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LISBOAN is a network of 67 partner institutes from 32 European countries (including most TEPSA institutes) and is coordinated by the Jean Monnet Chair of Professor Wessels, University of Cologne. This multi-disciplinary project, which receives financial support from the European Union’s Lifelong Learning Programme, aims at improving teaching and research on the Treaty of Lisbon.

UPDATE IN BRIEF

Second Annual Conference & Awards

The second Annual Conference was held in Brussels on 10th-11th May 2012. (see page 2)

Lisbon Watch 2012

The Annual Report “Lisbon Watch” has been published. [\[more...\]](#)

Workshop “EU Enlargement Policy after Lisbon”

...was organised by the Centre for European Studies at METU, Ankara, on 29th-30th May 2012. (see page 3)

Workshop “The Cypriot EU Presidency”

...took place in Nicosia on 14th-15th June 2012. (see page 4)

Second PhD School

... “Europe in the World” took place in Lisbon from 18th to 30th June 2012. (see page 4)

Guest Lectures

Christopher Lord, Wolfgang Wessels and Meltem Muftuler-Bac held guest lectures at the Belgian Embassy to the UK, the Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome, and the University of Cologne, respectively. (see page 4)

***** Save the dates*****



Workshops

Three workshops in Budapest, Dubrovnik and Berlin, dealing with the EU’s role in the global economy, the European External Action Service and South East Europe, and the EU as a foreign

policy actor, respectively, will take place in autumn 2012. (see page 5)

*****Lecture Series*****



The network funds guest lectures by network partners at other network’s institutions with up to EUR 1.000 for travel, accommodation and other related costs. (see page 5)

Midterm assessment

Following the positive evaluation of the project’s 18-month midterm report, the second pre-financing has been released. (see page 5)

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NEWS FROM THE NETWORK

Report from the 2nd Annual Conference

The second Annual LISBOAN Conference took place in Brussels on 10th and 11th May 2011. The topic that served as this year's thread was "Governance in and of the Crisis - Lessons and Options".



A brief overview of the presentations and discussions during the working group sessions is provided below. For the detailed reports, please visit the LISBOAN website. [\[more...\]](#)

WP I: "The EU's Institutional Framework Post Lisbon" (WP leader: Edward Best)

Variable geometry, multiple methods: can the institutions keep their balance?

The working group discussed the EU's institutional framework post Lisbon focussing on differentiation and its impact on the EU institutions. Several EU practitioners such as Richard Corbett (Cabinet of the President of the European Council), Antonio Missiroli (Bureau of European Policy Advisers), and Rafal Trzaskowski (European Parliament) analysed this topic referring to the current Euro crisis. Inter alia, it was argued that the EU institutions had increasingly come under scrutiny of markets. However, on a related note, speakers considered that the more dominant position of the executive due to the crisis had to some extent cancelled out the improvements in terms of democratic legitimacy achieved through the Lisbon Treaty. Brendan Donnelly (Federal Trust) as discussant completed the speakers' contributions with his

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thoughts on the intertwined futures of the euro and the EU. [\[more...\]](#)

WP III: "Economic and Financial Policy" (WP leader: Andras Inotai)

Over at last? Prospects for restoring economic stability in the eurozone and the EU

The debate of the working group was based on the initial question "Over at last? What are the prospects for restoring economic stability in the eurozone and the EU". Andras Inotai (Institute for World Economics) gave an introduction to the topic, followed by first statements of the panellists including Cincia Alcidi (Centre for European Policy Studies), Iain Begg (London School of Economics) and Zsolt Darvas (Bruegel), who contributed on past and possible future developments, economic stability and structural divergences, respectively. In the general discussion, the participants also included a view on the role of single member states and made reference to the situation in the US. [\[more...\]](#)

WP IV: "The Lisbon Treaty in a court, moyenne and longue durée perspective" (WP leader Wilfried Loth)

Crises in EU history: Lessons of the past?

Starting with the presentation by Michael Gehler (University of Hildesheim) that was entitled "Challenges and Opportunities. Surmounting Integration Crises in Historical Context" the working group dealt with the understanding and comprehension of the dynamics of European integration as a consequence of rifts and breaks and the results of crisis experiences. During the session, chaired by Wilfried Loth (University Duisburg Essen), the group had a closer look at past crises, but also linked former experiences of crisis to the current situation. [\[more...\]](#)

Additional Working Group (Eugene Eteris, Tobias Kunstein)

Teaching the Lisbon Treaty: perspectives from different disciplines

The panel of the ad-hoc working group on Teaching the Lisbon Treaty comprising Eugene Eteris (Riga Stradins University), Tobias

Kunstein (University of Cologne) and Alejandro Ribo Labastida (College of Europe) discussed different teaching methods. The core contribution consisted of Ribo's presentation on his simulation course in EU external crisis management. [\[more...\]](#)

WP VI: "External Action and CFSP" (WP leader: Ian Manners)

