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FOREWORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



As a European political foundation, the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) was created to “serve as a framework for national political foundations, academics, and other relevant actors to work together at the European level” (art. 1.4 of Regulation (EC) 1524-2007). Consequently, its ambition is to undertake intellectual reflection at the service of the progressive movement, in pursuit of strengthening and promoting the founding principles of the European Union, namely: freedom, equality, solidarity, democracy, respect of human rights, fundamental freedoms, human dignity and the rule of law. These resonate in FEPS statutes as adopted by the General Assembly on 28th June 2017 in Brussels and as such, outline the desire of FEPS to become the leading institute when it comes to progressive thinking about the future of the EU.

Being registered on 31st August 2017 under the number of EUPF4BE0896.230.213 as a European political foundation, and coming into its thirteenth year of activities, FEPS currently has a total of 68 members out of which 43 are full, 20 are observer and 5 are ex-officio ones. Additionally, FEPS can rely on an extensive network of partners, among whom are renowned universities. These credentials have made FEPS recognised as an important stakeholder both in international rankings of the foundations and think tanks (e.g. the

University of Pennsylvania Global Think Tank Index), as also in awarding it with the UN ECOSOC consultative member status.

This higher level of responsibility was also translated into an improvement of FEPS management model on the basis of a new internal regulation adopted by the Bureau as well as a new methodology to increase the quality and relevance of FEPS activities on the basis of review meetings involving top experts and policy-makers. A short list of priority topics was defined to guide the way to implement the six big thematic programmes which are usually conducted by FEPS: (1) Democratic Empowerment; (2) Next Left – Renewal of Social Democracy; (3) Progressive and Sustainable Economy; (4) Next Social Europe; (5) Migration, Asylum and Integration; and (6) Global Solidarities.

Increasing the quality and relevance was a major compass for FEPS all over the year of 2018, always having in mind that decisive European elections would come the year after. The political conditions to strengthen pro-European progressive forces and to mobilize citizens’ participation should be developed.

That is why FEPS initiative to promote public debate across the whole of the continent within the framework of Call to Europe gained a particular relevance. More than 25 events were

organised with member foundations and other partners across Europe. These events took several formats building on FEPS expertise on debate methods and addressing a large range of issues according to local needs. The issues to be debated were also aligned with the list of priority topics which were defined: (1) The current digital revolution and the European Social Pillar – Implications for the labour market, education and social protection; (2) Climate change and growth strategy driven by SDGs for all EU regions; (3) New financial solutions for investment and convergence in the EU: EU Budget, EMU reform and the role of tax policy; (4) Managing migration in the EU: internal and external implications; (5) The EU trade policy and the Sustainable Development Goals; (6) The multipolar world order, the EU and the multilateral system; (7) New instruments to deepen EU democracy and fighting against populism; (8) Mainstreaming gender equality in all dimensions.

Defining a progressive approach to migration was an outstanding initiative throughout the year with a culminating side event in New York entitled “United for a different Migration” on the eve of the United Nations’ (UN) General Assembly and before the launch of the UN Migration Compact. This side-event in New York was the first of an annual initiative, each time addressing a different topic.

Keeping strong focus on the concerns and aspirations of young people was the enrichment of the prominent initiative Millennial Dialogue, this time with a trans-European study on young people’s views on the future of Europe.

Fighting old and new social inequalities by building on the recently adopted European Pillar of Social Rights was explored by a cluster of projects dealing with access to health care, gender imbalances and working conditions, including in digital environments.

A European progressive way to drive the current digital revolution has been developed more in-depth this year, addressing a large range of issues such as protection of private data, competition policy, access to public services, framing the big on-line platforms and exploring new tax resources.

Fair taxation remained a central topic in order to provide social fairness, but also because new own resources need to be found to finance the upcoming multi-annual budget, including a budget for the Eurozone. How can the necessary resources be ensured for, on the one hand strengthening economic and social cohesion and, on the other hand, addressing new challenges such as the digital revolution and climate change? These were central concerns for FEPS activities regarding economic governance while an important research for

re-writing the rules of economic policies was also conducted together with Prof. J. Stiglitz.

