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FIIA Activities in 2011

Overview of the Institute

Introduction

The Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA) is an independent research institute that produces high-level research to support political decision-making and public debate both nationally and internationally.

The Institute receives its core funding from the Finnish Parliament and sets its own research agenda independently. The Institute is a research and expert community. Its fellows publish in internationally recognized publications as well as in the Institute's own publication series.

FIIA was established in its present form in 2006, having been maintained up to that point and since the 1960s by a private foundation.

The Director of the Institute is Adjunct Professor **Teija Tiilikainen**. FIIA currently employs about 50 people, over half of whom are researchers.

Research

At present, the Institute has three ongoing research programmes that will run until the end of 2013.

The European Union research programme focuses on the EU's global and regional role, including the internal dynamics of the Union. The

main research themes are the EU's external action, economic policies and institutional development.

The EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia research programme studies the EU's eastern environment with a special focus on Russia's domestic and foreign policy. In particular, the programme concentrates on political developments in the region, energy and climate policies. It also studies international relations in the EU's eastern neighbourhood and the relationship between the region and the EU.

The Global Security research programme approaches global security challenges within the framework of broad security. The programme seeks to understand the global trajectories of security that have significance for the European and Finnish security environments.

The issues approached include the prospects for global governance systems, changes in the major power structure, significant factors in functional and regional security and insecurity, the role of the transatlantic relationship in world politics, and the different dimensions of the European security policy.

Outreach

FIIA has a broad and active outreach programme intended for decision-makers, researchers, civil servants, NGOs and the media. Anyone can subscribe to FIIA publications and express one's interest in receiving invitations to the events through the Institute's website.

FIIA publishes FIIA Reports, Briefing Papers, Working Papers and FIIA Comments. The publications can be downloaded from the FIIA website. In addition to these series, FIIA publishes a quarterly magazine in Finnish, the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs (Ulkopolitiikka).

FIIA events are tailored to specific target audiences and they attract both national and international speakers and participants. Events vary from closed round tables to major conferences.

The Institute houses a public library specialising in International Relations. Its collections are also at the disposal of the general public.

Summary of activities in 2011

Research Focus Areas in 2011

During 2011 each research programme found its areas of focus and a variety of joint undertakings and collaboration initiatives were created. In the EU-programme, the global role of the Union and its foreign relations became a central area of research. The EU's neighbourhood policy and its relations with both the South and the East created natural links with the other two research programmes. The programme also published analyses on internal developments within the EU, on the effects of the economic crisis and the enforcement of the Lisbon treaty.

The internal developments in Russia prior to two upcoming elections created a framework for the research in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia programme. Research relating to the global role of Russia, in particular to its relations with China, as well as its policies in the EU neighbouring countries created a tight cooperation with other programmes. Moreover, the political developments and the international role of Belarus became new areas of research.

The Global Security Research Programme has adopted the broad concept of security. Thus its activities emphasised, in addition to the

changing global power structures, central global security challenges such as climate change, cyber security and the challenges of global crisis management. The regions of focus in 2011 were China, Afghanistan and North Africa due to political upheaval in the area.

A research project on the European security markets strengthened the research in FIIA on the topic of European security structures. The project was funded by Tekes (Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation).

The Academy of Finland, and several ministries such as the Ministry of Environment, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defence provided funding for other projects.

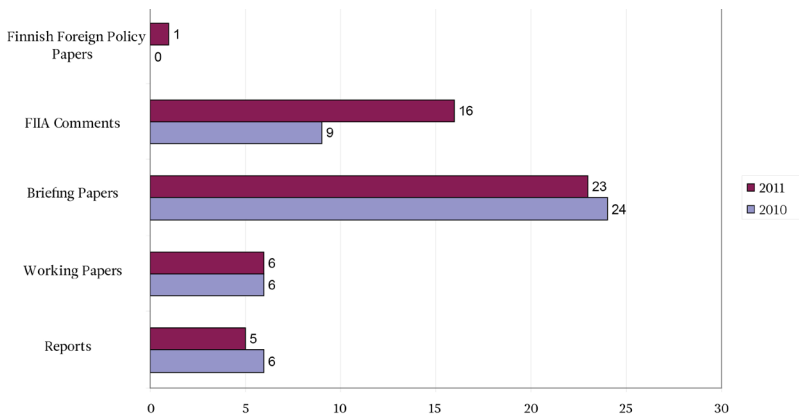
Publications

The amount of publications in 2011 in FIIA's own publishing series rose by 13% in comparison to the previous year. The numbers of publications have also risen since 2009 due to the FIIA Comment format introduced in 2010. Due to its short format it enables a rapid reaction to topical questions.

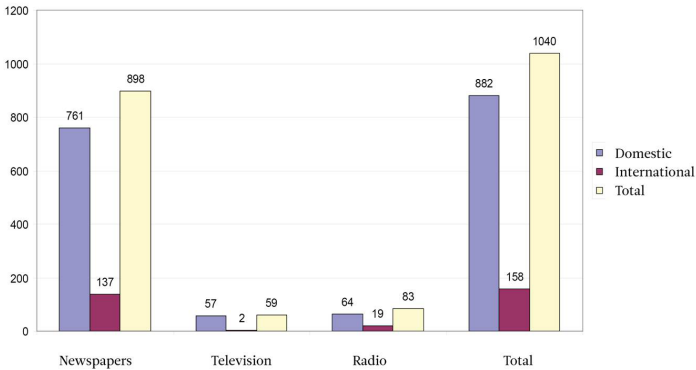
In addition, the first Finnish Foreign Policy Paper was brought out as a part of the novel publishing series. The Institute also publishes a quarterly journal, *Ulkopolitiikka* (Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs) with a circulation of about 2,400.

