Majesty Queen Rania, Arrianna Huffington, Wyclef Jean, Imran Khan, Russell Simmons, Shimon Peres and Mohammed Al Fayed - "our" Richard is now an equal "star"!

Al Jazeera English broadcasts in over 200 million homes world wide. The Riz Khan show is aired in a prime time slot and is repeated twice daily. It can also be followed via the Internet through the Al Jazeera website: <http://english.aljazeera.net/programmes.rizkhan/>

The show started as an interview session with Riz Kahn but also featured many pertinent questions from viewers. Richard pointed out that recent immigrant history has to be put into the context of its colonial roots. He called for a two-way relationship: that while integration to the dominant social structure is important for the purposes of inclusion, there must also be a sense of responsibility from the "host" culture to open up and engage with the other.

IES Summer School
on the European Decision-Making Process
July 2011.
See www.ies.be/summerschool for details !

New Senior Research Fellow



Following the return to the EC of Irina Tanasescu, the IES opened a vacancy for the position of Senior Fellow E-Learning & Training. The part-time position is linked to a part-time professorship at VUB's ESP faculty and also involves directing the MA of European Integration and Development. More than forty high-level candidates applied, from which both IES and Faculty selected Prof. Dr. **Amelia Hadfield**.

Prior to joining VUB/IES in September 2010, Amelia served as Lecturer in European International Relations at the University of Kent, Canterbury, teaching courses on EU foreign policy, and EU public policy. At Kent she directed the MA in International Relations and European Studies and coordinated Erasmus and bilateral links between Kent and France, Finland and Belgium.

Amelia's research interests include EU foreign affairs and Energy Security. She is an Associate Fellow with Chatham House's Energy, Environment and Development Programme, and the Pan-European Institute (Finland). She also teaches courses on EU foreign policy at the University of Cambridge Summer School and Sciences Po Lille and is the UACES Secretary for 2008-11.

Energy Security in Europe

On 23 June, under the auspices of Senior Research Fellow **Harri Kalimo** and Academic Director **Sebastian Oberthür**, the IES organized a policy forum on European Energy Security.

Sami Andoura gave an overview of the EU's policy and plans regarding Energy Security. Sami has been part of the task force established by the think tank of *Notre Europe* to study



the feasibility of a European Energy Community. The study focuses on several aspects of Europe's energy policy including aspects of competitiveness, sustainability and issues of security of supply.

Kilian Gross, the second speaker of the forum, referred to his own experience in the field of energy policy. As a legal expert working for DG Energy he raised several issues and provided a number of valuable insights on the actual working procedures of the Commission with regard to energy policy.

IES Spring Lecture Series

The institute for European Studies teams up with Vesalius College to organize a lecture series on "**The European Union as a Diplomatic Actor: Policies, Processes and Performance**".

The spring lecture series will take place at the VUB, Building D, room D.2.01, between 15 February and 24 May 2011 (each time on Tuesdays between 18:00 and 20:00).

The lectures will be open to the general public and are free of charge. Registration is mandatory. More information and registration forms can be obtained from the IES website: www.ies.be/springlectures2011



Policy Forum: the Roma situation in Europe

On the 26th of November, the Migration and Diversity Cluster organised a lunchtime Policy Forum on the Roma situation in Europe. The meeting was chaired by Senior Research Fellow **Richard Lewis** and featured two keynote speakers: **Sophie Kammerer**, who works as a Policy Officer at ENAR (European Network against Racism) in Brussels and **Leticia Osorio**, the Director of the Human Rights Clinic at the University of Essex and an Advisor Expert to the Executive Director of UN Habitat/Advisory Group on Forced Evictions.

In her presentation, Sophie Kammerer focused on her work within ENAR to monitor and raise awareness on the situation of Roma affected by racism and discrimination in Europe. She talked about the recent issue with France's actions against migrants and in particular the Roma being expelled and emphasized that if the French local authorities had applied the law on housing (all municipalities with more than 5,000 inhabitants must establish authorized halting sites for Travelers), the Roma settlements

would have been legal. She further pointed out that the Roma issue are since 2007 high on the political agenda at EU level but concrete measures are still absent which could be encouraged through something more precise such as national targets, indicators and timelines.

