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New Lecture Series on EU Security and Migration

On 23 September, the IES started a series of ten lectures on security, migration and integration. The overwhelming attention given to the threat of transnational terrorism in recent years has had an enormous impact on the phenomenon of migration, producing a new range of insecurities to European societies. The new threats to Europe seem to surpass the boundaries of the nation-state and yet are interconnected through processes of globalisation.

No single state can manage the array of threats to its own security, nor can any one state manage the threats to the security of its neighbours both inside and outside Europe. Liberal democracies in Europe and around the world have struggled to address what are seen as new security challenges by linking antiterrorism measures to migration policy. Security has been globalised, and migration takes its place at the heart of the problem. Yet, how accurate is this picture and how appropriate are these measures?

This lecture series, jointly organised by the IES, the International Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) and the Law, Science, Technology and Society

Studies centre (LSTS) at the VUB will explore the relationship between security and migration in the European Union in this new era of increasing global displacement. It will provide new input, information, analysis, discussion and reflection on the relevant legal and policy frameworks surrounding migration in Europe. By focusing on the political and juridical dimensions of the migration question, the series will contribute to understanding the complex interplay of global migration and European security measures taken in response to it.

Prominent experts, policy-makers and opinion leaders will address these questions in the series of lectures aimed at students, scholars, policy makers and the general public.

We look forward to your attendance and active participation in these lectures. Details can be found in our calendar of events at the back of this Newsletter.



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Senior Research Fellow Corner

6th Summer School on European Decision-Making



Between July 13th and 24th, the IES organised its 6th Inter-University Summer School on the European Decision-Making Process. Organised in collaboration with the University of Vienna and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, the Summer School took place one week in Brussels and one week in Vienna.

Twenty-six students from seventeen different countries joined this 6th edition. They were welcomed by IES Executive Director **Anthony Antoine** and Senior Research Fellow **Richard Lewis** and received lectures from IES-PILC Professor **Youri Devuyt**, IES associates **Alison Woodward** and **Ruben Lombaert**, and guest lecturers **Frank van Loock** and **Amir Naqvi**. The bulk of the teaching, however, was done by IES Senior Research Fellow **Irina Tanasescu** and her team (**Alina Christova** and **Alexandra Mihai**). While she explained the theory and practice of EU decision-making, Richard gave some insights into negotiating techniques and practices at the EU that stimulated exercises that were part of the summer school. In Brus-

sels, lectures alternated with visits to the European institutions.

Though the sun was out all two weeks, students received lectures at the Viennese Diplomatic Academy. Temperatures went to extremes, as students witnessed one of Austria's hottest days in the past century. The weather surprisingly also had more extremities up its sleeve as the city also temporarily flooded due to the heaviest thunderstorm in decades. Amidst this weather extravaganza, serious work was done at the Academy, with lectures of **Hubert Isak**, **Werner Neudeck**, **Gerhard Hafner** and **Stefan Lehne**. Students concluded the summer school with two simulation exercises under the auspices of Richard, Alexandra and Alina.

Feedback from the students was very positive. This was not merely indicative of a good teaching staff, but primarily from the excellent organisational skills of IES management assistant **Laila Macharis** and her aide in Vienna, **Elvira Peyrat**. Much appreciated!

New Senior Research Fellow European Economics



At the end of June, the Board of the IES approved the appointment of Prof. Dr. **Luc Hens** as new Senior Research Fellow for European Economics. Dr. Hens holds

a PhD in Economics from the VUB and has extensive experience in econometric model building and quantitative economic analysis. Prior to his appointment at the IES, Dr. Hens was a lecturer at Vesalius College - a position which he will partly continue to hold - responsible for courses, including an Introduction to Statistics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, International Trade and Development Economics. He previously also taught the Economics of European Integration, Labour Market and Social Policies at the University of Antwerp where he was Jean Monnet Professor of Economics.

