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Letter from the Director

In December, we received an external assessment, as part of Carleton's quality assurance process, which confirmed that EURUS "has maintained the high standards and reputation for leadership in its field that it has enjoyed since the 1970s". It has been my great pleasure to serve as Director of such a remarkable institution since this past summer. I have taken over EURUS in great shape from my predecessor Jeff Sahadeo, who deserves our thanks for his dedicated leadership between 2010 and 2014.

EURUS would not have retained its national and international reputation, of course, if the Institute had not changed since the 1970s, adapting to the changes in our region of study. The very fact that I am the first West Europeanist at the helm of EURUS, reflecting how the regional scope covered by EURUS has expanded since 2000, confirms our dynamism. In 2014, EURUS has continued to grow with the addition of Professor Martin Geiger, an expert in migration studies, to our faculty.

This past year has been a difficult one in our region. The conflicts over Crimea and Eastern Ukraine have not only caused much human suffering; they have also put great strain on the relationship between Russia and the West, including the European Union. EURUS faculty members and graduate students have actively commented on these conflicts, both in the news media and in our dedicated blog, thus contributing to a more informed political discourse.

In the following pages of this newsletter, you can read about our activities and achievements throughout 2014. We look forward to a similarly active year in 2015. The year will begin with an important change in our office: Ginette Lafleur, who has served as EURUS Administrator for the past eleven years, has retired on December 31. She will be succeeded by Krysia Kotarba, who will take up her position in mid-January. Please join me in thanking Ginette for exceptional service to the Institute, and in welcoming Krysia to the EURUS community.

Achim Hurrelmann, Director

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Faculty News

EURUS Welcomes New Faculty Member Professor Martin Geiger!



Martin Geiger assumed his position as Assistant Professor of "Politics of Human Migration and Mobility" in July 2014. He is cross-appointed with EURUS, the Department of Political Science, and the Institute of Political Economy. Martin's research focuses on smart borders and the role of international institutions in migration politics. During the winter term he will be teaching a EURUS seminar course on demographic change and migration in Europe. Martin is involved in the activities of the Centre for European Studies (CES), Carleton's Migration and Diaspora Studies (MDS) initiative, and the security cluster of the Borders in Globalization (BiG). He is currently working on two funding applications to continue his research on migration & border management and international organizations. Recently Martin became a contributor in a new project in the framework of the EU's Horizon program. This project looks at the role of new technologies (ICTs) and how these technologies can be used to promote development, and assist diaspora groups worldwide in their developmental efforts. He is also preparing a joint monograph on the International Organization for Migration and several journal articles on Frontex and the transformation of migration policies. Activities for the coming year include the organization of a series of guest lectures focused on migration and related social processes in Europe. The aim of this series, supported by EURUS and CES, will be to bring European insights and experiences into dialogue with discussions and developments in Canada.

Professor Piotr Dutkiewicz Publishes New Book with Dr. Richard Sakwa

In 2013, the Valdai Club Foundation initiated a new research project to analyze socio-economic processes in the Eurasian space, as understood by the main regional actors. The result of this research is a recently published book titled *Eurasian Integration: The View From Within* that the authors presented during the 11th Annual meetings of the Valdai Club. This book includes a range of substantive work from scholars based in the region, offering contrasting perspectives on the process of Eurasian integration and its place in the world. Chapters consider economic, political, social and security developments, with notable studies of the major countries involved in the development of the Eurasian Economic Union. The work also examines the connections between the region and China, greater Asia and the European Union. It outlines the varying dynamics, with populations growing in Central Asia while at best stagnant elsewhere. The book discusses the increasing strategic significance of the region and explores how the new post-Soviet states are growing in national cohesion and political self-confidence. Above all, the book examines the concept of 'Eurasia' and argues that although regional integration is very much a popular idea in our age, with the potential for economic benefits and increased international influence, in practice contemporary projects for Eurasian integration have been highly ambiguous and contested. Nevertheless, significant steps have been

taken towards the creation of the Eurasian Economic Union. The book analyses developments to date, noting the achievements as well as the challenges.