Researching and Teaching EU External Action Post-Lisbon

The working group led by Kennet Lynggaard (Roskilde University) dealt with research and teaching of European Union topics related to External Action and CFSP. After a brief introduction in terms of content and relevance, the group discussed fundamental approaches and exchanged ideas related to basic concepts and methods in research on the EU in general and EU external relations in particular. [\[more...\]](#)

WP VII: "Quasi Constitutional Nature of the Lisbon Treaty" (WP leader: Lucia Serena Rossi)

Assessing the quasi-constitutional nature of the Lisbon Treaty

The working group was dedicated to the assessment of the quasi constitutional nature of the Lisbon Treaty and future impacts on the issue of solidarity in the context of European citizenship and fundamental rights. The introductory remarks of Jean-Paul Jacqué (TEPSA) dealt with the EU's legal framework and its path towards a constitutionalized system. He stressed that the safeguarding of human rights did not require the legal or political structure of a state. The subsequent debate focused on the exact boundaries of applicable EU citizenship law, and also touched upon the issue of solidarity enshrined in Article 222 TFEU. [\[more...\]](#)

Awards

LISBOAN offers annual awards for excellence in teaching and research with a view to the Treaty of Lisbon, each of which is endowed with a prize of EUR 1.500. This year's award ceremony took place during the second annual conference in Brussels on 11th May 2012.

Alejandro Ribo (College of Europe) and **Bruno Scholl** (College of Europe) received the Award for excellent teaching for their simulation course in EU external crisis management.

Sarah Wolff, teaching fellow at University College London and senior associate research fellow at The Netherlands Institute for International Relations, **Flora Goudappel**, associate professor at Erasmus University Rotterdam, and **Jaap de Zwaan**, Professor of the Law of the European Union at the Erasmus University Rotterdam, were distinguished for their publication "Freedom, Security and Justice after Lisbon and Stockholm" published in 2011. [\[more...\]](#)



Workshops

Workshop work package 6: External Action and CFSP

Enlargement Perspectives after the Lisbon Treaty

The workshop, which was organised by Atila Eralp (Centre for European Studies, METU) and took place in Ankara on 29th and 30th May 2012. Inter alia, the different panels discussed options for Turkey's relations with the Union against the background that classic membership to the Union no longer seems to be feasible. Other topics discussed include the success of support of structural reforms through the 'membership carrot' in the case of Croatia and the possibility to enhance the Union's soft power in candidate countries through more sectoral integration.

[A full report will be available shortly]

Workshop: "The Cypriot EU Presidency 2012: Institutional consolidation and responding to new challenges"

The workshop was held in the framework of the Pre-Presidency Conference in Nikosia on 14th and 15th June 2012, which was organised by KIMEDE (Cyprus Institute of Mediterranean European and International Studies), in cooperation with LISBOAN, the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), the Cypriot Presidency of the Council of the EU, the European Commission Representation in Cyprus and the University of Cyprus. Main topics the participants dealt with were the Cypriot Presidency's priorities, the current economic and social crisis, free movement, external action and enlargement, always regarding the changes brought about by the Lisbon Treaties. [\[more...\]](#)

PhD School

Report: 2nd PhD School

Europe in the World

The second PhD School was again organised in cooperation with the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) and took place in Lisbon from 18-30 June 2012.



On behalf of the LISBOAN network, Geoffrey Edwards (University of Cambridge and Workpackage Leader PhD Schools) and Kennet Lyndgaard (University of Roskilde) were lead organisers, closely cooperating with Tobias Schumacher (ISCTE-IUL), the local host of the event. 20 Students from all over Europe presented their PhD projects and attended lectures from 19 more senior academics. Lively discussions on academic topics during the day were oftentimes continued over a drink in one of the bars of Lisbon's Bairro Alto. Participants greatly appreciated the opportunity to discuss their research with renowned scholars in a relaxed atmosphere.

[a full report will be available shortly]

Guest Lectures

Report: 3rd Guest Lecture

Bailing Out Politics: EU Democracy and Legitimacy in Crisis?

Christopher Lord (ARENA) gave a guest lecture on 30th April 2012, hosted by the Ambassador of Belgium to the UK in London. He focused on the consequences, which the Eurozone crisis and its management holds in stock for the EU's democratic standards and legitimacy. [\[more...\]](#)

Report: 4th Guest Lecture

The European Council and Germany: Towards institutional and political hegemony?

Hosted by the Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome, Wolfgang Wessels held a guest lecture on Germany's role within the European Council on 17th May. Distinguishing between 'hegemony' and 'leadership', he argued that there is a strong 'demand' for German leadership today within the inter-institutional balance of the European Union in order to give Europe stability. [\[more...\]](#) Additionally, please find [here](#) a video interview to W. Wessels on this topic.

