



In the process of redesigning and renovating its digital and web presence, ELIAMEP has launched a new collective blog section. **Blogs@eliamep** aims to enrich public dialogue in areas related to our research and educational activities. It will promote research-based analysis and commentary by ELIAMEP's research team, but not only. We hope that it will constitute a meeting point between ELIAMEP's research team, informed citizens and the wider research community. You can read the first texts put up for discussion at: <http://blogs.eliamep.gr>.

RECENT EVENTS

Policing Changing Communities Athens, 14 May 2008

ELIAMEP and the British Embassy in Athens organised a lecture delivered by **Sir Ian Blair QPM, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, UK**, on "Policing Changing Communities."

Sir Ian Blair's speech is available at: http://www.eliamep.gr/eliamep/files/ian_blair_speech_eng.pdf

Cyprus and Divided Societies Belfast, 20 May 2008

Queen's University Belfast and ELIAMEP organised a multi-disciplinary workshop on "Cyprus and Divided Societies." The workshop hosted over forty researchers from across the globe interested in factors that help or hinder conflict resolution in divided societies and about eighty participants including a delegation of teachers from English School Nicosia.

The keynote address was delivered by **Professor Emeritus Herbert Kelman**, a Boston-based social psychologist who has brought together groups from conflict areas for decades, primarily in Cyprus and Israel/Palestine.

Dr. Neophytos Loizides from the School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy said: "Queen's Belfast is among the pioneers in the comparative study of divided societies and currently sponsors four ongoing projects comparing conflict resolution in Cyprus and Northern Ireland. The conference was an opportunity to share common lessons particularly at a time we Cypriots search for a new framework to resolve our problem. We were motivated by a desire to bring other experiences into the Cypriot one and learn from

each other. Following the success of the workshop, we aim to create an international learning network focusing on the comparative study of Cyprus and divided societies."

Dr. Ioannis N. Grigoriadis from ELIAMEP and the University of Athens said: "This workshop facilitated exchange of views and interaction between Cypriot, Greek and Turkish scholars. Queens University Belfast is based in a city wounded by perennial communal conflict, but also determined to overcome divisions and build a common prosperous future for all its citizens. This symbolic message was of particular pertinence to Nicosia and Cyprus in general. The workshop was also very timely given recent increased interest in the resolution of the island's conflict."

Presenters underlined comparisons between Cyprus and other divided societies particularly investigating the impact of Europeanization and media in divided societies, the role of religious actors, institutional design and social psychological dimensions of conflict. The workshop was part of a series of events organised by Queen's University, Belfast to celebrate its centenary anniversary and the 10 year anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement.

The conference also considered the role of social political psychology in understanding conflict in divided societies, and launched a new Masters Degree in Political Psychology at Queen's. The course, which is the first of its kind in the UK and Ireland, will be available at Queen's from September, 2008.

The workshop was sponsored by the School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy, the School of Psychol-

The EU and its Neighbours Sounio – Athens, 3-6 July 2008

ELIAMEP and the Bertelsmann Foundation will jointly organise a conference on **The EU and its Neighbours: In Search of New Forms of Partnership**. At this critical juncture, 45 leading thinkers, policy-makers and journalists will brainstorm on the future relationship between the EU and its eastern and southern neighbours. The participants from numerous European and non-European countries will (1) discuss the expectations of both the EU and its neighbours, (2) analyse the current state of the EU's Neighbourhood Policy, (3) explore the potentials of the new *Union for the Mediterranean*, (4) look into the cooperation potentials in the fields of agriculture, education, energy, and migration, and (5) finally, sketch possible alternatives between full membership and non-membership. The conference is supported by the European Commission, DG Education and Culture, Jean Monnet Programme.



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ogy and the School of Planning, Architecture and Civil Engineering of Queen's University.

Further information on the outcomes of the workshop is available at: <http://www.psych.qub.ac.uk/cyprus/>

Citizens' Rights in the EU: The Role of Ombudsmen Athens, 28 May 2008

ELIAMEP, Citizens' Union Paremvassi and the Citizens' Movement for an Open Society organised a lecture with **Professor Nikiforos Diamandouros, European Ombudsman** on "Citizens' Rights in the European Union: The Role of Ombudsmen."

