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PADEMIA Community News

Geoffrey Edwards winner of the 2016 UACES Lifetime Achievement Award

Prof. Geoffrey Edwards from the PADEMIA Partner University of Cambridge has been awarded the 2015 UACES Lifetime Achievement Award! The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented on occasion to individuals who have made a substantial contribution to the development of European Studies as a discipline. Following Wolfgang Wessels (University of Cologne, winner 2011) and Brigid Laffan (EUI Florence, winner 2014), he is the third award winner associated to a PADEMIA Institution in the last five years. We cordially congratulate Geoffrey for this great success!

PADEMIA Annual Conference 2015

The second PADEMIA Annual Conference took place July 2nd-3rd July in Brussels. The PADEMIA community met in the beautiful rooms of the Fondation Universitaire, hosted by our Partners from TEPSA, to discuss the newest developments and insights in the study

of parliamentary democracy in Europe. In five different panels, colleagues from all over Europe presented their findings on, among others, parliaments and foreign policy, economic governments, and legislative output, or discussed a possible new research agenda for our field. One of the highlights of this year’s conference has certainly been the



keynote speech by Jo Leinen (MEP), who analysed the current, difficult situation of the EU in general and

parliamentary involvement in particular. He criticized an apparent lack of solidity and solidarity within the EU and the loss of trust, resulting from the non-adherence to existent rules. Further, he called for a democratization of economic governance by strengthening the EP in this policy field.

A second highlight has been the announcement



of the first PADEMIA awards for research and teaching and the PADEMIA student paper prize in the

course of an excellent dinner in the Stanhope Hotel. PADEMIA distributed five awards in 2015. The research awards went to: Claudia Schrag Sternberg (University College London), for her book: “The Struggle for EU Legitimacy: Public Contestation 1950 to 2005”; Alexander Strelkov (Maastricht University) for his PhD Thesis: “National parliaments in the aftermath of the Lisbon Treaty. Adaptation to the new opportunity structure”; and Ian Cooper (European



University Institute Florence) for his article: “A Yellow Card for the Striker: National Parliaments and the Defeat of EU Legislation on the Right to Strike”. The PADEMIA teaching award was assigned to the LUISS School of Government, LUISS University Guido Carli, for their excellent “Summer School on Parliamentary Democracy in Europe”. Last but not least, the student paper prize was awarded to Resul Umit (Institute of Advanced Studies, Vienna) for his paper “The representative voice in supranational affairs: A field experiment on National and Regional MPs in European Affairs”. We again cordially congratulate all award winners. The second PADEMIA annual conference has been a great success, and we want to thank over 60 participants for their valuable input. Special thanks also go to our partners at TEPSA who were in charge of the organisation, especially Nicolas Boblin.

Past Events

Workshop on legislative-executive relations in foreign and security policy in Amsterdam

On May 21st and 22nd a workshop on legislative-executive relations in foreign and security policy, organized by Tapio Raunio and Wolfgang Wagner, was held at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. The workshop aimed at overcoming the lack of scholarly attention to parliaments (other than the US Congress) in foreign and security policy (other than military missions). Its ambition was to draw conclusions about legislative-executive relations in this field on the basis of evidence from mostly European democracies in various cases of foreign and security policy including arms exports, trade agreements, energy policy, grand strategy and civil-military relations. The

guiding question was which factors allow parliaments to exercise influence over the executive and, by implication, under which circumstances does the executive succeed in maintaining or re-capturing executive privilege.

For more information, please contact Tapio Raunio (tapio.raunio@uta.fi) or Wolfgang Wagner (w.m.wagner@vu.nl).

LUISS Summer School on Parliamentary Democracy in Europe

The 4th Edition of the LUISS Summer School on Parliamentary Democracy in Europe, winner of the PADEMIA Teaching Award 2015, was held from July 14th to 24th 2015 in Rome.

This intensive summer course was organized by LUISS School of Government in cooperation with PADEMIA, CEUR Foundation, SciencesPo – Centre d’Etudes Européennes, ULB, Université Libre de Bruxelles, The Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies.