A significant report on a progressive agenda for trade was completed and launched and will feed into FEPS next large project on Climate Justice to be launched in 2019. This high-level discussion on trade within the progressive family became a very timely undertaking while the European Union was completing trade agreements with Canada and Japan and dealing with Trump’s nationalist drive of the US.

That is why FEPS has also been committed to make a detailed follow up on the EU Global Strategy on the one hand, while bringing its research on populism to another level on the other. The new trends of national-populism need to be identified not only on the European scene, but also abroad, on other continents, working with our progressive counterparts. This is part of understanding the new emerging world order.

Defending fundamental rights and deepening democracy at all levels was another field of intensive activity for FEPS, with anti-discrimination and gender balance as central concerns. The upcoming developments of the European political system around the European leading candidates also received special attention in the pre-election year.

FEPS work as always, is carried out in synergy with the PES, the S&D group and the PES in the Committee of the Regions, Young European Socialists and PES Women. Also from across Europe with its member political foundations, think tanks and close networks.

I would like to express my gratitude to FEPS team for their excellent hard work and commitment. In particular to Ernst Stetter, Secretary General.

This document provides a short summary of our work programme, it does not demonstrate the full magnitude of our reflections, nor the true expertise of our ever-growing network.

In this pre-election year FEPS has aimed to showcase the depth of its work and address the most pressing issues that help to provide a positive and solid narrative for Progressive discussions in Europe.

Maria João Rodrigues
President

I. NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

CALL TO EUROPE

Vote @ 16!

9th March 2018 Velenje, Slovenia (Interactive Workshop)
16th March 2018 Nova Gorica, Slovenia (Roundtable Debate)
29th March 2018 Ljubljana, Slovenia (International Conference)
31 August 2018 Vote @ 16 Summer School, Piran, Slovenia (Summer School)
with Društvo Progresiva and the Karl Renner Institut



A series of debates and a summer school were organised in different parts of Slovenia in order to facilitate a wider debate on lowering the voting age to 16. It also showcased the main challenges and advantages of lowering the voting age from the point of view of election participation and democratic legitimacy and the effects such a decision would have on the national and European political systems.

Call to Europe Bulgaria – Let's Change the mode! Bulgarian perspectives for fighting inequality in income and employment in the EU

With Institute for Social Integration, Fondation Jean-Jaurès and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Sofia office
6-8 June Gorna Oriahovitsa, Bulgaria
1-2 September, Neseber, Bulgaria
29-30 September, Pleven, Bulgaria
13-14 October, Sofia, Bulgaria
27-28 October, Targovishte, Bulgaria
24 November, Sofia, Bulgaria



Inequalities are growing across Europe and within Bulgaria. Surveys show Bulgaria ranks as the country with the cheapest labour in Europe, it has poor working conditions and in addition to that healthcare reforms are needed. Therefore this project aimed to examine the current situation and offer policy recommendations to address these issues. The project was split into three parts.

The first was a research stage carried out by academics which gathered public opinions, data and case examples. This also included the first meeting which served to train the interviewers for data collection. The interviewers then set up a network of volunteers in their region to carry out interviews for two months on the labour markets and employment conditions. The third stage was a series of four regional workshops across Bulgaria to gather together participants and experts to learn about the research conducted and its findings. These workshops had interactive debates to find key and effective policy proposals that would be suitable for all the regions in Bulgaria. The relationship and the situation in the rest of the EU was a solid backbone to all these discussions. The fourth and final stage included holding a national debate, in the capital of Sofia and also another public debate at the end of the process to present the findings to the public and have an open debate with the wider public and to disseminate the publication which was presented at this meeting. The final report received a lot of press coverage and the final publication under the same title is available in English and Bulgarian. It has concrete proposals on labour, educational, income, tax and healthcare systems reforms. The project brought together several hundred participants across all the regions in Bulgaria.

Let's Change the mode!

Bulgarian perspectives for fighting inequality in income and employment in the EU

Published in December | With Institute for Social Integration, Fondation Jean-Jaurès and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Sofia office

Under the framework of Call to Europe Bulgaria this short booklet in English and Bulgarian was the result of the larger project carried out during most of the year. It presents key policy proposals for labour, educational, economic and healthcare systems reforms and gathers case examples and insight from all regions in Bulgaria.