Professor Diamandouros informed the audience about their rights deriving from European law. He argued that European law is an integral part of domestic law and public administration is obliged to comply with it. The problems that most member states face mainly focus on the implementation of European law and its integration in national law policies. The European Ombudsman is an independent, external mechanism dealing with complaints against public authorities. Unlike a court, an ombudsman normally has no power to make legally binding decisions. The fact that an ombudsman can only persuade, not compel, makes it possible for the institution to complement the courts in a number of ways. Specifically, in reacting to complaints, an ombudsman can apply broader review criteria, be more accessible, and use more flexible procedures than a court. An ombudsman can also be proactive in ways that are not possible for a court. The European Ombudsman was created by the Treaty of Maastricht, which established Union citizenship. One of the rights of citizens (or legal entities) of the Union is to submit complaints to the Ombudsman regarding maladministration by the EU institutions and bodies, with the exception of the courts acting in their judicial role. Most complaints refer to lack of transparency, failure of correspondence, possible unlawful activities or personnel matters. The role of the European Ombudsman is highly esteemed in the context of civil society and should be reinforced not only on a

European level but also on a regional and national level with regional and national ombudsmen respectively.

International Conference on Climate Change and Human Security Athens, 29 - 30 May 2008

The Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with ELIAMEP organised a 2-day conference on Climate Change and International Security in the context of Greece's 2007/2008 Presidency of the Human Security Network. The effects of climate change and in particular, the future challenges for the Mediterranean region were at the centre of this event.

The conference was inaugurated by **Ms. Dora Bakoyannis**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic and the Deputy Minister for the Environment, Physical Planning & Public Works of the Hellenic Republic, **Mr. Stavros Kalogiannis**. The Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization, **Mr. Michel Jarraud** and the Deputy Executive Director of the World Food Program, **Mr. John Powell** addressed the major challenges of climate change for the Mediterranean and referred to the European Union's policy on bio fuels and its relevance for the greenhouse gas effect.

Climate change and migration was the focus of the first session. The Director of the UN Institute for Environment and Human Security, **Professor Jamos Bogardi** presented a policy paper on "Human Security, Climate Change, and Environmentally Induced Migration." And, in the discussion that followed, **Mr. Alexandros Zavos** - President of the Hellenic Migration Policy Institute, **Mr. Rashid Khalikov** - New York Director of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and **Mr. Demitri Zenghelis** - member of the team of the Stern Review on Economics of Climate Change, argued that there is an intensive debate going on, on whether environmentally induced migrants—"climate refugees" or "environmental refugees" or "environmentally displaced people," ought to be included in international treaties or whether there is a need to develop a new international convention



Professor Evanthia Lyons, Queens University Belfast, invites Professor Herbert Kelman, Harvard University, to deliver the Workshop's Keynote Lecture



Professor Loukas Tsoukalis, ELIAMEP's President (left) and Professor Nikiforos Diamandouros (right)

that would recognize individuals or communities whose displacement stems mainly from environmental factors.

In the second session, the Deputy Director of the Programme Division at the United Nations Children's Fund-UNICEF, **Ms. Vanessa Tobin**, presented a policy paper on "Climate Change and Children: A Human Security Challenge" in which she underlined the importance of education and raised concerns regarding vulnerability, risk and protective mechanisms for children. Professor of Cancer Prevention & Professor of Epidemiology at Harvard University, **Dr. Dimitrios Trihopoulos**, in turn noted that climate change effects will further exacerbate the structural weaknesses of the welfare state in developing countries.

The Vice-President of Women's Environment and Development Organization, **Ms. Irene Dankelman** launched the third session with a policy paper on "Gender/Women, Climate Change and Human Security." The particular challenges expected to be faced by women in volatile regions and especially in developing countries were at the core of this session's debate and the Secretary General for Gender Equality of the Hellenic Ministry of the Interior, Public Administration and Decentralisation, **Ms. Eugenia Tsoumani** reiterated that a global perspective that brings together gender equality concerns, human security and the effects of climate change is needed.

