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Letter from the Director

The year 2015 has brought many challenges for Europe and Russia. The news agenda this fall was dominated by the refugee crisis, the Paris terror attacks, and the increasing military involvement of Russia and Europe in Syria. The conflict in Ukraine remains unresolved. Russia slid into a recession, and the Eurozone crisis made a return to media headlines when another Greek bailout was negotiated. Transatlantic trade negotiations appear stalled, but have become ever more politicized on the EU side.

EURUS remains at the forefront of academic teaching and research about these challenges. Let me just mention a few highlights. On the teaching side, we launched this fall the Specialization "Europe and Russia in the World" within Carleton's new Bachelor of Global and International Studies (BGIInS). In September, thirteen first-year students enrolled in this brand-new specialization; together with four students in the BA, they constitute the largest ever undergraduate cohort in the history of EURUS. We also admitted another strong and intellectually vibrant class of MA students.

On the research side, EURUS faculty members can look back on a highly successful year. One measure of this is the number of research grants and prizes awarded to EURUS professors: Crina Viju won a SSHRC Insight Development Grant in the 2014 competition and Martin Geiger in the 2015 competition; both were announced this year. Achim Hurrelmann was awarded a Jean Monnet Chair. Joan DeBardeleben received support from the German Academic Exchange Service for an upcoming research stay at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs. James Casteel was a recipient of a Research Bursary from the Faculty of Public Affairs (FPA). Piotr Dutkiewicz was honoured at a symposium for winning the FPA Research Excellence Award. Jeff Sahadeo was one of the recipients of the Building Connections Award by Carleton's VP Research and International.

In the following pages of this newsletter, you can read about our activities and achievements in 2015 in greater detail. We look forward to a similarly active year in 2016. Before we embark on our projects for the New Year, however, I wish us all a peaceful and relaxing holiday.

Achim Hurrelmann, Director

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Faculty and Staff News

EURUS welcomes institute administrator Krysia Kotarba

In January 2015, Krysia Kotarba joined EURUS as Institute Administrator. For EURUS staff and students, it feels like Krysia has been a part of the EURUS community for much longer. We are so thrilled and fortunate to have her here. Looking back, Krysia tell us that she has also enjoyed her time with EURUS during her first year. She especially appreciates the lively atmosphere in the Institute and working with students. Welcome, Krysia!



Mikhail Zherebtsov joins EURUS as a postdoctoral fellow



Mikhail Zherebtsov joined EURUS in September 2015 as a postdoctoral fellow. Mikhail completed his PhD in Political Science at Carleton in 2014; his research interests are focused around contemporary issues of governance and public policy in Russia and post-Soviet states, with a current emphasis on the development of 'e-government' in Russia. He has previously published on Vladimir Putin's conception of the rule of law, and has co-authored several articles with EURUS professor Joan DeBardeleben on topics such as the impact of regional elections in Russia. The postdoctoral fellowship held by Mikhail is supported by a generous donation from the Pushkin Fund.

EURUS welcomes four visiting scholars

This year, EURUS was joined by four long-term visiting scholars: **Dr. Emmanuel Sigalas** (Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna), **Dr. Francis McGowan** (University of Sussex, Brighton), **Dr. Agnieszka Weinar** (European University Institute in Florence), and **Dr. Mark Wolfgram** (Oklahoma State University, Stillwater). Visiting scholars greatly enrich the academic discussion here at EURUS by sharing insights and research from their areas of expertise. Together they bring expertise to Carleton in a variety of domains including parliamentarism in the EU, European energy policy, Europeanization of migration policies, as well as collective memory and the legacy of violent conflicts and genocide. Dr. Sigalas visited EURUS in the Winter term; he taught EURR 4003/5003 (Social and Political Perspectives in Europe) and various public talks on the Eurozone crisis and its impact in parliaments, not least in Greece, Dr. Weinar presented a lecture in November on the influences that shape the EU's migration policy towards its neighbours, and Dr. McGowan discussed Europe's varied political responses to the potential exploitation of unconventional gas resources such as shale gas. Dr. Wolfgram has continued to work on his book manuscript, *The Sins of the Fathers: The Long Legacy of War and Genocide in Five Countries*, which seeks to explain variety in the willingness of nations to address violent conflicts.