Leticia Osorio spoke about the right to land and housing rights interlinked with human rights in relation to the Roma and Travellers in the UK who are repeatedly being evicted by the local authorities and forced into settlements. She focused on the right of Roma people and Travellers to choose their own living conditions which include among others mobility as a part of their cultural rights. In her research work, she has recognized a slow improvement on EU-level in recognizing differences within various populations. A very diverse range of important topics were given attention by the two key speakers which was then followed by a discussion among the around 45 participants of the policy forum.

Environmental Policy Fora

Access and benefit-sharing (ABS) under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) - towards effective management of genetic resources?

On 29 September, the IES organized a policy forum that was dedicated to the international negotiations of a new international agreement on access to and benefit-sharing from genetic resources under the Convention of Biological Diversity. The ABS negotiations are concluded at the 10th Conference of the Parties to the CBD to be held in Nagoya, Japan in October 2010. The Environmental Policy Forum explored the prospects of reaching such agreement as well as the role of the EU in the international management of genetic resources.

The first speaker **René Lefeber** - involved in the ABS negotiations as the chair of the contact-group and the representative of the Netherlands - started with the introduction to the topic presenting the issue of the biopiracy based on the teff grain case. Next he analyzed international developments related to the ABS policy as well as conceptual approaches used in this domain. Then he gave an updated look on the current stage of the negotiations and expressed his skepticism related to the timely adoption of an agreement establishing new international regime on ABS.

Marie Schloen - researcher working on access and benefit sharing from genetic resources for food and agriculture - presented the topic of the implementation of access and benefit-sharing arrangements building on the experience of the food and agriculture sector. Marie explained how the special nature of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture is addressed under the Multilateral System of Access and

Benefit-sharing under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources. She also discussed implications of ABS implementation at the national level and practical advantages deriving from the multilateral solution.

The last speaker, **Brendan Barnes** - representing business - highlighted realities and needs related to genetic resources as well as access and benefit-sharing mechanisms from the industry perspective. Brendan described different sectors using genetic resources and analyzed how they could be affected by the adoption of new international treaty related to ABS. He pointed some difficulties like ownership, existence of many ABS agreements or retroactivity issues and proposed a vision of the business-friendly solutions possibly to be included into new regime on ABS.

Paths towards the Use of Safer Chemicals, organised on 28 October

The first speaker **Lauren Heine** is a Scientific Director of the Clean Production Action in the United States began by describing U.S. instruments tackling hazardous chemicals. She mentioned how tools being developed on the other side of the Atlantic are in many ways inspired by the European REACH Regulation and RoHS Directive and in that relation, explained how the various instruments work, including the U.S. Environmental protection Agency's (EPA's) Chemical Alternatives Assessment (CAA), and its application in industry.

Bjorn Hansen, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Environment, Unit on Chemicals and Nanomaterials followed Heine, by giving insight into the European REACH directive.

CORPUS workshop on sustainable consumption

Last October, Senior Research Fellow **Harri Kalimo** and researcher **Olof Soebch** went to Vienna as the project CORPUS held its first of nine workshops aiming to bring together researchers and policy makers.

CORPUS stands for "Enhancing the Connectivity Between Research and Policy-Making in Sustainable Consumption". It is an EU FP7 project in which the Institute for European Studies is a partner. The project aims at bringing together the policy-making and research communities in the field of *sustainable consumption*. This is done through a series of workshops and a web platform that the IES has been responsible for building.

The www.scp-knowledge.eu web platform is under constant development and improvement. It is adjustable for registered users,



tailored to their preferences. The platform contains information on SCP, scientific publications, policy documents and a list of events in the field. Additionally, the platform creates



an online space for communication, networking and community building.

The workshop in Vienna focused on Sustainable Food Consumption. It drew more than 40 policy-makers and researchers from all over Europe and was a very exciting event to start exchanging knowledge and experiences. During the workshop, facts and trends were the topic of discussion, as well as actors in sustainable food consumption. The two day workshop allowed participants to actively participate through mind mapping exercises, walk around question and answer poster sessions and policy instrument exercise. Key notes were given from DG Environment, the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Innovation, and REWE.