In his professional career, Dr. Hens has been visiting professor at the Helsinki School of Economics and Business Administration, the Vysoka Skola Ekonomicka (Prague), Brookings Institution (Washington DC) and Carleton University (Ottawa). He also held positions as Chief Economist at Paribas Bank Belgium and Assistant to the Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Richard Lewis at the Metropolis International Conference 2009

Senior Research Fellow **Richard Lewis** attended the Metropolis International Conference 2009 held in Copenhagen the week beginning 14th, bringing together policy makers, academics and non-governmental organizations in the field of migration and diversity. Richard has been for many years an active member of the International Steering Committee of Metropolis which was originally inspired by migration policy research needs in Canada and has now grown to include both sending and receiving countries.



This year's conference, which drew about 600 participants (down on previous events due to the recession, according to

the organisers), was on the theme of National Responses to Cultural Diversity and was as rich as usual in its presentations and workshops. However, the subtext was always the effects of the global downturn, both short and long term, on migration trends. The views expressed on this topic revealed that most experts consider that the motivation of migrants will be affected and that the crisis in jobs in the developed world will slow the migration flows to them. In addition, there were fears expressed that social cohesion in the receiving states will be affected by migrants being seen to undercut current wage levels.

Loss of jobs on the part of temporary migrants (for example the H1 visa holders in the United States) would mean loss of rights to remain, although, paradoxically, temporary migration may be a solution to fluctuating labour demand.

Richard also participated in a workshop outside the conference venue on a mentoring scheme for women immigrants with high potential run by an ngo.

There were a number of presentations by both mentors and mentees (an unsatisfactory word construction which seems to have come into current use!). In particular, there was a fascinating talk by a member of the Copenhagen City Council who is coaching an aspiring politician, the aim being to attract more women, particularly women of immigrant extraction, into local and national politics.

He also attended a restricted meeting aimed at extending Metropolis activities in Asia. Chinese and Japanese representatives were also present. Howard Duncan, the Canadian Director of the Metropolis project, is determined to change the current pattern of projects which are largely confined to Europe and North America, with some input from Australasia. The meeting would be interested in activities in India and Richard undertook to keep Metropolis informed of IES progress in India.

Finally, he attended the international steering committee meeting at which the major item was the preparation of the 2010 conference in the Hague. This promises to be a lively affair because it has the backing and active participation of the charismatic deputy mayor of the city, Rabin Baldewingsh who rode through the final session of the conference on a typical Dutch bicycle!

PILC and Euromaster graduation



July and September traditionally mark the end of exams and thus the end of an academic year. This is, of course, also the case for the IES advanced master programmes. By the end of the academic year 2008-2009, the Institute was proud to hand out 51 diplomas, 32 in the LL.M. International and European Law (known as PILC), and 19 in the Master in European Integration and Development - the so-called Euromaster.

In the PILC, 5 students received the grade of "Greatest Distinction". Konstantina Bania, Erika Ellyne, Markus Fahlbusch, Jan Mühle and Jozefien Van Caeneghem were rated best of their year. "Great Distinction" was given to Mohamed Aldegwy, Istvan Bakk, Ester Baumgartner, Inga Galdikaite, Liutauras Kungys, Jacqueline Saad, Lina Simonaityte-Venckuviene, Veronika Svecova and Edit Virag, and "Distinction" to Eniko Albert, Ugur Ates, Halil Cikmazkara, Svetlana Haladzhova, Beate Laakmann, Dennis Arbet Nejbir, Maryna Opirska, Vivian Pinto Vogel, Yolanda Sanchez Saedt Aikaterini Serafeimi and Esin Yucel Bihter. Christiane Ferreira, Roman Matushevskiy, Ana-Maria Mesco, Melike Ozgul, Cengiz Sahin, Sowa Sylwia and Yanrong Zhao passed with satisfactory results. Nine students will unfortunately have to re-take their year.

Luc Vercryussen received the grade of "Greatest Distinction" in the Euromaster programme. "Great Distinction" was given to Steven Engels, Ioannis Spyridakis, Renata Surowiec and Martina Vavrova. The students Chen Fang, Isabel Mendes, Nikoletta Racz, Tingting Song, Marta Virse, Zora Visnjic and Joanna Ziecina received the grade of "Distinction", while Iouri Galitchenko, Katsiaryna Kliuyeva, Simone Kurek Ortega, Nan Liu, Monta Neilande and Kristina Smite-Pirotta passed satisfactory. Seven part-time students passed to their second year of studies.