EURUS professors Martin Geiger and Crina Viju receive Insight Development Grants from SSHRC (2014-2015)

EURUS is pleased to announce that professor **Martin Geiger** has received a SSHRC Insight Development Grant in the 2015 competition. Awarded annually by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Insight Development Grants are awarded based on the importance, originality and feasibility of the applicant's project, as well as the applicant's expertise and potential to make future contributions. Within his proposed project, "The International Organization for Migration (IOM): Legitimacy, Influence, and Capacity through the Successful Management of External Relations", professor Geiger will analyze IOM's growing importance for migration politics and what this means for our understanding of international organizations, the outsourcing of central policy tasks, as well as the effectiveness and socio-political implications of new approaches to migration.

In June 2014, Professor **Crina Viju** was also awarded an Insight Development Grant. This achievement could only be announced after our last newsletter was published, so congratulations are still very much in order! Professor Viju's project, "Are the Central and Eastern European Countries Winners of the European Union's Shift in Trade Policy?" analyzes the effect of the European Union's new generation of free trade agreements (FTAs) on Central and Eastern European members of the EU. This new generation of FTAs includes agreements with Canada, South Korea, India, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). These agreements work towards the elimination of tariff and non-tariff trade barriers, as well as commitments on human rights, labour, and environmental standards.

Professor Achim Hurrelmann awarded Jean Monnet Chair



From left to right: EURUS Director and Jean Monnet Chairholder Achim Hurrelmann, presenter Sebastian Baglioni, and Juan A. Martin Burgos, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Spain.

EURUS Director Achim Hurrelmann has been awarded a Jean Monnet Chair in this year's competition. The European Union gives this prestigious title to professors teaching primarily on European integration; it comprises financial support for course development, research and outreach activities. Professor Hurrelmann's Jean Monnet Chair focuses on the topic of "Democracy in the European Union". The Chair will help support new EURUS courses both at the undergraduate and graduate levels, including our new first-year course for undergraduates (EURR 1001), and a new MA-level course sequence on democracy in the EU. It will also organize academic workshops, lectures, and expert briefing sessions on topics relevant to EU governance. The Chair awarded to

Professor Hurrelmann is the second Jean Monnet Chair housed in EURUS. Professor Joan DeBardeleben has held a Jean Monnet Chair in "The European Union's Eastern Neighbourhood Relations" since 2011.

In late November, the first lecture of the Chair was given by Dr. Sebastian Baglioni (University of Toronto), who discussed the upcoming Spanish election. On **Thursday, January 28, 2016**, the Chair will be officially launched with a special guest lecture from **Professor Vivien Schmidt** (Boston University). Dr. Schmidt is an internationally renowned European integration specialist. Her talk, "Democracy in Europe: At Risk in the Euro Crisis?" will take place in Dunton Tower, room 2017, from 11:30am-1:00pm and will be followed by a lunch reception. All are invited. Please visit the [Chair website](#) for further event updates and Chair details. The Chair is also on twitter: follow @achimhurrelmann

EURUS professors receive the Building Connections Award

This October, the steering committee of the Migration and Diaspora Studies (MDS) Initiative, which includes EURUS professors Martin Geiger and Jeff Sahadeo, was awarded one of four Carleton University Research Prizes, the Building Connections Award. This prize is offered to an individual or a team that has made an exceptional contribution in creating relationships with a notable and sustained impact across research programs. Since its inception in 2010, the MDS Initiative has turned Carleton into a nationally and internationally recognized leader in research and teaching on human mobility and migration, examining its social, cultural, political, and economic implications from an interdisciplinary perspective. In the past two years alone, MDS has enabled a number of research events relevant to the mandate of EURUS, including a policy workshop on "The European Union's Responses to New Migration and Refugee Issues" (January 2014), a conference on "Post-Soviet Diasporas" (March 2014), a policy workshop on "New Technologies in the Transformation of Refugee and Migration Policies in Europe and North America" (May 2014), and a lecture series on "Mobility and Politics" (ongoing since March 2015). In September 2015, MDS hosted a workshop on "Power and Influence in the Global Refugee Regime," where a number of scholars and policy-makers were invited to discuss practical strategies for addressing the refugee crisis. According to Professor Sahadeo, connecting advocacy on migration and diaspora issues with research was one of the driving inspirations of the MDS Initiative.