The inter-dependence between Climate Change, Human Security and Development Cooperation policies was the focus of the conference's second day. The Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs **Mr. Petros Doukas**, concentrated on the side effects of climate change for social coherence of developing regions, and the representative of the International Institute for Environment and Development and Director of the Climate Change Group, **Dr. Saleemul Huq**, gave a paper on "The Impact of Climate Change on Human Security." Similarly, the Representative of the UN Office for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Devel-

oping States, **Ms. Harriet Schmidt**, emphasised the need for economic aid and knowledge transfer for LDCs, while the Executive Coordinator of the UN Development Programme, **Mr. Yannick Glemarec**, noted that unless a common effort towards climate change's effects on human security is adopted, unilateral initiatives will be of limited value. The Permanent Representative of Grenada to the UN and Chairman of the Alliance of Small Island States, **Dr. Angus Friday**, agreed though underlined that the developed countries should take the lead in this common initiative since they are principally responsible for greenhouse gas emissions. The need for action was reiterated by Professor of Atmospheric Physics at University of Athens **Mr. Christos Zerefos**, who urged for a behavioural change towards a low carbon economy.

The material that was presented at this conference has been published in an edited volume and is available from ELIAMEP.

The Quality of Democracy in Greece: A Preliminary Assessment Athens, 13 June 2008

ELIAMEP organised a discussion with **Professor Costas Danopoulos, Political Science Department, College of Social Sciences, San José State University**. Professor Danopoulos presented his current research on the quality of democracy in Greece. He identified three interconnected levels on which the quality of democracy can be addressed: Democracy as a procedure, the content of democracy and the responsiveness of the system. Measuring these parameters against Greece's political culture, he argues that in terms of democratic content, which translates in high liberty and equality standards, Greece ranks quite high. However, in terms of democratic procedures and accountability, democracy in Greece has a lot of room for development. Specifically, he asserted that the rule of law is very problematic in Greece, as independence of the judiciary is not always guaranteed, while the responsiveness of the state officials and the elected figures is also rather weak.

Ten Years of EMU: Greece and the Two-Track Danger Athens, 18 June 2008

ELIAMEP organised a roundtable discussion on "Ten Years of EMU: Greece and the Two-Track Danger" with: **Professor Nikos Christodoulakis**, Athens University of Economics and Business and Former Minister of Economy and Finance, **Professor Ploutarchos Sakellaris**, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers - Ministry of Economy and Finance and Athens University of Economics and Business, **Professor Gikas Chardouvelis**, University of Pireaus and Financial Adviser, EURO-BANK EFG, and **Professor Georgios Pagoulatos**, Athens University of Economics and Business. **Professor Loukas Tsoukalis**, University of Athens and President of the Board of Directors of ELIAMEP co-ordinated the discussion.

Professor **Christodoulakis** initiated the discussion by reviewing the circumstances that led to the creation of the EMU. He pointed to the current EMU successes, like the convergence of the economic cycles in the eurozone members and the increase in investment from and towards eurozone countries. However, he stressed, the completion of EMU has also seen increasing social inequality, and the trends of income convergence and regional convergence have been reversed. This has created a North-South divide: While the North has seen underinvestment and surpluses in the balance of payments, the countries of the South, including Greece, experience overinvestment and balance of payment deficits. Turning to policy recommendations, Professor Christodoulakis maintained that although the Lisbon agenda provides general guidelines, it is not a centrally co-ordinated policy with targeted actions e.g. to promote productivity. Instead, he suggested that the Stability Pact be extended to include measures of foreign investment, GDP and income flows and indexes of income allocation and market competitiveness. Overall, he concluded that the problem is a question of increasing the competitiveness in the regional markets within the EU rather than a problem of inflation as

often suggested. However, the monetary policy pursued by the ECB so far is one which only aims at price stability.

Professor **Sakellaris** placed an emphasis on the economic aspect of EMU, focusing on the case of Greece. He argued that as long as the economic policy remains decentralized and uncoordinated the problems will persist. He maintained, however, that in the short term inflation does create a problem of competitiveness in Greece, combined as it is with the low levels of savings and labour productivity. Overall, he asserted that the sustainability of the EMU depends on following an effective fiscal policy at the national levels.

