

News from the Institute for European Integration Research

2012

1 April 2012: **EIF moves to University of Vienna!**

The Institute for European Integration Research has now transferred to the University of Vienna. As a “research platform”, it will collaborate closely with the faculties of social sciences, law, economics, and with the faculty of historical and cultural studies. The EIF team is looking forward to this new chapter of its work!

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1 March 2012: **Academy Structural Plan** adopted

The Austrian Academy of Sciences adopted its plan for structural reform 2012 - 14. The Institute for European Integration Research (EIF) is considered to be one of the units with **very good / excellent performance**. Explicitly mentioned are its successful reform since 2008 as well as the internationally high standard of its mostly English publications, e.g. with Oxford University Press or with journals in the Social Sciences Citation Index.

27 Februar 2012: **Jährlicher Tätigkeitsbericht**

2011 war das vierte Jahr des EIF mit reformierter Ausrichtung. Neue Mitarbeitende aus weltweit führenden Institutionen wie Harvard University und ETH Zürich konnten gewonnen werden. Wieder gelangen mehrere Top-Publikationen, v. a. vier Artikel in Journalen des Social Sciences Citation Index. Unter neuer Leitung seit 2008 konnte **mehr als eine**

Verzehnfachung der jährlichen Top-Publikationen im Vergleich zur Phase 1998-2007 erreicht werden. Dies geschah ohne Steigerung der Vollzeitäquivalente an wissenschaftlichen Mitarbeitenden (2011: 9,23; 2007: 10,51). Weiters wurden 2008 vier Monographien und ein wichtiger Sammelband bei Oxford University Press veröffentlicht.

Weiters erfolgten 172 Teilnahmen an wissenschaftliche Veranstaltungen (Vorträge, Konferenzen, Workshops intern und extern, Podiumsdiskussionen etc.), 107 von NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen. 30 Funktionen bei wissenschaftlichen Zeitschriften wurden ausgeübt, von Chefredaktion bis Gutachtenserstellung, davon 24 bei indexierten Journalen. 7 eingeladene und 60 sonstige Vorträge wurden gehalten (davon 6 bzw. 56 bei internationalen Veranstaltungen). 15 wissenschaftliche Veranstaltungen und 11 Lehrveranstaltungen wurden durchgeführt. **14 laufende Projekte wurden bearbeitet, 10 davon mit Drittmitteln.** Neben wissenschaftlichen Veranstaltungen bzw. akademischen Workshops organisierte das EIF auch wieder Veranstaltungen zu aktuellen Themen, 2011 etwa zum Thema „The EU's current crisis: Towards a multi-speed Euro zone“, und die „Vienna Lectures on the European Union“ z.B. in den Bereichen Justiz- und Sicherheitspolitik sowie der Umweltpolitik.

2011

October 2011: **New EIF staff incoming from ETH Zurich and Harvard**

Vessela Hristova (postdoc, Phd from Harvard University) started her work on the EU's consumer protection policy at EIF, and Guido Schweltnus (senior postdoc, previously ETH Zurich) began his work as EIF's expert in the EU's anti-discrimination policies with regard to age, handicap, religious and sexual orientation, etc.

September 2011: **New collaborator starts work in new funded project**

Ariadna Ripoll Servent (Phd from University of Sussex, UK) started as a fulltime project researcher on EIF's project on "The role of supranational institutions in EU Justice and Home Affairs", funded by the Austrian Fund for Research (FWF) and directed by Dr. Florian Trauner.

May 2011: **New Research Network**

EIF is a founding member of the new research network "European Integration and the Global Political Economy: New Directions" set up by the US - Council of European Studies (CES). The mission of this network is to illuminate contemporary developments in European integration and to connect scholars. Participants come from e.g. Harvard University, London School of Economics and Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Oxford University, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, Sciences Po Paris. The EIF, represented by its Director, is the only Austrian Member.