Call to Europe Austria – Der Richtige Dreh I and II

27th - 28th April

13th October | Trainings | Vienna, Austria | with the Renner Institut

Two internal trainings for social democratic officials and activists from all political levels, where

they learned how to produce their own videos quickly and with simple means. Political movements increasingly rely on self-made media, distributed online through social networks, to spread messages and gain support. Seminars such as this provided progressive officials and activists the necessary tools to produce such media.

Call to Europe Carinthia – Europafest

1st September | Internal Roundtable | Old Loibl Pass | with the Renner Institut Carinthia office

Due to extreme weather conditions the public conference Europafest had to be cancelled but nevertheless as several representatives from the progressive movement of the region were present an internal debate followed that among others, MEP Tanja Fajon from Slovenia, MEP Eugen Freund and MP Andreas Schieder as also parliamentary leader from Austria. Participants discussed the forthcoming 2019 EU elections as also how to tackle right-wing populism that has risen across Europe.



Reforming the EU: From Reflection to Political Action What is the Meseberg Agreement worth?

13th September | Seminar | Brussels, Belgium | With Fondation Jean-Jaurès

After the elections in France and Germany, political talks on how to relaunch the European project and redress the EMU became more concrete. The proposals by the Commission from December 2017 urge member states to identify ways to deepen the economic and political cooperation in the Monetary Union. With the Meseberg agreement, Chancellor Merkel and President Macron redefined the terms of political action on which the Franco-German engine of integration will operate. Therefore we organised a reflection exercise on where politics should take us, featuring German economist Peter Bofinger, Commission expert Marco Buti, and German politician Gesine Schwan.



Call to Europe Slovenia – Participatory Budgeting

4th October | Conference | Ljubljana, Slovenia | With Društvo Progressiva and TASC

The idea of a participatory budget is no novelty and in fact participation of people in democratic processes as key to political success was emphasised by the Minister for Education, Research and Sport Dr. Jernej Pikalo in his keynote address. Several examples of participatory budgeting in some of Europe's cities were presented by experts from Milan, Lisbon and Sisak and taken into account as a relevant and important tool for progressives to embrace in view of bridging the gap.



Call to Europe Helsinki ‘Towards Shared Prosperity’

6th October | Conference | Helsinki, Finland | With Kalevi Sorsa Foundation & FES Nordic Countries

The Call to Europe Finnish chapter took place in the beautiful venue of the Tiedekulma at the University of Helsinki and it was focused on redesigning a European strategy for attaining shared prosperity. Particularly, the issues of convergence and reform of the economic and monetary union were a focal point of the debate. The presence of the Governor of the Bank of Finland, of former European Commissioner László Andor and FEPS President Maria João Rodrigues offered also the opportunity to stress that automatic stabilisers, such as the EU unemployment benefits, are to be considered an essential part of a EU strategy for sustained prosperity.



Call to Europe - Des Balkans au Caucases. Dans l'Europe des confins

9th October | Debate | Paris, France | With Fondation Jean-Jaurès

An evening conversation over the book "Là où se mêlent les eaux. Des Balkans au Caucase, dans l'Europe des confins, Editions La Découverte 2018) in presence of the authors Jean-Arnault Dérens, Editor in Chief of the *Courrier des Balkans* and Laurent Geslin, Geographer and Journalist. Moderated by Arta Seiti, teaching researcher and author of the book "Nimbes" (Editions Fauve, 2018).

The Future of National Development Banks - Implications for African Finance

6th November | Conference | Brussels, Belgium

FEPS invited the editors of the book "The Future of National Development Banks" (Oxford University Press, 2018) Stephany Griffith-Jones and José Antonio Ocampo to present their findings to policymakers in Brussels. Since the 2007/8 North Atlantic financial crisis, interest and support for development banks has broadly increased in both developing and developed countries. Key issues such as understanding how development banks work, what their main aims are, and what their links with the private financial and corporate sector are have come to the forefront, and there is an increased interest in what instruments, incentives, and governance work better in general and in different particular contexts.



Call to Europe Prague – Future of the EMU: How to make Europe strong Again?

