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## European International Studies Association (EISA)

### Governing Board

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## Report of the Governing Board for 2016

The Governing Board of the EISA is pleased to submit their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016. The 2017 Annual General Assembly will be held on 14 September, 2017 in Barcelona, Spain.

### Legal Status

The European International Studies Association (hereafter EISA or the Association) is an association pursuant to Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code, having its seat in Zurich, Switzerland.

The Association's governing document is the Constitution and Bylaws (hereafter: the Constitution), as adopted April 10, 2013 in the name and with the powers of attorney of the incorporation members. Subsequently, it has been approved by the General Assembly in Warsaw, 19 September 2013 for the period of one year. This conditional adoption was decided after some uncertainty about the rules for changing the constitution, as stated in article V/1-e of the constitution. It enables the Governing Council to continue its work while seeking legal clarification of the aforementioned article.

### Objects and Membership

The EISA was founded in 2013, by a unanimous decision of the members of the Steering Committee of Standing Group on International Relations (SGIR) for a new organization to run the activities of the International Relations' community in Europe. As a membership-based organization, EISA continues the agenda of the SGIR in a more sustainable and democratic fashion.

The objects of the Association, set out in article II of the Constitution, are 'to enhance the capacities of scholars and practitioners primarily in Europe, but also worldwide in acquiring, disseminating and applying knowledge of global affairs and international studies'.

The constitution furthermore states that the Association 'does not pursue any commercial purposes and is not profit oriented. The purpose of the Association is exclusively educational, scientific and charitable and any net earnings of the Association and its activities shall be devoted exclusively to such purpose.'

Pursuant article IV of the Constitution, any natural or legal person of private and public law that shares the above purposes of the Association and pay its membership dues may become a member. There are four membership categories: regular members; emeritus members; honorary members; and corporate members. All members (except corporate members) have full voting rights, but only regular members have the right to hold office within the Association. There are differentiated membership fees based on annual income, as published on the website.

On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016, EISA had 902 members coming from 54 different countries.

### **Governance**

The Governing Board consists of the Executive Committee (3 members) and the Governing Council (9 members). The Board normally meets thrice a year. In addition, the Governing Board has ex officio members, for instance those who serve on the editorial boards of the journals of the Association.

The positions of the Executive Committee are elected by the General Assembly, upon proposition by the Governing Board. The President is elected by the General Assembly, following nomination of two qualified and eligible regular members by the Governing Board. The President serves for 2 years. The Treasurer and Executive Secretary of the Association are elected by the General Assembly, upon proposition of the Governing Board, and serve for 4 years each.

### **Network**

EISA maintains good working relationships with several sister organizations. These include the British International Studies Association (BISA), the Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA), the Standing Group of International Relations of the European Consortium for Political Research (SGIR/ECPR), the Nordic International Studies Association (NISA), and overseas the International Studies Association (ISA) and the World International Studies Committee (WISC). In addition, EISA is a partner and co-organizer of the Olympia Summer Academy ([olympiasummeracademy.org](http://olympiasummeracademy.org)) since 2014.

### **Publications**

The Association currently is involved in the publication of a Book Series and has successfully launched a new journal in 2015.

### ***Palgrave Studies in International Relations (PSIR)***

PSIR is one of the major IR series, demonstrating that one of the original objectives of the series has been achieved. Being a general IR series, PSIR does not specialize in any particular sub-theme but aims to publish high quality books on topics that are of interest to IR audiences. As part of an effort to further strengthen the PSIR, the editorial team has been expanded and now consists of Mai'a K. Davis Cross, Benjamin de Carvalho, Shahar Hameiri, Knud Erik Jørgensen, Ole Jacob Sending and Ayşe Zarakol. Moreover, an EISA Best Dissertation Award has been established in cooperation with Palgrave, where the winner will have the revised dissertation published in the PSIR. The Award will be announced at the PEC-17 in Barcelona, and the first winner to be presented at the PEC -18 in Prague. PSIR is now included in Palgrave's [SpringerLink](#) ebook subject collection, which attracts over 50 million users from 15,000 institutions. PSIR books are published in paperback 24 months after initial publication to the open market.