Professor **Chardouvelis** noted that while a convergence has taken place between the economies of the eurozone, there is a divergence of incomes within and between countries. In Greece, specifically, he asserted there are three major issues: (1) A public savings deficit, (2) social inequality, and (3) a current accounts deficit. In his final remarks, Professor Chardouvelis affirmed that while Greece may see inflation rise to 4.5% in the next couple of years, it will suffer less by the present economic crisis because of the highly competitive financial and banking market. However, Greece's current economic situation characterised by overconsumption and underproduction is not sustainable in the long-run.

Professor **Pagoulatos** characterised Greece an example of southeastern European capitalism at its worst. Greece's economy suffers from high levels of undeclared labour, long-term female unemployment (twice the EU average), late entrance in the labour market and early retirement. Social expenditure, mainly comprising of pensions, is inefficient, Greece's research levels are one of the EU lowest, while education and training provided by the Greek educational system do not seem to match the market needs. He argued that to recover from this disadvantageous position, Greece needs reforms. Some of them may be provided within the framework of implementing the Lisbon Agenda, in the form of Community regulations. However, further reforms are necessary. Given the Greek



From left to right: Professor Gikas Chardouvelis, Professor Nikos Christodoulakis, Professor Loukas Tsoukalis, Professor Ploutarchos Sakellaris and Professor George Pagoulatos

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society's aversion to reform and the lack of trust in the public administration, the establishment of independent agencies and semi-autonomous bureaus within the Greek state would be a good starting point.

The discussion that followed was rich in content with several distinguished personalities taking part, including Mr. Constantinos Simitis, former Prime Minister of Greece. Mr. Simitis asserted that Greece's problem is political rather than economic and it is a problem shared by the rest of Europe, commenting that the way out would require political encounters.

Alternative Views of the World Athens, 23 June 2008

This event was organised in honor of **Mr. Minos Zombanakis**, Member of the Board of Directors of ELIAMEP. The discussion was moderated by **Professor Theodore Couloumbis**, Vice President of ELIAMEP.

Ambassador Robert D. Blackwill, Former Senior Official in the National Security Council and Member of the Board, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, analysed the challenges that the next US administration will find itself faced with on the international level and the changes that are likely to occur in the country's foreign policy, mainly with regard to the tense situation in the wider Middle East. He concluded that despite what one may think nowadays there is a potential for progress and that success will depend on the next president's ability to choose the right people for crucial posts.

Dr. Andrei Kokoshin, Member of the State Duma of the Russian Federation and Chairman of the Committee for the CIS' Affairs and Relations with Compatriots, presented a view of the world from the Russian perspective, illustrating how Russia is continuously improving its political, military and economic position and regaining a leading role in the international arena. He concluded that Russia is ready to cooperate with the USA and Europe on matters of global interest, as long as some thorny issues, such as the NATO enlargement to the East, are resolved.

Professor Loukas Tsoukalis, University of Athens and President of the Board of ELIAMEP, referred to Europe and the P(eaceful)-P(rosperous)-P(owerless) Syndrome it seems to be suffering from, which minimises its weight and role in a world of rapid changes. He concluded that in order for Europeans to take their place on the global stage they will have to identify their common values and interests and establish the adequate institutional framework to defend them. Should the common denominator, however, prove too low to allow them to face challenges successfully, the prospect of a two-track Europe might draw nearer.

The presentations were followed by a lively discussion between the speakers and a highly interested audience.

UPDATE ABOUT SOME OF OUR RECENT PROJECTS:

Think Global - Act European



Notre Europe and the Fondation pour l'Innovation Politique (Fondapol) brought together a group of European think tanks with the aim of making recommendations to the EU's next trio presidency including France, the Czech Republic and Sweden (July 2008 - December 2009).

The "Think Global - Act European" (TGAE) project brings together 10 renowned think tanks including ELIAMEP, which has contributed five papers to the final report. The other think tanks participating in the TGAE project are Bruegel, CEPS, CER, demosEUROPA, DIIS, ECFR, EPC, EUROPEUM, SIEPS, SWP.