15th November | International Roundtable | Prague, Czech Republic | With Fondation Jean-Jaurès, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, and Masarikova Demokraticka Akademie

This expert round table on Eurozone reform 10 years after the crisis involved Anne Seyffferth, Head of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Office and Czech Republic and Slovakia, Vladimír Špidla, Director Masarykovy Demokratické Akademie, Former Prime Minister of the Czech Republic and former European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Uwe Optenhögel, Vice President, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and Danuše Nerudová, Professor, Rector of Mendel University in Brno.

Call to Europe: Battling Backlash – Feminist Strategies against Cyber-Mobs and Anti-Genderism

26th November | Conference | Vienna, The ega – Frauen im Zentrum, Austria | With Renner Institute

The feminist blogger, youtuber and podcaster Anita Sarkeesian gave a talk on online harassment, followed by a presentation by the political scientist Birgit Sauer on anti-genderism. The presentations and discussion at the event were very lively and inspiring. The event highlighted the connection between power dynamics in the online- and offline worlds. A close analysis of online dynamics is important, since interactive- and social media platforms provide new opportunities, bigger potential reach, and higher visibility for networks of populist, right wing and anti-gender groups. The effects of such opportunities on the offline world, on public discourse and on politics, is already visible in many countries.

Call to Europe Poland – For a United Social Europe: Bridging beyond divides, offering an alternative

24th – 25th November | Plock, Poland

30 November – 1 December | Krakow, Poland

With Centrum imienia Ignacego Daszynskiego, Fondation Jean-Jaurès and FES Warsaw

The first joint activity together with Centrum imienia Ignacego Daszynskiego. The first of the two events was a closed seminar, which featured four thematic building blocks: values of social democracy; the support base for social democracy; the pluralism of the left and social democracy; social democracy and modernising the partisan system. This became a blueprint to be repeated at the subsequent events held across the diverse regions in Poland, including the next activity held in Krakow a week later.

At the Krakow event, in addition to the closed-door sessions, FEPS together with its partners mentioned and also the S&D Group “Together” initiative held an international conference devoted to the question of Social Europe. The topic was selected as the one reflecting a need for deepened debate on the future of Europe and more specifically, finding ways to make the progressive alternative to the status quo an appealing and viable option for citizens. The conference gathered around 300 participants, who interacted with an impressive list of speakers representing 10 different EU member states. That additionally underlined the European character of the endeavour, as also the solidarity that is the binding glue amongst the centre-left and would persevere also in the shadow of the threat of Polesxit. The event was opened by the Deputy Mayor of Krakow, Jerzy Muzyk and former President of Poland 1995 – 2005 Aleksander Kwasniewski, whose speech was followed by another keynote address from Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission and Tomáš Petricek, Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Czech Republic. Accompanying these speakers was also: Professor Marek Belka, former Prime Minister of Poland; Bogusław Liberadzki, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Dr Zita Gurmai, President of PES Women and FEPS Vice-President; Tuulia Pitkanen, Secretary General of YES; Marije Laffeber, Deputy Secretary General of PES; Matjaz Nemec, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee in Slovenian Parliament; Liisa Oviir, Member of Harku Municipality Council; Pawel Sekowski, Chair of Kuznica Association and assistant professor at Jagiellonian University; Andre Krouwel, Director of Kieskompas, Anna Paczesniak, Professor at Wroclaw University, Beata Moskal-Slaniewska, Mayor of Swidnica, Bartosz Rydnlinski, Chair of Daszynski Center, Ryszard Smialek, Leader of SLD Malopolska, Mija Javornik, Member of the PES Women board; Vilma Vatiekunaite, Member of Rainbow Rose; Andrzej Szejna, SLD Vice President; Professor Tadeusz Iwinski, Member of FEPS Scientific Council. The event was closed by

Włodzisz Czarzasty, President of SLD and Maria Joao Rodrigues, FEPS President – who were also joined in terms of FEPS representation by Dr Ernst Stetter, FEPS Secretary General and Dr Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow. The entire conference was additionally moderated by Agata Szczesniak, journalist of OKO Press and Lukasz Danel, Assistant Professor and Member of Daszynski Center.

The event received extensive press coverage, following the press conference and the interviews offered respectively by high level speakers.



Call to Europe: Women in Leadership – Towards a More Gender-Balanced European Union?