### ***Global Affairs***

After years of preparation *Global Affairs* was launched in 2015 and during 2016 began to consolidate, not least in terms of submissions. Except for the summer period, the journal is published every second months, making a quick editorial process possible. The journal has got a fine reception; readers began quickly to engage with the online published material thereby producing unexpectedly high engagement metrics, some articles engaged more than 5000 times. Three factors might explain the take-off we have experienced. First, Taylor & Francis' promotion of the journal is indispensable. There are considerable advantages of being in the same journal stable as journals like *Washington Quarterly* and *Survival*. Second, all EISA members have free online access to *Global Affairs* (and a handful of other T&F journals) for which reason the journal benefits from a direct connection to the biggest IR knowledge resource base in Europe. Third, the editors have done their very best to encourage submissions.



Each issue is composed of one or two front articles, a number of research articles, a commentary/debate section and a review section. While most sections function as planned, we continue to experience problems with the commentary/debates section and special attention will be devoted to make the section a lively arena for debates on global affairs including impact on Europe and Europe's responses. During 2016 we witnessed an increase in contributions to the section but it still needs special editorial attention. In

2015 we introduced a new feature, a forum consisting of relatively short articles. The feature was really well received and new forums have either been published or are under preparation. Some of the published articles have got media attention, helped by press releases, thus representing academics reaching out to broader audiences, i.e. one of the aims of *Global Affairs*. In 2016 we began to exclusively use ScholarOne for manuscript submissions.

Members of the Association receive free copies of the EISA journals and several journals of sister organizations. This includes an agreement with SAGE, which provides EISA members free access to the *European Journal of International Relations*. Moreover members can purchase the Palgrave Studies in International Relations at a 50 per cent discount, as well as other books and journals from premier publishers.

The Association journals are available to libraries and other institutions as a complete package or separately, as a combined print and online subscription, or online-only subscription. Purchasing deals by consortia of libraries continue to be an important category of users and subscribers.

### Other Academic activities

EISA engages in a range of activities open to members and non-members alike. As described in more detail below, the Association organizes a number of events and produces a range of publications that serve to promote International Studies in Europe.

### Conferences and Events

The EISA organizes the Pan-European Conference (PEC) on International Relations (see 9<sup>th</sup> Pan European Conference on International Relations, below), the Young Researchers' Workshops adjacent to the Pan European conference (see YRW, Giardini Naxos, below), European Workshops on International Studies (see EWIS below), European International Relations Summer School, Exploratory Symposia (see ES, Rapallo below) and co-organizes the Olympia Summer Academy (see OSA below).

### 10<sup>th</sup> Pan European Conference on International Relations in Izmir, Turkey

2016 would have been a special year for EISA. Not only would we celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our main activity, the PanEuropean conference, but it would also be the first year that we would organize PEC annually. The conference venue was determined to be Izmir, Turkey. Program chairs were Mathias Albert and Katja Freistein, and local organizers

were Knud Erik Jørgensen and Emre Iseri from Yasar University. 51 sections had been accepted to the program and 291 panels and roundtables were scheduled to be organized.

Since early 2016 it was clear that the political situation in Turkey was not so stable and the situation for our Turkish colleagues deteriorating every month. Behind the scenes, the EISA board was keeping a close eye on the situation via the media and local contacts. An alternative location was sought, but at an interim meeting in March the board decided against pulling out in order to support Turkish academia. After the coup on July 15th, and the state of emergency that was called by the Turkish government, the EISA board had to acknowledge that the security situation did no longer allow us to be guided by the principle of solidarity, and decided to cancel the conference (at the time of the cancellation, 568 delegates were still registered). At that point it was not possible to relocate the conference anymore, and hence the board decided to return registration fees to all participants. A letter of protest was posted on the website.



