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## Editorial

*Dear Presidents,*

*Dear colleagues,*

*Dear Friends,*

*Spring in the Northern hemisphere, autumn in the southern part of the world. In any case, a semester is coming to an end. And it is a good time for looking behind and, for example, for realizing whether our newsletter informed about all your activities from the past months. If not, please send us a brief report, so that also your colleagues from the other ECSAs in the world can have a real panorama of all the activities done by the ECSAs for improving the European Studies. And, please, keep us informed about the events planned for the second semester 2015 and also about successful applications in the frame of the Jean Monnet Programme: I suppose the results will be published in the next few weeks.*

*It is not easy that new ECSAs are created. Nevertheless, we hope that the contacts established in the Philippines, Peru, Indonesia, Colombia and other countries will end with the establishment of a new ECSA in these countries. In Warsaw I had the opportunity to talk to two young colleagues from Armenia, very much interested in improving the European Studies there.*

*The Commission announced for November this year's Jean Monnet Conference dealing with the European values. As every two years, it will be what we could call a "small" Conference, as mainly the European colleagues are invited. We hope also several ECSA Presidents will be involved in the preparation of the Conference and maybe as speakers.*

*Best regards,*

*Enrique Banús*

# ECSA SPAIN: GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND X INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

As we informed on the last ECSA World – Newsletter, ECSA Spain (University Association for Community Studies - AUDESCO) is planning its Annual General Assembly for the next 12<sup>h</sup> of June 2015 at the Faculty of Economic and Business Sciences of Complutense University in Madrid. Some of the essential points of the agenda are related to: the annual report of the President and 2014-2015 statement, the admission of new members, report about the European University Magazine, the presentation of new projects, report about interest issues of the ECSA-ECSA World network and the report about interesting issues of the ECSA-World network.

Furthermore, on the same date and place, it will be held the Spanish ECSA X International Symposium focused on "The European Union in a changing world".

Some of the figures that will be part of the program are: Dr. Sara González (ECSA Spain president), Dr. Salvador Forner (from Alicante University), Dr. Tania González-Alvarado (member of the Financial Analysis Magazine), Juan Mascareñas (ECSA World treasurer).

Dr. José Miguel Rodríguez-Pardo, professor at Complutense University, will analyze the "main products and features of alternative banking", with his presentation on "Generation of social value by companies involved in AI-Invest and its international competitiveness" and Dr. Yolanda Gómez, Jean Monnet *ad personam* Chair holder will talk about the "European Citizens' Initiative".

*Information provided by ECSA Spain president:  
Prof. Dr. Sara González.*

## THE CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN STUDIES AND INTEGRATION ANNOUNCES ITS INAUGURATION

It will take place on the 30th of June 2015 at "Universidad Estatal a Distancia (UNED)" of San José, Costa Rica. Professor Arnoldo Rubio, who is the president of the association and the main organizer of the event, will open the inauguration together with Prof. Enrique Banús (President of ECSA World) and Luis Guillermo Carpio (Rector of the university).

Some of the papers presented are going to be related to "The Central America Integration in the New Millennium" (by Victoria Marino de Áviles: Secretary General of ECSA/ACC), "The importance of the integration in the Central

America High Education" (by Juan Alfonso Fuentes: Secretary General of ECSA/ACC) and "the cooperation system of the European integration at the Central America integration" (by José Luiz Martínez Prado: European Union representative).

What is more, president of ECSA World Enrique Banús will go into detail about the "Importance of ECSA in the Higher Education" and the UNED Postgraduate Director, Víctor Fallas, will present "The correlation of the UNED Postgraduate system in the European High Education".

# ECSC CROATIA'S NEXT CONFERENCE

ECSC Croatia announced the forthcoming conference "The Critical Legal Studies Perspective on the Role of Courts in the EU: Transformation or Reconstitution of Europe?", to be placed in Zagreb on the 26th and 27th of June 2015.

Speakers at the conference will include Koen Lenaerts (vice-president of the Court of Justice); Sinisa Rodin (judge of the Court of Justice); Mitchel Lasser (Cornell University); Pierre Schlag (University of Colorado); Fernanda Nicola

(American University Washington College of Law); and Duncan Kennedy (Harvard University, via video link).

Above you can have a look to the conference program.