The TGAE report including an introductory summary and all papers provided by the participating think tanks were presented on 23 May 2008 in Paris. This public event brought together high profile political personalities, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Paris, the Aspen France Institute, the newspaper Les Echos and the internet media Euractiv.fr.



From left to right: Ambassador Robert Blackwill, Dr. Andrei Kokoshin, Professor Theodore Couloumbis, Mr. Minos Zombanakis and Professor Loukas Tsoukalis

ELIAMEP papers in the framework of TGAE:

Janis A. Emmanouilidis and Ruby Gropas, Combining Pragmatism and Vision - The future of EU Enlargement

Panayiotis C. Ioakimidis, The Ratification and Implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon - What is at Stake?

Nikos Koutsiaras, Growth, Employment and Social Justice, the Lisbon Strategy Notwithstanding

Anna Triandafyllidou, European Migration Policy and the Labour Market - Thinking Outside the Square

Loukas Tsoukalis, A Call for a More Political Europe

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EMILIE - Educational Policies Addressing the Challenges of Cultural Diversity in Europe

Although each EU member state has a different migration history, they all face similar questions and common challenges with regard to addressing cultural diversity in the classroom. Education policies need to adequately address the needs of very different groups of students: those belonging to the majority, new arrivals, immigrant children who have been living in the receiving country for a number of years; second or even third generations; students who are likely to be short term or temporary residents, or whose status is uncertain (for instance in the case of asylum seekers). Equally important is the aim to prepare all students for life in a multicultural society, to counter racism and racist attitudes and the ensuing inequalities and discrimination, to build on and develop the strengths of cultural and linguistic diversity, and to respond sensitively to the special needs of minority groups.

The research project EMILIE has studied education policies in nine different member states bringing to the fore the following core issues:

- What is inter-cultural or multi-cultural education? What are its objectives? How can it be implemented in a way that transcends curricula and disciplines? How can it be developed in a way that goes beyond 'stereotyping' representations of difference or ethnic/ cultural diversity?
- Can it lead to a mutual (and not a one-way) dialogue and exchange between majority and minority groups? In other words, can it also lead to a recognition of minority differences with a view to pluralizing national identity?
- In practical terms, to what extent and what kind of regulation and state funding is necessary for faith-based schooling?
- The debate about faith schools raises a further set of practical and principled issues that need to be considered: gender separation and single-sex schooling preferences; accommodation of different religious celebrations; and the issue of training and educating religious teachers.
- How can education policies find a balance between the need to promote social cohesion and the risk of pursuing implicit or explicit assimilationist approaches?
- How can poor performance and under-achievement of immigrant students or students belonging to minority groups be addressed?
- How can underachievement and learning challenges be de-coupled from perceptions that these are 'migrant' or 'Islam' specific? And, what sort of initiatives can contribute to curbing native children's flight from schools with large immigrant populations?

The EMILIE reports on educational challenges offer analysis, responses and policy recommendations on these issues. To download the reports, visit the project web site: http://www.eliamep.gr/eliamep/content/home/research/research_projects/emilie/en/ or contact Dr. Anna Triandafyllidou at anna@eliamep.gr or Dr. Ruby Gropas at ruby@eliamep.gr



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In February 2008, **Dia Anagnostou**, Research Fellow, presented the results of the EUROREG project in the Conference on Social Cohesion, held in Charles II University in Madrid, and gave a lecture on "Europeanization and the Protection of Minority Rights: Institutional Mechanisms and Domestic Effects," at the Hertie School of Government in Berlin. In early May, she participated in the fourth consortium meeting of JURISTRAS in Berlin, which was organised by Bielefeld University. From mid-May through the end of June, Dia has been a Visiting Fellow at the Law Department of the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence. She has been awarded a Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowship by the EUI for the spring semester of 2009.

Lia Deligianni, ELIAMEP's Librarian, attended the International Library Conference on "Designing Libraries of the Future" organised by the Goethe Institute in Athens on June 10-11.