Updates on EURUS Faculty Members



James Casteel was granted tenure effective July 1, 2015 and is currently on sabbatical leave for the 2015-2016 academic year. Professor Casteel recently completed a new book: *Between Empire and Utopia: Russia in the German Global Imaginary, 1905-1941*, which is forthcoming in the spring of 2016 from the University of Pittsburgh Press. The book will be included in the Pitt Series of Russian and East European Studies. Carleton's Faculty of Public Affairs generously awarded him a research bursary to assist in the book's publication.

Professor Casteel has also published two articles drawing on his research into Germans' views of Russia: "The Romance of Siberian Captivity: German POWs of the First World War in Friede H. Kraze's Interwar Novel *The Magical Forests*," in *First World War Studies*, and "Searching for the 'New World,' Finding 'Asia': The Rhetoric of Colonization in Interwar German Travelers' Accounts of the Soviet Union," in *Cultural and Social History*. In October, he gave an invited presentation at a workshop on "Germany and the Ukraine-Russian Conflict" at the University of Toronto's Munk School for Global Affairs. In November, Professor Casteel traveled to Berlin to present a paper titled, "Transcultural Memories and Diasporic Identities among Russian German and Jewish Migrants from the Former Soviet Union to Germany" at the conference, *Russian Germans in Comparative Perspective*. The conference was organized by the Federal Institute for Culture and History of Germans from Eastern Europe, the Institute of Migration Research and Intercultural Studies at the University of Osnabrück, and the North-East Institute Lüneburg.



Joan DeBardeleben is on sabbatical leave from July 2015 through June 2016; during this time she continues her research on EU-Russian relations as well as Russian regional elections. She conducted interviews in Brussels in May, and in Moscow in September. Beginning in January 2016, Professor DeBardeleben plans to spend three months in Berlin, working on her project "The EU and the Ukraine Crisis: Causes and Impacts", with support from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Some of Professor DeBardeleben's newest publications include "Backdrop to the Ukraine Crisis: The Revival of Normative Politics in Russia's Relations with the EU?" in *Power, Politics and Confrontation in Eurasia: Foreign Policy in a Contested Area* (ed. Roger E. Kanet and Matthew Sussex), "Conceptualizing Party Representation of Ethnic Minorities in Central and Eastern Europe" in *East European Politics and Societies* (co-authored with Harry Nedelcu), as well as "Otnosheniia Rossii i Evrosoiuza v presse Rossii, Germanii, i Pol'shi" ("Russian, German, and Polish Media Coverage of EU-Russian Relations"), published in Russian in the *Bulleting of St. Petersburg State University*.

She has also presented a number of conference papers, including "From Building European Space to Competing Regionalisms," discussed at an international conference on EU-Russia relations in St. Petersburg, and "The Enlargement Template and the EU's Relations with Russia," presented in Copenhagen in May, 2015. Professor DeBardeleben also gave invited lectures at the Institute for East European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies at the University of Berkeley-California in November, and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence and the Centre for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in late October.



Piotr Dutkiewicz has been characteristically busy over the past year. He published a number of works including the book *Eurasian Integration – The View from Within* (co-edited with Richard Sakwa), and a Mini eBook called *Unlimited Potential: A Conversation with Muhammad Yunus*. Professor Dutkiewicz also published a paper titled “Beyond Traditional Approach to Higher Education,” based on a presentation he made at a conference titled “Internationalization of Modern Universities” in Moscow.

Professor Dutkiewicz participated in many other international conferences, including the 15th International Likhachov Scientific Conference in St. Petersburg, and The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) conference in Montreal, where he presented a joint paper with Vince Della Sala titled, “Politics without a Centre: Political Change and Stability in Russia and Italy”. Moreover, he served as a member of the panel for the Rhodes Forum, a consultative network of academics and representatives of NGOs and public institutions. He also performed as a member of the panel for the Abu Dhabi Strategic Debate on Regional Power Court and Regional Powers Countered, an event hosted by the Emirates Policy Center (EPC). The EPC addresses issues such as geopolitical shifts, terrorism, and regional security. Notably, Professor Dutkiewicz participated in debates during the prestigious Valdai Club discussion forum in October. At Moscow State University, he gave a public lecture on “Democracy’s Unlikely Supporters”, and a public seminar titled, “Tectonic Shifts? The Prospects of a Sino-Russian Entente.”



