The Director’s Corner

Our world is constantly evolving as are the activities of the CIES. Reflecting on developments over the past four months since the last edition of the Newsletter, it amazes me how much of this change is concentrated in the European Union, its member states, its Eastern and Mediterranean neighborhoods, and in Turkey proper.

Celebrating Europe Day – 9 May 2013

The CIES is hosting a wide-ranging event to celebrate Europe Day on 9 May 2013. In partnership with the Kadadrom Arts, Culture and Social Politics Association, the CIES is arranging a film screening titled “Changing Perspectives” consisting of two to three short movies showing the experiences of Erasmus students in Turkey and abroad. Following this session, the event includes two panel discussions.

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CIES Elections Panel Discussion Series on “Israeli Election Results: What do they mean for the Middle East?”

The CIES held the second of its CIES Elections Panel Discussion Series on 23 January 2013 at Kadir Has University, immediately following Israel’s parliamentary elections for the 19th Knesset on 22 January 2013. The panel of experts analyzed the election results and shared their opinions on the possible implications for the Middle East as a whole. The panelists put the emphasis on the situation of the middle class in Israel and its effect on the election results. They also agreed that the right-wing political parties failed to get the support that they had in the previous parliamentary elections. The panel discussion, moderated by Mitat Çelikpala of Kadir Has University, included Karel Vlanski of Salom Newspaper, Ufuk Ulutas of the Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research (SETA), Salih Beacakci of Kadir Has University, and Louis Fishman of Brooklyn College, City University of New York.

CIES hosts five prominent experts from Ukraine to discuss the future of Ukraine

The CIES, in cooperation with the Center for International Studies (CIRS) in Kyiv, held a roundtable discussion on “Quo Vadis Ukraine after the Elections?” at Kadir Has University on Friday, 25 January 2013. The discussion brought together Ukrainian and Turkish experts to discuss the direction of Ukraine post elections, Turkish-Ukrainian relations, energy and energy security developments, and Black Sea regional issues. This event was made possible through the generous support of the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, a Project of the German Marshall Fund of the United States. The Ukrainian experts included Igor Burakovsky of the Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting; Valeriy Chaly of the Razumkov Center; Oleksy Haran of the Kyiv Mohyla Academy; Mykola Kapitonenko of the Center for International Studies; and Oleh Shamshur, non-resident Fellow at the German Marshall Fund.
CIES hosts a book presentation supported by DEIK

The CIES, in cooperation with the Faculty for Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences at Kadir Has University, hosted a presentation by Dr. Sena Eken, senior economist at the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEIK), on the recently published book *Turkey 2000-10: A Decade of Transition, Discussions Among Experts* at Kadir Has University on 16 January, 2013. The book, written by Sena Eken and Susan Schadler, assesses the changes in Turkey’s political economy between 2000 and 2010.

Global Politics Summer School on “Different Stories about Europe”
Rhodes, 12-25 July 2013

The Center for International and European Studies (CIES) at Kadir Has University in partnership with the Center for Global Politics at Freie Universität Berlin, the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), and the Department of Mediterranean Studies at the University of the Aegean is launching a call for applications for the Global Politics Summer School on “Different Stories about Europe” to be held in Rhodes, Greece between 12 and 25 July 2013.

The modules offered during this intensive short-term program are intended to provide students with an insight into different perspectives on the European Union’s future developments. A special emphasis will be put on political, financial, social and media-related challenges and opportunities in current EU cooperation. The exchange of views between German, Greek and Turkish academics and students will also focus on the EU’s relations to the Mediterranean and, particularly Turkey and Greece. A joint certificate with 4 ECTS Credits will be provided to those successfully completing the program.

There are no tuition fees for this program. Travel stipends are available to students from Turkey. The deadline for applications is 15 May 2013. More information can be found on the CIES website at: http://www.khas.edu.tr/en/ciesindex.php?id=118.
CIES participates in the Anna Lindh Mediterranean Forum 2013

The CIES was well represented at the Anna Lindh Mediterranean Forum held in Marseilles on 4-7 April. Convoked every three years by the Anna Lindh Foundation, the Forum’s goal is to provide an innovative and participative space for debate, networking and good practice exchange on intercultural dialogue initiatives. At this year’s event, CIES Director Dimitrios Triantaphyllou was a speaker in a workshop on ‘Pro-active Citizenship Education’. Also participating in the Forum was Laetitia Sadak, the Projects Coordinator.