In January 2008, **Thanos Dokos**, Director General, participated in the Gulf Forum 2008 on "Gulf Security: Views and Options," organised by the Gulf Research Center (GRC) in Riyadh. Later in the month he attended a meeting of EuroMeSCO's Steering Group and Steering Committee in Rome. In March 2008 he participated in the 2008 Brussels Forum, organised by the German Marshall Fund of the United States. He also lectured at the "2008 American Studies Seminar" organised by the American Embassy and the Institute for International Relations, in Athens. In April he attended a seminar on "Iran after the Elections", organised by the EU Institute for Security Studies in Paris and later in the month he participated in a conference on "The Western Balkans in 2008" organised by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in Tutzing, Bavaria. In May, Thanos Dokos attended a meeting of the Greek-Turkish Forum in Istanbul and organised an international conference in Athens, in cooperation with the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on "Climate Change and the

Impact on Human Security." He also edited a policy paper under the same title. In June he organised a training seminar in Athens on Mediterranean security for young diplomats from Greece and OSCE's Mediterranean partners, in the context of Greece's presidency of the OSCE. He also participated in a conference on the "Role of Intelligence Agencies," organised by the Hellenic National Intelligence Service, and at the end of the month co-ordinated the Halki International Seminars 2008, organised by ELIAMEP at the small Aegean island of Halki, near Rhodes. During this period, he lectured at the Diplomatic Academy, the National Security School and the Joint War College, in Athens and Thessaloniki accordingly, and he contributed an essay on "Arms Race in the Mediterranean" in the 2008 Mediterranean Yearbook, published by the Barcelona-based CI-DOB and IEMed.

In January, April and June 2008 **Janis A. Emmanouilidis**, Stavros Costopoulos Research Fellow at ELIAMEP, participated in three meetings of the US-European Working Group on Security and Defence, a project jointly initiated and organised by the Bertelsmann Foundation and the RAND Corporation. In January he attended the second EU Governance Forum organised by the European Policy Centre (EPC) and chaired by Simon Hix. In April 2008 he participated in a seminar organised by the Netherlands Institute of International Relations (Clingendael) entitled "Exploring the Scope of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP): Towards New Forms of Partnership?" In May he published the first issue of the new publication series *ELIAMEP Thesis on Differentiated Europe – Nine Recommendations*. Together with the other members of the *L'Esprit de Sel Group*, a small advisory group to Marek Siwiek, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Janis A. Emmanouilidis presented a report – *Giving Globalisation a European Face* – to the European Parliament on May 14, 2008. On May 23, 2008, Janis A. Emmanouilidis participated in the launch of the report *Think Global – Act European* (www.tgae.eu) in Paris. In June he published an ELIAMEP Policy Paper entitled *Conceptualizing a Differentiated Europe*.

Daniel Faas, Marie Curie Research Fellow (FP6), chaired a session on "Sociocultural Dimensions in International Settings" at the American Educational Research Association Conference in New York on 28 March. At the same venue, he also presented a paper on "Toward a Multicultural Europe? Analysing Geography, History and Civic Education Curricula in Greece, Germany and England." On 30 April, he guest-lectured at the College Year in Athens – a study abroad program for US students – on "Citizenship and Cultural Diversity in Europe and North America." Dr. Faas also participated in the fourth EMILIE project meeting in Riga in early May and presented two papers at the Children's Identity and Citizenship in Europe Conference in Istanbul in late May. Together with Nicola Savvides of Oxford University, he co-authored a paper on "European Identities: A Comparative Analysis of Young People's Responses at a State School and a European School in England." His latest articles were published in the *British Journal of Sociology of Education*, Vol. 29, No. 1 (January 2008) and *European Educational Research Journal*, Vol. 7, No. 1 (March 2008).

