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Centre of Excellence in EU Studies

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share with you the sixth issue of the Newsletter of the Centre of Excellence in EU Studies at ADA University. From this release you will receive information about our activities in January-July 2017.

Enjoy our newsletter!

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EU Courses



On 27 January Najiba Mustafayeva, an expert at the Center for Strategic Studies (SAM), trained civil servants and students on the history, functions and main activities of the European Court of Human Rights.

On 6-10 March Dr. Gediminas Cesonis, a regional development expert from the Kaunas University of Technology delivered a series of lectures entitled “EU Regional Policy”. The lectures were dedicated to the main aspects of the EU regional policy, its development, main objectives and financial resources. Dr. Cesonis talked upon the consequences of the European integration process as the means of reducing the discrepancy in the development of the individual countries and regions as well as of less developed areas and more developed ones.

On 14-17 March Rasa Daugėlienė, PhD, Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Science, Kaunas University of Technology, delivered a course on EU Macroeconomic Policies and Economic Governance for ADA students. The course covered such aspects as common features of Europe unification after WWII: economic aspect of integration; evolution of Economic Integration” stages of economic integration; EU Common trade policy: classification of trade regulation instruments; EU Competition policy; European Monetary Policy; Peculiarities of

International Monetary system; International Banking and International Money Market; Coordination of Macroeconomic Policies.

From April to May 2017 “EU Defense and Security” course was offered by Myrtdiotissa Petropoulou, Security Strategic Analyst, former NATO strategic analyst on Intelligence and Terrorism and Ausra Daukantiene, Political Officer in Political, Economy and Information Section, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Azerbaijan. This one-month course consisted of lectures and a simulation game that covered various trending topics including WMD, Asymmetric Warfare, terrorism, national security, and many more. The simulation game tackled 2 important issues: refugee crisis and human smuggling and the use of chemical weapon.

On 25-28 April, Jonas Urbanavicius, expert of the Faculty of Social Science, Arts and Humanities, Kaunas University of Technology, delivered a course for ADA Students on Legal Challenges of EU: External Relations; Case study of Brexit. During the course expert taught students about external EU powers, conclusion of international agreements, mixed agreements, EU as an international legal actor, division of competence in the EU, sources of EU law, EU Membership – procedure, withdrawal from the EU. Expert also discussed with students their views on future of the European Union.

On 3-4 May Dr. Dominika Fifiková, PhD., professor at the University of Economics in Bratislava, gave a lecture entitled “Future and Prospects of the European Union. Bratislava Summit Outcome” and discussed the EU-Slovakian relations from the beginning until today. This lecture was a part of certification program for ADA Students in EU Studies.

All these lectures were a part of certification program delivered by the CEEUS for ADA Students in EU Studies.

Public events

On 18 January Dr. Svante Cornell, the Research Director

at Johns Hopkins University Central Asia-Caucasus Institute (USA) and Executive Director at Institute delivered a public lecture on “US and EU policies in South Caucasus and Central Asia- 25 years of overview and analysis” for Security and Development Policy (Sweden).



A public discussion on “EU-Azerbaijan relations, challenges and opportunities in new global context” was held on 30 January with the presence of the honorary guest, the Director General for Enlargement at the European Commission, Christian Danielsson, the former ambassador of the EU Delegation in Azerbaijan, H.E. Malena Mard and numerous other ambassadors and representatives of the embassies, universities and civil servants. Mr. Danielsson emphasized the important role of Azerbaijan in energy security of Europe and highlighted its importance as a partner of the EU. He also expressed his support to Azerbaijan on the peaceful resolution of Nagorno-Karabagh conflict.

On 6 March the Head of Diplomatic Protocol of the Italian Republic, Ambassador Riccardo Guariglia, delivered a public lecture for civil servants and students. H.E. Ambassador Guariglia shared his knowledge and experience in the field touching upon the main aspects of the Diplomatic Protocol in the Republic of Italy including incoming and outgoing visits, international summits and conferences, events and meetings.

Center jointly with the EU Delegation in Azerbaijan organized a “Brexit” debate in May. The debate’s moderator



was the First Counselor, Head of Political, Press and Information Section of EU Delegation in Azerbaijan, Denis Danilidis. ADA students along with the students from Baku State University, Khazar and other local universities took part in the debate and argue for and against Britain's

withdrawal from the European Union from the standpoint of the British people.

Increasing EU awareness



On 19 January the CEEUS re-launched its educational info sessions for schoolchildren called "EU Info classes". Schoolchildren from various local Baku schools including school N.7, N.271, Oxbridge Academy, Baku Slavic Lyceum, others learned about the European Union, its

history, institutions and functioning. The project has been ongoing for two years and has covered more than 50 local schools.

“EU for Kids” was the first joint event of the CEEUS and Moms & Kids, a children’s event planning organization. In a three-hour sessions organized on 27 January and 10 February, around 60 children from various Baku schools learned about the fundamentals of the EU, visited ADA University and handcrafted EU symbols.