4th December | Conference | Budapest, Hungary | With Fondation Jean-Jaurès and Táncsics Mihály Alapítvány

2018 marked the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in many European countries therefore it was important to analyse the achievements and how far we still have to go. Through the contributions of speakers such as Zita Gurmai (PES Women President and FEPS Vice President), Agnès Hubert (Gender Five Plus President & FEPS Scientific Council Member), Reka Safrany (Hungarian Women's Lobby), Tibor Szanyi (S&D MEP), Elke Ferner, (Former German Secretary of State), Mária Hercegh (Hungarian Trade Union Women President), this conference contributed to thinking about two core issues: 1) what have been the main improvements and challenges for women's participation in politics; as also 2) what social democrats can do to achieve genuine gender-equal representation.



Call to Europe in the Western Balkans

17th December | Conference | Belgrade, Serbia | With Center for Democracy Foundation, Olof Palme International Center and Fondation Jean-Jaurès

The day's discussions were divided into three sessions; European elections in the western Balkans; Challenges and threats to democracy as a common issue; the social impact of EU integration in view of attempts to socialise the European semester. The high-level speakers came from all over the region and the EU. There was a mixture of journalists, political representatives, academics, diplomats, NGOs, trade unions, civil society and expert policy advisers. The conference showed significant interest and motivation to discuss the perspective of the EU integration process in the Western Balkans and this looking in view of the forthcoming European elections and the context this will bring. It was concluded that the social dimension of the economic reforms have been particularly notable in tackling economic and social aggravations in the region. Large press coverage was received from the conference discussions.



UNITED FOR A DIFFERENT MIGRATION

FEPS Global Migration Group

Throughout the year | Workshops | Rome, Italy – Dakar, Senegal – New York, USA | With Fondation Jean Jaurès

Under the Chairmanship of Professor Giuliano Amato, the FEPS Global Migration Group was established, composed of international migration experts. Its aim was drafting the key paper outlining a progressive narrative for migration, that should find a synthesis between the fundamental values of the progressive family and the socioeconomic reality of the countries of departure and arrival. The group met three times: in Rome members addressed the issue from the perspective of the destination countries, while in Dakar, they looked at migration from the point of view of the countries of origin. The last meeting took place in New York after the conference “United for a Different Migration”.

United For A Different Migration

21st-22nd September | Conference | New York, United States | With Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Fondation Jean Jaurès, Foundation Max van der Stoep, Tankesmedjan Tiden, Fondazione Pietro Nenni and TASC

In the course of this international conference FEPS and its partners presented a ground-breaking strategy for a new global migration policy “Prioritising people: A progressive narrative for migration” ahead of the 2018 UN General Assembly Week, and of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Representatives of politics, civil society, international organisations, academia, and think tanks joined distinguished international representatives to discuss the progressive narrative for migration, which the FEPS Global Migration Group had been working on for one year. The forum centered around the need for integration policies rooted in humanity, dignity and solidarity and the key role of local communities. Speakers included Josep Borrell, Foreign Minister of Spain, Professor Giuliano Amato, former Prime Minister of Italy, Louise Arbour, United Nations Special Representative for Migration, Ambassadors Juan José Gómez Camacho and Jürg Lauber, Co-facilitators of the Intergovernmental Consultations

and Negotiations on the Global Compact for Migration, Astrid Silva, Mexican-American political activist and DREAMer, Jean-Marc Ayrault, former Foreign Minister of France, and Maria João Rodrigues, President of FEPS. On 22nd September the FEPS Global Migration Group met to discuss future priorities.



Prioritising People: A Progressive Narrative for Migration

Paper | Published in September | With Fondation Jean Jaurès
By the FEPS Global Migration Group



This paper was drafted with the active contribution of academics and experts from Australia, Canada, India, Mexico, Senegal, and several European countries, gathered in the FEPS Global Migration Group. It aims for two main goals. Firstly, to provide a frame of reference – based on the principles of solidarity, respect for human rights and dignity, freedom and the rule of law – for progressive forces all over the world in dealing with what has become, in many countries, one of the most divisive issues in international and domestic politics. Secondly, to offer the active contribution of European progressive foundations to the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration.

The paper was presented in the course of the conference “United for a Different Migration”, held in New York on 21st September.