Martin Geiger is continuing and expanding his PhD and post-doctoral work on border and migration management. In 2015, he received a new research grant that will allow him to conduct novel empirical research. He also provided several keynote lectures to international and national events, including a well-attended workshop on the history of international organizations in migration politics in Athens.

Professor Geiger is the founding editor of a new thematic series with Palgrave Macmillan, on migration politics (‘Mobility & Politics’) that has seen the publication of its first five volumes in 2014-2015. Over the last months, several publications were prepared and submitted, including his chapter for an upcoming book (edited by Ruben Zaiotti) on migration and border management, a reprint of a very successful co-edited special issue with the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (‘International Organizations and the Politics of Migration’, co-editor: Antoine Pécoud), and a chapter on ‘smart borders’ for an anthology (forthcoming in 2016) on ‘Migration and Social Transformation in Europe’ with Springer (edited by Anna Amelina and Kenneth Horvath). Professor Geiger also organized a speaker series on ‘Mobility & Politics’ at Carleton. Furthermore, he created a new faculty-student research cluster bringing together local undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate students with practitioners, former students and international visitors.



Achim Hurrelmann continues to serve as Director of EURUS and Associate Director of the Centre for European Studies. In the 2015, he was awarded the Jean Monnet Chair “Democracy in the European Union”. The Chair will be supported by an EU grant of €50,000 between 2015 and 2018. Professor Hurrelmann’s current research focuses on the politicization and legitimization of European integration, as well as democracy in the EU. He published two peer-reviewed journal articles in 2015: “The Politicization of European Integration: More than an Elite Affair?” in *Political Studies* (co-authored with Anna Gora and Andrea Wagner), as well as “The Eurozone Crisis and Citizen Engagement in EU Affairs” in *West European Politics* (co-authored with Sebastian Baglioni). He also published an edited volume on *The Legitimacy of Regional Integration in Europe and the Americas* (co-edited with Steffen Schneider).

Professor Hurrelmann presented a paper at the European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions of Workshops in Warsaw in March 2015. He also remains busy with his SSHRC-funded research project on “The Eurozone Financial Crisis and the Politicization of European Integration”. With Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly and Amy Verdun (both University of Victoria), he is co-editing a textbook titled *European Union Governance and Policy-Making: A Canadian Perspective*, aimed explicitly at undergraduate students in Canada.



Jeff Sahadeo pursued several wide-ranging projects, including the publishing of “Home and Away: Why the Asian Periphery Matters in Soviet History” in *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*. Additionally, Professor Sahadeo worked as a research partner for the Global Centre for Pluralism (GCP), writing “History and Memory: Implications for Pluralism in Kyrgyzstan and the Ferghana Valley,” available on the Centre’s [website](#). He also accompanied a GCP delegation to Kyrgyzstan in June 2015, where he appeared

at a conference held by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), and engaged with government ministries and non-governmental organizations in efforts to build tolerance and respect for diversity in the country. In terms of public appearances, Professor Sahadeo was invited to present at the Canadian International Council and the Turkic Canadian Convention. He additionally gave invited lectures on his Soviet migration project at Dalhousie University and Yale University, and appeared on CBC’s the National and Power and Politics on the subject of the Ukraine conflict.

He supervised one PhD and four MA students to completion and has been developing a new EURUS course with Professor Hurrelmann for the Bachelor of Global and International Studies, a new degree program he helped design. Professor Sahadeo also won the 2015 “Building Connections” Research Award, offered by Carleton University for his role in Migration and Diaspora Studies initiative.



Crina Viju was awarded in 2014 a SSHRC Insight Development Grant for the project titled, “Are the Central and Eastern European countries winners of the European Union shift in trade policy?” Her current research primarily focuses on this topic. Professor Viju also published a peer-reviewed article, “Free Riding as a Business Strategy during Antidumping Actions” (with W. A. Kerr) in the *Journal of International Business Research*.