The Institute wants to congratulate all 51 alumni and hopes that they will stay in touch! We wish them every success in their further careers.

Meanwhile, our new academic year has started and to date, more than 80 students have enrolled in our programmes. The PILC is home to 35 students from 23 different countries, while 51 students (25 nationalities) are currently enrolled in the Euromaster programme; we expect at least ten more to join later this month. On 23 September, the IES invited all newcomers to a welcoming reception at its premises.



Prior to the reception, we also offered the possibility to have a guided tour through Brussels - an offer that many students accepted. As expressed in the welcoming note by the Executive Director, the full IES team and all teaching staff hopes that all students will have a thrilling academic experience and we wish them all the best with their assignments and - ultimately - their exams !!

Pictures show (from top to bottom) PILC graduates 2008-2009; PILC and Euromaster students visiting Brussels; IES reception.

Short Stories

◆ Between 28 September and 10 October, IES Academic Director **Sebastian Oberthür** travels to Bangkok to take part in the Climate negotiations that prepare the follow-up for the Kyoto Agreement. Sebastian is representing the German Government.

◆ Senior Research Fellow **Eva Gross** visited Afghanistan between 12-24 May to follow up on research conducted in Brussels and Afghanistan on EU contributions to police and justice reform, but also to broaden the scope of her research to investigate civil-military coordination at the regional level, and the changing scope of civilian reconstruction through a more thorough engagement with international approaches towards police reform more generally. She spent four days each in Kabul, Bamiyan and Mazar-e Sharif to conduct interviews with diplomats, journalists, and Afghan stakeholders. Eva will be back in Afghanistan between 25 September and 6 October.

◆ Eva also took part in the Angers UACES Conference, between 3-5 September where she presented her paper 'Towards transatlantic burden sharing? EU-US relations in security and defense'. She also chaired one of the panels on 'Comprehensive approaches to strategy assessment: evaluating capabilities, coherence and cooperation in EU crisis management'. Info on www.uaces.org,

◆ The new Flemish Minister of Education, Pascal Smet, approved the Institute's annual report and accounts for 2008, and congratulated the IES for its excellent performance.

The EU in International Affairs Conference 2010

The Institute for European Studies of the VUB, the *Institut d'Etudes Européennes* of the ULB, the UN University Centre for Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS) and Egmont - Royal Institute for International Relations will organise their second international conference entitled "The EU in International Affairs" in Brussels between 22 and 24 April 2010. The three-day conference will take place at the Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences.

More information can be found online at <http://www.ies.be/conference2010/>



IES Publications and events

New IES Book: Rethinking European Media and Communications Policy

Edited by Caroline Pauwels, IES Senior Research Fellow Harri Kalimo, and IES researchers Karen Donders and Ben Van Rompuy

Based on the IES lecture series bearing the same name that took place in the autumn of 2008, this book is a collection of expert insights on EU media and communications policies in the era of convergence.

The media and ICT (Information and Communications Technology) sectors are at the heart of a competitive and inclusive European knowledge society. Since the late 1980s, the boundaries between these sectors have been blurring. Anno 2009, convergence is, finally, starting to take form. And it is not just about technically migrating the offline world into a virtual one, or vice versa. It is about a much bigger change. New technologies enable fundamental socio-economic innovations as well as a restructuring of value chains. Social computing applications such as blogs and P2P networks push end-users to the centre stage in innovation. The culture of sharing, developing and using content in new, incremental ways, anywhere and anytime, is spreading fast. The fundamental changes caused by convergence also push previously distinct policies together. The objectives of such policies may be quite divergent, however.



Conflicts may come to the forefront, when economic profitability, legal stability and predictability, basic human rights and socio-cultural values are pitched against one another. The developments render the task of public authorities extremely challenging. How to keep up with the current developments – or even better, how to predict the future scenarios – of the converging information society, so as to provide an optimal societal framework? How to take everyone's interests into account, when the value chains are being completely transformed, when stakeholder groups such as consumers, content producers, network operators, right holders and public authorities interact in the constantly evolving mesh of a true digital environment? Much is at stake: competitiveness and jobs, social inclusion and cultural diversity, market opportunities and fundamental rights.