25 March 2011: EIF to employ **new researchers**

Two new members will be joining our team by 1 October 2011. They come from Harvard University and from ETH Zurich and will replace two EIF researchers who have moved or will be moving to the European University Institute in Florence.

February 2011: **Annual report 2010**

Although EIF employed only 11,85 full-time equivalents (2,55 of which held administrative or technical positions) and of which 7,04 were young academics, **thirteen ongoing projects** were carried out, nine of which were (co-)funded by third parties.

On top of that, EIF staff (that is 9,3 academic full-time equivalents) delivered seventeen invited lectures, 10 of which were international, and 26 other lectures (25 of which were international). EIF employees contributed to 17 academic journals in various functions and at the EIF, two international journals are managed with Gerda Falkner as the Editor-in-Chief. In addition to 30 academic events such as workshops, the EIF also organized events focused on current issues including, specifically for 2010, 'The European Union's Energy Security'

and the 'Vienna Lectures on the European Union' in the areas of foreign and security policy as well as the global financial crisis.

Looking at EIF publications within the Social Sciences Citation Index, the team managed six in total for 2010 (five in 2008; seven in 2009). Since the EIF was founded in 1998, 20 articles have been published in SSCI journals¹, 18 of which since 2008. The annual average of such **SSCI publications** has therefore **rocketed upwards after the EIF's recent reform**, from 0,2 (1998-2007) to 6,0 (2008-2010). Including the then discontinuously indexed Austrian Journal of Political Science even before 2008, the annual average still rocketed from 0,6 (1998-2007, that is before the new director's period started by 1 January 2008) to 6,0 (2008-2010).

January 2011: EIF invited to join ERPA

The European Research Papers Archive is a common access point (<http://eiop.or.at/erpa>) for innovative research published online in selected international, peer reviewed series (working papers and journals), covering various topics in European integration. Jointly with EIF, a working paper series of the London School of Economics has now been admitted. Further partner institutions are, inter alia, Sciences Po in Paris and the Robert Schuman Centre of the European University Institute.

¹ Before 2008: except Austrian Journal of Political Science which has been discontinuously indexed.

2010

15 November 2010: **EIF featured in the Academy's Magazine**

Europeanisation is the topic of the November 2010 issue of *Akademie aktuell*. The public relations team interviewed EIF Director Gerda Falkner and presented some of EIF's international projects, including our innovative refereed journal *Living Reviews in European Governance*. The results are revealed in interesting short stories aimed at a wide readership and offered not only in print but also on the Academy's website (http://www.oeaw.ac.at/home/thema/thema_201011.html).

October / November 2010: **Vienna Lectures on the European Union**

In spring 2010, EIF founded the event series "Vienna Lectures on the European Union" to bring renowned international scholars to Austria and initiate high-level debate in the field of EU research. The autumn guest speakers are Radoslav Zubek (Oxford), Wolfgang Wessels (Cologne), Sandra Lavenex (Luzern) and Dirk Lehmkuhl (St. Gallen). Spring 2011 speakers will include Marise Cremona (Florence) and Tanja Börzel (Berlin).

October 2010: Annual **prize of the Journal of European Public Policy**

The Journal of European Public Policy (JEPP) is one of the leading journals world-wide in the field of European integration studies. Its 2010 prize for the "most downloaded article not in a Special Issue" was attributed to EIF's director for a paper on 'Models of Governance: Towards a Conceptual Clarification' in JEPP Volume 14, Issue 1, pages 1-20 (co-authored with O. Treib und H. Bähr). JEPP is ranked 1st in the Public Administration category of the ISI Social Sciences Citation Index.

This is the **6th honour for EIF** researchers or projects **since 2008**.

September 2010: **EU-funded project consortium**

LISBOAN is an "Erasmus Academic Network" in the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme, managed by the Jean Monnet Chair of the University of Cologne under Wolfgang Wessels. Its aim is to link European integration studies across the globe, and EIF's participation will once again foster the international integration of the Institute.