The first week – devoted to “The foreign policy of National Parliaments and the European Parliament” – was divided into five sessions addressing the following subject areas: Parliaments in regional integration processes; EU foreign policy and its democratic legitimacy; The European Parliament and the US Congress dealing with foreign policy; The European Parliament and the agreements with non-EU countries; Parliaments and war. The second week was focused on “The role of National Parliaments and the European Parliament in democracy promotion”. It was also divided into sessions addressing the following subject areas: parliamentary



“soft” diplomacy; Parliaments, NGOs and multilevel governance; political constitutionalism and the role of international human rights conventions, open Parliaments and challenges arising from internationalization; Parliamentary Speakers and Parliamentary Administrations in Democracy Promotion; Parliaments, constitutional transitions and the Venice Commission; National Parliaments and the European Parliament as watchdogs for the protection of fundamental rights.

Each week started with an opening lecture and ended with a closing lecture by prominent academics and practitioners. The lecturers of this intensive learning experience were Giuliano Amato, Richard Bellamy, Enzo Cannizzaro, Olivier Costa, Sergio Fabbrini, Caroline Kennedy, Amie Kreppel, Sandra Kröger, Helle Krunke, Nicola Lupo, Anand Menon, Leonardo Morlino, Cesare Pinelli, Robert Schütze, Stelios Stavridis, Jan Wouters.

Workshop on “Teaching Legislative Drafting: Experiences and Perspectives”

On Friday June 26th 2015 a workshop on the topic “Teaching Legislative Drafting: Experiences and Perspectives” was held in LUISS Guido Carli. The initiative was promoted by the CESP-Center for Parliamentary Studies in cooperation with the LUISS Master Program in “Parliament and public policies”.

The workshop, chaired by Nicola Lupo (LUISS Guido Carli), was introduced by the presentation of Michael B. Salerno (University of California-Hastings) and Giovanni Piccirilli (LUISS Guido Carli).

Enrico Albanesi (University of Genova), Elena Griglio (Italian Senate of The Republic), Erik Longo (University of Macerata) and Claudio Tucciarelli (Italian Chamber of Deputies) took part at the debate as discussants. The speech of Bernardo Giorgio Mattarella (LUISS Guido Carli and Department for Public Administration and Simplification) concluded the works.

Lecture on “The frailty of democracy: collective self-government in an era of internationalization” by Ben Crum

On October 2nd Ben Crum held an inaugural lecture at the VU Amsterdam. He departed from the thesis that the value and credibility of the democratic nation-state eventually hinges on its appeal to the ideal of collective self-government. This ideal implies that the conditions and rules that determine our mutual relations are eventually controlled by the political community as a collective. The main question is then whether this ideal of democracy as collective self-government can be maintained in an era of internationalization. The central premise in responding to this question is that, rather than replacing them, international democracy can only be built on the basis of strong national democracies. However, these national democracies are under the pressure of internationalization. Political scientists can clarify the roles and expectations of politicians, parties and voters by offering insight in the ways in which the value of democracy can be maintained in an evolving world.



PADEMIA Members introduce themselves

In each Newsletter, one of our partner institutions and the colleagues occupied with PADEMIA will be introduced. This time, learn more about the Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO) from Zagreb, Croatia:

IRMO is a public, non-profit, scientific research institute engaged in interdisciplinary research of European integration, international economic and political relations, foreign and security policy, resource economic and environmental policy, energy policy and climate changes, competitiveness, regional policy, as well as culture and communication. The institute is financed by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports as well as by different international foundations and other sources on a project basis. The most important project contractors are the European Commission, European Parliament, Council of Europe, World Bank, UNDP, UNESCO, NATO and other international organisations, as well as national ministries, local and regional self-administration units and economic entities.

Dr. Višnja Samardžija, Assoc. Prof. is the Head of Department for European Integration at IRMO. She is a Board member of the Trans European Policy Study Association (TEPSA) in Brussels. She obtained her PhD at the Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb. Višnja Samardžija served as assistant minister in the Ministry for European Integration of the Republic of Croatia (2000-2004) and was actively involved in the accession process to the EU. Since 2014



she is external member of the European Affairs Committee of the Croatian Parliament and through it is actively involved in the process of parliamentary scrutiny. She is teaching at Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb and University of Osijek. Her work has been published in a number of books and journals in Croatia and abroad; she coordinated and took part in a number of European Commission and other international projects and conferences focused on the European integration process. Her area of interest include: EU relations with Croatia, EU enlargement, civil security, Europe 2020 and communication of the EU issues with the citizens.

Hrvoje Butković works as a Research



Associate at the IRMO Department for European Integration since 2006. He obtained his PhD on the topic of the EU's democratic deficit in 2010 at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb.