It appears therefore necessary to fundamentally reconsider the existing legal and policy frameworks. Have they become completely outdated? What are the main problems, and how should they be addressed? These are the very questions that top experts address in this book. Rethinking European Media and Communications Policy provides ample insights on the challenging task of crafting inclusive, competitive and culturally diverse media and communications policy for the converging Europe.

Contents:

Foreword by EU Commissioner Meglena Kuneva · Introduction: The Converging Media and Communications Environment (Harri Kalimo and Caroline Pauwels) · *The Practical Environment* · Information, Telecommunication Technologies and Media Convergence Challenges (Ioannis Maghiros) · Social Computing (Corina Pascu, David Osimo, Geomina Turlea, Martin Ulbrich, Yves Punie and Jean-Claude Burgelman) · *Networks and Services* · The New Audiovisual Media Services Directive (Anna Herold) · Rethinking European Broadcasting Regulation (Peggy Valcke and Eva Lievens) · Public Broadcasting and State Aid in the New Media Environment (Ross Biggam) · State Aid and Public Service Broadcasting (Karen Donders) · *Content and Consumption* · State Aid for Film – A Policy Moving Too Fast? (Jeanne Brunfaut and Jean-Louis Blanchart) · Why a UNESCO Convention on Cultural Diversity of Expression? (Carole Tongue) · Can Changes in Copyright Legislation Support Convergence in the Media Sector? (Sakari Aalto) · *Cross-cutting Themes* · The Standard of Proof in EC Merger Control (Ben Van Rompuy) · Constitutional Rights and New Technologies: A Comparative Perspective (Paul de Hert, Bert-Jaap Koops and Ronald Leenes) · Conclusions: Policy Approaches in the Converging Media and Communications Sector (Harri Kalimo and Caroline Pauwels)

Rethinking European Media and Communications Policy is published by VUBPress and can be ordered from their website (376 p. / € 42)

http://www.vubpress.be/article.aspx?article_id=RETHIN009Q

New articles by IES staff

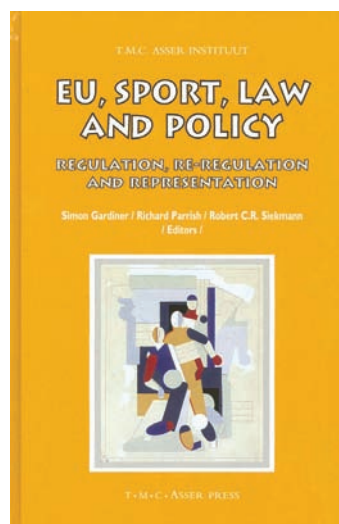
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Book launch & expert workshop on Friday 23 October:

On the occasion of launching the book "Rethinking European Media and Communications Policy", the IES and IBBT-SMIT are organizing a half-day expert workshop on the theme "Strengthening the European information society: Consumers in media policy and law".

The event focuses on the role of the consumer, as it picks up four topical consumer related angles to the main theme of the book.

The workshop takes place on Friday 23 October 2009 and is open for public. Participation is free of charge. For further details and to register for this event, please see our website:

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

Since its inception, the Institute for European Studies has been researching the EU's environmental and sustainable development policies. Research projects such as "The Impact of Globalization on the EC's Environment and Development Law", or "The Diffusion of EU Environmental Regulation" have been ongoing for a number of years, whilst quite a few lecture series dealt with sustainability and environmental issues (e.g. the lecture series on "The EU and the Fight Against Global Climate Change" of autumn 2008).

It is therefore not surprising that the IES is now developing its own "greening" policy. Inspired by its environmental and sustainability research cluster, the IES is getting more and more aware of its own ecological footprint, and under the impulse of researcher Olof Soebch and some of her colleagues, our Institute has started to take initiatives that aim at reducing its impact on the environment. Conscious of the global environment, our aim is to use the natural resources carefully with an eye for sustainability and environmental friendliness and to reduce the impact on the environment to a minimum by:

- buying only what is needed for the organisation to thrive;
- reusing and recycling as much as possible, thereby reducing waste;
- purchasing new materials responsibly;
- being energy efficient;
- educating, enabling and engaging all of the staff and visitors to participate in "greening" the organisation.