As an invited speaker, professor Viju gave a presentation on EU-Russian relations at a Jean Monnet workshop in St. Petersburg. She also presented a paper on the “EU’s New Generation of Free Trade Agreements: Is Everything on the Table?” at the 49th Annual Conference organized by the Canadian Economics Association (Ryerson University). In February she headed a webinar organized by the Centre for European Studies (CES) on Canada-EU Comprehensive Trade and Economic Agreement at Carleton University. She also co-organized the international workshop: *Strategic Partnership as an Instrument of EU Foreign Policy*, held at Carleton University in April, along with Professors Joan DeBardeleben and David Long.

Currently, Professor Viju is working on two articles: “TPP and GMO Regulatory Systems: Any Hope for Successful Negotiations?” and “Is India or Canada/US a Threat for the CEECs? Main Barriers to Trade.” She also continues to teach the MA core seminar as well as an MA course on international political economy. During the winter 2016 semester, Professor Viju will be teaching the “Economics of Transition” and “Europe and Russia in the World” at the undergraduate level.

EURUS Activities and Events

EURUS offers specialization in Carleton’s new Bachelor of Global and International Studies



This fall marked the debut of the Bachelor of Global and International Studies (BGInS) program, which includes the Specialization ‘Europe and Russia in the World’ offered by EURUS.

Kateryna Gazaryan, a first year BGInS student, specializing in ‘Europe and Russia in the World’, spoke with us about her interests in European and Russian studies and her first impressions of the program. Kateryna became interested in the EURUS specialization due to her fascination with European culture and desire to connect her Ukrainian background with her education. So far, Kateryna’s favorite feature of the program is the multidisciplinary scope of the specialization, which covers the history, culture, politics, and economics of Europe and Russia. Having enjoyed studying under the guidance of EURUS professors Achim

Hurrelmann and Jeff Sahadeo, she also cites the emphasis on critical thinking as a desirable aspect of the program.

Kateryna is particularly interested in learning about current problems in EU-Russia relations, and hopes to apply the knowledge she obtains through the BGIInS program to a career in international affairs. Despite an already impressive grasp of three languages (English, Russian, and Ukrainian), she is nonetheless looking to diversify her knowledge further by taking advantage of the program's language requirement. By the time she graduates, Kateryna aims to master Spanish as well.

Former Canadian Ambassador Christopher Westdal discusses the nature Canadian-Russian relations

This September, EURUS and the Centre for Governance and Public Management (CGPM), hosted a special guest lecture on Canadian-Russian relations with former Canadian Ambassador Christopher Westdal. Ambassador Westdal served as the Canadian Ambassador to Russia from 2003 to 2006. During his talk, he shared his impressions of the current state of Canadian-Russian relations, with a critical emphasis on the nature of Canadian foreign policy under the leadership of former Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Ambassador Westdal argued that in recent years, Canada's image has been negatively impacted in the eyes of bilateral and multilateral partners, relations with Russia being a prime example. The room was filled to capacity, and concluded with a spirited Q & A session focused on Canadian foreign policy in the context of the then up-coming federal elections in October.

EURUS co-hosts conference on “The Geopolitics of Energy in the Caspian Region”

In April 2015, EURUS co-hosted a conference on “The Geopolitics of Energy in the Caspian Region” with the Embassies of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey in Ottawa. The conference was held on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the conclusion of the so-called “Contract of the Century” in 1994, which initiated the exploitation of hydrocarbon resources in the Caspian Sea. It examined the development of the energy sector in Azerbaijan, oil and gas contracts signed with multinational corporations, and the trilateral cooperation with Georgia and Turkey on major oil and gas projects, which made these regional developments possible. It also discussed the impact of the recent decline in oil prices on energy production in the Caspian region. Academic presenters included EURUS professor Jeff Sahadeo, EURUS Adjunct Professor Robert Cutler, Professor Christoph Zürcher (University of Ottawa), Dr. Afgan Niftiyev (Caspian Strategy Institute, Istanbul) and Mr. Alex Vatanka (Middle East Institute, Washington DC). The conference also featured a panel of practitioners, including the HE Mr. Selcuk Unal (Ambassador of Turkey to Canada), Dr. Reha Aykul Muratoğlu (Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Republic of Turkey), HE Mr. Alexander Latsabidze (Ambassador of Georgia to Canada), and HE Mr. Ramil Huseynli (Charge d’Affaires of Azerbaijan to Canada).

