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Dear colleagues,

Some weeks ago, we met in Brussels, where we had some intensive debates that show how committed all of us we are in the future of ECSA and of the European Studies. It is not easy to find always the right way, and for sure we will have to continue on the way of dialogue for the next years. The European Studies, chosen by the Commission as topic for this year's Jean Monnet/ECSA Conference, need strong ECSAs, that are able to overcome scepticism, obstacles and lethargies.

It was exciting to accept new members from Central America, Georgia (the first one in the Caucasus) and Taiwan. We welcome them cordially and ask them for being very active members of the ECSA network.

Very soon ECSA will have new interlocutors in the Commission and also in the Parliament. Let's hope the best for the next years, with an open and constructive dialogue also with the institutions.

Best regards,

Enrique Banús

“The future of EU Studies”

The Jean Monnet and ECSA Conference 2014

On the 1st and 2nd of October, Brussels was the scene of the biannual Jean Monnet and ECSA Conference 2014, organized by the European Commission. This year's edition took a fresh look at the programme's core activities: European Union studies.

The welcome and opening session was headed by Androulla Vassiliou, Commissioner for Education, Training, Multilingualism and Youth, and José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission. The moderator was Xavier Prats Monné, Director-General, DG Education & Culture (European Commission).

The second day was divided into four working groups. Prof. Enrique Banús, President of ECSA World, took part in the first one entitled “Towards a re-definition of EU studies?”. This working group considered the relevance and appropriateness of European studies. Prof. Leonce Bekemans, Secretary General of ECSA, participated in another group that discussed the “EU studies as an instrument for better governance”. They summarized the needs of the different stakeholders who define or are involved in governance questions (decision-makers, practitioners, economic players and citizens) and how they can best be met.

President of ECSA Chile Cristina Silva and Vice-president of ECSA Russia Mark Entin worked on the fourth table “The European Union in the world: the role of EU Studies”, so that they looked at the reasons for the interest in EU studies worldwide.

Professor Enrique Banús, reelected President of ECSA World

Prof. Enrique Banús: "It was great to see so many representatives of the different ECSAs. We will continue working for improving the European studies world-wide."

Enrique Banús has been chosen president of the European Community Studies Association. He has held this post since January 2009 and the General Assembly of ECSA agreed on the first of October 2014 to renew his tenure for the next two years. The other candidate presented was president of ECSA Czech Republic Nadezda Siskova.

As president of ECSA World, Prof. Banús - member of the teaching staff at the International University of Catalonia (UIC) in Barcelona but now also Director of the European Studies Institute of University of Piura (Perú)- represents an international network composed of more than 60 countries working for European integration.



Since 2009, Prof. Banús and the Board worked on the creation of new ECSAs in new countries: Costa Rica, Georgia, Montenegro and Moldova, and on the re-foundation of ECSAs such as Rumania and Taiwan. In these years, the acquisition of an own domain and the creation of the first ECSA World website has become a reality, as well as the monthly Newsletter of the association that has already reached its 25 edition.

Enrique Banús holds a PhD in Comparative Literature from RWTH Aachen University in Germany. He worked as a lecturer at German universities such as Aachen, Cologne, Bonn and Paderborn. From 1988 to 2007, he was a professor at the University of Navarra. In 2003, the European Commission awarded him the *ad*

personam Jean Monnet Chair in European Culture. At the UIC, he was the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, the Director of the Master's Degree Programme in Cultural Management and the Director of Charlemagne Institute for European Studies. Currently, he teaches regularly at the Universities Poznan in Poland, Los Andes in Santiago de Chile and Holy Cross in Rome.

The other candidate was Nadezda Siskova. She is Jean Monnet Chairholder and Head of the Department of European and International Law at the Faculty of Law of Palacky University (Czech Republic). She defended her dissertation thesis on approximation of the Czech and EC laws at the Masaryk University, Brno. Habilitation on the topic: "Human rights protection in the EU" at the Economic University in Prague. She is author of 110 publications in Czech, English, French, Russian and Ukrainian. As coordinator of a Multilateral Research Group she leads the preparation of the monograph "From Eastern Partnership to the



Association. A Legal and Political Analysis".