"Greening" the organisation is a long-term commitment. There are two parts to our Strategy:

(1) We want to make structural changes that involve the dedication of management and secretariat that do all purchases.

So far, the IES:

- has analysed itself and identified where environmental impact is the highest, and where changes can be made;

- has changed the default printer settings to print on both sides of each sheet of paper;
- is using mainly recycled paper, and in all but one printer, there is only recycled paper available;
- print using the environmentally friendly ECO-font;
- has switched to an environmentally friendly coffee maker, and uses fair trade coffee and teas;
- has replaced the coffee creamers and plastic spoons with larger milk cartons;
- has reduced the number of newspaper and newsletter copies and has a common space where people can share a copy;
- has started making guidelines full of smart advice to share;
- promotes the use of bikes to come to work;
- uses the internet for document sharing;
- recycles not only paper, plastics and aluminium, but also glass;
- has also started a dialogue with the Environmental coordinator at the university at large with the intention of collaborating in greening not only the IES, but also the rest of the VUB departments.

(2) Our strategy will continue in the autumn of 2009 when we begin awareness raising activities for staff. The IES "greening committee" wants to motivate every employee and visitor to participate, and to change behaviour so as to become more environmentally conscious and active in the workplace and at home.

We will thus involve all personnel and help them find ways to reduce negative environmental impact, in an easy and practical way, without limiting comfort or working capacity. We will have thematic months with a specific focus, such as an energy saving month, paper awareness month, sustainable food options month, eco friendly transport month, etc. Throughout the coming months, we will organise information sharing events that aim at increasing awareness and making lasting changes in what we purchase, how we use resources, and how we dispose of them.

News from the IES Researchers

IES scholars at the General Conference in Potsdam

A delegation of five researchers represented the IES at this year's General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) in Potsdam, Germany. Sebastian Oberthür, Jamal Shahin, Eva Gross, Hannelore Goeman and Katja Biedenkopf presented papers in their respective fields of expertise.

Academic Director **Sebastian Oberthür** contributed to the conference with his presentation 'The Negotiating Capacity of the EU in International Institutions: The Case of Climate Change' and he chaired another panel on 'The EU's Performance in International Institutions: Cross-cutting Issues'. Sebastian's paper was drafted as part of the IES-led EUPERFORM network. This loosely coordinated research network, grouping several universities, focuses upon examining the performance of the EU in international institutions. In his paper, Sebastian developed the concept of negotiating capacity as an intermediate indicator for assessing the EU's performance in international institutions. This conceptual work was then empirically applied to the case of the EU in climate change negotiations. On the one hand, this showed how the concept of negotiating capacity is an analytically useful one. On the other hand, the paper concluded that the scope for further substantive progress in the climate change negotiations might be limited as long as European states are reluctant to review the division of competences between the EU institutions and the member states. Apart from his own presentation, Sebastian contributed to the academic debate by assuming the role of discussant in the panel 'Global Climate Governance Post 2012: Architectures, Agency, and Adaptiveness' in which he commented on four other papers in his field of expertise.

Postdoctoral Fellow **Jamal Shahin** also attended the conference as part of the EUPERFORM network, and presented a paper on 'The Performance of the EU in the International Telecommunication Union'. This early-stage work is intended for publication in 2011, and is his contribution to the work of the network. He also participated in other sessions, and presented a paper for a colleague who was unable to attend the conference, in a session on rescaling higher education policies in the EU. Jamal's own paper outlined the role that the European Union has played in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), since the European Commission became a Sector Member in 1996. In order to carry this out, he firstly examined the role that the EU institutions have played in creating internal coherence and a concerted approach towards global telecommunications infrastructures and also described the Commission's role in the ITU as an actor in its own right. The external role of EU/European institutions was separated into two different areas: i) Technical standards and ii) Economic issues and political goals - such as those explicitly described at the World Summit on the Information Society. The paper addressed the manner in which the European approach has been developed, and - most importantly - how this European approach has influenced the operations of the ITU. Initial results show that a European approach has emerged due to internal coherence, and not as a result of the institutional setup at the ITU. In-depth interviews with various stakeholders will take place in late-2009 and early 2010, supplementing a rigorous analysis of policy documents.