In February the CEEUS launched another project in collaboration with Moms&Kids called “EU Days”. Available for all children ages 9-12 in Azerbaijan, the project consisted of series of lectures dedicated to individual EU member states. In a course of five months, more than hundred of schoolchildren participated in “EU Days” and learned about France, Italy, Netherlands, Greece, Spain, Germany, Belgium, Romania, Ireland, and EU Scandinavian member states. The sessions were delivered by the Center’s expert, Jamila Musayeva, along with the respective honorary guests: Denis Danilidis, First Counselor, Head of Political, Press and Information Section of EU Delegation in Azerbaijan, Johan Schitterer, the Deputy Council for Cooperation and Cultural Affairs at the French Embassy in Azerbaijan, Umberto Boeri, Deputy Head of Mission and Head of Commercial Office of Italian Embassy, Folkert van der Zeeuw, Research Officer of the Embassy of Netherlands in Azerbaijan, Dr. Vassilios Sitaras, Head of Commercial Section of the Embassy of Greece in Azerbaijan, Luis Diez Juarez, Spanish charge d’affaires in Azerbaijan, Anke Schönlau from the Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany in Azerbaijan, Denis Naets, Deputy Head of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium and Mihaela Iancu, Diplomatic Counselor of the Embassy of Romania to Azerbaijan.

On 21 February the Center partnered up with yet another children’s organization, Aqil & Bilgi, in a new “Book Reading Club” project with the aim to promote the less known works of European writers amongst Azerbaijani children. Throughout the course of this project children got acquainted with the works of various famous European writers, such as Roald Dahl, Michael Bond, Aldred De Brehat and Astrid Lindgren.

The 3rd EU Summer School



From 17- 28 July the 3rd consecutive EU Summer School (EUSS) took place at ADA University. EUSS is a two-week certificate summer programme organized annually by CEEUS with the support of the EU Delegation in Azerbaijan. 20 participants

from all around the world came together at ADA University to learn about the fundamentals of the European Union focusing more in-depth on EU Economic and Energy policies, ENP, EU-Azerbaijan relations as well as the challenges of the EU today. The school also provided a great platform for networking and to meet-and-greet EU experts, international and national EU enthusiasts such as Philippe Perhoc, policy analyst at the European Parliament Research Service, Eldar Mamedov, Senior Policy Analyst, Amanda Paul, geopolitical and foreign policy analyst/journalist, Dr Laurent Baechler, economy professor at CIFE, Thomas Pellerin-Carlin, researcher at Jacques Delors Institute, Aleksandar Andrija Pejović, Minister of European Affairs of Montenegro, Jeroen Willems, Head of Operations Sector at the EU Delegation to Azerbaijan and Pelle Geertsern, founder of Euroffex.

ADA-EU Summer Camp

From 3-28 July the Center of Excellence in EU Studies in partnership with ADA Foundation, European Union Delegation to Azerbaijan, Temiz Sheher and Suez organized the 1st ADA EU Summer Camp for children

ages 9-15. The Camp was thematically divided into 4 sections: "Theatre and Art," "The world around us," "Photography and Media" and "Heritage Village." This Summer Camp gave schoolchildren a unique opportunity to expand their knowledge and world outlook, to develop their logical and critical thinking skills, to demonstrate their talents as well as make new friends in a friendly and intellectually engaging environment. The programme included an educational segment on the development of soft skills and lectures on the EU, European writers, inventors, movie directors, painters and much more. The second part was dedicated to the activities, such as a private tour of the town with Fuad Akhundov, visits to the "Brothers Nobel" museum, art exhibitions "From waste to art," Ictimai TV and Asan Radio. Participants also took up some introductory languages classes and learned to make a newspaper, fundamentals of pantomime theatre and journalism.



AvropadASAN

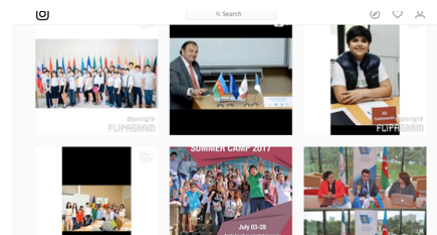
On 12 May ADA University signed an agreement with ASAN radio on new radio broadcasting program - AvropadASAN. AvropadAsan is broadcasted every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 18.30-19.30 on ASAN Radio in cooperation with CEEUS, Delegation of the EU to Azerbaijan and ASAN Radio. If you did not get a chance to catch the programme in the



abovementioned time and days, you can always listen to repeats on 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 14:00-15:00. The objective of this radio show is to further increase the knowledge of Azerbaijani general public on the EU, Europe and matters related to it. It will also feature activities of the European Union Delegation in Azerbaijan and embassies of the EU member states.

Increasing our visibility

In beginning of 2017 the CEEUS created an Instagram account to increase its social media visibility. Ada_ceedus is a public page that features the activities and events of the Center.



On 6 May the Center participated at “Europe Day in Lankaran”, an event organized by the EU Delegation in Azerbaijan. The Center’s Director, Nargiz Ismayilova, spoke about programs of ADA University, the role and the activities of the Center in enhancement of the public’s knowledge of the EU.

Study visits



From 30 January to 3 February Azerbaijani diplomats from the Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nakchivan visited Brussels, Belgium. During this study trip, the Azerbaijani diplomats met with various European officials including the Members of European Parliament, Brussels Media representatives and the Desk Officer in Charge of Azerbaijan in European External Action Service. The diplomats also had an in-depth training on EU institutions, particularly the role and the functioning of the European parliament, and on the decision-making process in the EU.

The CEEUS organized the study trip for ADA faculties and students on 12-24 June to Kaunas and Vilnius, Lithuania. First week participants attended in-depth training in the Kaunas University of Technology on EU matters, teaching techniques. They have also participated in lectures on Lithuanian Integration to the European Union, European Union in the World: Economic and Monetary Issues, Security Challenges in Europe and many more.

Second week, students and faculties had an opportunity to attend meetings in the institutions such as the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Energy, European

Commission Delegation in Lithuania, European Institute for Gender Equality, etc.

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