### 11<sup>th</sup> Pan European Conference on International Relations in Barcelona, Spain



While the 10<sup>th</sup> Pan European conference in Izmir was canceled, preparations for PEC17, to be hosted by IBEL in Barcelona, were already on their way. Victoria Basham and Cemal Burak Tansel volunteered as program chairs, assisted by Katharina Krause, and Elisabeth Johansson-Nogues as the local organizer. The organizing committee is chaired by Thomas Diez. The call for sections was launched in September 2016, and 50 sections were accepted.

### YRW in Izmir, 2016

Young Researchers Workshops are one-day workshops organized by and for doctoral students and recently appointed postdoctoral researchers. Organized around an overarching theme or question, junior scholars present and discuss their work together with senior discussants. A call was published in October 2015. Two workshops were selected from 9

applications to take place on 6 September (the day before the opening of PEC16) at Yasar University, Izmir. With the cancellation of PEC16, the YRW were cancelled automatically too.

The workshop organizers accepted the offer from the EISA board to relocate their YRW to the next PEC in Barcelona. The YRW budget-line was increased to make room for an additional workshop, to be selected via a call for proposals.

### **ES Rapallo**

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual EISA Symposia of 2016 took place in Rapallo, Italy from 2nd -5th November. Six groups were selected to take part and 25 members participated in one of the six Symposia. Three of these groups brought together scholars working on furthering existing research agendas and three gave newly formed groups an opportunity to develop original research ideas. Participants were based at institutions throughout Europe and also beyond. One group who examined EU Targeted Sanctions were already working on a grant proposal and came together to discuss a broader set of objectives they are keen to develop around their ongoing work on the effects and efficacy of EU sanctions. Another group of scholars, some based within Asia and the US, met to further their collaborative writing projects on the topic of New World Making: China's One Belt, One Road Policy and its Global Implications. A third group looked at the Politics of Translation in IR and worked on finalizing plans for their co-edited book examining this topic. A fourth group met to explore the 'critical' in critical international relations theories and they are currently working on a co-authored Palgrave Pivot book on this topic. Another group met to compare Subaltern foreign economic policies of Southern Mediterranean countries and explore future avenues for joint publication and grants. Finally, a group examining Lacanian Psychoanalysis in IR used their Symposium to explore how to go about producing a journal special issue based on their discussions.

### **Olympia Summer Academy (OSA)**

EISA co-organizes the Olympia Summer Academy with the Navarino network, Greece (<http://olympiasummeracademy.org/>). The 2016 OSA in Politics and International Studies took place between 11 and 21st July in Nafplio, Greece. The Academy attracted 15 professors and 81 qualified participants and Professionals from 19 countries from around the world. Participants and Faculty reported that the Academy was both academically enriching and a good deal of fun. Our thanks to Andreas Gofas and the rest of the team at the Academy for continuing to provide the next generation of international studies scholars with such a valuable intellectual and cultural experience.

### **EWIS**

The 3rd European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS), held in Tübingen from 6 to 8 April 2016, attracted 300 participants in 18 workshops discussing a range of central themes in International Relations today, from the role of Islam in international politics to popular culture in world politics, from the changing nature of international society to the role of the EU in regionalization. Keynote speaker Michael Zürn discussed the problem of legitimacy in global governance, which was followed by a grand reception in the main building of Tübingen University. Participants enjoyed the possibility to discuss their topics in small workshop groups but at the same time in a big conference setting. Even the sun made an appearance, and local beer and wine provided for cheerful evenings.

In 2016 preparations continued for EWIS 2017, which will take place at Cardiff University in Wales, which was selected in part in order to recognize the substantial investment that the university has made in International Studies. The workshops will take place from 07-10 June, establishing a precedent for the scheduling of future EWIS events with the intention to make this a fixture in the European International Studies community's calendar. Programme Co-Chairs are Benjamin Tallis (for EISA) and Christian Bueger (local organizer) who is assisted by Simone Tholens and Hannes Hansen-Mangussen. 25 workshops, addressing the theme of 'New Frontiers in International Relations' but also on topics spanning the spectrum of international studies were selected to form the final programme. EWIS has established a reputation as a fertile ground for developing projects, special issues and edited collections and the highest number of participants at an EWIS yet are expected. The event will benefit from an enhanced social programme and will be addressed by Professor Peter Sloterdijk who will deliver the keynote.

