



The Finnish Institute of International Affairs and European Policy Institutes Network have the pleasure of inviting you to a round table:

PARLIAMENTARISM IN EUROPEAN ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION 2014

On Friday 31 January 2014, at 10.00–12.00
At the Finnish Institute of International Affairs
Address: Kruunuvuorenkatu 4, 2nd floor, Helsinki

The approaching elections to the European Parliament will undoubtedly be shaped by the ongoing financial and economic crisis that affects a significant part of the European electorate. Even if competences in matters of economic policies are still largely in the hands of national governments and parliaments, the recent changes in the European economic governance suggest that the macro-economic policy choices will feature high on the election agendas and debates. Populist and Eurosceptic political movements with diverse political agendas have advanced in many member states and are likely to shape the elections. Meanwhile, the parliament's role in the new system of European Economic Governance is still in development. For the first time the outcome of the election might determine the leadership of the European Commission and its policies. What will be the main themes of the elections? What kind of parliament is currently in the making? And what will be the implications of the elections on the EU political system and its policies?

Programme

“The rise of Euroscepticism and its impact on the elections”

Vivien Pertusot, Head of Brussels Office, Institut Français des Relations Internationales

”Possible shifts of power with the European Parliament elections”

Valentin Kreilinger, Research Fellow, Notre Europe – Institut Jacques Delors

“Personalization’ of the 2014 European Parliament’s Elections: Challenges and Opportunities”

Agata Gostynska, Research Fellow, the Polish Institute of International Affairs

Chair

Dr. Göran von Sydow, Senior Researcher, the Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies

The seminar is organized in collaboration with European Policy Institutes Network (EPIN) and under the research project “EU after the economic crisis”. The project is evaluating EU's development trends, and their implications for the EU and Finland with an objective to support political decision-making as well as public debate. The project is funded by the Jane and Aatos Erkkö Foundation.

Coffee will be served at the seminar starting at 09:30. The number of seats is limited. We will register your participation on a first-come first-served basis. We kindly ask you to confirm your participation in the seminar at the very latest on **Wednesday 29 January** by filling in the registration form through the link below:

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WHICH DIRECTION FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION? SETTING THE AGENDA FOR 2014 AND BEYOND

On Friday 31 January 2014, at 13.30–15.30

At the Auditorium of the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Address: Ankkurikatu 5, 4th Floor, Helsinki

2014 will arguably be the year in which the European Union sets its future course. In the recent years, ad-hoc management of the euro-crisis was at the centre of the political agenda in Brussels and in the national capitals. While the EU still has to be prepared for a potential comeback of the crisis, this year will likely set an impulse for the future direction of the Union. The European Parliament elections in May and the following nomination of the new EU leadership will provide first indicators on where the road leads to. Meanwhile, member states will have to take crucial decisions shaping the political and economic integration of the Union in the upcoming five years. Will they avert a lost decade and consider bold reforms, or are we left with ‘muddling through’?

Opening remarks

Dr. **Teija Tiilikainen**, Director, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Key note speech

Dr. **Thomas Wright**, Fellow, Brookings Institution

Commentaries

Dr. **Sonia Piedrafita**, Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies

Dr. **Adriaan Schout**, Senior Research Fellow, Coordinator Europe, Clingendael – The Netherland’s Institute of International Affairs

Chair

Dr. **Juha Jokela**, Director, European Union research programme, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

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