



Newsletter of the European Forum at the Hebrew University May 2017

European Forum Students at European Union Institutions and NATO Headquarters in Brussels



As part of her introductory course on the European Union, this February **Dr. Maya Sion-Tzidkiyahu** took a group of students from the European Forum on a study excursion to Brussels. The excursion mainly focused on integration and cooperation within the EU and NATO and on processes of binding collective decision-making. Its aim was to further clarify how the EU and NATO operate, and to supplement academic learning with visits to the institutions and meetings with EU and NATO politicians, diplomats, officials, experts and researchers who work in them. An additional goal was to enhance the students' knowledge of EU-Israeli and NATO-Israeli relations.

Our students visited, among other venues, the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the European Parliament and NATO. At the European Parliament, the group had a chance to meet MEP James Carver of the United Kingdom Independent Party, who is also a member of the EP's Committee of Foreign Affairs. MEP Carver discussed various issues with them, from Euro-scepticism and Brexit to EU-Israeli relations. During the visit to NATO, the students were the first group from Israel to meet Mr. Ohad Horsandi, First Secretary of the Mission of Israel to NATO.

Our students also had a chance to enjoy the cultural side of Brussels and some Belgian chocolate, as they visited the Old Centre of Brussels, the Magritte Museum and the Chocolate Museum.

Dr. Odelia Oshri Joins the European Forum



Dr. Odelia Oshri has been appointed to a lecturer's tenure-track position in the European Studies program and the Department of Political Science. She will begin the position this summer. Odelia received her PhD from the Department of Political Science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. As part of her postdoctoral studies she is spending this spring semester at ETH Zurich under the supervision of Prof. Frank Schimmelfennig. In January 2017, she was awarded the Council for European Studies (CES) First Article Prize in Social Sciences for her article "A Community of Values: Democratic Identity Formation in the European Union", which was published





in *European Union Politics* 17(1) in 2016. Odelia specializes in EU politics, unification processes and questions of identity. Generally her research lies at the intersection of comparative politics and political behaviour, and her main focus is on understanding how different social and political contexts shape actors' identity and delineating the behavioural implications of such processes. In the European context, her study deals with processes of democratization and Europeanization in Europe.

New Incumbent of the Cardinal Franz Koenig Chair in Austrian Studies



Dr. Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann was appointed the new incumbent of the Cardinal Franz Koenig Chair in Austrian Studies. He has been a lecturer in German and Film Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem since 2014. He received his doctorate from the Free University of Berlin and was previously a senior researcher at the Film University Babelsberg. His research focuses on Austrian and German social, visual and film history, political violence and Holocaust memory. Dr. Ebbrecht-Hartmann regularly introduces Austrian films at film festivals in Jerusalem and lectures about Holocaust memory in seminars for teachers and educators from Austria at the International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem.

Dr. Ebbrecht-Hartmann established, together with Dr. Heidemarie Uhl, the biannual Vienna-Jerusalem Graduate School, a joint endeavour of the Center for Austrian Studies and the Austrian Academy of Science, building on previous collaborations.

Conferences of the European Forum

Annual Convention of the Austrian and Central European Centers



The Annual Convention of the Austrian and Central European Centers took place on November 17-20, 2016, at the Center for Austrian Studies of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The event began with a lecture on "Ambivalent Loyalties: The Vienna Philharmonic between National Socialism and Post-War Austria", by **Dr. Silvia Kargl** of the Historical Archive of the Vienna Philharmonic and **Dr. Friedemann Pestel** of the Albert-Ludwig University in Freiburg.

The Annual Zilk Memorial Lecture was delivered this year by **Dr. Elana Shapira** of the University of Applied Arts in Vienna on the topic of "Un-Designed Identities: Jewish Patrons and Viennese Modernism". The convention's participants also engaged in some tourism as they visited one of Israel's most unique sites, the Dead Sea.





Urban Planning and Tourism Consumption: 160 Years for the Ringstraße in Vienna



The conference "Urban Planning and Tourism Consumption", which took place at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on November 20-23, 2016, was organized in cooperation with MODUL University Vienna, and investigated the interrelationship between urban planning and tourism consumption and its evolution and transition over time. With Vienna celebrating 160 years as a modern city, it was used as a role model and example for these reciprocal relations.

Fifty-six papers were presented during the conference (over 40 by scholars from abroad), combining various research fields such as heritage and tourism in cities, urban tourism and cultural tourism. The keynote lecture, "Between Tourism Marketing and Contested Heritage: How the Museum Quarter Changed the Ringstraße in Vienna", was given by **Dr. Monika De Frantz** of Vienna and focused on the connection between politics and Vienna's cultural heritage. The keynote lectures at the opening event were given by **Dr. Danielle Spera** (director of the Jewish Museum in Vienna) and **Mr. Norbert Kettner** (director of the Vienna Tourist Board).

New Russian Geopolitics: Between Europe and Asia

The international workshop "New Russian Geopolitics: Between Europe and Asia", organized by **Dr. Samuel Barnai** and the Marjorie Mayrock Center for Russian, Eurasian and East European Research, took place on November 25-26 at Tel Aviv University as part of the Annual Conference of the Israeli Geographical Association.