Report: 5th Guest Lecture

The Lisbon Treaty: Challenges of European Integration and Enlargement

On 23rd May 2012, Meltem Müftüleri-Bac held a guest lecture in Cologne dealing with the

consequences for the future enlargement process deriving from previous enlargement experiences and the current crisis. She gave an interesting overview from a Turkish perspective, and talked in depth about the possible Turkish accession. [\[more...\]](#)



Lecture Series

The network funds guest lectures by network partners at other network institutions with up to €1.000 for travel, accommodation and other related costs. If you would like to make use of this opportunity, please contact Gunilla Herolf (WP Leader, herolf@sipri.org) or Tobias Kunstein (tobias.kunstein@uni-koeln.de).

Midterm Assessment by EACEA

In line with the Grant Agreement, the University of Cologne as the coordinating institution of the network submitted an 18-month progress report to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in April 2012. The project was subsequently evaluated by the EACEA and an independent expert. Overall it received 7 out of 10 points, resulting in the release of the second pre-financing. While generally commending the project's activities, the evaluation report also stressed the need to involve as many network partners as possible.

UPCOMING LISBOAN EVENTS

Workshops

Three LISBOAN partners will organise workshops this autumn in the framework of work package 3 "Economic and Financial Policy" and work package 6 "External Action and CFSP", respectively:

On 28th and 29th September 2012, the Institute of World Economics will hold a workshop in Budapest on "*The European Union in the Global Economy*". Four panels will deal with the following topics: i) Strong and weak points of the EU in the rapidly changing global environment; ii) The European Union facing competition from emerging countries, iii) Crisis, challenges and policy responses of the Eurozone; and iv) The EU facing selected economic security issues.

The Institute for International Relations Zagreb will organise a workshop in Dubrovnik on 5th October on "*The Impact of the European External Action Service (EEAS) on the EU's relations and policies towards South East Europe (SEE)*". Questions which the workshop will deal with include: how can the Lisbon Treaty and EEAS actions contribute towards advancement of the enlargement process in the SEE region? How does the EEAS influence traditional interlinkages between the EU enlargement policy and the CFSP in the SEE? What are Croatian expectations for its active participation in the EEAS?

On 18th and 19th October 2012, a workshop in Berlin held by the Institut für Europäische Politik will deal with "*The EU as a Foreign Policy Actor - Ambitions, Interests and Challenges in Year Three of the Lisbon Treaty and beyond*". More details will be available soon.

Save the date

A fourth workshop is planned for 14-15 November 2012. This event, organized by the Centre for Interdepartmental Research Centre on European Law, will deal with the quasi-constitutional nature of the Lisbon Treaty.

Further information on these workshops will shortly be published on the LISBOAN website.

[\[more...\]](#)

NEWS FROM PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

The Training Unit of the European Institute of Romania offers several types of activities, such as courses on project management, legal translation, preparation for the EU institutions recruitment competitions, etc. For further information on past, current and future training activities, please visit the EIR website. [\[more...\]](#)

Past events

Recently, the European Institute of Romania organised several conferences in order to promote the Strategy and Policy Studies project (SPOS) 2011:

- on 26th of April 2012: “The Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy in the context of the Post-2013 budgetary perspective” [\[more...\]](#)
- on 21st May 2012: “Social Romania - between demographic crisis and silver economy” [\[more...\]](#)
- on 11th June 2012: “European Semester: Component of the European Economic Governance Reform” [\[more...\]](#)

At the Istituto Affari Internazionali, the following events took place:

- on 17th May 2012: Lisboan Guest Lecture on “The European Council and Germany: Towards an Institutional and Political Hegemony?” with Wolfgang Wessels, Professor University of Cologne
- on 21st May 2012: Italian-Polish seminar on “Looking beyond the crisis: the challenges ahead for the European Union”

Publications

M. Comelli, “The Image of Crisis-Ridden Europe and the Division Between Creditor and Debtor Countries: The Case of Italy”, IAI Working Paper 12/17, June 2012. [\[more...\]](#)

Möller, Almut/ Parkes, Roderick, Germany as Viewed by Other EU Member States, EPIN working paper no. 33, June 2012. With contributions of LISBOAN partners, such as

Agnes Nicolescu (European Institute of Romania). [\[more...\]](#)

P. Van Elsuwege, “New Challenges for Pluralist Adjudication after Lisbon: The Protection of Fundamental Rights in a Ius Commune Europaeum”, *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights*, vol. 30, No. 2, 2012, pp. 195-217.

E. Barón Crespo, “Parliamentary democracy and the Treaty of Lisbon”. OPAL Online Paper No. 1/2012. OPAL (Observatory of Parliaments after the Lisbon Treaty) is a joint project by Maastricht University, Sciences Po Paris, the University of Cambridge and the University of Cologne, www.opal-europe.org.

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FEATURED ARTICLE SECTION

This section is available for concise articles dealing with recent developments in the field of research on the Treaty of Lisbon. Partners are invited to send in contributions.