### *Awards and Prizes*

The Association has several awards and prizes: the best article in EJIR award, the best conference graduate paper award, and the Global Affairs award. A lifetime achievement award is in the pipeline.

Due to the cancellation of the Pan European conference the best conference graduate paper award (for papers presented at the Pan European conference), was this year as an exception awarded to the best EWIS 2016 paper. The prize was given to Sebastian Larsson (PhD student from King's College London) for his paper "THE LAST RESORT - Sheltering practices and the dispositif of disastrous futures".

The best article in the EJIR was awarded to Lisel Hintz for the article "'Take it outside!'" National identity contestation in the foreign policy arena". 22(3): 335-361

The Global Affairs award was awarded to Sebastian Oberthur for his article “Where to go from Paris? The European Union in Climate Geopolitics

### ***Communication with members***

There are several ways in which the Association communicates about its activities and those of sister organizations with its members and the IR community at large. This includes first of all the website ([www.eisa-net.org](http://www.eisa-net.org)), a Facebook page and a Twitter account (@europeanisa). The website has information about all upcoming and past activities, important documents (such as the Association’s constitution), links to cooperating organizations (see also under Network above), information on membership and the possibility to sign up as a member. There also is a password protected section for members called MyEISA, with membership benefits and discount codes for SAGE, OUP and other publishers’ publications. In addition, there is a monthly newsletter from the Association. There is also a listserv where anyone can post information that might be of interest to the IR community. Members and non-members alike can sign up for this service.

### **Concluding remarks from the President**

This annual report is the second and already the last one during my Presidency of EISA. The two years at the helm of this growing organization have been more of a challenge than I had anticipated, mostly thanks to the deteriorating political situation in Turkey and the consequences this has had for the Association. I am thus pleased to be able to conclude this report by noting that EISA at the end of 2016 is back on track. Financially, the cancellation of PEC-16 brought us close to bankruptcy - but only close, and EISA can now plan ahead on the basis of consolidated finances that will hopefully grow over the coming years and make new initiatives possible, including above all a mobility fund that will help at least some of those in need to attend our activities in the future. Organizationally, the members of the EISA Governing Board have been exceptional colleagues in their dedication to the Association during these difficult times and have ensured that despite all the challenges, and despite the young age of the Association, EISA has always remained functional during 2016, and all other activities as well as our plans for 2017 have not been affected by the cancellation of PEC-16. Thus, my successor as President, Victoria Basham, and the new Governing Board will be able to take over in 2017 the running of an EISA that has survived its first major crisis and has come out of this emboldened and strengthened. I am sure they will move EISA further on its path to professionalization and service to the discipline! Many thanks to the Governing Board, and especially to Tanja Aalberts and Raquel Freire in the Executive Committee, for all their work and support during my Presidency, and to all of our members who have stayed with us during this difficult year.

Tübingen, July 2017 - Thomas Diez, EISA President 2015-7

## Treasurer's Report

Starting balance 01.01.2016

**52389,21**

Membership fees			
	membership 2015	1174	64155
15 €/family	3	15	45
45 €/family	0	45	0
50 €/Emer.	3	50	150
30 €/1yr	203	30	6090
35 €/1yr	63	35	2205
45 €/1yr	33	45	1485
50 €/1yr	57	50	2850
60 €/1yr	37	60	2220
65€/ 1yr	29	65	1885
75 €/1yr	21	75	1575
80 € /1yr	20	80	1600
90 €/1yr	28	90	2520
45 €/2ys	36	45	1620
60 € /2ys	9	60	540
80€ /2ys	5	80	400
90 € /2ys	2	90	180
110€/2ys	3	110	330
125€/2ys	1	125	125
140€/2ys	1	140	140
155€/2ys	0	155	0
170€/2ys	1	170	170
180€/2ys	0	180	0
60 €/3ys	40	60	2400
90 €/3ys	5	90	450
110€/3ys	11	110	1210
135€/3ys	7	135	945
155€/3ys	5	155	775
180€/3ys	2	180	360
200€/3ys	4	200	800
225€/3ys	3	225	675
250€/3ys	9	250	2250
<b>Total 2016</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>35995</b>	<b>35995</b>