Senior Research Fellow **Eva Gross** participated in a panel on "Governing Multiagency Operations

in Conflict Management: Comprehensive Approaches and their Limits". Her paper addresses the EU-NATO cooperation in Afghanistan by asking the question whether it is on the way "Towards a Comprehensive Approach?".

Researcher **Hannelore Goeman** presented her paper 'Symbolic agenda-setting with unexpected consequences: the case of EU integration policy' in a panel on agenda-setting processes in the European Union. She tried to explain how rhetorical policy statements by the Council on integration eventually provided the Commission with an opportunity to set up a soft-law framework for migrant integration according to its own preferences. Having Guy Peters - an authority on institutionalist theory - as a discussant yielded a number of interesting comments for her research.

Researcher **Katja Biedenkopf** participated in the panel 'Learning, Institutions and the Dynamics of Environmental Regimes'. She presented her work on the external effects of EU chemicals regulation. The new EU REACH Regulation does not only introduce significant changes to chemicals management inside the EU, it also has external effects on extra-EU jurisdictions such as the United States and China. Through the voluntary diffusion of elements of the legislation itself and of the data that it will produce, other jurisdictions are influenced through their economic interdependence with the EU and through learning processes. The paper finds that REACH has already influenced domestic legislation in extra-EU jurisdictions, namely the United States of America and China.

IES Training Announcements

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Intensive seminar on
EU institutions and policy processes

The **EU** in Close-up

12 - 14 October 2009
7 - 9 December 2009
22 - 24 February 2010

Global Governance
in Migration Issues:
the Role of the
European Union

ONE DAY SEMINAR
18 November 2009

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The E-learning and Training unit of the IES proudly presents two upcoming activities:

- Between 12 and 14 October, the IES organises a three-day intensive seminar on EU institutions and policy processes entitled "The EU in Close-Up". Designed as an intensive programme for professionals seeking an advanced understanding of the EU institutions and decision-making, the seminar combines theory and practice through online and face-to-face training techniques. The fee for the seminar is € 720 (course materials, access to the E-modules, lunches and refreshments at the IES).
- On 18 November, the IES organises a one day seminar on "Global Governance in Migration Issues: the Role of the EU". The fee for the one day seminar is € 250. More info on <http://www.ies.be/training/other>

Reduced fees are available for participants from NGOs and students.

IES Researchers at Summer Schools across Europe



On 2-3 July 2009, IES researcher **Sigrid Winkler** attended the third Taiwan Studies Post-graduate Summer School of the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London. Amongst the highlights of the summer school were three lectures given by Prof. Dennis Van Vranken Hickey from Missouri State University, one of the best-known specialists on cross-Strait relations. In his lectures, he analyzed recent developments in the relations between Taiwan and China from an American perspective.

In her own presentation in a PhD panel, Sigrid shed a light on how these trends are seen in Europe when she presented the general outlines of her PhD. Her work tries to answer why and how the European Union supports Taiwan's participation in international organizations. In her presentation, Sigrid focused on the case of the World Health Organization (WHO). After having been indifferent to Taiwan's initial efforts to participate in the work of the WHO since 1997, the EU discovered its interest in Taiwanese participation in the health body especially in the aftermath of the global SARS crisis in 2003. However, European support has long been rather weak, owing to disagreement among EU member states about what status the EU could support for Taiwan in the WHO without risking to provoke China. Only recent improvements in the relations between Taiwan

and China have led the EU to a more outspoken supportive position. Finally, in May 2009, owing to direct consultations between Taiwan and China, a Taiwanese delegation could join the World Health Assembly for the first time, albeit as an observer.



Between 23 and 29 August, IES Researcher **Claire Roche Kelly** attended a week-long summer school seminar entitled "Decarbonising Europe and the World: the Internal and External Dimensions of EU Climate Policy", in Otzenhausen, Saarland, Germany. As her own research focuses very much on EU climate policy, the summer school was an opportunity to delve more deeply into the area, and to meet other experts and researchers dealing with the topic.