Eurasian Integration: The View From Within, edited by Piotr Dutkiewicz and Richard Sakwa, Routledge Publishers, 2014.

EURUS Institute Administrator Ginette Lafleur is Retiring

Ginette Lafleur, who has served as EURUS administrator since 2003, is retiring at the end of 2014. Ginette will be greatly missed by everyone in EURUS. We would like to thank her for her dedicated work that has been instrumental to the growth of EURUS in recent years.

We sat down with Ginette for some reflections on her experience with EURUS: Ginette began working with the institute in August 2003, during the directorship of Prof. Piotr Dutkiewicz. She recalled this as a very exciting time where she was particularly involved in managing and coordinating events. She also noted meeting many interesting people during this period, particularly as Prof. Dutkiewicz was very involved with coordinating events with external partners. She also remembers her time working with directors Prof. Jeff Sahadeo and Prof. Joan DeBardeleben very fondly, and feels privileged to have been able to work closely with each of them. Ginette greatly enjoyed working closely with students and faculty. Her future plans involve going horseback-riding and working with the Dog Rescue Association.

Ginette would like to thank everyone she has worked closely with over the years, adding that whoever enters this position will be very lucky to be working in a place with a strong sense of warmth, friendliness and community.

Thank you Ginette and Best of Luck!

Faculty and Associate News



James Casteel's article "Searching for the 'New World,' Finding 'Asia': The Rhetoric of Colonization in Interwar German Travellers' Accounts of the Soviet Union" was recently accepted by the journal *Cultural and Social History* and will appear in the Spring 2015 issue (vol 11, no. 2). He currently is developing a new research project, "Parallel Diasporas, Divergent Memories" that explores cultural memory among post-Soviet migrants to Germany. James received a Faculty of Arts and Social Science Junior Research Award for this project in the spring that helped to support a research trip to Germany last summer. He has presented preliminary research for this project at the Post-Soviet Diasporas conference held at Carleton in March (co-

sponsored by EURUS and the Migration and Diaspora Studies Initiative) and at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual meeting in San Antonio in November. James continues to share the undergraduate supervisory duties together with his colleague Crina Viju and teaches regularly in the EURUS core course for the M.A. program.



Joan DeBardeleben continues her work on Russian elections and on EU-Russian relations. She is a partner in a Jean Monnet Multilateral Research group on “EU-Russia relations: Developing a transnational perspective”, supported by a grant from the Lifelong Learning Program of the European Union. Other partners are University of Kent (Prof. Tom Casier, lead), St. Petersburg State University (Prof. Tatiana Romanova) and Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany (Prof. Dr. Arne Niemann).

Recent Publications:

- “The Reinstated Gubernatorial Elections in Russia: A Return to Open Politics?” (with Mikhail Zherebtsov), *Region: Regional Studies of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia* 3 (2014): 3-36.
- “New EU-Russian Borders after Enlargement: From Local to Transnational Linkages,” in *Shifting Priorities in Russia’s Foreign and Security Policy*, Roger E. Kanet and Remi Piet, eds. (Ashgate, 2014), pp. 73-94.
- “EU Enlargement: Ten Years later,” (with Crina Viju and David Long), *Diplomat and International Canada*, April 20, 2014 (<http://diplomatonline.com/mag/2014/04/eu-enlargement-ten-years-later/>)

Conference papers:

- “Framing EU-Russian Relations in National Media: Russia, Germany, Poland,” Annual conference, UACES (UK), Sept 1-4, 2014, Cork, Ireland
- “Putin’s ‘Power Vertical’, Regional Elections, and Multilevel Governance in Russia,” International Political Science Association, Montreal, July 20-24, 2014.
- “Governance Approaches, Political Authority, and EU-Russian Relations,” Jean Monnet Multilateral Research Group, Mainz, Apr. 11-12, 2014.
- “Value Clash Redux: The Revival of Normative Politics in Russia’s Relations with the West,” Catalytic workshop, International Studies Association, Toronto, March 24, 2014.
- Also presented (by invitation) at the University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana, Oct. 3, 2014; European University Institute, Florence IT, Nov. 10, 2014.