August 2010: **New collaborative project**

The “Canada-Europe Transatlantic Dialogue” will seek transnational solutions to 21st century problems by joining research forces across the Atlantic. This "Strategic Knowledge Cluster" is funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada for the period 2008-2015. EIF is one of the selected European partners and can profit from participation in the transatlantic dialogue events, each year focusing on a different topic, and various smaller workshops and events offered to link leading Europeanists from across Canada with European colleagues.

July 2010: **EIF’s Director honoured in Denmark**

Gerda Falkner has been appointed honorary “Associate Professor” at the University of Copenhagen to foster mutual academic exchange.

June/July 2010: **Applicants from all over the world**

EIF’s announcement of post-doc researcher vacancies through international academic networks resulted in 25 interesting applications from all over the world, including several from the European University Institute in Florence and others from the Max Planck Society in Germany, Canada, Berlin’s Free University. We consider this high number and the excellent academic background of almost all applicants an indication of the mounting international recognition of EIF. Two new members will soon join our team from universities in Scotland and South Korea (after a PhD at the EUI in Italy) respectively, to replace EIF members on leave of absence and collaborate on an externally funded project.

24 – 27 June 2010: Fifth **Pan-European Conference on EU Politics**

At the most prominent congregation worldwide in the field of European integration research – the European Consortium for Political Research’s Oporto conference – EIF was present with a number of paper presentations, two panels, and even a conference plenary round table featuring very prominently EIF’s collaborative project and forthcoming book on the EU’s “joint-decision trap”, to be published by Oxford University Press. .

23 April 2010: **Academy membership for EIF’s Director**

The General Assembly of the Austrian Academy of Sciences selected EIF’s Director Gerda Falkner to become *korrespondierendes Mitglied im Inland*.

19 April 2010: **Panel Discussion on International Research Evaluations**

EIF’s Director, acting speaker of the Academy’s Social Sciences Research Centre, organised and chaired a panel discussion with distinguished speakers presenting their views on

research evaluation experiences in Germany, Switzerland and the UK. This event preceded the annual meeting of the Centre for Social Sciences' Scientific Advisory Board.

March 2010: **Annual report 2009**

Among the numerous activities reported to the Academy last year, our annual report revealed a further increase in EIF publications within the Social Sciences Citation Index: seven in total for 2009 (five in 2008).

February 2010: **Oxford University Press** offers book contract

EIF's collaborative research project on the EU's "joint-decision trap", bringing together EIF staff and experts from international partner institutions such as the Max Planck Society, the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, Universities of St. Gallen, Bremen, and Konstanz, has resulted in a book to be published with OUP in late 2010 or early 2011.

18 January 2010: Presentation of **Innovative Database**

The database on EU policy implementation by Dimiter Toshkov – published with EIF's support and accessible on our website – condenses knowledge in this specific area. A related EIF working paper transcends the state-of-the-art of research in EU studies by highlighting controversies and consensus, as well as indicating avenues for further research. The aim is to offer orientation in an increasingly complex research field.

This adds to similar EIF activities, such as the journal *Living Reviews in European Governance*, published in co-operation with the German Max Planck Society. A number of EIF's activities hence strive for excellence in terms of both innovation and consolidation of research, as well as for a combination of strict quality control and free access to the output.

2009

3 December 2009: **Theseus Prize**

Emmanuel Sigalas was awarded the “Theseus Award for Promising Research on European Integration 2009” in Berlin for his research on people mobility and legitimacy in the EU.

This is the **5th honour for EIF researchers or projects within two years**: *EloP* was included in the SSCI; *LREG* received the European information award; Gerda Falkner was given the JCMS best paper prize (with Oliver Treib); and Emmanuel Sigalas’s PhD thesis now has been honoured for the second time.

October 2009: **Thematic focus** unified

Now all EIF staff, including all doctoral students, work on European integration issues. This was one of the reform goals envisioned by the ÖAW in summer 2007. Mag. Phillip Schnell and Mag. Barbara Herzog-Punzenberger, experts on migration and training issues, moved to the Academy’s “Institute for Culture Studies and the History of Theatre” (IKT).

