EuropaNostra
EUROPANOOSTRA was a project focusing on two target groups, pupils and teachers at secondary schools. Promoting EU at secondary schools is, if such activity is even carried out, based heavily on a theoretical approach. This project tried to fill this gap and combines theoretical knowledge about the EU issues with practical skills for students as well as teachers. The aim of the project was to help target groups understand the EU issues thoroughly and in context.
For the pupils it had a form of contest in which pupils competed in three-member teams. The aim of this part was to bring the EU issues closer to secondary school pupils in an attractive form. Pupils had to go through three rounds. In the first one they had to pass online test, which tested their knowledge and skills to search for some information on the EU. In the second round, they elaborated project on their neighbourhood development to be supported from the EU Funds, and defended it before the expert committee. During the final round, a five-day workshop, each team represented the individual EU countries and defended their national interests. Teams participated in different activities, i.e. simulation games, whose aim was to help them understand political, economic and cultural diversity of the EU.
For selected teachers a two-day workshop was organized. Its aim was to inform them on current development of the EU and provide them with some innovative methods for further teaching about the EU.
EUROPANOOSTRA project was financed by Jean Monnet Programme „Learning EU at School“, and was implemented from September 2012 to August 2013. Professor Lenka Rovná, Zuzana Kasáková and Radomír Špok were responsible for the project implementation in the Czech Republic.

Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence
The Department of West European Studies has been awarded three times the title Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence by the European Commission, which is reserved for top European studies institutions. Together with the personal title Jean Monnet Chair Ad Personam for Professor Rovná, the award has enabled the department and its members to organize and participate in a number of seminars, conferences, and workshops.
You can find more information about the past activities of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in the project reports of 2006/7, 2007/8 and 2008/9.

MERCURY
The consorcium of the project "MERCURY - Multilateralism and the European Union in the contemporary global order" aimed at examining the concept of multilateralism and its role in EU's external affairs. The project, running in years 2009-2012, was supported financially by the European Commission from the 7th Framework Programme. The Czech Ministry of Education also supported Department's participation in the project. A number of electronic publications on multilateralism have arisen in the project, free to download. In March 2011, a Mercury conference was organised at the Charles University. You can read more about the conference in the Summer 2011 newsletter of the project. The Deputy Minister of Defence, Jiří Šedivý, participated in the conference.
Partners of the Department are the following universities and institutes:
- University of Edinburgh (United Kingdom) - leading partner
- Universität zu Köln (Germany)
- Istituto Affari Internazionali (Italy)
- Sciences-Po (France)
- SIPRI (Sweden)
- University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)
- University of Pretoria (South Africa)
- Fudan University (China)
You can find more information on the project website.
At the Department, the project is coordinated by Tomáš Weiss.

Interest Promotion in CFSP
The project "Possibilities and limits of the functioning of national diplomacies after the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty in cooperation with the EEAS and EU presidency" analysed the possibilities and channels of interest promotion for middle-sized member states after the Lisbon Treaty and the creation of the European External Action Service. The project was
financed by the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs in years 2011-12. At the department, Ivo Šlosarčík and Tomáš Weiss participated in the research, together with Jan Karlas of Institute of Political Studies at the Faculty, and Vít Dostál of AMO.

**Czech Participation in European Security Policy**

The project aimed at analysing the functioning of the European Defence Agency and evaluating the Czech engagement in the arising European Defence Equipment Market. The project was financed by the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2011. The Institute of International Relations was the holder of the project, which was conducted by Vít Štítecký of IIR and Tomáš Weiss of the Department of West European Studies.

**Impacts of the crisis in the Euro-Atlantic Area**

Within the framework of the Specific University Research, the Department participated in a project entitled “Impacts of the crisis in the Euro-Atlantic area” in 2011. Together with the Department of American Studies and several PhD candidates from other departments of the Institute of International Relations a collective monograph was authored by the Department faculty and students as well as a series of independent articles on the same topic.

The project was coordinated by Tomáš Weiss.

**EULEIT**

"Key Concepts for the European Union after Enlargement: Fragmentation, Continuity or Reinvention?" project was financed by the Volkswagen Foundation and coordinated by Berlin Institute for European Policy, University in Cologne and Charles University. The goal was to analyse key concepts of European integration and their perception in the old and new member states. The project was launched in 2005 and concluded in 2008.

In the framework of the project, a collective publication entitled *Leitbilder for the Future of the European Union* was produced with the participation of the Department's members.

The project was coordinated by Jan Váška.

**GAČR New Labour**

The project aimed at analysing political and constitutional developments of the United Kingdom in the period 1997-2007. Two key analytical axes were provided by the gradual erosion of the Westminster model of government and the transformative policies of the Labour Party ("New Labour") government under the leadership of Tony Blair, interpreted by some analysts as a synthesis of an attempt at a "third way" to social and economic policies and of post-thatcherism. The methodology of the project was anchored in the classical approaches of comparative political science, and it resorted upon a range of theoretical approaches including the notion of multi-level governance, theories of European integration.

The project started in January 2008 and concluded in 2009. The project was supported financially by Czech Science Foundation.

The project was coordinated by Lucie Jůzová.

**CONSENT**

The goal of the "EU-CONSENT - Wider Europe, Deeper Integration?" project was to create a research centre network for a joint research and teaching on "Creating New Europe". 54 institutions from EU member and candidate countries participated in the project which was financed by the European Commission's 6th Framework Programme.