Piotr Dutkiewicz has been very busy over the last few months. He has received a FPA Research Excellence Award to conduct a study titled *The Social History of Russia and Russians since 1991 – The Untold Story*. He believes that there is an untold history of Russia that remains to be written from her citizens’ perspective, both about and set against the background of major political and economic events. This is an untold story of millions of Russians who – despite all odds – maintained the integrity and stability of the country.

So far, the countless existing books on Russia’s transition have been written from a high-politics perspective – mostly from an “official perspective” with a narrative focused on elite-level developments (such as – for instance – changes in the top leadership, changes in key legal and

institutional set up of the Federation) or from a formulaic comparative perspective focusing on the success/failure of “transition to democracy” or “liberalization of the market.”

He has also published a variety of non-refereed works which can be found at: <http://valdaiclub.com/> under “Russia and the World/Near Abroad” and “Inside Russia/Politics”; and participated in conferences and seminars, including:

- “Contours of the New Paradigms in IR.” public lecture, Moscow State University, Department of Political Science, November 24, 2014.
- “Global versus Regional Governance” at Higher School of Economics Conference, *Global Governance: Nominal, Actual and Alternative*, November 20, 2014.
- “New Trends in Russian Foreign Policy,” at The Atlantic Council of Canada Conference, *The Future of International Norms*, November 18, 2014.
- “Impressions from Valdai: Russia’s Foreign Policy in the Second Putin Presidency,” public lecture, EURUS, Carleton U., November 4, 2014.
- “Russia and new-order of International Relations After Ukraine Crisis”, seminar at Shanghai, SIIS, April 24, 2014.
- “Challenges for Big Powers”, public lecture, Moscow University, March 5, 2014.
- “Ukraine Crisis”, EURUS, Carleton U., public lecture, March 13, 2014.
- “Russia in 2014 and beyond?” public seminar, DFATD, January 9, 2014.



Achim Hurrelmann became EURUS Director on July 1, 2014. His research continues to focus on the politicization and legitimization of European integration, as well as democracy in the European Union. He published two peer-reviewed journal articles in 2014: “Democracy beyond the State: Insights from the European Union”, *Political Science Quarterly* 129:1, 87-105, as well as “Democracy in the European Union: An Impossible Ideal?”, *Journal of European Public Policy* 22:1, 19-36. He was the main academic organizer of the research workshop “Crisis Contained, Democracy Diminished? The Politics of the Eurozone Financial Crisis”, run by the Centre for European Studies in September 2014. He presented papers at the Council for European Studies Conference in Washington/DC (March 2014), the European Community Studies Association–Canada Conference in Montreal (May 2014), as well as workshops at Princeton University (March 2014), the University of Bremen (July 2014), and the Social Science Research Centre Berlin (November 2014). He gave invited lectures at Dalhousie University (January 2014) as well as at Europapunkt Bremen, an EU information centre in Bremen/Germany (November 2014). In the Spring of 2014, he served on an adjudication committee for SSHRC Insight Grants in Political Science/Public Administration. Achim continues to work on his SSHRC-funded research project on “The Eurozone Financial Crisis and the Politicization of European Integration”, as well as on an edited volume on “The Legitimacy of Regional Integration: Europe and North America Compared”, which is set to appear with Palgrave Macmillan in 2015.