Ioannis N. Grigoriadis, Research Fellow, presented a paper entitled "Politics of Secularism in Turkey: On the Redefinition of a Contested Concept" at the 9th Mediterranean Research Meeting, Tuscany 12- 15 March 2008. He also participated in the Wilton Park Conference "Turkey's Accession Process to the European Union" held in Istanbul on 31 March-3 April 2008. He presented a paper entitled "Europeanization of Minority Rights: The Cases of Greece and Turkey" in the CES-METU Workshop "Experiencing Europeanization," hosted by the Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara on 24 April 2008 and gave a presentation on intercultural dialogue at the EuroMeSCo Seminar "Capitalizing on Euro-Syrian Relations: From Tensions to Cooperation" which was held in Damascus on 15-17 May 2008. He also published a book chapter entitled "Greek and Greek Cypriot Views of Turkey's Accession to the European Union: On the Endurance of a Spectacular Paradigmatic Shift" in

Meltem Müftüler-Bac and Yannis A. Stivachtis (eds.), *Turkey and the European Union: Dilemmas, Constraints and Opportunities* (Lanham MD: Lexington Books, 2008).

Ruby Gropas, Research Fellow, presented EMILIE's research findings on multicultural education in the EU at the Think&Act conference in Madrid on "Social Cohesion in Europe." In February, she participated in two meetings at the EU-ISS in Paris on "European Interests and Strategic Options. Bringing together EUISS & EU Think Tanks," and on "Democracy, Transition & Reform: What Role for the EU?" In the context of the Initiative for Peacebuilding project that ELIAMEP is a member of, Ruby participated in a management meeting in Brussels in early March and also in the training on Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice. She gave a lecture on EU integration in the Jean Monnet seminar series at the University of Athens organised by the Centre for Comparative Educational Policy and Communication in March 2008 and a talk on Croatia's EU accession at IDOS' graduate seminar series on the Western Balkans in Athens (May 2008). In April 2008, she participated in an international conference organised by CEREM in Paris on "*Comment Sécuriser le Développement Durable en Méditerranée? – l'Union pour la Méditerranée.*" Ruby also participated in the "Think Global, Act European" initiative launched by Notre Europe and Fondation pour l'Innovation Politique that brought together European Think Tanks to produce proposals for the next Council Troika and co-authored a paper with Janis A. Emanouilidis on "Combining Pragmatism and Vision – The Future of EU enlargement." In June, Ruby gave a talk on "Pax Europaea: EU Challenges and Prospects in Eurasia, Africa and the Middle East" at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC and also took part in the conference on "Transatlantic Perspectives on the Wider Black Sea Region" also organised by the Wilson Center.

Christianna Karageorgopoulou, Development Coordinator, attended a conference on the FP7 PEOPLE Pro-

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gramme of the European Commission organised by the National Hellenic Research Foundation in Athens, on 22 May 2008.

Thanos Maroukis, Research Fellow, is currently working on the research project CLANDESTINO regarding estimates on undocumented migration. In January 2008 he completed a case study on the integration/exclusion channels of the new Muslim communities of Greece. During the same month he took part in the meeting of the IDEA project. In March he attended a conference on the "Intercultural Dimension in Life-long Learning Education" organised by the National Centre of Verification of Ongoing Occupational Training (EKEPIS) and the Institute of Labour (INE) of the General Confederation of Workers in Greece. During that period he also attended two seminars organised by the British Embassy in Athens around the issue of tackling extremism in the European changing communities. In April he participated in the Conference-Workshop "(Irregular) Transit Migration in Europe: Theory, Politics, Research Methodology and Ethics" organised by COMPAS (Oxford) and Koc University (Istanbul). He co-authored with Professor Anna Triandafyllidou the paper "Immigration Flows and the Management of the EU's Southern Maritime Borders: The Case of the Greek Islands" to be published in the collection of the CIDOB Foundation (Spain): *Immigration Flows and Management of the UE's Southern Maritime Border*. In June 2008 he presented a paper on "Europe's Policies on Migration" at the Seminar for Young Diplomats from the OSCE Mediterranean Partners and OSCE Members of the OSCE Chairmanship Quintet.

In January 2008, **Elizabeth Phocas**, Deputy Director of ELIAMEP, participated in the preparatory meeting of the Balkan Communication Network which was hosted by TASAM in Tekirdag.