More information on www.scp-knowledge.eu

Students to Luxemburg

On Tuesday 30th November, students and accompanying staff of the LL.M. International and European law left Brussels at dawn by bus for their annual study trip to the European Court of Justice in Luxemburg. Heavy traffic and bad weather almost prevented the group from arriving in time for attending the scheduled hearing in the Court. Fortunately, at exactly 9:15, students could witness and follow the hearing of case T-310/09 Fuller & Thaler Asset Management / OHMI - T-383/09 Fuller & Tha (Marque communautaire).



After the hearing, the LL.M. students had a meeting with Prof. Dr. Koen Lenaerts (*on photo*), President of Chamber, Judge at the Court of Justice, who also invited the group for lunch. The group, assisted by programme secretary Marleen Van Impe, left Luxemburg for Brussels around 6pm.



IES now member of the COST Action Programme

Belgium has recently become a party to the COST action Systemic risks, financial crisis and credit (<http://www.worldfinancialcrisis.eu/>). The IES, through its researcher **Peter Burgess**, is part of the management committee of the action.

From the action web page:

"The main objective of the Action is to provide comprehensive documentation and state of the art analysis of the current Subprime Crisis and its consequences. What started as a burst of a speculation bubble in the US real estate market has developed into the most severe financial crisis since the Great Depression. Characteristic of the Subprime Crisis was the tight connection between the American real estate credit market and the structures and processes of global markets. The slicing and dicing of subprime was made possible by modern financial instruments like derivatives,

modern practices like securitization, and new actors like Credit Rating Agencies who provided first class ratings and thereby suggested what turned out to be false security, and Hedge funds that generated demand. The crisis is therefore as much a crisis of the modern capitalist system as it is of finance. It has led to greater transformation of the American and European financial markets than any planned reform. Discursively, the crisis has challenged core ideas of monetarism and led to a revival of Keynesian monetary and fiscal policies."

COST (European Collaboration on Science and Technology) is an instrument funded by the European Commission and managed



by the European Science Foundation. It supports cooperation by funding conferences, workshops, meetings, publications and other forms of research mobility. (Find the basics here: <http://www.cost.esf.org/>). One of the most popular funding mechanisms is the STSM (Short Term Scientific Mission) which can fund travel and lodging for periods up to several weeks for researchers visiting research institutes in other Member States involved in the action.

As a Belgian institute (in particular, with influence in the management committee) IES researchers have access to the activities and the funds of the action.

IES Researchers

Neepa in New Orleans

Between 16 and 22 November, IES researcher Neepa Acharya attended the American Anthropological Association Annual Conference held in New Orleans. Neepa presented her pa-



per, 'Post-colonizing Hospitality: Cycling the Returning Transnational Migrant Guest in a Global Context' in a panel entitled, 'Cartographies of Trans-Migrant Imaginaries' organized by Erin Moran of UC Irvine and the discussant was Dr. Prista Ratanapruck from Harvard University. Her paper was very well-received; immediately after her presentation, people were easily engaging with the lexicon of 'host' and 'guest' that was included in her presentation in order to discuss roles within the process of movement, immigration and integration of elite trans-migrants. The best part of New Orleans, besides all the anthropology, was of course the wonderful music, and cajun food, and especially the people !

9th European Conference on E-Learning in Portugal

IES Researchers **Alina Christova** and **Alexandra Mihai** attended the 9th European Conference on E-Learning in Porto, Portugal, which took place on 4th and 5th November 2010.

The conference was hosted by the *Instituto Superior de Engenharia do Porto*, Portugal. The European Conference on e-Learning (ECEL) is an annual event that has been at the forefront of E-Learning as one of the most active fields of research and practice in Europe bringing together a variety of professionals working in different areas of E-Learning and seeking to combine cutting-edge research with practical, real-life applications in order to advance the state of e-Learning around Europe. The conference encompassed 145 participants from 31 countries.

The conference events encompassed 2 keynote sessions over 90 presentations in parallel sessions on a wide range of topics including E-Portfolios, mobile learning, design issues, E-Assessment, evaluations, learning in the workplace, E-Learning in higher education, game and simulation



based learning, undergraduate teaching and learning in a networked environment, blended learning, etc. The keynote addresses were delivered on the topics "Using Intelligent Technologies to Support E-Learning" and "Open Source/Open Contents for E-Learning".

