

Dear colleagues,

On October 23-24, the ECSA-Board had the opportunity to meet in Brussels. You will find more information in this issue. It expressed its satisfaction for the increased communication between the different associations and ECSA-World in the last months. Nevertheless, we see the necessity to continue working in this direction. We are aware that many activities are organized by the different ECSAs that are not mentioned in this bulletin or in the website.

We will talk about this and many other topics in our General Assemble in November. We are concerned that not all the Presidents will be able to participate in it and we hope that -renewing our willingness to dialogue and cooperation- we can solve some problems in front of the next conference.

We are also working in the preparation of the Baltimore workshop that will be -also thanks to the generosity of EUSA- a relevant event improving the European studies in some countries. We would be grateful for your cooperation in finding participants from Africa and Asia.

*With my gratitude for all your efforts,
Yours
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2012 Convention of the Russian International Studies Association

On September 28th and 29th the Russian International Studies Association (RISA) conducted a *Convention Resources for Modernization: Opportunities and Limits of International Context*. This is the central Russia's event for scholars and researches of international affairs. RISA Convention takes place every two years and includes various panels and round-tables for more than 500 participants from all over Russia and abroad. The event was traditionally held at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University).

Within the framework of the Convention, the section *Crisis in Europe: the problems and solutions* was organized by the Russian Association of European Studies (AES), headed by Dr. Alexey Gromyko. He moderated the Section together with the Professor Mark Entin, former Director of the European Studies Institute at MGIMO and Vice-President of AES. Thirteen experts in European matters presented their reports. The research centers they represented include the Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Petersburg State University, Kaliningrad University, Moscow State University, Volgograd State University and others.

Among the topics discussed were *The cultural roots and cultural consequences of the crisis*, presented by Professor Enrique Banús, the head of ECSA World; *The new protest movements in Europe as a result of the crisis* by Professor Leonid I. Glukharev, Director of the Centre for European Integration at Moscow State University; *Will the European Union survive until 2020?* by Professor Daniel Tarschys from Stockholm University and former Secretary General of the Council of Europe. The participants also discussed such issues as the influence of the crisis on the state of multiculturalism in Europe, the crisis of the European Union political and social model, the reaction of political parties in the EU countries to the crisis in the Eurozone and others.

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ECSA SEMINARS 2012

ECSA Macau and Jean Monnet

Within the framework of the Master of Law Seminar Series 2012-2013, the Jean Monnet Chair of the University of Macau and the European Union Studies Association of Macau are organizing many seminars at University of Macau. The presented lectures count on with the participation of professors and researchers from different universities around the world.

On the 15th and 20th of September there took place two seminars, both celebrated at the Auditorium II of University Macau Library. The first one, *European Union Water Management and Law - an Outlook*, was chaired by Prof. Rafaela Matos, director of Hydraulics and Environment Department (National Laboratory of Civil Engineering, Portugal), and Prof. Paulo Canelas de Castro, head of the Jean Monnet Programme at University of Macau and Associate Professor at Faculty of Law at the same university.

The following seminar was held on September 20th and called *The EU and the challenges of globalization*. Prof. Manuel Porto, professor and dean at Lusíada University (Portugal) was the speaker.

Moreover, on October, two more seminars were offered. The one on the 10th was called *European Criminal Law Developments* and the speaker was Prof. Anabela Miranda Rodrigues, dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Coimbra (Portugal).

Finally, on the 12nd of October Prof. Guilherme d'Oliveira Martins, from University of Lisbon (Portugal), gave the lecture *Public Finance and Financial Crisis*.

ECSA Australia

During the last and the present year, ECSA Australia (CESAA: Contemporary European Studies Association of Australia) organized several activities cooperating with different higher education institutions.

On April 30th, together with the EU Centre at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), a seminar was held to *The European Union Managing Crisis: Does this foreshadow a stronger political union?* It was delivered by H.E. Ambassador David Daly, head of Delegation of the European Union to Australia and New Zealand. He focused his speech on three related themes. Firstly, that the European Union is more resilient, both economically and politically, than many people might realize; secondly, that European countries are engaged in widespread economic reforms involving a renewal of the European economy and a deepening of European integration; and thirdly that this demonstrates the need to combine greater responsibility for economic reforms with the necessary solidarity to help those Member States most in difficulty. Winners of the annual CESAA essay competition were also announced at this seminar.

On the 12nd of June, Andrea Nicolaj, first counsellor at the Delegation of the European Union to Australia and New Zealand gave the speech *The Europe Union Managing Crisis: does this foreshadow a stronger political union*. It was organized by CESAA together with UTS Transforming Cultures & European Union (EU) Centre at RMIT and was held at University of Technology in Sydney.

Moreover, on July 30th, Dr. Gerhard Sabathil, director for North East Asia and the Pacific at the European External Action Service (Brussels) talked about *The Asian Century: what it means for the EU and Australia*. In that occasion, CESAA cooperated with EU Centre at RMIT in conjunction with the Monash European and EU Centre and the event took place at RMIT in Melbourne.

Finally, in conjunction with the Europe Centre, Monash University, CESAA sponsored a presentation on 11st of September 2012 on *Diaspora Parliaments: The case of Italy*, presented by CESAA president Bruno Mascitelli (Swinburne University).

ECSA Board Meeting in Brussels

The ECSA Board met up on October 23rd in Brussels with the aim of talking about the situation of the Association and its future projects. Those present were the President of ECSA Enrique Banús, the Vice-Presidents Vlasta Kunova and Martin Holland, and the Secretary General Léonce Bekemans. The Treasurer Juan Mascareñas could not assist because of his academic obligations. During the meeting, they accorded to request an Operational Grant for the next year. Besides, regarding the Barcelona Workshop in May 2012, they underlined the relevance of publishing the proceedings. For the Baltimore workshop in May 2013, the Board expressed its satisfaction for the confirmed speakers, but exposed their concern for the difficulties in founding Asian and African speakers. It was considered as well the possibility to organize further workshops for autumn 2013 and spring 2014, also in cooperation with national ECSA's.

What is more, President Enrique Banús and Secretary General Léonce Bekemans met on October 24rd with the board members of Ryckvelde Foundation in Bruges, which is the legal seat of ECSA World and offers administrative support to it. Both parts evaluated the experience to date and made suggestions for improvement.

Coming soon...

ECSA UK Student Forum Seminars 2012

On Monday 5 November 2012, the UACES Student Forum and Europa Institute at the University of Edinburgh will be hosting a series of seminars focused on providing practical advice to students at all stages of their European Studies PhD.

This one-day event is aimed at students who are actively engaged in research. The emphasis of the conference will consist on tackling the obstacles appeared in the different stages of the doctoral process.

The Forum will be welcomed and chaired by Miguel Otero-Iglesias, Assistant Professor in International Political Economy of School of International Commerce ESSCA. The Sessions will run on *Getting published*, that will be chaired by Drew Scott (University of Edinburgh); *Planning and conducting fieldwork*, exposed by Moritz Liebe, Inês Sofia Oliveira and Mor Sobol, all coming from University of Edinburgh and *Obtaining grants*, that will be explained by Charlotte Rommerskirchen (University of Edinburgh). The last session *How to get a job after a PhD* will count with the speakers Aileen McLeod MSP (Scottish Parliament), John Peterson (University of Edinburgh) and Rebecca Zahn (University of Stirling).

The programme also includes a plenary session at the Scottish Parliament with Christina McKelvie MSP, Convener of the European and External Affairs Committee of the Scottish Parliament.

This ECSA UK event, which this year will be holding in Edinburgh, is co-hosted by the Europa Institute, University of Edinburgh.