Jeff Sahadeo is on sabbatical for 2014-15 after four-plus years as EURUS director. He will focus on his monograph on Caucasus and Central Asian migration to Soviet-era Leningrad and Moscow. Over the past year he published an article on transnational imperialism for *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*. Another project has involved work with the Global Centre for Pluralism on the role of history and memory in ethnic relations in Kyrgyzstan. Professor Sahadeo presented papers at the Central

Eurasian Studies Society and the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, and was invited to speak at Bogazici University in Istanbul, Indiana University, Canadian Forces College, and the Second Annual Turkic Canadian Convention in Ottawa. Among several media interviews on Ukraine were appearances on TVO, CBC, CTV and CTV Newsnet. He also led the initial planning for Carleton's new Bachelor of Global and International Studies.



Crina Viju published numerous articles and chapters in edited books this year, including: "Free Riding as a Business Strategy During Antidumping Actions" (with Kerr W.A.), *Journal of International Business Research*, forthcoming December 2014; "Income Inequality and its Contributor Factors in Transition Economies", *Eastern Journal of European Studies* (with Rose S.), Vol. 5(1), pp. 5-20; "Zero Tolerance and the Rules of Trade: Lessons from the Discovery of Genetically Modified Flax in the European Union" (with Yeung M. and Kerr W.A.), *World Economy* Vol. 37(1), pp. 137-150; and, "Market Access and Trade," in K. Ludlow, S. Smyth and J. Falck-Zepeda (eds.) *Socio-economic Considerations in Biotechnology Regulation*, Springer Science and Business Media, LLC, 2014, pp. 201-215. Dr. Viju made several presentations as an invited speaker at the Canada-EU Strategic Dialogue conference: *Regional Trade Agreements and EU Trade Policy*, McGill University, Montreal, October 31, 2014 on "CETA and Regulatory Cooperation: SPS and TBT"; the Jean Monnet workshop: *Approaching EU-Russia Relations Differently*, Mainz, April 11-12, 2014 on "No Middle Ground? The EU, Ukraine and Russia"; the Jean Monnet policy workshop: *Ukraine and Beyond: Is the EU's Eastern Partnership an effective policy for its neighbours?*, Carleton University, Ottawa, March 31st, 2014 on "EU or Russia? Ukraine's Economic Dilemma"; and at conferences organized by learned societies on "Agriculture in the EU's New Generation of Free Trade Agreements: CETA and TTIP", at *EU in International Affairs IV Conference*, Institute for European Studies at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels May 22 – 24, 2014, and on "TTIP and Agriculture: Can we learn anything from CETA?", at ECSA-C (European Community Studies Association – Canada) 10th Biennial Conference, Montreal, QC, May 8-10, 2014. She is currently working on the "Impacts of 'Global Europe' Strategy on the countries of Central and Eastern Europe" and "EU-US negotiations for a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership." Crina also continues to teach in the core seminar courses for EURUS MA students and in the winter 2015 semester will be teaching "Economics of Transition" as well as "Europe and Russia in the World."

EURUS Activities and Events

EURUS to Host Specialization for Carleton's Bachelor of Global and International Studies (BGInS) Program in Fall 2015



This coming fall, EURUS will begin hosting the **Europe and Russia in the World specialization** for Carleton's new Bachelor of Global and International Studies (BGInS) program. This program was brought to EURUS in large part thanks to previous director Professor Jeff Sahadeo who played an instrumental role in creating the specialization during his time as director of the institute. EURUS's BGInS specialization will allow students to study the history, society, politics, economics, and culture of the region using its signature multi-disciplinary perspective. The program's geographic scope is unique in treating Europe, Russia, and Eurasia as a collective, highlighting the considerable social, cultural, economic, and political ties that span the region. Students will be able to focus their studies on particular countries, sets of countries, or institutions such as the European Union. The required courses in the specialization will provide students with knowledge about the region's history, literature and culture, economics and politics, current affairs, and international issues. Capstone seminars in the fourth year will give students the opportunity to address some of the complex issues facing the region. Students will also be required to fulfill a language requirement in one of the region's languages giving them greater depth and understanding of one or more societies and cultures of the region. Overall, BGInS will offer future students interested in the field of European, Russian and Eurasian studies an excellent introduction to this fascinating region.