At the conference, Alina and Alexandra presented their paper "Teaching European Studies: A Blended Learning Approach". The panel encompassed three presentations on blended learning. The presentation of Alina and Alexandra focused on the mix of educational methods used by the IES in teaching EU matters including trainings, the E-Modules and webinars. The presenters addressed best practices and the challenges of using blended learning.

All in all, the conference proved to be a very good occasion to become familiar with current issues that are relevant for the E-Learning community and, at the same time, to share experiences and good practices with people involved in e-learning activities in various fields in universities across the globe.

Justyna at the Convention on Biological Biodiversity (CBD)

During the holiday period IES Researcher **Justyna Pozarowska** took part in two additional meetings convened by the Parties to the Convention on Biological Biodiversity (CBD) with the aim to complete the negotiations of a new international treaty regulating access to and benefit-sharing from genetic resources (ABS Protocol). Both meetings (the Resumed Ninth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit sharing of the Convention on Biological Diversity, July 2010 and the Interregional Negotiating Group (ING) of the Ad-hoc Open Ended Working Group of Access and Benefit-Sharing, September 2010) took place in Montreal. The meetings were not foreseen in the negotiation timetable, however Parties decided to convene them on the ad-hoc basis due to lack of the satisfactory results of the last negotiating session that took place in Cali, Colombia in March 2010.



Many years of debating a new international instrument on access and benefit-sharing and a two-year negotiation process of the operational text of such an agreement has not brought a final solution up till now. Lack of agreement on the draft text of the ABS Protocol in this

stage prevents its adoption by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The adoption of the new international agreement on ABS was also expected to be a contribution to the celebrations of the year 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity.

In October 2010 Justyna also attended the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-10), held in Nagoya, Japan. The Conference of the Parties is the main governing body of the

Convention on Biological Diversity, which convenes every two years with the aim to take necessary decisions related to the performance of the Convention's objectives.

The COP-10 took place between 18-29 October and was preceded by the Fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol (COP-MOP5).

The Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol has managed to adopt the new Nagoya - Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, which provides new international rules on liability and redress for damage

to biodiversity resulting from living modified organisms. In course of the COP-10 the main negotiation efforts were dedicated to three issues:

- The ABS Protocol establishing new international regime on access to and benefit sharing from genetic resources;
- The CBD Strategic Plan establishing biodiversity targets for the 2010-2020 period;
- And financial/budgetary issues related to the functioning of the Convention.

At the core of the COP Nagoya session was the adoption of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, completing about the 10-year negotiation process. The Protocol is expected to fill the gap in international law related to the use of genetic resources. The Protocol covers with its scope derivatives of genetic resources, establishes compliance system and puts the grounds for future multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism as well as deals with the issue of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources.



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The Budget of the European Union

By Herman Matthijs

This paper first provides a short history of the European budget, focusing on the development of the EU's "own resources". It then elaborates on the fundamental changes to the financial system and the budgetary procedure that the Treaty of Lisbon introduced. It is posited that with the amendments the budgetary process has lost clarity. Whilst the multiannual framework may provide for long-term stability, it stands in contradiction to a central principle of parliamentary democracy: annual budgets. The EU's search for a fair and transparent budgetary system has not yet come to full fruition. Europe needs a fairer and more transparent system. Since the Luxembourg agreement of 1970, the Union has not done anything with the VAT as own resources. The VAT is related

to the welfare standards and developments in the Member States. A fixed share of this indirect tax could form the base of a long term financing plan for the general EU budget.

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From a European to a Common Security and Defence Policy

By Matthaios Charalampous

The Lisbon Treaty has introduced significant changes in the field of EU security and defence. On the one hand, important institutional reforms, such as the creation of a renewed High Representative, have of course a great impact on this policy field. On the other hand, the Lisbon Treaty has also introduced specific innovations in the security and defence of the European Union. The mutual defence clause and the new mechanisms for flexible cooperation such as the permanent structured coop-

eration, are only some of the key innovations. Generally, the European Security and Defence Policy receives its own section in the Treaty on European Union and is rebranded as Common Security and Defence Policy. Thus, the Lisbon Treaty sets the objective for a common policy in this field. However, does this reform really provide for the means for the realization of such a common policy? Furthermore, does the Lisbon Treaty increase the importance of CSDP or is the increasing importance of this policy field just reflected in the Treaty text? These are the main questions that the present paper attempts to address through the analysis of the new institutional setting of the post-Lisbon security and defence policy, as well as through the examination of the specific innovations in this area.