The summer school was limited to twelve participants from various parts of Europe (including Germany, Belgium, UK, Spain, Bulgaria and Russia). Many of the participants were PhD or Master's level researchers, while a minority were from the business sector. The group was also quite mixed, with political scientists, sociologists, economists and lawyers participating. With such a small number of participants, the advantage was that the discussions were often lively and dynamic, taking into account many viewpoints. Claire also outlined her own PhD research.

Claire in Copenhagen and Loughborough

Between 20 and 22 September, IES researcher **Claire Roche Kelly** witnessed the launch of the TH!NK2 Climate Change blogging event by the European Journalism Centre in Copenhagen. The aim of the Centre was hosting a journalism and blogging competition/event on climate change issues between September and December 2009. Claire was invited to join the blogging event, since her research focuses on climate issues. The launch event took place at the Bella Center in Copenhagen, where the COP15 climate summit will also take place in December. The participants at the launch event were journalists, academics, researchers, bloggers, students and environmentalists from all over the world. About 90 individuals will take part in blogging on climate issues on the European Journalism Centre's online platform (<http://www.thinkaboutit.eu>) between 23 September and 16 December 2009. The conference included one day of panel sessions on topics of journalism and climate change and a one day visit to an eco-village outside Copenhagen. Prior to her visit to Copenhagen (17-19 September), Claire also attended a workshop organised by Loughborough University (UK) entitled "Between Scylla and Charybdis: Energy Security and Climate Change Challenges in the European Union". The workshop gathered academics and policy-makers in the field of energy security and climate change in the European Union and included 15 paper presenters.

The workshop included several panel sessions each day; Claire participated in the panel on EU climate issues with her paper "Climate Policy Integration in the EU: Climate and Biodiversity". In the paper, she explained what is meant by climate policy integration, what are the definitions of climate policy aims, how to measure the levels of integration in other policy sectors, as well as how to operationalise the concept of climate policy integration. In addition, Claire presented a diagrammatic explanation of the expected outcomes from the case study analyses and was also able to provide some preliminary information on the extent of climate policy integration into biodiversity policy on the EU level from research carried out so far.

The programme of the Loughborough conference allowed for much discussion, and provided an interdisciplinary approach to issues of energy, environmentalism and climate change, elements that Claire appreciated as she could incorporate the feedback on her paper into her own PhD research.



EU-China Relations

At the very last minute PhD researcher **Sigrid Winkler** scored an invitation to the "Track Two Dialogue on EU-China-Relations and Cross Strait Relations" during 30-31 May 2009 in London. The dialogue was jointly organized by the German Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), the London School of Economics (LSE) and the Shanghai Institute for International Studies (SIIS) in China. It assembled a handful of selected scholars and policy-makers from Europe and China to discuss recent improvements in cross-Strait relations and their impact on EU-China relations. Unfortunately, owing to opposition of the Chinese participants, Taiwanese were not invited to the meeting. The organisers distributed Sigrid's recent paper "A New Era for Taiwan in International Organizations?" to the participants of the dialogue. In the text she analyzes the impact of Taiwan's new, more moderate strategies for participation in international organizations, and how these strategies were embraced by China and the EU. Taiwan's new president Ma Ying-jeou in his approach to international organisations, focuses on functional arguments and direct consultations with China, who so far had mostly blocked the island with contested sovereignty from access to international organisations. But recent improvements in the China-Taiwan relations have also yielded positive results in this issue, to which the EU expressed a warm welcome. Sigrid also participated in intriguing discussions about the future trends of the rapprochement between China and Taiwan.

Military Erasmus

Under the French Presidency in 2008, the Council of the European Union agreed to launch a 'European initiative for exchanges between young officers based on the university programme Erasmus'. The pilot course of what became known as the 'Military Erasmus' was hosted by Portugal. From 7 to 11 September 2009, the Portuguese Military Academy, Air Force Academy and Naval Academy co-organised a week-long seminar on the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) for junior officers from the majority of EU member states. IES Researcher **Alexander Mattelaer** was invited to give a lecture on ESDP decision-making and mission planning. Alexander provided the cadets with an introduction to ESDP mission planning procedures as well as with an academic commentary on the innovations and shortfalls of the ESDP system. Keeping in with proper Erasmus tradition, it goes without saying that Lisbon nightlife proved to be equally important to the construction of a common strategic culture as the Lisbon Treaty itself!