The Institute's researchers have also published widely outside the Institute. Twenty-two articles were published in international academic journals in addition to thirty-five

Numbers of Publications in 2010 and 2011



Appearances in the Media in 2011



book chapters and policy papers. Seventy-one articles were published in newspapers and other media outlets. Moreover, FIIA researchers published five monographs.

Media appearances

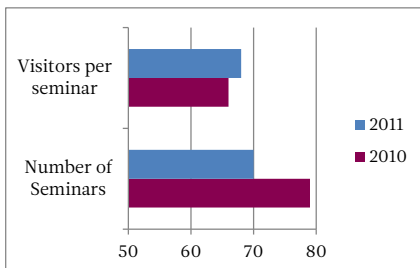
An overview of FIIA media appearances in 2011 reveals that the Institute's researchers are well-known to the media. FIIA researchers appeared as experts in topics such as Russia, EU, North Africa, Middle East and terrorism. These few examples

indicate that the Institute represents a wide range of expertise to the media.

Seminar activity

FIIA's seminar activity continued to be diverse and lively in 2011. The 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Institute were held at the Finlandia Hall in a celebratory seminar which, together with seminars concerning the EU's situation and the conflict in Afghanistan, were especially popular in terms of the numbers of participants. The first American Research Day, which was held in the autumn, also attracted plenty of interest.

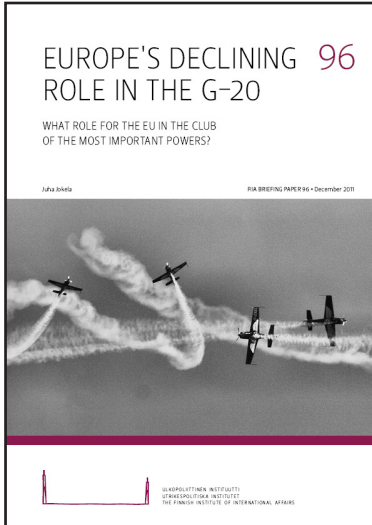
Seminar statistics



The small seminar formats tailored for decision-makers (*EU Breakfast Briefing; European Foreign Policy Options*) along with events concerning elections in Finland's central partnering countries were well received.

FIIA Publication Series

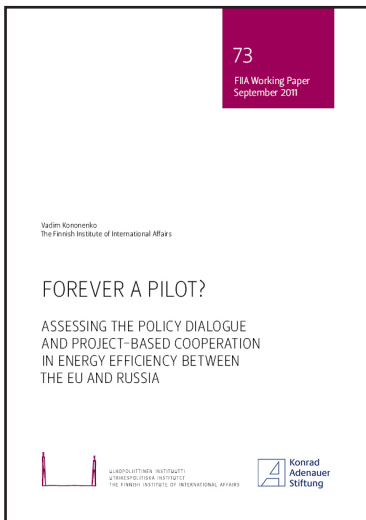
FIIA Briefing Papers



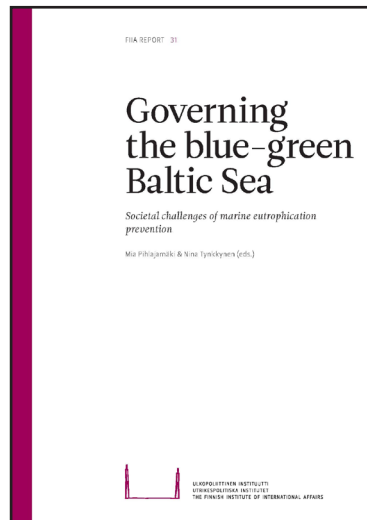
Finnish Foreign Policy Papers



FIIA Working Papers



FIIA Reports



FIIA Reports

Governing the blue-green Baltic Sea: Societal challenges of marine eutrophication prevention

Mia Pihlajamäki & Nina Tynkkynen (eds.)

Russia-China relations: Current state, alternative futures, and implications for the West

Arkady Moshes & Matti Nojonen (eds.)

Norden – Making a Difference? Possibilities for enhanced Nordic cooperation in international affairs

Teija Tiilikainen & Kaisa Korhonen (eds.)

Hard choices: The EU's Options in a Changing Middle East

Timo Behr (ed.)

Tradition in Chinese politics: The Party-state's reinvention of the past and the critical response from public intellectuals

Jyrki Kallio

FIIA Working Papers

Forever a Pilot? Assessing the policy dialogue and project-based cooperation in energy efficiency between the EU and Russia

Vadim Kononenko

Securing global commons: A small state perspective

Mika Aaltola, Joonas Sipilä, Valtteri Vuorisalo

Humanitarian soldiers, colonised Others and invisible enemies:

Visual strategic communication narratives of the Afghan war

Noora Kotilainen

Can the EU budget support climate policy in Central and Eastern Europe?

Thomas Spencer, Anna Korppoo, Agata Hinc

Linking an EU emission reduction target beyond 20 % to energy security in Central and Eastern Europe

Thomas Spencer, Anna Korppoo, Kai-Olaf Lang, Martin Kremer



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