Beginning in the early 1990s, Russia underwent a number of political, economic and social upheavals. These were manifested in the geopolitical concepts that developed as a crisis gripped the country following the collapse of the Soviet Union and the "Communist bloc". Within 20 years, the geopolitical approach of Russia's foreign policy-makers has changed from Atlanticism that seeks cooperation with the West (first and foremost with the United States) to provoking the West under the guise of the demand for a "multipolar world".

In the workshop, researchers from Russia, Ukraine, Israel and the United States discussed changes in Russian geopolitics, with emphasis on the geographical aspect. Among the issues presented were: Russia's relations with the post-Soviet space, Europe, China and the Middle East, emphasizing Israel's role in this context.

From Entebbe to Mogadishu: Terrorism in the 1970s and its History, Memory and Legacy

The international symposium "From Entebbe to Mogadishu: Terrorism in the 1970s and Its History, Memory and Legacy" took place on January 6-7 and was organized by **Dr. Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann**, lecturer at the DAAD Center for German Studies. It aimed to commemorate the hostage crises first in Entebbe 1976 and a year later in Mogadishu, and to present and discuss new research on the historical background, as well as the multiple interrelations between the two incidents. The symposium has highlighted three distinct clusters of themes: the historical perspective on terrorism and its connection to political policies in and outside of Germany, the role of various media (news, visual culture, documentary and fictional cinema), and forms of commemorating the terrorist attacks including different perspectives within German collective memory as compared with Israeli commemoration.





In his keynote lecture, which opened the symposium, **Prof. Martin Jander** (Hamburger Stiftung zur Förderung von Wissenschaft und Kunst) described the political atmosphere in East and West Germany that led to the involvement of German terrorists from the right and the left in the events of Munich (1972), Entebbe (1976) and Mogadishu (1977). An additional keynote lecture was given by **Prof. Jeffrey Herf** (University of Maryland) on the social developments and ideas that led terrorists of the West German left to hijack the airplane to Entebbe.

The conference also included a roundtable discussion with people who had been personally involved in the





events of Entebbe and Mogadishu. **Dr. Gisela Dachs**, *Die Zeit* journalist and lecturer at the Center for German Studies, interviewed "the Angel of Mogadishu", **Gabriele von Lutzau**, a flight attendant from the hijacked Lufthansa airplane in Mogadishu who survived the incident; **Matan Vilnai**, who was deputy commander of Operation Thunderbolt (Entebbe); **Benny Davidson**, a survivor of Entebbe who was then only 13 years old; and **Avner Avraham**, curator and expert on Operation Thunderbolt. In addition, she spoke with Dieter Fox, the special mission team leader and deputy commander of the West German GSG-9 unit that stormed the hijacked plane in Mogadishu, about his experiences before and during the operation.

New Student Exchange Cooperations

Diplomatic Academy of Vienna



A new collaboration between the European Forum at the Hebrew University and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna will allow two students of the European Studies MA program to spend a fully financed international semester at the DAW. As part of this collaboration, which was established with the help of the Friends of the Hebrew University in Austria, the director of the DAW, **Ambassador Hans Winkler**, and his deputy, **Dr. Susanne Keppler-Schlesinger**, visited the Hebrew University this April.

The DAW is a postgraduate professional school that prepares university and college graduates for international careers and leadership positions in international organizations, the EU, public service and international business. The main training areas are international relations, political science, international and EU law, economics, history and languages.

University of Innsbruck



Prof. Noam Shoval, director of the European Forum and the Center for Austrian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, visited the Austria-Israel Academic Network Innsbruck (AIANI) and the University of Innsbruck in October 2016. During his visit various collaborations between the Center for Austrian Studies and the University of Innsbruck were established, aimed at creating more opportunities for researchers and students from both institutions. Starting next fall, two students from the European Forum will spend a semester at the University of Innsbruck as part of a new exchange program and will

receive a scholarship during their stay. Further plans for cooperation in the near future include, among others, an exchange of lecturers, a joint conference on "Museums and Urban Development", guest lectures and scholarships for PhD candidates and post-docs. Prof. Shoval met with the rector of the University of Innsbruck, **Prof. Dr. Tilmann Märk**, and also gave two guest lectures: one on "The Implementation of Tracking Technologies for Tourism Research", the other on "The Urban Development of Jerusalem and Its Geopolitical Future".



Free University of Berlin



A new collaboration between the DAAD Center for German Studies at the European Forum and the Free University of Berlin will allow five students of the MA program in Contemporary Germany: Politics, Society and Culture to spend a fully financed international semester at the FU Berlin. As part of this collaboration, each year a senior or junior researcher from the FU Berlin will spend one semester at the Center to enrich the instruction offered by the program. Faculty members of the DAAD Center for German Studies and the FU Berlin are working on joint research projects to further deepen the partnership between the institutions.

Scholarships and Awards

This year the two study programs of the European Forum – European Studies and Contemporary Germany: Politics, Society and Culture – awarded their students a total of 23 scholarships, which included tuition fee stipends and excellence scholarships.