25 August 2009: **Best Paper Prize**

Gerda Falkner and Oliver Treib are awarded the prize for the best article published in 2008 in the “Journal of Common Market Studies” (considered the most prestigious journal in the field of European integration), for 'Three Worlds of Compliance or Four? The EU-15 Compared to New Member States' in Vol. 46(2) March 2008. According to the 2008 ISI Citation Reports for the Social Sciences Citation Index, the interdisciplinary JCMS is no. 8 of the 99 journals worldwide from the broad field of political science (rank 22 of the 209 economics journals included and no. 6 of 55 in International Relations).

July 2009: **University Chair** offered

In order to continue her deep commitment to the Academy’s Institute for European Integration Research, combined with a half-time professorial position at the University of Vienna, Gerda Falkner has declined the attractive offer of a fulltime Chair in EU politics at the University of Innsbruck (Nachfolge Heinrich Neisser).

29 June 2009: **Annual report 2008**

This balance of activities shows that a steep increase in top-quality publications within the Social Sciences Citation Index, as well as in academic speeches and lectures given by its staff, was achieved in the first year after the reform of the EIF.

17 June 2009: **Speaker of the Social Sciences Research Centre**

EIF's director Gerda Falkner is elected to be speaker of the Social Sciences Research Centre of the Austrian Academy of Sciences for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.

11 May 2009: **Prize awarded**

In London, the EIF's journal Living Reviews in European Governance ("LREG", Editor-in-Chief: Gerda Falkner) is selected for the 2009 Awards for European Information Sources by the European Information Association.

April 2009: Public events on the "**EU as a crisis manager**"

April 2009 marks the start of a series of discussions on issues as topical as the EU's action capacity during the financial and economic turmoil and on security in the EU's neighbourhood in both the Balkans and the Middle East. EIF researchers present their ongoing work on these topics and discuss with academic experts and practitioners.

12 April 2009: **Prize awarded**

Emmanuel Sigalas is awarded the „Lord Bryce Prize for the best thesis in the field of international relations and comparative studies” by the Political Studies Association, UK, for his PhD in Political Science on ‘Cross-border People Mobility and EU Legitimacy: The Effect of ERASMUS on European Identity and EU Support’.

March 2009: Gerda Falkner member of the **EUI's Research Council**

At the end of last year, the European University Institute set up a new Research Council made up of external academics which advises the Institute on the research profile and activities of its departments and centres. The EUI in Florence was set up in 1972 by the six founding Member States of the European Communities to provide advanced academic training to PhD students and to promote research at the highest level. It carries out research from a European perspective (basic research, comparative research and Community research) in history, law, economics, political and social science. It has been ranked as the **top political science department in Europe** and fifth in the world, ahead of e.g. Princeton, Yale, Berkeley, the LSE, the MIT, Oxford or Cambridge.

Gerda Falkner also serves on the External Scientific Advisory Boards of the Social Science Research Centre Berlin (**Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, WZB**) and the **Institut für Europäische Politik** in Berlin.

6 – 7 February 2009: **Workshop on EU Policies in Central Eastern Europe**

Scholars from a number of European countries participated in this workshop at the EIF, directed by Gerda Falkner. Now that the lever of membership incentives is gone, how well do the new EU member states from Central and Eastern Europe perform when it comes to turning the law into living rights? What are the problems accounting for “dead letters”? How speedy can structural reform barriers, most importantly in the administrations, court systems and labour inspectorates, be mended?

On the basis of the Vienna Workshop, the paper givers (inter alia, from the **ETH Zurich, the London School of Economics and Political Science, Leiden and Konstanz Universities**) will jointly submit a Special Issue to an international refereed SSCI journal.

January and February 2009: **Fresh research initiatives**

In early 2009, a number of fresh projects have been taken up, and other topics have been strengthened, within the EIF's research programme.