MILLENNIAL DIALOGUE

Millennial Dialogue on Europe

26th-27th November | Report Launch | Brussels, Belgium | Research carried out with ThinkYoung, Institut Emile Vandervelde, Stichting Gerrit Kreveld, Coca-Cola, Burson Cohn and Wolfe and Microsoft. Supported by the S&D Group in the European Parliament, the Party of European Socialists (PES), Europe Together, the Young European Socialists, Fondation Jean Jaurès, Društvo Progressiva, Territoires de La Memoire and Microsoft.



The report launch and conference were one of the highlights of the year. A multitude of partners, sister organisations and stakeholders joined two days of intensive Millennial debates that counted over 200 participants, five Millennial World Cafés, a Millennials Dragons Den competition, an engaging PechaKucha and Fishbowl Discussions as also key note addresses by FEPS President, Maria João Rodrigues, Sergei Stanishev, President of the PES and Oliviero Toscani, the world renowned Italian photographer. The event was of great

relevance to coin the arguments that progressives should frame their EU agenda with, so as to match the dreams and aspirations of Millennials for the European project and ahead of the 2019 EU elections. With the Millennial Dialogue report and conference FEPS and partners empowered #MillennialVoices by providing them a platform to engage and to be heard by progressive leaders. FEPS in turn, provided progressives with a comprehensive roadmap that bridges the divide between policymakers and young people who must work together to determine Europe’s future.

Millennial Dialogue on Europe – Shaping the New EU Agenda

26th-27th November | Report | Brussels, Belgium | Research realised with ThinkYoung, Institut Emile Vandervelde, Stichting Gerrit Kreveld, Coca-Cola, Burson Cohn and Wolfe, Microsoft

The Millennial Dialogue on Europe research is one of the most comprehensive research projects completed on European Millennials that includes over 10,100 surveys and 72 focus groups, participants across 10 EU Member States. It looks into Millennial's expectations and aspirations vis-à-vis European integration. The new study presents four distinct avenues in view of engaging this generation. It is a continuation of the long-standing FEPS lighthouse initiative; Millennial Dialogue.



II. DEMOCRATIC EMPOWERMENT

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- FIGHTING POPULISM WITH PROGRESSIVE ANSWERS

DEMOCRATIC EMPOWERMENT

A World Parliament. Governance and Democracy in the 21st Century

24th April | Book presentation | Brussels, Belgium | With Democracy Without Borders

MEP Jo Leinen and Andreas Bummel, Director of Democracy Without Borders presented their new book “A World Parliament. Governance and Democracy” in the European Parliament. It provides a powerful illustration of how a world parliament could deal with global challenges, such as climate change or terrorism. FEPS President Maria João Rodrigues gave the opening remarks.

Jubel – European Democracy Festival

22nd of September 2018 | Conference | Brussels, Belgium | With Jubel

The first ever European Democracy Festival took place in the heart of Brussels at the Léopold Park. The initiative called Jubel festival aims at carrying the spirit of the Democracy Festivals well known in the Nordic and Baltic countries to the European level. The goal of this one-day event was to bring together representatives of civil society, NGO's, citizens but also politicians together to discuss the main European issues and the future of the Union. FEPS held a panel discussion on the main stage about transnational lists and organised a workshop in the tent about the welfare systems of the future. These two activities integrated into the FEPS Call to Europe initiative. Amongst the main speakers attending the festival, we can highlight the participation of Marie Arena MEP, Zita Gurmai, FEPS Vice-President and President of PES Women and Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow.



France and Germany in the face of Anti-Semitism

19th December | Seminar & Survey | Paris, France | With Fondation Jean-Jaurès

Following a striking CNN survey published in November 2018 stating that 21% of the French aged 18-24 had never heard of the Holocaust, FEPS together with Fondation Jean-Jaurès conducted a survey measuring the knowledge of Holocaust in society. This survey was presented during the seminar, which aimed at comparing the situation in France and Germany by gathering policy experts from both countries. The results are concerning.

Presentation and debate on the Survey Results profiling supporters of PS & LRM

23rd November | Press Club Europe, Brussels, | With the Fondation Jean-Jaurès

Two weeks before the Party of European Socialists congress in Lisbon and six months ahead of the 2019 European Elections this debate set to analyse the survey and hold a discussion to better understand who are the supporters of the Parti Socialiste français and La République en Marche. To see what they believe in and what are their positions on key political issues. Moderated by Alain Bloëdt, Editor-in-Chief The progressive Post, FEPS, the debate welcomed Pervenche Bérès MEP and Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow. The debate was introduced by Gilles Finchelstein, General Director of the Jean Jaurès Foundation, author of a unique survey in partnership with Cevipof and Ipsos, profiling supporters of these two French parties.