EURUS co-hosts a roundtable discussion on the EU's relations with eastern partners

In October, EURUS, the Center for European Studies, and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Washington Office), hosted a roundtable discussion titled, “The EU and the East in 2030: Four Scenarios of Relations between the EU, the Russian Federation, and the Common Neighbourhood”. Specialists from Germany, France, Russia, and Poland explored four possible scenarios regarding the future of EU-Russia relations in the Common Neighbourhood, which covered a wide spectrum of outcomes and implications for each actor. One scenario proposed an initial stagnation of relations, followed by a return to a more pragmatic approach where the European Union and Russia focus on shared interests and ignored points of diplomatic tension. The event was well attended by students, academics, and civil servants, and led to an animated discussion on the current state of EU-Russia relations, and role of Ukraine as an independent actor during the Q & A.



From left to right: EURUS professor Joan DeBardeleben, Dmitry Suslov (Higher School of Economics, Moscow), Felix Hett (Friedrich Ebert Stiftung), Dr. Florence Mardirossian (Geopol Europe, Paris), and Reinhard Krumm (Friedrich Ebert Stiftung).

“Kazakhstan: A Young Country with an Ancient History”



From left to right: Dr. Jeff Sahadeo, Dr. Gulnar Kendirbai, EURUS Director Achim Hurrelmann, Dr. Alma Kunanbaeva, and Ambassador Konstantin Zhigalov.

On October 13, 2015, EURUS hosted a roundtable discussion, “Kazakhstan – A Young Country with an Ancient History”. This event was co-sponsored by the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Centre for Governance and Public Management (CGPM), and marked the 550th anniversary since the establishment of the Kazakh Khanate. The conference was opened by His Excellency, Konstantin Zhigalov, the Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Canada, who described some of Kazakhstan’s history and achievements since the nation has achieved independence from the Soviet Union, in 1991.

Topics of panel discussion included the cultural roots of Kazakhstan, such as unique folklore and influential styles of music, as well as the evolution of Kazakh Khanship under Russian imperial rule. Kazakhstan’s history was discussed by experts including Dr. Alma Kunanbaeva (Stanford, Palo Alto)

and Dr. Gulnar Kendirbai (Columbia, New York), as well as EURUS professor Jeff Sahadeo, who provided insights on the rebellion of 1916, among other aspects of early 20th century Kazakh history.

“Mobility & Politics: Emerging Trends and Common Challenges in Europe and Canada”

Throughout the term, the *Mobility & Politics* lecture series explored a variety of interesting and timely subjects including: re-theorizing skilled migration, German responses to Europe’s migration and refugee challenge, as well as the evolution of the concept of a ‘sanctuary city’ as a response to the refugee crisis in Canada, the United States and Europe.

The series was very well attended and provided students with an opportunity to hear international and local perspectives on key issues in mobility politics. Guest speakers included international scholars Kenneth Horvath (Karlsruhe, Germany), Sabine Dini (Paris XIII, France), and Parvati Raghuram (Newcastle-upon-Tyne, United Kingdom). EURUS professors Achim Hurrelmann and Martin Geiger also participated in the series.

Mobility & Politics is organized by EURUS professor Martin Geiger, and sponsored by a number of partners including EURUS, CES and Migration and Diaspora Studies (MDS) Initiative at Carleton.

Student News

EURUS Co-op Experience: Bojan Dodik



EURUS MA student Bojan Dodik had the opportunity to work for National Program Evaluation Services (NPES), a branch of the RCMP. Serving as a Junior Evaluation Analyst, his work consisted of evaluating law enforcement programs. When asked what he enjoyed the most about his work, Bojan replied the following:

“Without a doubt what I’ve enjoyed most about working for NPES has been the level of responsibility and respect given to students. If you are ready to show initiative and to learn, you are rewarded with meaningful work that eventually makes its way to the eyes of senior

management within the RCMP [...]. In 8 months as a co-op student, I learned how to apply the skills we spend years developing in academia. A capacity for research, analysis, writing, and communicating is valuable to employers.”