CIES participates in two important Black Sea related events

The CIES was well represented in two important events held by the Black Sea Trust and Harvard Black Sea Security Program in Bucharest on 7-8 March. The other event was the Harvard Black Sea Security Program’s 11th edition of its Regional Workshop and 15 years of existence held on 17-20 March. The Directors of both programs were presented National Awards by the President of Romania.

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In other words, change, evolution, and revolution are taking place in some of the countries and regions that the CIES is actively involved in studying, analyzing, and understand. Our activities over these past four months have aimed to highlight some of these events and their challenges with sessions, for example, on the future of Ukraine and Israel post-elections. Our publications output has been extensive with a focus on the Eastern and the Southern neighbourhoods and the issues emanating from them. We have also introduced a CIES Commentary series with the purpose to draw attention to evolving and newsworthy issues.

We have also been building, expanding, and preparing our future activities and projects including the 3rd edition of the International Neighbourhood Symposium to be held in June this year on the island of Heybeli. We are about to launch ourselves into providing courses with credit either in the form of summer schools and/or seasonal schools. Our first attempt will be a course in on “Turkey, Europe, and the Shared Neighborhoods” to be held on 1-14 July as part of Kadir Has University’s Summer Course offerings. The second is a new partnership with the Free University of Berlin and its Global Politics Seasonal Schools program and the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) where together we will be holding two week long courses in Greece and Istanbul.

We are also hard at work to prepare a rather innovative Europe Day event on 9 May which includes a photography exhibit on the theme of “Catching Europe in Istanbul”, the showing of short films depicting the lives of Erasmus students and diverse panel discussions.

I hope this Newsletter provides the reader with a taste of what the CIES is all about and how team work and imagination from its multinational team coupled with the steadfast support of Kadir Has University keep contributing to its evolution.

Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, April 2013
Eight more papers of the Neighbourhood Policy Paper series have been published and are available in English and Russian. This series is a joint venture between the CIES and the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, which seeks to bring the perspectives of experts on issues in the EU’s Eastern Neighbourhood to interested policy makers and researchers. The key priority is to maintain the focus of the policy debate on the Black Sea Region and the wider region, including its interaction with the Mediterranean South.

The following is a list of the latest Neighbourhood Policy Papers:

- Turkey and the New Energy Politics of the Black Sea Region by Mitat Çelikpala
- Protracted Conflicts in the Eastern Neighborhood: Between Averting Wars and Building Trust by Stanislav Secrieru
- The Weakest Link? Hedging Energy Security Challenges and Opportunities within the Eastern Neighborhood, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea/Caspian Region by Slawomir Raszewski
- The EU’s Transport Policy within the Context of its Eastern and Southern Neighborhoods by Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos
- The EEAS and the European Neighbourhood Policy: A Change in Rhetoric or Reality? by Hrant Kostanyan
- Arab Civil Society at the Crossroad of Democratization: the Arab Spring Impact by Stefanos Vallianatos
- The South Caucasus Countries and Their Security Dimension by Eugene Kogan

These papers, along with their Russian versions and the other papers in the series, can be accessed at http://www.khas.edu.tr/en/ciesindex.php?id=75, or by visiting the CIES home page and then clicking on the “Publications” link in the sidebar. The Neighbourhood Policy Paper series are also accessible through the website of The German Marshall Fund of the United States. They can also be found on the CIES academia.edu page and on the website of the Zurich-based International Relations and Security Network (ISN), one of the world’s leading open-access information services for international relations and security professionals.

CIES continues to publish Neighbourhood Policy Papers and their Russian versions

CIES has added another series to its lineup of publications. The CIES Commentary series offers concise, op-ed style insights on topical issues pertinent to CIES’ research focus. Each article gives the author the opportunity to express their own personal views in addition to some hard facts on the topic they explore.

To herald in the new series, Sebastiano Sali, TUBİTAK Research Fellow at the CIES, has written a piece entitled Italy votes: a Greek tragedy in Magna Grecia. A second paper on The 1 October 2012 elections in Georgia - what happened; what did not happen; what will happen was written by Tedo Japaridze, the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Parliament of Georgia. A third commentary entitled Hakol Beseder B’Eli Haseder - Israel’s apology and Turkey was written by Salih Baçakçı, Associate Professor of International Relations at Kadir Has University. The papers can be accessed online by clicking on the “Publications” link in the sidebar of the CIES homepage or by using the following URL: http://www.khas.edu.tr/en/ciesindex.php?id=108.