Over the last years, she gave a new impulse to the Czech ECSA by the celebration of the association's Annual Meeting, among other relevant initiatives.

From the History of the ECSAs

ECSA Australia

ECSA Australia (Contemporary European Studies Association of Australia - CESAA) was founded in 1991.

First president was **LINDA HANCOCK**. Professor Hancock (PhD, Monash) is a social scientist in public and social policy. She is currently the Director of the Master's Program of Politics and Policy at Deakin University.



She was Director of the Public Policy Master's Program at University of Melbourne, Director of the Corporate Citizenship Research Unit at Deakin University, and Partnerships Manager at the Deakin University Alfred Deakin Research Institute (ADRI). From December 2007 to 2010, Prof. Hancock was Research Director for the Responsible Gambling Fund (RGF, formerly the Responsibility in Gambling Trust), the national charity responsible for commissioning research, prevention, and treatment on gambling in the United Kingdom.

Prof. Hancock is a member of national and international research societies, policy advisory groups, and in internationally funded research bodies and regularly reviews for international journals and publishing houses. Her recently published monograph "Regulatory Failure? The Case of Crown Casino" (Australian Scholarly Publishing, 2011) interrogates regulation theory and reports on original empirical research on casino codes of practice on responsible gambling and responsible service of alcohol.

Other founder of the Australian association was **PHILOMENA MURRAY**. She is Professor in the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne. From 2000 to 2009 was Director of the Contemporary Europe Research Centre (CERC), Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence. She holds Australia's only Personal Jean Monnet Chair (*ad personam*) awarded by the European Union.



A former diplomat, she has run training courses on negotiating with the EU for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra. She is a Research Associate of the Institute for International Integration Studies at Trinity College Dublin. She is a Visiting Professor in the International Relations and Diplomacy Studies Department at the College of Europe, Bruges and an Associate Research Fellow at UNU-CRIS (United Nations University Institute for Comparative Regional Integration Studies), Bruges. She is an Adjunct Senior Fellow of the National Centre for Research on Europe at the University of Canterbury. She was recently appointed an Associate Fellow of the Free University of Berlin. Her research interests are in EU-Australia relations; EU-Asia relations; EU governance and comparative regional integration.

ANNMARIE ELIJAH is Deputy Director of the ANU Centre for European Studies. She has previously worked as a policy officer in the Australian Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and has taught politics at the University of Melbourne, Victoria University of Wellington and ANU. In late 2014 she will take up a Europe-Australia Business Council fellowship at the ANU.



LESLIE HOLMES is Professor of Political Science at the University of Melbourne. He was President of the International Council for Central and East European Studies, President of the Australian Political Studies Association, and President of the Australasian Association for Communist and Post-Communist Studies. He has been a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia since 1995, and regularly teaches internationally. Leslie Holmes has been a consultant to the World Bank, Transparency International, the UNODC, and the Swiss government. His lines of investigation are: Corruption and politics in Russia, Central and Eastern Europe, Post-communism; comparative corruption; political party financing; legitimization theories; German politics.

Dr. **WALTER VEIT** is Adjunct Associate Professor at Monash University. He was born in Germany in 1935 and was educated at the universities of Tübingen and Cologne, where he studied History, Philosophy, German Literature and Comparative Literature.



He received his doctorate in 1960 from the University of Cologne.

From 1963 to 1965 he taught German Studies at the University of Ceylon. In 1967, he came to the

Department of German Studies at Monash University where he is now, after his official retirement in 2000, an Honorary Associate Professor

Finally, Dr. **ANITA LACEY** is Senior Lecturer in Political Studies (the University of Auckland, New Zealand). She coordinates a part of the course on International Relations and also teaches courses on global governance the dynamics of power and agency in the global politics of development.



She has been working on an independent research project, funded by the University of Auckland, researching issues of development and security in Solomon Islands. This research project looks at ideas, policies and programmes relating to livelihood security. She is interested in women's experiences of contemporary international aid projects, as well as donor programmes and policies in light of RAMSI's interventions in the name of security.

Her research focuses on the intersecting themes and issues of post development debates and poverty reduction; urban development programmes; security and insecurities; feminisms and feminist methodologies; international organizations and governance; and ideas and movements of resistance.