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Dear Colleagues,

In many countries, the academic year is approaching its end (in others, months of hard work are waiting for our colleagues). For ECSA World it has been a fascinating academic year, with several highlights and some innovations, like this Bulletin. We look back with gratitude and -why not?-satisfaction, although it was linked with many work hours and also with some complications. But at the end I think ECSA World is more consolidated than one year ago.

Let me, nevertheless, insist in asking you for maintaining the communication channel open with ECSA World. And also to support all the efforts we are doing (and will continue to do) for creating new ECSAs: this will be one priority for the next months.

And, please, let us know if you have suggestions for improving our work.

Best regards,

Enrique Banús

Forthcoming ECSA Events:

2-4 September 2013
UACES 43rd Annual Conference
Leeds

25-26 September 2013
Teaching Europe Workshop
ECSA World
Barcelona

13-14 September 2013
EU Centre Conference
ECSA Australia
Canberra

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New President for the United States ECSA

Since last May 2013, Michelle Egan, from American University of Washington DC, is the new EUSA president. In this way, she succeeds Amie Kreppel, Jean Monnet Chair *ad personam* and Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at University of Florida, who has been in the presidency for the last two years.

Egan is Associate Professor at School of International Service of American University, coordinator of the European and Russian Studies Program and faculty advisor for the European Studies Certificate, which is open to students from all disciplines and fields at the graduate and undergraduate level who wish to focus their studies on Europe. Professor Michelle Egan teaches a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses including: The European Union, Relations of West European Nations, International Relations of Europe, among others.

Before being elected president, Egan took part at the Executive Committee of ECSA United States.

The Europe Day Celebration by some of the ECSA Members

Europe Day held on 9 May every year celebrates peace and unity in Europe. On this occasion, some of the ECSA members have organized different kinds of events.

In Europe, ECSA Poland together with the Research Centre on European Integration of University of Gdansk celebrated the 10th edition of the Day of Europe in Gdansk. This initiative revolved around three main activities. Firstly, there was a knowledge competition about European integration themes for secondary school pupils, under the working title *Poland in the EU*. Then, different lectures at the Faculty of Economics of University of Gdansk were taken place with well-known academics and politicians such as the former Commissioner Danuta Hübner, Minister Jan Kulakowski and Professors Willem Molle and Władysław Bartoszewski, among others. In the end, there was a workshop which aimed to broaden the expertise on the European Union among scientists and representatives of regional authorities.

Furthermore within the framework of the Europe Day, in the South American country of Chile it took place a seminar at the University of Chile (Santiago), organized together with the ECSA association of the country, the European Union delegation in Chile and the Faculty of Law of the mentioned university. The Jean Monnet Professors Iris Vittini and María Cristina Silva, ECSA-Chile President, welcomed the event which consisted of two lectures: *The Integration process in the EU: history and perspective* and *2013: European citizenship year*. The last one was given by the ECSA Chile Secretary Rita Rages. In the end, there was space for an interchange of ideas with the students related to Europe.



Finally, in Asia, the ECSA association of Macau (China) together with the EU Office to Hong Kong and Macau hosted a panel discussion on the relations between the EU and Macau: *Europe - What does it contribute to Macau?* The historical links between Europe and this country are strong and this day Europe continues to play a significant role in Macau. Not only as a major provider of goods and services, but also as a dialogue partner in areas of key importance to Macau, including creative industries, education and diversification of the economy. The panel, which took place on the 15th of May at Clube Militar of Macau, discussed areas for further cooperation and saw how the EU can contribute to Macau's medium-term policy objectives. Among the participants speakers we could see the President of ECSA Macau Prof. Paulo Canelas and Mr. Vincent Piket, Head of European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macau.

Barcelona will be the scene of the next ECSA World Workshop

ECSA World has already begun with the organization of a seminar that will take place next 25th and 26th of September 2013 at the Pompeu Fabra University (UPF), in Barcelona. The event called *Teaching Europe* has been supported by the State Department for the European Union of the Spain Foreign Office who offers every year a grant for organizing conferences, seminars, congresses and other similar activities related to Europe. A part from ECSA World, the seminar is being organized by the History Jean Monnet Chair from Pompeu Fabra University, held by Prof. Fernando Guirao.

This ECSA event will be mainly destined to secondary school teachers under the highlight of making reflect on the importance of transmitting knowledge of Europe during this period of the education. It will count on different figures of the European sphere: diplomatic, high civil servants, teachers and students.

The schedule is going to be divided in two days, starting at 5pm and finalizing at 8.30pm. The inscription should be done sending an email at: ecsactivities@yahoo.es and has a cost of 25€ (before 15th of July) and 30€ (before 15th of September).