Maybe the most topical issue in the context of the world's current financial crisis is a study of the **EU's financial market policy**. Zdenek Kudrna will not only look into the (non-)activities of the EU but also into how the EU performs as an actor on the global stage. Kudrna studied in the Czech Republic and at the Central European University in Budapest before joining the EIF.

In the field of **European defence policy**, European integration performance and resulting effects in Germany and Poland will be analysed by Laura Chappell, who received her PhD from the University of Birmingham. The foreign policy of the EU, particularly vis-à-vis the Middle East region, will be studied in-depth by Patrick Müller. Before joining the EIF, he was on a Transatlantic Post-Doc Fellowship for International Relations and Security (TAPIR) with postings in Berlin (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik) and Paris (Institut français des relations internationales).

With a project on representative claims in the EP elections 2009, the EIF is now a **member of the RECON consortium**, an Integrated Project supported by the EU's Sixth Framework Programme for Research coordinated by ARENA, the Centre for European Studies at the University of Oslo. 19 other partner institutions and around 70 participating researchers cooperate across Europe. The EIF team is led by Doz. Johannes Pollak and an additional researcher has been employed: Emmanuel Sigalas is of Greek origin and studied in the UK (MA University of Essex, PhD University of Reading). His research focuses on cross-border people mobility in the EU and on issues of EU representation.

January 2009: A further **journal** is now **edited at the EIF**

The “**European Integration online Papers**” (EIoP) will in the future be edited at the EIF. Gerda Falkner, EIF’s Director, is the political science editor of this journal which has just been included in the Social Sciences Citation Index, the list of leading refereed journals worldwide.



2008

12 December 2008: **New research financed by ÖNB**

A project on the 55 most dramatic cases of non-compliance with EU law, those with second referrals to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, will be funded. It had been submitted by Gerda Falkner and Andreas Obermaier to the **Jubiläumsfonds of the Austrian National Bank** in June 2008. Political science theories on policy implementation will be put to test.

4 – 5 December 2008: **Conference with ÖGPW**

The Institute for European Integration Research held a joint conference with the Austrian Political Science Association on the **Treaty of Lisbon** and its effects in two policy areas (foreign and security policy, justice and home affairs). Approximately 50 people attended the panel discussion, amongst them several well-known experts from Germany and Austria. High-ranking scholars, including from Lausanne and from Strasbourg Universities, presented papers in the two workshops during the following day.

3 December 2008: **Internal project concluded**

The first co-operative internal research project under new directorship results in a 90 page **Working Paper** published on our website. The text compares five EU policy areas regarding the effects of the Lisbon Treaty's coming into force (or, alternatively, its failure). One insight from the comparative approach is that the Lisbon Treaty outshines previous EU reforms in terms of introducing new explicit objectives, improved policy instruments, new explicit competences and room for decisions without unanimity requirement, in the policies discussed: energy, social, foreign, security & defence as well as justice & home affairs.

October 2008: **New research projects and applications**

A collaborative project with the **ETH Zurich**, the **London School of Economics and Political Science**, and further partners will study “post-accession compliance” with EU policies in the new member states from Central and Eastern Europe. Has the performance of countries like Bulgaria or Romania improved or even further declined after the strict controls preceding membership became history? Gerda Falkner and Frank Schimmelfennig will direct two workshops in Vienna and Zurich. A special issue for a refereed international journal is in preparation.

A further project with national and international collaborators will also include one of the **most highly regarded political scientists worldwide, Fritz Scharpf** (former director in the German Max Planck Society). His work on the Joint-Decision-Trap is an influential theorem in the field of European integration. The Institute for European Integration Research strives to

accomplish the first variable-based, comparative study on both stalemate and breakthrough dynamics in different EU policy areas. Two workshops will bring together outstanding international experts and staff members of the Institute for European Integration Research to analyse both theoretical and empirical aspects. The final results of this project will be a book manuscript to be submitted to a top-level international publisher.