EURUS Events

Professor Piotr Dutkiewicz Offers Insights on the XIth Annual Valdai Discussion Club

Professor Piotr Dutkiewicz was invited once again to attend the annual Valdai Discussion Club in Russia. The club brings together leading thinkers, policy makers and business leaders to discuss current and continuing political, economic, and social trends with the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin. Valdai club discussions offer key insights into the future policy decisions of Russian leaders, and Professor Dutkiewicz graciously offered to share his observations with EURUS.

His talk, *Impressions from Valdai: Russia's Foreign Policy in the Second Putin Presidency* was particularly timely in light of the on-going crisis in Ukraine, which has resulted in a renewed focus on Russia's foreign policy towards its neighbours and the state of relations between Russia and Western nations. Despite the often sensational headlines, the motivations behind Russia's diplomatic and domestic interests are—like those of all nations— inherently complex and require nuanced unpacking. In this special lecture, Professor Piotr Dutkiewicz explored key themes in Russia's foreign policy discourse, drawing on his thoughts and impressions from the Valdai, and brought them together in an interesting and engaging way using his considerable knowledge and expertise in the field of Russian internal, regional, and global affairs.

[Professor Joan DeBardeleben Hosts Special Research Seminar: *Value Clash Redux*](#)

This October, Professor Joan DeBardeleben hosted a research seminar addressing the renewed importance of normative politics in the EU-Russia relationship. The seminar was informed by Professor DeBardeleben's ongoing research on this topic, and her detailed knowledge and expertise in the fields of EU-Russia relations, the EU's policy towards its eastern neighbours, and political participation in Europe and Russia.

The main question posed by the seminar was whether tensions between the EU and Russia are rooted in a clash of basic political values, or whether they have more to do with differing economic and geopolitical interests. Professor DeBardeleben explored why the idea of a 'value clash' seems to have reemerged between the EU and Russia, and what impact it has had on the EU's approach to the region.

[EURUS Hosts Conference on Post-Soviet Diasporas with Metropolis and MDS](#)

On March 20 and 21, 2014, EURUS, Metropolis, and Migration & Diaspora Studies at Carleton University, generously supported by the Magna Fund for Russian Studies, presented a joint conference on *Post-Soviet Diasporas: Identities, Linkages and Transformations*.

The central goal of the conference was to identify and assess the impact of post-Soviet diasporas in Europe and North America (among other host states), and to better understand the economic, political, social, and cultural relationships of these diasporas with their homelands.

The conference received over 80 proposals from 20 countries. Scholars representing Canada, Russia, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Germany presented their research on a range of issues including, remittance dynamics, the effect of diasporas on their home states, identity transformation, and the ethnic dynamic in Europe. Keynote speakers included EURUS Professor Jeff Sahadeo who discussed "Soviet/Post-Soviet Migration and Diasporas in Transnational Perspectives" and Professor Timothy E. Heleniak of the Department of Geography at George Washington University who discussed "Diasporas, Development, and Homelands in Europe".

EURUS and CES Host Research Workshop on the Eurozone Crisis and Democracy in the EU

In cooperation with the Centre for European Studies (CES), EURUS hosted a research workshop on September 19 titled *Crisis Contained, Democracy Diminished? The Politics of the Eurozone Financial Crisis*. The workshop, coordinated by EURUS Director Achim Hurrelmann, examined the impact of the Eurozone financial crisis on democratic governance in the European Union (EU). While existing research on this topic has primarily addressed the effects of the crisis on EU institutions – for instance, the growing power of the European Council – this workshop focused on the ways in which the crisis has affected the politics and discourses of democratic decision-making. In particular, it examined whether the crisis has led to an increased politicization of the EU among political elites or in the broader citizenry.

After an introductory roundtable with prominent political scientists Richard Bellamy (European University Institute), Amy Verdun (University of Victoria) and Matthias Matthijs (Johns Hopkins University), three thematic panels examined the politics of EU and member-state crisis management, elections and referendums held in the context of the crisis (including the May 2014 European Parliament election), and the impact that the crisis has had on public opinion and civil society mobilization. The workshop brought together established and new scholars from Europe and North America with expertise on the politics of European integration.