The ECSA Denmark Annual Meeting

The next ECSA Denmark Annual Meeting will take place on 26 and 27 of September 2013 at the Department of Society and Globalization of Roskilde University Center (RUC), in Denmark. This event provides a unique setting for EU and European studies scholars from Denmark and beyond to discuss new research, meet colleagues and engage with the topic of Europe and European integration. The Conference, named *A European spring? Critical junctures and transitions in the EU* will include themes related to the context of the current economic, political and social challenges facing the EU and many of its member states.

This year the Annual Meeting will feature a keynote address by Professor Kalypto Nicolaidis from Oxford University, with a talk provisionally titled *European Awakening? (But the princess is not sleeping!) Why our future is in a democratic union*.

The Annual Asia Pacific Conference in Macau

“Reassessing the EU-Asia Pacific Relationship in the context of the EU crisis”

The Annual AP Conference was held on May 17th and 18th in Ho Yin Convention Centre of University of Macau.

The aim of the conference was to investigate, from both an European and Asia Pacific perspective, if there is more continuity or change in the EU-Asia Pacific relationship and how do different groups perceive the EU and any changes in its relationship.

Each themes was accompanied by academics and graduate students from a wide range of fields, such as Professor Mo Shijian, Chair Professor at University of Macau, Paulo Canelas de Castro, Jean Monnet Chair holder in European Union Law at the University of Macau, Professor Martin Holland, founder of the National Centre for Research at the University of Canterbury and Mr. Vincent Piket who assumed in 2012 his duties as Head of Office of the European Union to Hong Kong and Macau.

And particular attention was paid to the following four areas:

Assessing the Fallout– **What was the relationship between these two regions, and how has the recent**

crisis impacted on this? What has changed and what has stayed the same?

A Crisis of Perception? - How do both regions see each other? How have they interpreted crisis in both regions (for example has the Fukushima Meltdown impacted perceptions in Europe of Asia)? Do perceptions change amongst different groups? Do intra-regional crises in Asia impact on its relationship with the EU? What lessons for the relationship can be drawn by looking at historical moments of crisis?

Models of Integration– How do recent developments in the EU impact on the EU as a model for integration in the Asia Pacific region? What if any, lessons on integration can Europe learn from the Asia Pacific.

The Way Forward– what are the new challenges and opportunities to arise from the Crisis? How should the EU-Asia Pacific relationship be managed in the future?

The Conference Organizer

Paulo Canelas de Castro- President of ECSA Macau

He is associate professor, coordinator of the Master's Program in European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law, Jean Monnet Chair holder of the Chair: "European Union Law: Facing the Constitutional and Governance Challenges in the Era of Globalization". Faculty of Law of the University of Macau.

- *Can you make a balance of the Conference in comparison to your expectations?*

To me I was very honored for the opportunity of hosting all these colleges coming for 24 countries, 4 continents, most of them established experts on these matters but also new attendants with excellent papers. The number of papers and the quality was really outstanding. It was also a pleasure to see the commitment and engagement of all the presidents of different associations who were very cooperative in the process. We also had the opportunity to listen to two outstanding European politicians who inspired our discussions. It was interesting as well because we are all academics and we enjoy seeing this new blood also on the part from students of University of Macau.

In the whole, I feel very pleased and much more of that honor for the participation of everybody.



The Head of ECSA World Enrique Banus presented the final Closing address of the EUSA AP Conference

The President of ECSA World Prof. Dr. Enrique Banús, Jean Monnet European Culture Chairperson, presented the final Closing address of the EUSA AP Conference in Macau.

This is a compilation of Prof. Banús words:

Maybe -this is only a theory I am reflecting on since several months- the balance between trust and mistrust is constituent for democratic societies. In fact, the classical separation of powers in Western democracies is a sign of this; it is a system of mutual control based on a fundamental trust, on the trust that there is a common denominator in the basic principles of the democratic State.

Also the idea of the European integration was born in this balance. It was born from the mistrust that the traditional solutions in Europe for overcoming conflicts could really guarantee the peace. This traditional solution was based on -after a conflict- moving the frontiers, redistributing the territory and, on that way, redistribute the power, create a new balance of power. It was born from the mistrust towards a non integrated Germany, it was born from the mistrust to "the other" on the other side of the iron curtain. But it was born from a fundamental trust: the trust that the "Western Other" wanted the same as me (see for example France's reluctance towards the UK and the permanent question: do they want really the same?).

Now there is a crisis, an economic and financial crisis. Two days ago the newspapers were bringing the new that this is the longest recession since 1945! But it is also a crisis of trust. The Pew Institute in Washington published two days ago the result of a survey according to what for the first time more than 50% of the citizens are -a bit simplified- against the EU, are mistrusting the EU, with a diminishing of more than 10% since the same time last year.