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The EU Strategy 2020 is at the top of the European agenda and was a focal point for the Belgian Presidency in 2010 as well. To explore the challenges and opportunities of Strategy 2020, the Belgian Federal Parliament, in collaboration with the Institute for European Studies of the *Vrije Universiteit Brussel* organised a comprehensive lecture series

on the subject of Europe 2020, and brought together academics and policy makers to debate the implementation of the Strategy and the role of the Belgian Presidency. The lecture series was open to all interested parties and to the public at large, and took place on Wednesday evenings between 18:00 and 20:00 between October and December 2010.

Organised by theme, the nine lectures addressed the various aspects involved in the Strategy, such as sustainable development, climate change, energy efficiency, digital agenda, research and innovation, and employment.

The opening (6 Oct) and closing (15 Dec) lectures took place at the Parliament, hosted by the Chamber and the Senate respectively. All other lectures took place at the IES premises.



6 October

"The European Agenda 2020" by Johannes Laitenberger (Head of Cabinet of EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso) and Amb. François Roux (Chief Diplomatic Advisor of the Belgian State Secretary for EU Affairs Olivier Chastel)

13 October

"The EU digital single market: towards a competitive inclusive EU information society", by Detlef Eckert (EC Director Lisbon Strategy and Policies for the Information Society) and James Waterworth (Director Nokia EU Representative Office, Brussels)

20 October

"Growth, competitiveness and sustainability: Contradiction in terms or mutual reinforcement", by Matjaz Malgaj (Deputy head of Cabinet of Janez Potocnik) and David Gee (Senior Adviser - Science, Policy, Emerging Issues, European Environment Agency)

27 October

"Seeing the forest thanks to the trees: Sustainable materials management in the EU", by Lauren Heine (Science Director, Clean Production Action)

17 November

"An economic migration policy for the EU: challenges for the future", by Johan Wets (Head of the research cluster on poverty, social integration and migration - Hoger Instituut van de Arbeid, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)

24 November

"Sustainable Development and Climate change: challenges for the future", by Bernard Mazijn (Centre for Sustainable Development, University of Gent) and Sebastian Oberthür (Academic Director of the IES)

1 December

"The Digital Agenda and public services in Europe", by Frank Leyman (Manager, International Relations, FedICT)

8 December

EU Economic governance, by André Sapir (European Center for Advanced Research in Economics and Statistics, Université Libre de Bruxelles)

15 December

"The European Agenda 2020, the Belgian Presidency and Trade", Closing Session with Danny Pieters (President of the Senate) and Michel Praet (Cabinet of EU Council President Van Rompuy)

EU Study Abroad Programme with Hendrix (and ACS?)



the programme to other colleges.

Every year, about a dozen students from Hendrix College (Arkansas) visit Brussels for one semester to follow a tailor-made programme on European Studies offered by the Institute for European Studies and Vesalius College. The programme has been finetuned over the past years so that it may serve as a basis for other colleges and universities. As Hendrix is a member of the Associated Colleges of the South, the association seemed a perfect starting point for expanding the programme.

On the four-day marathon-tour across the South, Anthony teamed up with Peter Gess, Director of International Programs of Hendrix College to visit Birmingham-Southern

College (Birmingham, Alabama), Millsaps College (Jackson, Mississippi), and Rhodes College (Memphis, Tennessee). In all colleges, they met academic and admin staff responsible for exchange programmes. The tour ended at Hendrix College where Anthony spoke to future Study Abroad Students who would come to Brussels in January 2011. We hope that in the future,

o t h e r ACS colleges will join them!



New IES Board Member



The IES is pleased to announce that **Michel Praet**, former head of Cabinet at ESA and current member of the Cabinet of EU Council

President Van Rompuy replaced EC Commissioner Karel De Gucht in the Board of the Institute for European Studies.