<b>PEC 2015</b>			
<b>PEC 2015 revenue</b>		<b>42108,24</b>	
Fee adjustments, plenary sessions and other expenses		-1488,32	
<b>PEC 2016</b>			
Membership fees	315	185	58275
Membership fees		95	0
Membership fees		90	0
Membership fees		85	0
Membership fees		10	0
Student fees	186	120	22320
Student fees		90	0
Student fees		30	0
Student fees	2	185	370
Section Chair fees	68	90	6120
Non-member fees	72	325	23400
Non-member fees	1	235	235
Non-member fees		90	0
Registration modification			-109910
Reimbursements expenses			-264,24
Insurance			-1787,63
Programme			-5000
Organizational costs			-2923,88
<b>PEC 2017</b>			
Organizational costs			-997,65
<b>PEC 2018</b>			
Site visits			-513,18
<b>Total 2016</b>		<b>-12164,5</b>	
		<b>-12164,5</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Sofia University donation			500
EISA Gifts			-729,2
<b>Total</b>		<b>-229,2</b>	
		<b>-229,2</b>	
<b>EWIS 2016</b>			
<b>Fees 2015</b>		<b>347</b>	
		<b>24555,75</b>	
EWIS student	1	50	50
EWIS member	8	100	800
EWIS non member student	3	100	300
EWIS non member	7	200	1400
EWIS WS convenor	2	30	60
Total	21		
EWIS payments			-18900,79
City walk	5	5	25
Registration modification			-240

<b>Total 2016</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-16505,79</b>	<b>-16505,79</b>
<b>Total 2015+2016</b>		<b>8049,96</b>	
<b>EWIS 2017</b>			
Organisational costs		-1111,21	
<b>Total</b>		<b>-1111,21</b>	<b>-1111,21</b>
<b>Young Researchers Workshop</b>			
Expenses reimbursement		-1996,04	
<b>Total</b>		<b>-1996,04</b>	<b>-1996,04</b>
<b>Symposia 2016</b>			
Registrations		2500	
Organisational costs		-9067	
<b>Total</b>		<b>-6567</b>	<b>-6567</b>
<b>EJIR</b>			
ECPR Mediation Travel		-991	
EJIR settlement		59379,47	
<b>Total</b>		<b>58388,47</b>	<b>58388,47</b>
<b>Global Affairs</b>			
Volkan Ipek April-Sep		-3000	
Legal fees		-11976,43	
Taylor&Francis		9844	
<b>Total</b>		<b>-5132,43</b>	<b>-5132,43</b>
<b>Membership Benefits</b>			
Sage journal access		-2000	
<b>Total</b>		<b>-2000</b>	<b>-2000</b>
<b>EISA Board Meetings</b>			
Board meetings Brussels   Atlanta   Amsterdam		-6671,74	
<b>Total</b>		<b>-6671,74</b>	<b>-6671,74</b>
<b>Management Fees</b>			
MCI Management		-55030,75	
Bank and credit card charges		-1316,53	
<b>Total</b>		<b>-56347,28</b>	<b>-56347,28</b>
<b>Balance on account 31.12.2016</b>			<b>38047,49</b>

*Note from the Treasurer:* 2016 was a difficult year for the Association due to the cancellation of the Pan-European Conference due to take place in Izmir, Turkey, in September. The conference cancellation in the summer implied a number of associated costs related to non-

reimbursable organizational expenses, as well as the refund of registration fees, one of the most important sources of funding for EISA's activities. The settlement of the EJIR dispute was good news regarding the new status of the journal and had financial implications: the royalties that were on hold were paid to EISA and after settling all legal expenses this income positively contributed to EISA's financial situation, allowing the Association to close the year with a balance of about 38 thousand euros.