EURUS Hosts Graduate Student Conference with the Magna Fund

On January 24th, EURUS hosted a graduate student conference titled, *Russian and Eurasian Spaces: Past and Present* in partnership with the Magna Fund for Russian Studies at Carleton University. Spanning two continents, Russia is unique in its size and its role in influencing the Eurasian region remains monumental. The conference focused specifically on Eurasia's historic and contemporary relations with Russia. Graduate students interested in Russia and Eurasia had the opportunity to present their research and learn from their colleagues. In an interdisciplinary fashion, the conference explored topics including foreign and security policy, place and displacement, and the historical and social processes of the region. The keynote speaker was Krista Goff of the University of Michigan, who presented on "Ethnographers and the Assimilation of Minorities in the Making of Soviet Nations."

The conference provided an excellent opportunity for students, professors, and interested members of the wider EURUS community to become more familiar with the current direction of graduate research focused on the region. Following the conference, the Embassy of the Russian Federation graciously hosted a reception for the students and conference attendees.

Crisis in Ukraine

The politics and history of Ukraine have long been an area of focus for EURUS. As such, the on-going crisis in Ukraine has been central to a diverse range of academic, volunteer, and public outreach activities of our faculty and students during the past year.

EURUS Hosts *Ukraine: A Crisis in Context* Roundtable Discussion



In the first event of the 2014 fall term, EURUS professors and associates Andrea Chandler, Joan DeBardeleben, Piotr Dutkiewicz, Milana Nikolko and Jeff Sahadeo discussed their insights on the current crisis in Eastern Ukraine. Discussion themes included the prospects for a lasting settlement, the impact of the conflict on domestic Ukrainian and Russian politics, and

the damage that the conflict has done to international relations between Russia and the West, especially the European Union. The panel discussed the crisis from political, historical, sociological and international relations perspectives, and was a prime example of the interdisciplinary nature of scholarship at EURUS. The panelists also shared their personal reactions to the crisis as long time observers of the region, such as the poignancy of the return of Cold War rhetoric to Russia-West relations. The event drew a full house in the Senate Room of Robertson Hall and produced an excellent discussion with considerable audience engagement.

EURUS Presents Panel Discussion Analyzing the Crisis in Crimea

In cooperation with Carleton's Centre for European Studies and the Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Ottawa, EURUS presented a panel discussion on developments in Crimea, including military units surrounding important installations in the territory, such as the airport in Simferopol and the port in Kerch, as well as the outcomes of the EuroMaidan demonstrations in Kiev and the collapse of Viktor Yanukovych's presidency. The panel, held on March 4th, 2014, also examined international reactions to the events in Crimea and Russian responses.

The panelists included Dominique Arel, Chairholder at the Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Ottawa, Andrea Chandler, Professor of Political Science at Carleton and a former EURUS director, Joan DeBardeleben, Professor at EURUS and Jean Monnet Chair in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood Relations, and Mikhail Zherebtsov, a postdoctoral scholar and lecturer at Carleton University.

Participation in OSCE Election Observer Mission in Ukraine

During the 2014 presidential election in Ukraine, former acting EURUS administrator Chris Manor and EURUS Master's students, Artur Vardanyan, Caitlin Keaney, Kate Ivanchenko, and Viktoria Leipi joined the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's (OSCE) election observer mission on behalf of Carleton University. During their trip the group visited polling stations and witnessed ballots being counted. Carleton is connected to the OSCE through CANADEM, a non-profit agency dedicated to advancing international peace and security that works with the Canadian government to send observers to monitor elections around the world.