There is a global trust crisis: crisis towards the politicians, because many citizens have the impression that they are unable to find a way out; crisis towards the experts: last year three different groups of German professors wrote letters to Chancellor Angela Merkel recommending what to do for overcoming the crisis - but they were recommending different solutions! Mistrust towards the banks, having the impression that they are exploding the "common people"; but mistrust among the banks, that do not credit to "the other" bank, because

they have the impression that maybe they have not the full information about the real situation of the bank.

The mistrust is deeply rooted: we have to realize that many people have lost money because they invested following the recommendations not of an anonymous bank, but of the bank employee who was advising him or her since many years. This is creating a deep mistrust in daily life!

One of the main issues now is in my opinion to re-establish trust, to re-establish confidence. How can this be done? With convincing political personalities, persecuting consequently irresponsible behavior in economic and financial life, creating opportunities for young people and small enterprises. But we also have to re-create the message of the European politics: only austerity, only cuttings is the false message. Maybe it is the right politics, but the false message.

In such a situation it is extremely important to find friends, not only partners, who are economically interested, but friends, critically analyzing the European realities, but also positively dialoguing! This conference has this positive effect: the European project is finding friend.

This morning, one of the presenters was saying that the European studies are done based on the perception that EU values are attractive. "Perception" plays in fact a major role. Coming from Comparative Literature, we know what "images" mean: there is in fact a branch of Comparative Literature dealing with Imagology. What means, the view of the other as expressed in that case in literature. It can be considered as a hermeneutic process, and here maybe a fascinating research project inside the European studies could be established. This attractiveness of the European values has probably to do with the fact that -as the great Austrian arts historian Ernst Gombrich once said- at the end, all of us are human beings, and, therefore, we share the same aspirations: peace, freedom, a worthy life, care and not being alone in age or sickness, security for you and your family and friends, a future for the next generation....

The Annual Asia Pacific Conference in Macau

It is true that we academics only a few times are able to influence "Realpolitik", but we are able to influence perceptions!

Also the crisis has a lot to do with perception: a certain perception of the crisis is enlarging it - or diminishing it! Because only based on self-confidence growth is possible. And on the contrary, maybe it could be like in Goethe's "The sorcerer's Apprentice": "Die Geister, die ich rief, die werde ich nicht mehr los!", because things -at least in comparison with the life of so many other human beings- are not as worst.

The European integration is nothing else than one effort -invented by creative politicians- to guarantee the quoted desires for citizens having suffered one or even two war and post-war periods.

It is not a model but an example of "good practices", a paradigm shift, a reason for believing that human beings are able to overcome history and previous attitudes and stereotypes... We have to transmit no lessons, but experiences!

This perception would be excellent.

For the first time in the history of European integration, there is a presentation of the founding values on the highest level, in the treaties themselves. To my concern, the gratitude is not mentioned as a founding value. Probably, it is not the place for doing it. Gratitude is not only a question of politeness, I think with more gratitude a more positive attitude and more creativity would be there.

Let me thank to EUSA Asia Pacific for organizing this event, let me thank Martin Holland and the New Zealand team, especially Yvonne Grosch. Let me thank the University of Macao. Let me thank very cordially Professor Paulo Canelas de Castro and the team here, let me thank the volunteers. Let me thank all of you for the participation, for the dialogues, let me thank very cordial my colleagues, the Presidents and Board members of the different associations being part of EUSA Asia-Pacific.

I am always fascinated as President for the commitment of so many scholars: I perceive that whoever is dealing with European studies normally he or she is also committed to this project, engaged in transmitting something that is worthy to be supported also by the next generations.



The interview

Ewa Latoszek, ECSA Poland President

The ECSA Poland President Prof. Ewa Latoszek works for the Institute of Foreign Trade Policy and European Studies at Warsaw School of Economics in Poland, which is a very active centre in the frame of the Jean Monnet Programme, with a Centre of Excellence, 3 Chairs or Chairs *ad personam* and several Courses and Modules.

Q: Why is so important to have an ECSA in Poland?

A: The Polish European Community Studies Association – PECSA – was established in 1989 by a group of scientists from all the leading universities in Poland with the active support from the European Commission. It is very important to have an ECSA in Poland as the objectives of research and analysis conducted by the members of the Association is to give possible answers to challenges that stand before the European Union, its member states and its citizens. Ever since its establishment the organization has served as a platform for public debate on European integration, Europe's place in the world, broadly defined foreign affairs and globalization. One of PECSA's key tasks is promoting an active, dedicated and strictly pro-European course for Poland as a member state of the European Union. To meet those goals the Association supports the educational process for European studies and assists in shaping Poland's tangible contribution in the success of the European project. The actions PECSA undertakes are based on the belief that an active role of Poland in Europe serves the interests of the EU, the country itself and the citizens.

“An active role of Poland in Europe serves the interests of the EU, the country itself and the citizens”

Q: Which issues do you think should be changed in relation with the European Studies in Poland?

