



## **Newsletter January 2006**

### **LINFIELD COLLEGE WINTER SCHOOL 2006**

A group of Business and Economics students from Linfield College Oregon spent an intensive week (5-11 January) of academic preparation for a tour of the EU, at the Centre for European Studies. Among themes addressed in the five-day visit were: the Single Market; Regional Policy; the Euro; Turkey and the EU; agriculture; trade and industry. The teaching team consisted of Tony Leddin, Helena Lenihan, Bernadette Andreosso, Eddie Moxon-Browne, Bernadette Connaughton, Brid Quinn, and Matt Cannon.

On Sunday 8 January, the group visited the Cliffs of Moher, and the Burren led by Alina Georgescu a post doctoral researcher in CEUROS. This was the third time that Linfield College selected CEUROS for this purpose.

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### **BRITISH INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION (BISA) 30th ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ST.ANDREWS**

CEUROS postgraduate researcher, Cigdem Ustun, reports from St Andrews: BISA's 30th Anniversary Conference took place in the University of St Andrews 19-21 December. During this three day event, 110 panels took place, and among themes discussed were: Arms Trade, USA and Iraq War, EU Foreign Policy and Enlargement, Critical Approaches to Human Security, Media and Conflict Situations, Iraq War, Current Issues in British Foreign Policy, European Economic Issues, Identity Struggles, UN Peacekeeping in the Twenty – First Century, Anarchism and World Politics, Russia and the World, Nordic Approaches to Peace Support, Refugees, Migration and Human Trafficking, Post Hegemony: Taking on Paradigm Complacency in Post Marxism, Security Policy in the American World Order, NATO, The EU and the Wider Europe, Islam and Politics, US Foreign Policy under Clinton and Bush, Gendering Globalization, Securitizing Migration After 9/11, Civil and Uncivil Actors Online, Revisiting the Concept of Backwardness and IR, Security Policy and the Media in the War on Terror, The Turkish – Israeli Alignment in a changing World, Security Issues in the Mediterranean, Citizenship and Identity in the Development of the European Union, Women and War, The Politics of Medicine, Issues in East Asian Politics, Art and Culture in IR and Domestic and International Italian Politics.

My paper on Public Perceptions of EU Foreign Policy: A comparison Between the 'old' and 'new' Member States was included in the Panel on "EU Foreign Policy after Enlargement". This paper examined the effect of enlargement on the CFSP from the public perception perspective. Enlargement has been an issue for the foreign policy of the EU insofar as the new members will bring new security concerns and put a brake on the development of this policy area, which is already developing very slowly. Another concern has been the special relations of these new members with the USA, and their Atlanticist policies. In this paper, the citizens in the new member states' concerns in terms of foreign policy, their support for a CFP, a common defence policy, their views on the USA, their support for joint decision making in defence and security issues, and as well as foreign policy issues are examined and a comparison of the so called "new" Europe and so called "old" Europe is made on these points.

The other paper on my panel was Darius Furmonavicius' Koenigsberg: A Territorial Claim by the EU or an "Amber" Revolution? The main idea for this paper was the demilitarization of the Kaliningrad region and the role of the international community, but particularly that of the US in encouraging Russia to withdraw rapidly, completely, and in an orderly way, its military and security forces from the region as they were withdrawn from Denmark in the 1940s or Austria in the 1950s or the Baltic States, Poland and Germany in the 1990s.

**Cigdem Ustun**

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### **SPOTLIGHT:MA EUROPEAN INTEGRATION GRADUATES 2005**

On 20 December 2005, seven graduates of the MA European Integration degree received their parchments at the afternoon conferrings. First class honours were awarded to Sabina Jausovec (in absentia), Michal Mravinac, and Marko Vukovic (in absentia) none of whom would have come to UL had they not received scholarships from the Centre for European Studies, while Nathalie Beck, Caroline Cusack, Louise Holden and Niall Keane were awarded upper second class honours. Already, most of the class are in careers related to their training at UL. Despite the high tuition fees at UL, a handful of well-qualified East and Central European students graduate each year.

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### **MA EUROPEAN INTEGRATION NOW IN ITS 15th YEAR**

The MA European Integration at the University of Limerick was established in 1989, and was one of the first of its kind in Europe. The one-year intensive full-time programme, often imitated in newer universities, analyses the European integration process from a variety of mutually reinforcing disciplinary perspectives: historical, economic, political and legal. Modules provide a

strong theoretical underpinning for empirical material that is itself geared towards vocational and policy-oriented objectives. Alumni/ae of the programme are found all over the world, but especially in settings where a knowledge of, and familiarity with, the European Union, is valued and valuable. In vacation time, the programme participants attend a week long field trip to Leuven in Belgium where early, and potentially productive, contacts are made with Brussels policy-makers and further guidance is given about career options and internships. Among alumni/ae who have reached prominence in public life are: Irish MEP Mary Lou McDonald; Her Excellency Silvia Stancu-Davidoiu, Romanian ambassador in Ireland; Peter Skvarca First Secretary Slovenian embassy in Skopje; Charlina Vitcheva Minister Plenipotentiary Bulgarian Mission in Brussels; John Lynam, Second Secretary, Irish Embassy in Uganda; and Martin Gallagher, Irish Embassy Slovenia.

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#### **CEUROS PhD EXAMINES EU MEDITERRANEAN POLICY**

Patrick Holden was awarded his PhD at the conferring ceremony on 20 December at the University of Limerick. His dissertation was entitled "The Limits of Soft Power: The European Union's Efforts to Use Aid to Reform the Institutions of its Mediterranean Neighbours". His supervisors were Professor Nick Rees and Professor Bernadette Andreosso; and his Examiners were Professors Edward Moxon-Browne, and Professor Richard Gillespie (University of Liverpool)

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#### **PEACE STUDIES PhD ANALYSES POLICING IN POST-CONFLICT EUROPEAN CONTEXTS**

Barry Ryan was awarded his PhD at the conferring on 20 December. The title of his dissertation was "Police Reform in the Republic of Serbia: A Participatory Perspective". His supervisor was Professor Edward Moxon-Browne, and the examiners were Dr Luke Ashworth, and Professor Stephen Ryan from the University of Ulster in Derry, the latter an expert on conflict resolution and UN peacekeeping.

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