Although they were not based in dangerous areas, Kate, a Ukrainian Canadian who was based in Kiev during the mission, commented that she was surprised at the military checkpoints situated between central Kiev and its suburbs. Artur, who was born in Ukraine, reaffirmed that despite the dangers in the east, both Ukraine and Kiev are beautiful to see. Carleton published a news story about the mission on their grad student website available [here](#).

Crisis in Ukraine Blog

To provide relevant and up-to-date analyses of the events in Ukraine over the past year, EURUS started the "Crisis in Ukraine" blog. The first post on March 2, 2014 by Professor Piotr Dutkiewicz followed the Russian parliament's authorization of the use of force in Ukraine. Since then, over 30 articles have been posted to the blog produced by faculty members, associated professors, adjunct professors, and graduate students of EURUS, as well as external contributors. These pieces covered a wide range of issues, including different perspectives on the crisis, the role of the far-right, domestic political factors in the countries involved, possible peaceful exits from the crisis, the possibility of Ukraine as a failed state, and what the separation of Ukraine and Crimea means for both regions. Please visit the blog [here](#).

Student News

EURUS Coop Experience: Taylor Heaven

In January 2014, Taylor Heaven began her co-op placement with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD). While there, she assisted each of the Senior Desk Officers and Trade Commissioners with tasks such as drafting ministerial correspondence and briefing products, responding to Access to Information Privacy (ATIP) requests and compiling research on bilateral political and trade issues. During her initial placement, she was given the opportunity to extend her placement for another two consecutive terms, which she accepted.

Starting in September 2014, she was promoted to Senior Desk Officer for Central Asia, where she monitors and analyzes developments in the Central Asian region, focusing on Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. She also prepares weekly briefing reports for the Ministers, responds to ATIP requests, and prepares ministerial correspondence, including drafting of docket responses, and diplomatic notes. Taylor's role also has her regularly engaging with the embassies of countries under her responsibility, as well as Canadian missions abroad in Ankara (for Turkmenistan), Moscow (for Uzbekistan), and Astana (for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan), in order to facilitate Canada's day-to-day relations with the region.



Taylor recently gave a testimonial to EURUS about her co-op experience:

"Given EURUS' specific regional focus on the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia, this co-op position afforded me the opportunity to apply my well-established academic interest in the region to a professional setting. As a student, I research regional cooperation and geopolitical issues, and engage in class seminar discussions about current affairs in the region. Working at DFATD, I have had the opportunity to apply my knowledge of these issues and affairs in a practical environment. Having a broad knowledge of the historical and contemporary events, foreign policy, and geopolitical structure of the region enabled me to approach my position at DFATD possessing a solid foundation."

FGPA Award Recipients: Ali Bahman and Anika Sparling



EURUS is very pleased to announce that MA students Mohammad (Ali) Bahman and Anika Sparling were recently selected as this year's respective recipients of the Hamlin Graduate Bursary and the Rudelle Hall Memorial Scholarship. Ali and Anika have been similarly recognized for their exceptional commitment to the pursuit of higher learning, and impassioned approach to their Master's research.

Ali's research at EURUS is focused on peace building and economic reconstruction in Central Asia. Following graduation, he is

keenly interested in working in the Canadian Foreign Service, with an eye to specialized work on Central Asia. Ali has succeeded in his studies, despite facing very difficult personal circumstances. Fleeing the Soviet war, Ali's family migrated first to Uzbekistan, and later to Canada when he was 16 years old. Given his later acquisition of English, Ali was often encouraged to pursue a more

“practical” career; however for Ali studying global-politics was a lifelong dream which he pursued at the encouragement of his family. Ali worked tirelessly during his BA and even found time to volunteer, serving as President of the Afghan Student Association of Ottawa (among other positions). Speaking of his parents who received no formal education, “being denied education sentences individuals to navigate the world in the dark”, for Ali, helping create access to education will be the best way to honour those who have supported his own academic journey.