Bojan also noted that his studies in EURUS had a noticeable impact on his job. His research on the Balkans resulted in him being introduced to a specific evaluation program at work. Overall, he highly recommends the co-op program to all students. “The experience you stand to gain, both professionally

and personally, can really help to solidify what it is that you want, or at least what you don't [...]. The co-op program helped me to get a foot in the door and today I am certainly more aware, qualified, and job-ready than when I started."

Catherine Malezis featured in FPA Voices



During the past summer, EURUS MA student Catherine Malezis has travelled to Kyrgyzstan in order to conduct field research, focusing on exchanges between local Kyrgyz and Uzbeks, in the context of open-air markets (bazaars). In her major research paper, which focuses on cross-border trade between Kyrgyz and Uzbek people, Catherine wishes to explore how interaction between the two groups has changed given recent tensions between them throughout the Ferghana Valley.

With the guidance of a local Kyrgyz student, Catherine visited several bazaars, where she had the opportunity to discuss these issues with sellers. Through EURUS, she achieved her goal of conducting her own field research. Catherine's experience has been featured in the November edition of the Faculty of Public Affairs' online newsletter, FPA Voices, which is available [here](#).

Congratulations to 2015 MA Graduates

Completing a Master's degree is no small accomplishment. The following students graduated from the EURUS MA program at Carleton's two convocations in 2015:



EURUS MA graduates at the November 2015 convocation. From left to right: Alex Groarke, Otilie Grisdale, Taylor Heaven, and Jason D'Amour.

- Aleksey Asiryan
- Pierre Bussieres
- Diana Chiriac
- Sebastian Coll Clough
- Jason D'Amour
- Kimberly Dillon
- Marielle Gervais
- Otilie Grisdale
- Alex Groarke
- Taylor Heaven
- Kateryna Ivanchenko
- Elena Kaliberda
- Viktoryia Leipi
- Chang Liu
- Alexey Makinin
- Konstantin Manyakin
- Giovanna Roma
- Ardit Skora
- Adriana Sorescu
- Anika Sparling

Below are a few of our graduates' research topics, which illustrate the diverse interests of our students:

- Pierre Bussieres: "A Far Cry from Moscow: An Analysis of Bargaining Strategies between Provinces of the Russian Far East and the Federal Centre."
- Ottilie Grisdale: "Seeing Past the 'post-9/11 framing': The Long Rise of anti-Islam Politics in the Netherlands."
- Taylor Heaven: "Revised and Reshaped: The Role of Past Symbols in the Construction of a Contemporary Russian National Identity."
- Elena Kaliberda: "The European Public Sphere: European Commission Initiatives on Creating Transnational Media Networks."
- Konstantin Manyakin: "Multiculturalism in Western Europe: From Implementation to Failure."

We wish the best of luck to all graduating students!

Funding and Travel Opportunities

Magna Fund for Russian Studies

The Magna Fund for Russian Studies allows EURUS to provide students with a stipend of up to \$2,000 to support student research and training related to studying Russia and the Russian language. This funding is pivotal to the success of student travel and research in Russian affairs and has become a beacon of opportunity that encourages students' academic and career growth via the EURUS program.

The EURUS program is greatly enhanced by Magna funding. The Magna Fund enriches studying in EURUS, Institute events, and faculty research initiatives related to Russia.

The Magna Fund for Russian Studies, sponsored by Frank Stronach, delivers \$90,000 annually for five years to Carleton University. The funding facilitates travel for students and faculty, research on Russian affairs, Russian language training, and provides finances to host international speakers for seminars and guest lectures. To find out more about Magna funding, please visit [this link](#).

Carleton Graduate Student Travel/Research Bursary

The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs provides the Graduate Student Travel/Research Bursary to students who require financial assistance in travel for research, travel to present on their research, and travel to conferences. This bursary has supported students attending conferences in Toronto and Victoria, seeking linguistic training in Kyrgyzstan and conducting field work in Azerbaijan.

The Graduate Student Travel/Research Bursary is awarded to students on a case-by-case basis who require modest financial assistance to complete field research or to facilitate travel for presenting at

academic conferences. It can also help with publishing questionnaires, long-distance charges, translation fees, and photocopying. For more information on this bursary, please visit [this link](#).