A: Europe is currently experiencing a number of serious problems. Optimizing the intellectual capital of the EU with special attention to education, research and innovation are key factors to overcome the current socio-economic difficulties, to keep working places in Europe, and to address the other economic and social challenges that are forthcoming. Poland with its capacity for developing, adapting and

transferring current ideas and knowledge about EU will have a potential essential for the process of strengthening the European Higher Education Area. EU has to become smarter, *inclusive*, and *sustainable*. This means that inclusive education and lifelong learning must be given an additional boost. Since the very beginning till now European Studies in Poland haven't obtain the status of the discipline of science. Therefore nowadays the European Studies aim in Poland is to become the independent discipline of science with its interdisciplinary character. Currently in Poland you may study European Integration but you are not able to obtain PhD in European Studies. In October 2012 I- as the President of PECSA- was invited for a meeting by Minister of Science and Higher Education, Professor Barbara Kudrycka. We discussed this issue and we started working over this issue. PECSA aim for the nearest future is to consolidate academics from different disciplines to work out this plan through establishing the research and the debate platform with participation of school teachers, students, PhD students, scholars from all over Poland.

“EU has to become smarter, inclusive, and sustainable”

A: Could you talk about a most relevant Project prosecuted by ECSA Poland?

B: At the moment ECSA-Poland is working over a new project concerning the European Studies and European integration process which aim is to establish the webinar system of education for the pupils from Secondary Schools and their teachers in Poland. We hope to start it next September. The next project, which we already started in 2002, is the continuation of the Day of Europe. Another area of our activities focus is the establishment of the IT platform with the detailed information about the European Studies in Poland and in other EU Member States.

ECSA Macau presented

“The EU in the World”

Within the framework of the Master of Law Seminar Series 2013-2013, the University of Macau in collaboration with the Institute of European Studies of Macau and the European Commission’s Lifelong Learning Programme organized the seminar *The EU in the World* at the University of Macau (China). It took place on the 10th of May at the Ho Yin Convention Centre of the University.

The speakers, all coming from the Faculty of Law of University of Macau, were:

- Associate Professor: Rostam Neuwirth
- Senior Instructors: Sten Verhoeve and Henrique Carvalho
- Part-Time Lecturer: Luís Pessanha, also Legal Adviser at the Legislative Assembly.

The seminar was moderated by the ECSA Macau President, Prof. Paulo Canelas de Castro, Jean Monnet *European Union Law* Chair holder.

The ECSA Spain held a symposium in Madrid

Last 7th of June, the city of Madrid was the scene of the last Eighth International ECSA Spain-Audesco symposium called *The European Union and the Challenge of the Distribution of Employment*. It was held at the Faculty of Economics of the Complutense University of Madrid (UCM).

This one-day conference counted on the participation of chairs, professors and specialists of the European studies sphere.

Luis Domínguez, Jean Monnet ad personam Chair from Vigo University and Javier Zúñiga, PhD in Economics and Business from ESIC (Business and Marketing School) were in charge of the symposium introduction. There were two round tables. The first one was moderated by Yolanda Gómez, Jean Monnet ad personam Chair and Constitutional Law Chair at National University of Distance Education (Madrid). In this session, Sara González, President of ECSA Spain and Jean Monnet ad personam chair from Complutense University of Madrid, talked about *The Employment expectations in 2020 in the EU* and Pengfei He, graduated in Administration and Business by UCM exposed *The Export of human capital in China*. The round table was concluded by Germán Sanchez, Economist and Foreign Affairs Consultant in Repsol Company.

The second session was moderated by Juan Mascareñas, Financial Economics Chair from Complutense University of Madrid, and the participants were: José Rodríguez-Pardo, PhD in Economics, Business Administration from Carlos III University of Madrid, Hugo Narrillos, PhD in Economics, Business Administration and coordinator in Spain of The SROI Network Internacional and Rafael Trémul, Industrial Engineer and Director of the *Treval Management Group*.

Before this symposium, it took place the General ECSA-Spain Assembly.

ECSA News in brief

ECSA Korea

Due to the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of EU-Korea relationship, on May the 31st it took place the ECSA Korea Annual General Assembly. It was conducted by some Korean associations studying European issues. The main subject of the ECSA Korea session was: *Assessment of Korea-EU and future tasks*.

ECSA Hong Kong

Besides, the ECSA association in Hong Kong organized between April and June 2013 a Seminar Series on *War + Peace in Europe*. The matters dealt with were: *The European Security after Libya, Soviet female soldiers during de Second World War* and finally, *the Cyberwarfare and Europe*.

ECSA Australia

In Australia, the next event to be co-organized by the Australian ECSA is the *EU Centre Conference* which is going to be held on September 13th and 14th 2013 in Canberra.