This recently published volume, published by the Military Publishing House of the Ministry of National Defense of Romania, contains the policy recommendations and the conference report of the International Conference on “New Security Challenges in the Black Sea Area: Towards a Cooperative Agenda” held at Kadir Has University on 27-30 May 2012. The Conference was organized by the Regional Stability in the Greater Black Sea Area Working Group of the Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes, in partnership with the Center for International and European Studies (CIES) at Kadir Has University and the Harvard University Black Sea Security Program, with the support of the International Relations Council of Turkey.


New book on Black Sea Security published

CIES UPCOMING EVENTS

9 May 2013: Europe Day Celebration event.
29 May 2013: High-Level Panel Discussion on ‘The Black Sea Region in perspective’ (held in conjunction with the meeting of the Black Sea Young Reformers 2013 organized by Kadir Has University).
17 June 2013: Panel discussion on “The Iranian Election Results of 14 June and their wider implications” to be held in partnership with the Hollings Center for International Dialogue.
25-30 June 2013: 3rd International Neighbourhood Symposium to be held at Heybeliada. This year’s theme will focus on “The Eastern Neighbourhood and the Mediterranean South — Tackling the Issues of Security, Democracy, and Business”.
1-14 July 2013: Summer Course on “Turkey, Europe, and the Shared Neighborhoods” to be held at Kadir Has University.
12-25 July 2013: Global Politics Summer School on “Different Stories about Europe” to be held in Rhodes, Greece.

For detailed information regarding our upcoming events please visit our website at http://cies.khas.edu.tr.

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Hello everyone. My name is Laura Bastos. I am in my third year as a PhD candidate in International Relations - International Politics and Conflict Resolution, in the Faculty of Economics and the Centre for Social Studies at the University of Coimbra. I was born in a small town called Miranda do Corvo, about thirty kilometers from Coimbra, Portugal. I started out my academic life by obtaining an undergraduate degree in Journalism from the Faculty of Arts of the University of Coimbra. I graduated in 2007, and in that same year I did my internship as a journalist in a Portuguese daily newspaper in Macao, China over a period of seven months. As much as I loved the excitement of working in a daily newspaper (one learns something new on several different topics every day), I felt the need to delve deeper into a subject that always interested me - International Relations.

Therefore, in 2008, I enrolled in the Master’s program on Advanced European and International Studies of the Institut Européen des Hautes Etudes Internationales. The Institute is based in France but through several partnerships, it took us to spend a few months in Istanbul, Nice and Berlin. In Istanbul, I first got acquainted with Turkish politics at Istanbul Bilgi University and it has been my main area of interest ever since.

As a result, Turkish politics has been my research focus for my PhD studies. I have concluded assessments on Turkey and Armenia, and EU-Turkey relations. For my PhD thesis, I am working on the concept of identity in International Relations and relating it to Turkish politics at the beginning of the millennium. Essentially, I will argue that Foreign Policy can be a medium for a domestic change on the representation of identity, as portrayed by Turkish Foreign Policy during the AKP government.

During my staying at the CIES and Kadir Has University, I hope to be in contact with researchers than can help me on my quest. I will also be participating in a number of conferences in Turkey. I am certain that this period at Beyaz Ev (the white house where the CIES is located) will help me tremendously in conducting accurate research. I look forward to get to know all of you in the CIES community.

The first panel on “Unity in Diversity: European Identity through the Lens of Erasmus Students” will focus on Erasmus students and their experiences. The second panel on “Defining the Concept of European Citizenship” will involve a high level discussion with European and Turkish elites through the use of Google’s Hangouts technology. The CIES is partnering with the Corporate Social Responsibility Association of Turkey and the International Cooperation and Education Office at Kadir Has University to bring the aforementioned panel to fruition. Finally this event will signal the launch of the “Catching Europe in Istanbul” photography exhibit, in partnership with Katadrom and the Erasmus Student Network at Kadir Has University. The best photographs will be awarded a prize by the organizers.
News regarding the CIES team

The CIES continues to expand its team. This year the CIES welcomed a new office administrator, projects coordinator, a new intern, and a new research fellow. Çiler Öztunca assumed the position of Office Administrator in March after Aslı Mutlu left the CIES to take up a position at the Hollings Center for International Dialogue.

Laetitia Sadak joined the team in March as the CIES Projects Coordinator. She has MA Degrees in International and European Law and in General Management from French universities and possesses substantial work experience in civil society, governmental and intergovernmental organizations.

Laura Bastos Pereira (see “Get to know our team” section) is currently a PhD Candidate in the International Relations - International Politics and Conflict Resolution program of the Faculty of Economics at the University of Coimbra, Portugal. She joined the CIES as a research fellow in February 2013. Birim Yamanlar joined the CIES as an intern in February 2013. She is a third year International Relations student at Kadir Has University.