Anika’s personal and professional commitment to understanding gender and diversity issues is exemplary. Her term paper on intersectionality and the European Union’s gender equality policies, inspired the topic of her Master’s major research paper tentatively titled: “Europeanization in Germany: Gender Quotas on Publicly Listed Management Boards.” When asked why she chose to focus on this particular topic Anika said, “Germany has one of the largest economies in the 21st century, and yet women are still dramatically underrepresented in senior positions of authority. I wanted to study the social and structural factors that inform this disparity”. After completing her MA, Anika would like to gain work experience in Gender/Diversity Mainstreaming within a Canadian decision making body such as the federal government, before going on to pursue Doctoral studies in gender and diversity.

The EURUS community is extremely proud of Ali and Anika. We wish them the very best as they finish their research!

Check out our new [Student Experience Abroad](#) and [Get to Know EURUS](#) page!

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 undeniably 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

Through its various programs, CES provides support to both M.A. and Ph.D. students for research related to the European Union. Please check the Opportunities section of our website in January-February 2015 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

CES will once again be offering grants to support participation in the EU Study, a three week program of consultations in a range of European institutions during the month of May 2015. Participants may apply for an unpaid internship (minimum two months) in a European institution following the Tour. For application guidelines, please visit [this link](#). For more information, please contact Professor Joan DeBardeleben at joan.debardeleben@carleton.ca, or by phone (613) 520-2886. The student grants are co-funded by a grant from the European Union.

Centre for European Studies Update

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The Centre for European Studies (CES) is pleased to welcome Dara Marcus, who began to work at the Centre for European Studies in spring 2014 as Project Manager for the Canada - Europe Transatlantic Dialogue and the EUCE Network. She is also the Managing Editor of *the Review of European and Russian Affairs*, an online academic journal. She holds a Masters in Public and International Affairs from the University of Ottawa. Her research interests include urban agriculture, immigration, and science policy.

CES Visiting Scholar Dr. Emmanuel Sigalas

Beginning in January 2015, Dr. Emmanuel Sigalas, Assistant Professor of EU Politics in the Department of Political Science at the Vienna Institute of Advanced Studies, will join CES as a Visiting Scholar in Residence. His research interests include legislative studies, the European Parliament, EU space policy, EU education policy, and European identity. Dr. Sigalas' most recent research has focused on the crisis of parliamentarism, the EU's space policy and the electoral connection at the EU level. He is the author of numerous publications and conference papers. Most recently he wrote a guest article, "Variable Democracy: Insights from the Eurozone crisis," for the EU Centres of Excellence Network Newsletter (Fall 2014). He will teach the EURUS graduate class "Social & Political Perspectives in Europe" (EURR 4003/5003) and will give a lecture on the Eurozone crisis using a case study of Greek democracy and political reform.

Upcoming CES Events in January 2015

On January 22, 3:00-4:30PM, CES will host a Current Events Lecture entitled "Greek Democracy under Stress: Political Reform and the Eurozone Crisis," with Dr. Emmanuel Sigalas. Using a case study of Greece, Dr. Sigalas will discuss how the Eurozone crisis has affected the legitimacy and capacity of the Greek parliament and implications for democracy in Greece. He will explore the long-term effects of the lack of political reform in Greece following political unrest since 2010.

On Friday, January 30, 3:00-4:30PM, CES will host a lecture with Professor Michael Johns, Laurentian University, who will be discussing EU policies on minority rights and social cohesion.

CES will host a webinar and a lecture in February 2015 on "The new EU Framework for Climate and Energy Policies: Implications for European Carbon Prices, Energy Transitions and Climate Change Negotiations in 2015", led by Professor Stephan Schott of Carleton School of Public Policy and Administration. He will discuss the new EU framework for climate and energy policies that was

released on October 23, 2014. This strategic framework consists of binding targets for greenhouse gas emissions, a European wide renewable energy target, an increase in energy efficiency goals and a structural change to the EU emissions trading system for carbon. He will discuss changes to previous targets, the functioning of the emission trading regime and carbon prices, and implications the European position in efforts to reach a new climate change agreement in Paris in 2015.

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