IES Calendar of Events

Tuesday 23 September '09 D.2.01, 18:00	IES Lecture Series: "Europe Under Threat? Security, migration and integration" Schengen implementation and European immigration law, by Cees Groenendijk, Radboud University
Wednesday 30 September '09 D.2.01, 18:00-20:00	IES Lecture Series: "Europe Under Threat? Security, migration and integration" The internal/external security continuum, by Didier Bigo (King's College) and Angela Liberatore (EC)
Tuesday 06 October '09 IES Rome room, 16:00-17:30	IES Research Colloquium Introduction to International Relations Theory, by Tom Casiers (University of Kent)
Wednesday 07 October '09 E.0.04, 18:00-20:00	IES Lecture Series: "Europe Under Threat? Security, migration and integration" Migration, the new security technologies, by Rene von Schomberg (EC) & Eddan Katatz (Elec Frontier Fnd)
Thursday 08 October '09 IES Rome Room, 12:00-14:00	IES Environmental Policy Forum: "Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers: the Kiev Protocol and its implementation by the EU", by Michel Armand (DG AGRI Wallonie) & Dania Cristofaro (EC DG ENV)
Mon 12 - Wed 14 October '09 IES Rome room	The EU in Close-up - three-day training programme about the EU decision-making process
Wednesday 14 October '09 D.2.01, 18:00-20:00	IES Lecture Series: "Europe Under Threat? Security, migration and integration" EUROSUR: European Border Control System, by Julien Jeandesboz (CISR) and Oliver Seiffarth (EC)
Wednesday 21 October '09 D.2.01, 18:00	IES Lecture Series: "Europe Under Threat? Security, migration and integration" Anti-immigration strategies & Eur immigration law, Elspeth Guild (Radboud Univ) & Jørgen Carling (PRIO)
Friday 23 October '09 IES Rome room, 09:00-13:00	IES Workshop "Strengthening the European information society: Consumers in media policy and law"
Wednesday 28 October '09 D.2.01, 18:00	IES Lecture Series: "Europe Under Threat? Security, migration and integration" Security, diversity and human rights, by Tugba Basaran (UKent) & Nicolas Berger (Amnesty International)
Wednesday 04 November '09 IES Rome room, 15:00-16:30	IES Research Colloquium Interview Techniques, by Prof. Dr. Leo Van Audenhove
Wednesday 04 November '09 D.2.01, 18:00	IES Lecture Series: "Europe Under Threat? Security, migration and integration" Citizenship and migration, by Ayse Çağlar (Central European Univ) & Jef Huysmans (Open University)
Tuesday 17 November '09 IES Rome room, 15:00	IES Research Colloquium
Wednesday 18 November '09 IES Rome room, 15:00	Training colloquium: Global governance in migration issues: the role of the EU
Wednesday 18 November '09 E.0.04, 18:00	IES Lecture Series: "Europe Under Threat? Security, migration and integration" Migration, religion and secularism (<i>speakers to be confirmed</i>)
Wednesday 25 November '09 D.2.01, 18:00	IES Lecture Series: "Europe Under Threat? Security, migration and integration" Eur immigration policies between stemming & soliciting, C.Joppke (AmUnivParis) V.Guiraudon (CERAPS)
Thu 26 - Fri 27 November '09 IES Rome room	Training colloquium: EU-China Relations (in collaboration with BICCS)
Wednesday 02 December '09 D.2.01, 18:00	IES Lecture Series: "Europe Under Threat? Security, migration and integration" Policing Schengen, by Monica den Boer (Universiteit Amsterdam) and Tony Bunyan (Statewatch)
Mon 07 - Wed 09 December '09 IES Rome room	The EU in Close-up - three-day training programme about the EU decision-making process
Wednesday 09 December '09 D.2.01, 18:00	IES Lecture Series: "Europe Under Threat? Security, migration and integration" Migration, refugee management and the new int'l criminality by Gus Hosein (LSE) & Paul de Hert (VUB)-
Wednesday 16 December '09 D.2.01, 18:00	IES Lecture Series: "Europe Under Threat? Security, migration and integration" Is Europe under threat?, by Giorgio Agamben (University of Venice) & Emilio Mordini (CSSC)

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