Grants for Research on the European Union

The Centre for European Studies (CES) provides support to both MA and PhD students for research travel related to the European Union. These grants support field work in EU member states related to PhD and MA theses/dissertation/and major research papers required for these degrees. These grants are supported by funding from the EU and the Faculty of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Affairs. Please check the Opportunities section of the CES website in January-February 2016 for grant competition announcements (www.carleton.ca/ces/grants-and-opportunities/).

Under the **PhD Mentorship Program**, the Canada-Europe Transatlantic Dialogue (CETD), funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, supports visits of Canadian PhD students to institutions in Canada other than their home university to work with a faculty member who has expertise in the field of EU/contemporary European studies or on Canada-EU relations. For more information on this program, please visit the CETD website at <https://labs.carleton.ca/canadaeurope/youth-opportunities/>

EU Study Tour and Internship Program

The EU Study Tour and Internship program is now open for applications for summer 2016 (see [this link](#)). The Centre for European Studies will once again also be offering grants to support participation in the Tour. This is a three week program of consultations in a range of European institutions during the month of May 2016. Participants may apply for an unpaid internship (minimum two months) in a European institution following the Tour. For application guidelines, please visit. For more information, please contact Professor Crina Viju at crina.viju@carleton.ca, or by phone (613) 520-2600x8440. The student grants are co-funded by a grant from the European Union.

Centre for European Studies Update

The Centre for European Studies (CES, www.carleton.ca/ces) continues to receive support from the European Union as an EU Centre of Excellence (EUCE) and as coordinator of the network of EUCEs in Canada. In addition, the Centre hosts the Canada-Europe Transatlantic Dialogue (CETD), a strategic knowledge cluster network funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (<https://labs.carleton.ca/canadaeurope/>). For full information see our webpages.

The Centre has just published a report entitled *Strategic Partnership as an Instrument of EU Foreign Policy*, which includes summaries of outstanding presentations by a host of European, Canadian, and American contributors to a major workshop sponsored by the EUCE and CETD in April 2015. The publication examines the EU's partnerships with countries including Canada, the US, Russia, China, and Mexico, and the role that these partnerships play in the EU's larger foreign policy approach. See <https://labs.carleton.ca/canadaeurope/2015/strategic-partnership-workshop-report/>.

Videocasts, summaries, and PowerPoint slides from the recent CES international conference on *Renewable Energy and Climate Change Policy in Europe and Canada* (October 1-2, 2015) are now available at <http://carleton.ca/ces/energy-policy-workshop>. This material provides excellent background regarding international climate change negotiations, what cities in Canada and Europe are doing in this arena, and the special challenges faced by federal and multilevel governance systems like the EU and Canada in promoting renewable energy and in addressing climate change. The conference and materials are funded by our EU and SSHRC grants.

CES, with EURUS, has hosted long-term visiting scholar Francis McGowan, University of Sussex, during the fall term. Professor McGowan has been an instructor for a special topics graduate seminar on Sustainable Energy Policy in Europe, cross-listed with Carleton's School of Public Policy and Administration. During his time in Canada, he has lectured at Carleton University, University of Alberta in Edmonton, and at Queen's University in Kingston, as well as offering a webinar relating to his expertise on shale gas development in Europe, Canada and the US.

Upcoming CES Events in Winter 2016

On March 10-11, the Canada-Europe Transatlantic Dialogue is organizing a major wrap-up conference entitled *Canada and Europe: Converging or diverging responses to international and domestic challenges?* The event will feature scholars from across Canada and Europe, who will reflect on relations between the EU and Canada over the seven years of the project and will discuss potential areas of cooperation, as well as possibilities for mutual learning between Europe and Canada. Topics will include dealing with international conflict; the Canada-Europe Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA); and Canadian/European responses to challenges such as environmental sustainability, migration and integration of immigrants, managing economic crisis, policies for inclusive growth and social inclusion, and issues of democratic legitimacy. This event is free and open to the public. The full announcement will be available on the CETD website in January.

On February 10, 2015, Professor Hannes Adomeit will speak on German-EU-Russian relations in the context of the present strategic and modern partnerships between these countries. Dr. Adomeit has taught at the College of Europe, Natolin, Warsaw. Prior to that, he was Research Associate and head of the Russia research section at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs in Berlin.

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