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Brussels: Keep it safe or witness its decline



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Daily life in Brussels was profoundly affected by the terrorist attacks on March 22nd. What had been a suspicion and a deep fear for several months suddenly materialised that morning as a living hell in our very midst. Firstly, we express our sorrow for the victims and extend our deepest...

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RESEARCH

CEPS Summer School 2016

The second edition of the Summer School on Economic and Financial Governance of the European Monetary Union will take place September 5-10th at CEPS in Brussels. The summer school will focus on three main topics of the EMU governance architecture: i) the banking union and its pillars, ii) fiscal governance...

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First roadmap meeting of the POCACITO project

CEPS is leading the roadmapping process of the Post-Carbon Cities of Tomorrow (POCACITO) project, financed by the EU's 7th Framework Programme. The first meeting of the roadmap group, composed of a small group of representatives of cities and specialists in the field, took place on March 11th at CEPS. The...

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Heated debate at the European Parliament Budget Committee hearing

The EU is finding it difficult to cover the expenses created by the ever-increasing demands of the EU budget, while its basic structure is based on pre-allocation and rigidity. Many now question the budget's ability to handle the years up to 2020 efficiently. Jorge Núñez Ferrer was invited to be...

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Impacts of a possible free trade agreement between the EU and China

A CEPS team of researchers led by Jacques Pelkmans, together with a team from the World Trade Institute led by Joe Francois, have concluded a report commissioned by the Foreign Trade Association (FTA) on the potential impacts of a free trade agreement between the EU and China. Entitled Tomorrow's Silk...

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New CEPS project on crisis response mechanisms unveiled

A new CEPS Horizon 2020 project, to be launched at a public seminar at CEPS on April 20th, aims to scrutinise (or 'unpack'), in a 'conflict-sensitive' manner, the EU's crisis-response mechanisms. The conflicts in Iraq and Ukraine will be used as case studies to provide new insights and obtain a...

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Monday 13:15 - 14:30

Winds of Change for EU and US Relations with Cuba

The visits of both US President Obama and EU Foreign Policy Chief Mogherini to Cuba this month signal a clear change of approach from both the US and the EU, moving from confrontation to engagement. For the EU, the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement (PDCA) initialled on March 11th marks...

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April 2016

Wednesday 13:15 - 14:30

Good Intentions, Mixed Results: Ukraine, Iraq and a conflict-sensitive unpacking of the EU comprehensive approach to crisis response mechanisms

Initiating 'EUNPACK',

a Horizon 2020 project sponsored by the European Commission

In this public inception seminar of EUNPACK, the conflicts in Iraq and Ukraine will be used as case studies to highlight how this new Horizon 2020 project will unpack the EU's crisis-response mechanisms to provide new insights that can...

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Thursday 10:00 - 15:30

POLIMP Final Conference: "The Future of EU Climate Policy after Paris"

This conference is organized by the EU-FP7 funded project "POLIMP" on mobilizing and transferring knowledge on post-2012 climate policy implications. POLIMP aims to identify knowledge gaps about future international climate policy directions and what these gaps imply for policy and decision makers internationally and in the EU.

POLIMP identified what information about...

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Tuesday 10:30 - 14:00

Cumulative Costs Assessment (CCA) of the EU Ceramics and Glass industries at CEPS

CEPS, in partnership with Economisti Associati and Ecorys Brussels, is carrying out the "Cumulative Cost Assessment (CCA) of the EU ceramics and glass industries" for the European Commission (DG GROW). This study aims to identify, assess and quantify the regulatory costs imposed by selected areas of EU legislation (e.g. energy,...

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Digital Ecosystem and Economy in Latin America: Challenges, opportunities and comparison with the EU

In this seminar organised in cooperation with Telefonica, Professor Raul Katz from Columbia University will present his recent comprehensive study, "The Digital Ecosystem and Economy in Latin America: Challenges and opportunities", which aims to launch a necessary dialogue oriented to modernise public policies for the development of the digital ecosystem...

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Russia: The long journey to recovery

World Bank Russia Economic Report April 2016:

The Long Journey to Recovery

World Bank Lead Economist and Program Leader Birgit Hansl will present the main findings of the Russia Economic Report (RER). This semi-annual World Bank publication synthesizes recent trends on key economic indicators, provides the World Bank economic outlook...

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Wednesday 17:00 - 19:00

People, Places & Policies: promoting systemic innovation and a stronger entrepreneurial culture in Europe

This event, organised by the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) in partnership with the European Parliament, will be hosted by Eva Paunova MEP on 27th April 2016 at the European Parliament, Room JAN 2Q2.

Innovation and entrepreneurship are key drivers for economic growth and competitiveness. While recent policies also...

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May 2016

Wednesday 14:00 - 16:00

The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement: A good deal for the European Union?

The EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), is considered as a 'deep' and ambitious agreement. The objectives behind CETA are not only the search for additional growth, as well as the promotion of bilateral trade and investment but also...

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May 2016

Monday 12:00 - 17:00

Using Big Data to Advance Policy Research

Expert Workshop

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Advances in digital technologies now make it possible to collect, store and process massive amounts of data. This explosion of data holds an incredible potential to boost innovation and provide new insights that can help inform policy-making....

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May 2016

Monday 13:15 - 14:30

The Challenges of Democracy in the European Union and in its Neighbouring Countries

This is a seminar to launch the book: "*Challenges of Democracy in the European Union and its Neighbors*" by **Aylin Ünver Noi** and **Sasha Toperich** (SAIS 2015). Democracy, which protects freedom and citizens' rights more than any other form of governance, is in crisis. In recent years, it has been sorely tested in...

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May 2016

Wednesday 17:30 - 14:00

3rd Annual Symposium on EU-Asia Relations in Financial Services

The Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), the Asia Securities Industry & Financial Markets Association (ASIFMA) and Afore Consulting are organising the 3rd Annual Symposium on EU-Asia Relations in Financial Services. The event is supported by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), the International Monetary Institute of Renmin University of China (IMI) and the Centre for Banking & Finance Law of University of Singapore (CBFL).

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May 2016

Thursday 10:00 - 15:45

Moving towards a circular economy: Challenges and opportunities for SMEs

The circular economy is currently not only a major buzzword in environmental policy circles, but also one of the EU's key strategies to stimulate sustainable economic growth and jobs, as illustrated by the European Commission's Work Programme for 2016. During 2015, the circular economy was one of the most debated...

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MEETINGS

Asset management in the EU: Which way forward?



The European asset management sector remains highly fragmented, resulting in a suboptimal size of funds and higher costs for investors. As underlined in the discussions among the participants at a half-day conference organised by ECMI on March 10th, much more needs to be done in order to achieve a truly...

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Content Creation and Distribution in the Digital Single Market

Online content and carriage have always been interlocked. Yet today's electronic communications markets and policy are tested by the sheer abundance of online content and its need for distribution through multiple channels and regardless of frontiers. Access to a wide variety of relevant content is key to democracy and the...

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Taking euro-bank supervision to cruising speed



The Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM) remains a big achievement on the road to creating 'more Union' in Europe's financial markets, as well from the perspective of financial stability, operational efficiency and accountability in the participating countries. According to discussions at a CEPS lunchtime meeting on March 18th, the next step...

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EU-Turkey relations in view of the refugee crisis



The refugee crisis has infused new life into the flagging bilateral relationship between the EU and Turkey. Condemned to succeed in their negotiations to stem the irregular flow of refugees and economic migrants, the agreement struck on 17-18 March has been criticised in the media and by NGOs on moral...

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