From January to June, **Evangelia Psychogiopoulou**, Research Fellow, conducted a series of interviews with state officials, Greek judges, Parliamentarians, consultative human rights bodies and independent authorities, as well as lawyers and NGO representatives

within the frame of the JURISTRAS project. On 8-9 May 2007, she participated in the 4th JURISTRAS consortium meeting (Berlin), and delivered a presentation on litigation before the European Court of Human Rights against three states party to the ECHR: Greece, Austria and Italy. Her article "Accessing Culture at the EU level: An Indirect Contribution to Cultural Rights Protection?" was published in *Cultural Human Rights*, a volume which was edited by Professor Francesco Francioni and Professor Martin Scheinin. At the end of May, Evangelia joined UNESCO as a consultant within the framework of the programme implemented by the Section of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions and the preparation of the second ordinary session of the Intergovernmental Committee of the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. She will be closely associated with the elaboration of a study on preferential treatment for developing countries, in the light of Article 16 of the Convention.

In February 2008, **Anna Triandafyllidou** gave a talk on "Greek Education Policy and the Challenges of Migration," at the Graduate Seminar of the Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Migrations (CEDEM) at the University of Liege in Belgium. She was an invited speaker on "Migrant Empowerment through Civic Participation of Foreign Residents in 25 Countries" at an International Seminar organised by the Hellenic Ministry of Interior in Athens, on 30 March 2008. In April 2008, she delivered a talk on "Long Term Immigrants in Greek Society" at the 9th Symposium of the Association of Studies on Constitutional Law Aristovoulos Manesis in Ioannina. She also chaired a Session on "The Eastern Mediterranean Transit Migration Space," at an international IMISCOE conference on Transit Migration in the European Space organized at Koc University, in Istanbul, on 18-20 April. In June 2008 she participated as invited speaker at a roundtable on "Migration, Security and Migrants' Rights" in the context of an international symposium on Migration from a National, European and Global Perspective organised by the UniCredit Venice Forum and the Foundation Giorgio Cini, in Ven-

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ice, and she also gave the final lecture on *"Multiculturalismo e Integrazione degli Immigrati: Una Prospettiva Europea,"* at the Summer School on the Sociology of Migration organized by the University of Genova and the University of Turin in Genova.

Loukas Tsoukalis, President of the Board of Directors, was appointed as a member of the high level group of experts on *World 2025* set up by the European Commission and as a member of the Academic Committee set up by the President of the European Parliament. He was invited to join several European organisations and think tanks as member of the advisory council. He is also co-chair of a new project on the *EU in the Global Age* launched by *Policy Network*, the *European Institute of the LSE* and *ELIAMEP*. The first meeting of this project was held in London on 22-23 May in which he presented the main paper. He also wrote papers for *Europe's World*, the publication of *Italianieuropei*, and for the collective project of leading European think tanks (Think Global-Act European) among others. He lectured at the University of Potsdam on 22 January, spoke on the "Choices for the EU" at the meeting held by *Policy Network* and *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung* in London on 7-8 February, participated in the *Progressive Governance Summit* in London on 4-5 April, spoke on "More politics into EU policies?" at an EPC meeting held in Brussels on 7 April, delivered the concluding keynote address at the 50th anniversary conference of the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki on 24

May, and spoke on the "Political Dynamics of Europe" in Istanbul on 24 June.

From January to June, **Stefanos Xenarios**, Research Fellow, was involved in the coordination of the project "Climate Change and Human Security" implemented by the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with ELIAMEP, in the framework of the Greek Presidency of the Human Security Network. On 17-18 January he attended an experts' consultation meeting in Florence, organised by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Innocenti Research Centre. On 1-2 February Stefanos participated in the Symposium "Climate Change, Environment and Sustainable Development" organised by the Vima Ideon in Patras. From April to June, he supervised the publication of the four policy papers prepared in the framework of the Climate Change and Human Security project. The final version of the policy papers and a concise compilation of the most significant climate change and human security reports were bounded in a book format entitled "Climate Change: Addressing the Impact on Human Security" edited by Thanos Dokos. The book was distributed in the International Conference on Climate Change and Human Security held in Athens on 29-30 May and in the parallel Annual Ministerial meeting of the Human Security Network conducted on 30 May. On 20-25 May Stefanos also took part in the Euro-Mediterranean Youth Forum on Water and Intercultural Dialogue, held in Turin, Italy.

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