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PROF. DR. TAMARA PERISIN,  
ECSC CROATIA PRESIDENT

## Conference program:

### Day 1

09.45 – 10.00 – Opening

#### 10.00 – 11.30 – Panel 1

Lecture: Prof. Koen Lenaerts, Vice President of the Court of Justice of the EU

***Discovering the Law of the EU: The ECJ and the Comparative Law Method***

Commentator: Prof. Tamara Perišin, University of Zagreb

11.30 – 11.45 – Coffee break

#### 11.45 – 13.15 – Panel 2

Lecture: Prof. Michel Lasser, Cornell University

***Decoding the European Judicial Appointments Debates***

Commentator: Prof. Tamara Čapeta, University of Zagreb

13.15 – 15.30 – Lunch break

#### 15.30 – 17.00 – Panel 3

Lecture: Prof. Duncan Kennedy, Harvard University (via video link)

***The role of courts in very imperfect democracies***

Commentator: TBC

### Day 2

#### 9.15 – 10.45. Panel 4

Lecture: Prof. Siniša Rodin, Court of Justice of the EU

***Useful Effect of the European Arrest Warrant***

Commentator: Prof. Iris Goldner Lang, University of Zagreb

10.45 – 11.00 – Coffee break

#### 11.00 – 12.30 – Panel 4

Lecture: Prof. Pierre Schlag, University of Colorado

***Creativity in Legal Interpretation***

Commentator: Pieter-Augustin Van Malleghem, Harvard University, University of Leuven

12.30 – 14.30 – Lunch break

#### 14.30 – 15.30 – Panel 5

Lecture: Prof. Fernanda Nicola, American University, WCL

***Politicization of CJEU Narratives in the Academic Discourse***

Commentator: Prof. Zoran Kurelić, University of Zagreb

15.30 – 15.45 – Closing

## Announcements:

### Next Jean Monnet conference:

The Jean Monnet Conference 2015 will take place in Brussels on 9 November (from 14.00) and 10 November (until approximately 17.00).

The Conference will consider "A Union of shared values", and will combine a series of workshops as well as plenary sessions.

### Next Asia-Pacific Association for EU Studies Conference:

EUSAAP -the association leaded for the next year by Wai Ting (Professor at the Department of Government and International Studies of Hong Kong Baptist University)- will offer its next Conference in Hong Kong in May 2016.

# ECSA ITALY HAS NEW WEBSITE

President of the University Association for European Studies - AUSE (ECSA Italy) Marco Mascia informed the ECSA World Community that the new website is online at: [www.ause.eu](http://www.ause.eu). All information from the old site has been transferred to this new one.

In order to enrich the content offered in the different headings, Prof. Mascia asked to receive (to the following address: [l.gazzola@unipd.it](mailto:l.gazzola@unipd.it)) information and updates related to the activities promoted by the different ECSAs (conferences, publications, projects, etc.)

On the other side, as we announced on the April Newsletter, ECSA Italy is organizing its International Conference entitled "The European Economic Union: Economic, Social and Institutional Aspects" that will take place in Venice (Italy) on the 17th to 19th of July 2015.

# ECSA JAPAN NEW CHAIR

New president of ECSA Japan since March 2015 is Prof. Koji Fukuda of Waseda University (Tokyo). Fukuda succeeds Takao Suami, Professor of Law at Waseda Law School.

At Waseda University, Prof. Fukuda is currently a Professor at the Graduate School of Political Science and Economics. He is also director of the Waseda Institute for EU Studies and Representative of EUIJ Waseda (European Union Institutes in Japan).

He graduated from Waseda University, gained a doctorate from Doshisha University Graduate School, served as a Visiting Researcher at the College of Europe in Brugge (1992-93), and then served as a Professor at the Faculty of Law at Komazawa University. His areas of specialization include Global Governance and International Public Policy, International Public Administration, European Public Policy and European integration.

## CHANGES IN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

As ECSA World president Enrique Banús announced to the board few days ago, some changes had taken place in the European Commission Direction responsible for the Jean Monnet Programme and also for ECSA. Firstly, Harald Hartung is not anymore responsible for Jean Monnet but for youth policy and the youth programme. Claire Morel is Acting Head of Unit, and on that way, succeder of Hartung. Morel was previously Deputy Head of Unit of the International Cooperation Unit. Otherwise, Vito Borrelli is now Head of Sector, more specifically, he is in charge of the design, implementation and follow-up of the programme. He is presently involved in the preparation of the next phase of the programme (2014 onwards).

According to the Organizational Chart, the Jean Monnet Unit is located in Direction B of DG Education and Culture. Acting Director is Adam Tyson (succeeding Jordi Curiel).

General Director (since 2011) is Xavier Prats Monné.