The Michael Zeff z"l Awards and Fellowships



In memory of our late student, Michael Zeff z"l, the European Forum and Michael's family launched the Michael Zeff z"l Award and Fellowship in European Studies. Each year two prizes for outstanding MA theses and two fellowships for financial support will be awarded.

The first recipients of the MA thesis award were **Aviya Doron**, for her thesis on "Changes in Innovation Capacities: A Comparative Analysis of the German Economy in the Late 19th Century and Post-World War II" and **Alon Simhayhoff**, who wrote his thesis on "Long Absence of Relations: Polish-Israeli Relations from 1967 to 1986". The European Forum will continue to commemorate Michael Zeff z"l by promoting academic excellence.



European Forum Students in the List of Distinguished Students of the Faculty of Social Sciences



Congratulations to our students **Yonatan Hoffman**, **Tamar Kogman** and **Andre Rothschild** for being chosen for the List of Distinguished Students of the Faculty of Social Sciences. Yonatan, a second-year MA student in the Contemporary Germany program, was ranked first among all the faculty's students with regard to grades. Andre, a second-year MA student in the European Studies program, received the rector's award for academic excellence.



International Students at the European Forum

This fall **Sasanka Kanapurthi** joined the program in Contemporary Germany: Politics, Society and Culture. He has already received an MA in Diplomacy, Law and Business from the O.P. Jindal Global University, India, and is studying towards a second MA at the European Forum.





In the framework of the DAAD Network Mobility program, recently established by the DAAD Center for German Studies, **Lina Kipriushina** from the Centre for German and European Studies, Bielefeld University - St Petersburg State University, Russia, and **Yibo Xing** from the German Studies Center, University of Peking, China, are studying this spring semester in the program in Contemporary Germany: Politics, Society and Culture.



International Guests during the Academic Year 2016-17

The European Forum has wide-ranging connections with various institutions and top researchers in Europe. These interactions lead to various cooperations and visits.



Dr. Valeria Croce, the Austrian Institutslektor at the Center for Austrian Studies, spent the fall semester at the European Forum and taught a course on "Human Mobility in the European Union: From Migration to Tourism" which was closely connected to this year's research focus.

Dr. Francesco Di Palma (Friedrich-Meinecke-Institute of History, Free University Berlin, Germany) is spending the spring semester at the DAAD Center for German Studies as Junior Research Fellow and teaching courses on "The GDR 1949-1990: Politics, Culture and Society" and "Intellectual History in the 19th and 20th Centuries in Europe".



Prof. Michael Landesmann (Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies and Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria) gave an intensive course on "Successes and Pitfalls of European Economic Integration".

Dr Jasmine Dum-Tragut (Paris Lodron University Salzburg, Austria) spent two weeks at the Center for Austrian Studies and gave an intensive course on "The Other Austrians" as well as a guest lecture on "The Unknown Armenian



Prisoners of War in World War I in Habsburg Austria, 1915-17: The Anthropological Studies of Rudolf Pöch".



In cooperation with the Faculty of Law, **Prof. Jan Wouters** (Institute for International Law, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium) gave an intensive course on "International Law, Global Governance and the European Union".

Prof. Jens Woelk (Faculty of Law and School of International Studies, University of Trento, Italy) taught an intensive course on "German Constitutional Law" and gave a lecture on "Cross-Border Cooperation: Legal Instruments for Building Bridges between States" in the European Forum



Fellows program.



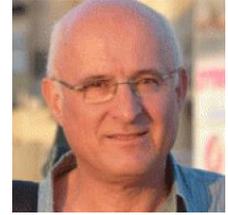
In the European Forum's Colloquium, **Prof. Philipp Genschel** (Faculty of Political Science, European University Institute, Florence, Italy) gave a lecture on "The Refugee Crisis, the Eurozone Crisis, and the New Logic of European Integration", which explored the differences and similarities in the management of the Eurozone crisis and of the refugee crisis. A scholar of European public policy, Prof. Genschel mainly focuses his research on the European integration of core state powers.

Prof. Arnd Bauerkämper (Friedrich-Meinecke-Institute of History, Free University of Berlin, Germany) visited the DAAD Center for German Studies and, as part of the European Forum's Colloquium, gave a lecture on "Terrorism as a Global Challenge: The Relationship between Security and Human Rights since the 1960s". This lecture was related to his broader research on fascism in Europe and the social history of the FRG and the GDR.





As part of a cooperation between the Department of Geography, the Technical University of Darmstadt and the DAAD Center for German Studies, **Prof. Hubert Heinelt** (Institute of Political Science, TU Darmstadt, Germany) and **Prof. Eran Razin** (Department of Geography, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem) conducted a joint research workshop for advanced



students from the TU Darmstadt and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on "Local Government and Challenges of Housing Crisis and Immigrant/Refugee Absorption: Lessons from Germany and Israel".



Prof. Adrienne Héritier (Social and Political Science Department, European University Institute, Florence, Italy) gave a guest lecture as part of the European Forum Fellows program on "The EU under Challenge: Parliamentarization from the Top or New Intergovernmentalism?". This presentation was closely related to Prof. Héritier's research in the fields of European policy-making, European decision-making processes and new modes of governance.



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