He participated in the numerous scientific conferences and published scientific and other articles dealing with the European integration issues. Topics of his primary scientific interest are: democracy in the EU, industrial relations in Europe, social Europe, and the EU enlargement in South-Eastern Europe. Dr. Butković recently published a chapter on Croatian Parliament in the Palgrave Handbook of National Parliaments and the European Union issued within the OPAL project.



Recent Publications

Graham Butler. **‘The Interparliamentary Conference on the CFSP/CSDP: A New Forum for the Oireachtas in Irish and EU Foreign Policy?’** Irish Studies in International Affairs, Volume 26, forthcoming.

Wolfgang Wessels: **The European Council** (Palgrave Macmillan)

Release date: October 2nd, 2015, Price: £29.99.

This systematic assessment of the European Council looks at its characteristics, performances, leaders and decision-making, as well as its impact on EU supranational and intergovernmental dynamics. Taking account of both historical and contemporary developments up to and beyond the Lisbon Treaty, it encourages in-depth understanding of this key institution. The book can already be ordered on this website:

<http://www.palgrave.com/page/detail/the-european-council-wolfgang-wessels/?sf1=barcode&st1=9780333587478>

Table of contents, index and an exemplary chapter:

http://www.palgrave.com/resources/sample-chapters/9780333587478_sample.pdf

Sofia Vasilopoulou: **Mixed Feelings: Britain’s conflicted attitudes to the EU before the referendum**

Euroscepticism will weigh heavily in the UK’s referendum debate on EU membership, but do we know exactly what we are talking about? Beyond general assertions, it is necessary to understand the sources, patterns and effects of Euroscepticism among the British people. This paper aims to provide a detailed picture of how Britons think about the EU based on an online survey conducted two weeks before the 2015 general election. It shows that there is

significant variation in UK support for different EU policies. Beyond economic calculations, emotions also form a key component of people’s attitudes towards the EU. Find the paper here:

<http://www.policy-network.net/publications/4964/Mixed-feelings-Britains-conflicted-attitudes-to-the-EU-before-the-referendum>

Andrew Glencross. **The Politics of European Integration** (Wiley Blackwell)

<http://eu.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-1405193948.html>

Ben Crum and Deirdre Curtin: **The Challenge of Making European Union Executive Power Accountable**

Chapter in: **The European Union Democratic Principles and Institutional Architectures in Times of Crisis**

Edited by Simona Piattoni

Accountability poses a particular challenge in the EU because of the fact that EU executive power has been dispersed across a wide range of actors, including national governments, the Commission, the European Council, the Council, the European Central Bank, and EU agencies. This challenge has become particularly acute in the context of the euro crisis; it directly raises the question of where the prime political responsibility is located as well as before which parliaments, and to which peoples, the decisions taken are to be justified. This chapter seeks to clarify the nature of democratic accountability in the EU, the challenges it faces, and the potential it has to develop further. (Crum & Curtin 2015:64)

More information on:

<http://www.accesseurope.org/research/publications/item/283-ben-crum-and-deirdre-curtin-contribute-chapter-to-oup-book>



Upcoming Events

PADEMIA Workshops:

The European Parliament in the Contemporary World

Organizer: Zlatko Sabic (University of Ljubljana)

When and Where: 15-16 October, Ljubljana

Parliamentary Democracy with Advanced Content Analysis Methods

Organizer: Pieter de Wilde (WZB Berlin)

When and Where: 12-13 November, Berlin

Political Parties and the European Crises

Organizer: Julie Smith (University of Cambridge)

When and Where: 26-27 November, Cambridge

Call for papers open until 15 October

Strengthening Parliaments through Institutional Engineering

Organizer: Olivier Rozenberg (Sciences Po Paris)

When and Where: 3-4 December, Paris

Call for Papers open until 15 October

Find more information on PADEMIA Workshops at www.pademia.eu

Other Workshops:

Regional Parliaments: Effective Actors in EU Policy-Making?

Organizer: Anna-Lena Högenauer (anna-lena.hoegenauer@uni.lu)

When and where: 22-23 October, Belval (Luxembourg)

THESEUS-EUCOPAS PhD Workshop: Recovering from the crisis? The uncertain state of the EU.

Call for Papers open until 15 November

More information on

<http://theseus.uni-koeln.de>

Conference 'Parliamentary Cooperation and Diplomacy in Europe and beyond

When and Where: 18-19 February 2016, Brussels

Call for Papers open until 21 October

More information on

<http://ghum.kuleuven.be/ggs/projects/paco-project/pacook.pdf>

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