During the project, in 2005-2009, the partners organised joint conferences, seminars, researches, traditional as well as electronic lectures, and offered internships to young researchers. Joint publications and databases were produced, such as E-Library or a multi-language glossary on EU widening and deepening that are available on the project website.

The project was coordinated by Tereza Hořejšová.

**EUPOLIS**

The reason for the EU-PO-LIS (European Polity post Lisbon) multilateral research group was to make a contribution to academic debates on the evolution of the EU by treaty reforms, focusing especially on the Lisbon Treaty. This "milestone" was ideal for academic reflection on the 'quasi'-constitutional evolution of the European polity. The EUPOLIS group aimed at reflecting the Lisbon Treaty from an interdisciplinary (political science, law, history) and trans-national perspective.

The project started in January 2009 and was concluded in 2010. The project was supported financially by the European Commission within the Jean Monnet Programme.

Partners of the Department were the following universities and institutes:
- Universität zu Köln (Germany)
- University of Liverpool (United Kingdom)
- Sciences-Po (France)
- METU (Turkey)
- BECSA (Bulgaria)

In March 2010, the Department organised a conference in the framework of the project. You can find more information on the project website.

The project was coordinated by Lucie Jůzová.

**Europeum**

Creation of a programme for education of the state administration and private sector on European affairs became an important step in interconnecting European integration courses of the whole faculty and in strengthening internal...
cooperation at the Faculty of Social Sciences. The programme received a number of positive evaluations in governmental documents and is considered unique in the whole Czech Republic. It consists of four modules: European Union (history, institutions, policies), European economic integration, European law, and preparation for the Czech Presidency.

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- Preparations for the Czech EU Council Presidency.

The project was coordinated by Zuzana Kasáková.

**CONNEX**

"CONNEX - Connecting Excellence of European Governance" project was coordinated by Mannheim Centre for European Social Research and financed through the EU 6th Framework Programme. CONNEX analysed effective and democratic multilevel governance in the European Union. The network was comprised of 43 partner institutions from 23 European states and more than 170 scholars. The project was launched in 2004 and concluded in 2008.

The goal of the project is to integrate independent basic research and linking up experts from various branches. In this framework, the partner organisations host conferences, seminars, and courses. The outputs of the projects contribute to public discussion on European governance and its future. More information is available on the project’s [website](#).

The project was coordinated by Ivo Šlosarčík.

**Research Training Network**

"Research Training Network - Dynamics and Obstacles of European Governance" project was coordinated by the University of Maastricht and financed by the European Commission. The main goal was to enable young researchers work on European governance. The project lasted 3 years and focused primarily on "Dynamics and obstacles of the European governance".

Six European universities took part in the project. Beside the University of Maastricht and Charles University, it were Universities of Southern Denmark in Odense, of Mannheim and Munich (Germany), and the University of Westminster in London. At the department, two researchers (from Ireland and Germany) worked on particular research projects. They also took part in teaching and other department's activities.

The project was coordinated by Lenka Škrábalová.

**TEMPUS - Institution Building - European Studies**

The TEMPUS grant of 1999 contributed significantly not only to creation of many important contacts, but also to establishment of a European integration study with up-to-date technical equipment and a core of a European studies library. The goal of the project was a creation of a sustainable platform that would continue developing activities in connection with the EU - especially, raising awareness of the general public about the EU and the relations between the EU and the Czech Republic, researching, training various target groups - from high school and university students, civil servants, to private sector and NGOs.

The main output of the project was a civic association EUROPEUM, later re-named as EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, which couples PhD candidates and sympathizers of the Department of W European Studies at the FSV UK. EUROPEUM and the department share premises in Rytířské 31 and created a platform that earned public respect already during first years of existence. EUROPEUM published the journal INTEGRACE till 2005, which focused on European affairs and where also students contributed. At the moment, the articles of Integrace are available on the web page of the Institute.

**IGC Net**

"IGC Net - Anatomy, Analysis and Assessment of the EU Constitutionalisation" project was a working group of five senior European studies scholars, Jean Monnet Professor holders, from five EU member states (Czech Republic, Ireland, Germany, Poland, Austria). The goal was to analyse key sections of the draft Treaty on Constitution for Europe ("European constitution") from the point of view of various disciplines (economics, law, political science) and various national perspectives. Better part of the project was financed by the European Commission in the framework of the Jean Monnet Programme.

IGC Net project was under way in 2004-2005 and PhD candidates as well as young researchers took part together with their professors. For them, it was valuable experience with the European research community and an opportunity to participate in scholarly seminars abroad and to publish results of their work outside the Czech Republic. On behalf of the Charles University, professor Lenka Rovná, head of the WES department, took part in the project and focused on the Convention as a new deliberative method of basic treaty drafting.

The project was coordinated by Jan Váška.

**INTER**

This international project (realised in 2002–2005) aimed at raising the quality of future and current pedagogs. The outputs, a methodical handbook "Průvodce INTER. Praktický průvodce implementací interkulturního vzdělávání ve školách", a DVD "Kaleidoschool", and a database "Resources", can be of use of everybody who is interested in principles of practice of multicultural education or multiculturalism in general. In line with the EU policy, the advertise
intercultural and inclusive approach to education and help to implement it. The handbook and DVD booklet are available in a number of language versions, including English and Czech (note: the pilot version has not been proof-read). DVD includes English subtitles. The project, financed from the EU Comenius budget, was awarded "Evens Prize" in 2005. The project was coordinated by Laura Laubeová and Martina Kalinová. You can find more information on the project website.