The Institute for European Integration Research is a collaborator in **two proposals** for an **ESF Research Networking Programme**. One is entitled “Comparative European e-Government Research: Explaining variations in policy and implementation across EU Member States”. Partner institutions are, inter alia, the **University of Oxford** and the Centre for Political Research at **Sciences Po, Paris**. The Institute will also be a partner in a submission on “Democratization in Europe: Concepts and Agendas” with universities from Finland, Spain and Italy.

13 October 2008: First EIF “**Annual Project**” launched

In order to experience and demonstrate that a research institute is more than the sum of its staff, the Institute for European Integration Research has introduced in its mid-term Work Programme **regular joint research endeavours**. Therefore, the Institute’s staff will embark on a collective research project, sometimes cooperating with well-known international scholars to widen our horizons and our empirical clout.

In the first year after the Institute’s fresh start with its present work programme, we envisage a comparatively small endeavour focusing on the **Lisbon Treaty and its potential effects on different EU policy areas**. Our goals are research in an important field of contemporary EU analysis, team building (since this is the first year with a new research programme and staff), and a joint publication in our working paper series. The core scientific staff of the EIF will get together for 5 days of internal research seminars which will take place between October 13 and December 1, 2008.

Among the questions asked are: How much change might the new Treaty bring about if it is implemented? How different are the impacts on the levels of overall policy goals, specific intervention competences, available instruments and decision making modes? How much of the innovations could be effectuated without a formal change in the Treaty basis?

1 September 2008: **Hosting a section of ÖGPW**

The „European Integration“ **section of the Austrian Association for Political Science** will now be coordinated at the Institute for European Integration Research by Gerda Falkner. The first public event is scheduled for 15 September.

30 August 2008: **Editing an innovative Journal**

The “**Living Reviews in European Governance**” (LREG) will now be published at the EIF, under the auspices of the ECSA-Austria, the European Community Studies Association. Gerda Falkner, Director of the EIF, is the Editor-in-Chief of this multidisciplinary electronic

Journal. LREG publishes solicited state-of-the-art articles in the field of European integration and governance research that are fully refereed according to the highest international standards, and will regularly be kept up-to-date by their authors. This is a **co-operation with the Max Planck Society** in Germany. In this context, two Directors founded the Living Reviews in Solar Physics and the Living Reviews in Relativity. The first Living Review Journal has meanwhile been included in the Sciences Citation Index, which is a promising sign also for the Living Reviews in European Governance, the first such journal in the Social Sciences.

15 August 2008: **Book publication**

A new book has just been published: Gerda Falkner / Oliver Treib / Elisabeth Holzleithner, **Compliance in the Enlarged European Union: Living Rights or Dead Letters?** Aldershot et al., Ashgate. This volume looks into how EU legislation in various social policies works in practice, in particular in Central and Eastern European states. It follows on from a previous study on the EU-15 („Complying with Europe“, Cambridge University Press 2005: Best Book in EU Studies Prize 2005–2007 awarded by the European Union Studies Association of the USA).

25 February 2008: **New Research Programme**

A new research agenda on European integration issues was set up on the basis of a cooperative discussion process amongst all team members. More emphasis will be put on **different policy fields and their multi-dimensional fragmentation within the EU's system** of multi-level governance. Within the scope of re-orientation (as suggested by the relevant Reform Committee of the Austrian Academy of Sciences in summer 2007), the EIF will confine itself to research on European integration and to the disciplinary basis of political science. Depending on the issue at stake pluri-, inter-, and transdisciplinary co-operation with external partners may be envisaged. Further information is available on our website, please see “research” at (www.eif.oeaw.ac.at).

January 2008: **New Director**

As of January 1st 2008, the Institute for European Integration Research will be headed by Prof. Dr. **Gerda Falkner**. She is also Associate Professor at the University of Vienna and is until August 2008 Head of the Political Science Department of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna. For further information, please visit our website (www.eif.oeaw.ac.at), “staff – Falkner”.