NEXT LEFT – RENEWAL OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

The FEPS Next Left Research Programme is the longest lasting initiative of FEPS, which in the course of the years has seen two permanent working/focus groups, involved a majority of the FEPS members through diverse events and publications; was a platform to interact with universities such as Harvard IGLP and Sciences Po (to name just two); featured 10 volumes of the Next Left book series and countless amount of articles and essays; provided input into major processes within the PES and could be encountered for having reached out to at least 20.000 Europeans across its activities. For a decade of its existence it has been led by Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer, former Chancellor of Austria in cooperation with Dr. Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow.

Next Left Research Programme

19th-20th November | Working Group | Vienna, Austria | With Renner Institut

In 2018 – after a short break – the FEPS Next Left Focus and Working Group reconvened in Vienna, Austria. It was in many ways a historical meeting, as after so many sessions this particular gathering was the last ever event held in the “old” premises of the Renner Institut at its almost at that point ‘past’ address at Kleslplatz in Altmansdorf. The meeting featured two days, during which the debate was organized in 4 core segments. The welcome words and introduction into politics of today was offered by Maria Maltschnig, Director of Renner Institut. The first one evolved around the assessment of the situation of the center left in Europe and hence possible prospects of renewal, especially in the context of the findings of the papers being worked on by the respective members of the Group. The second focused on the question of Brexit – seen as an evolving situation, in which not only the EU is being put into question, but also the principles of the representative democracy seem to be getting challenged. Thirdly, the participants engaged in a debate on the raise of the right wing and right wing extremes. For that especially relevant was the visit to the Austrian Parliament, where FEPS Next Left was hosted by the Chair of the SPÖ Group, Andreas Schieder – who spoke at the panel with Dr. Ernst Stetter, FEPS Secretary General and Ilia Dib, the International Secretary of SPO. Finally the last round of the conversation was devoted to the prospects ahead of the upcoming European elections. Herewith the members debated also in presence of Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer the threads that FEPS Next Left should

consider evolving along, building also on the Dr. Ania Skrzypek’s Pamphlet “10 Strategic Proposals for the Progressives to become the Movement of the Future”. The attendees list included: Oriol BARTOMEUS, Political scientist, Professor of Political Science, Autonomous University of Barcelona and University of Barcelona, Spain ; Nadia CARBONI, Researcher, National Research Council (NCR), Italy ; Mafalda DÂMASO, Dr., FEPS Young Academic Network (YAN), Portugal/EU ; Patrick DIAMOND, Vice-Chair, Policy Network, UK ; Carlo D’IPPOLITI, Ass. Prof. of Economics, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy. ; Kuba JABLONOWSKI, FEPS Young Academic Network (YAN), Poland/EU ; André KROUWEL, Academic Director of Kieskompas, Assistant Professor, Free University of Amsterdam, Netherlands ; Erol KULAHCI, Researcher, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium ; Ronny MAZZOCCHI, Dr, Parliamentary Advisor, European Parliament, EU/ Italy ; Gerassimos MOSCHONAS, Associate Professor in comparative politics, Panteion University of Political and Social Sciences, Greece and Matjaz NAHTIGAL, Senior Scientific Fellow, UP ZRS, Associate Professor, University of Primorska, Slovenia.



The Shared Market: The Future EU-UK Partnership?

1st March | Debate | Brussels, FEPS Office | With the support of Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)

Over a lunchtime debate Tom Kibasi, Director and Marley Morris, Senior research fellow, both of IPPR presented their latest report “The Shared Market”. It sets out a plan for a new EU-UK partnership that aims to meet the UK’s priorities and have the maximal chance of securing an agreement with the EU 27. Esther Lynch, ETUC and David Rinaldi, FEPS, commented on the report and the present situation. A lively and heated debate was had amongst the presenters and the public.

Notes for a European Progressive Agenda

28th - 30th June | Political School | Florence, Italy | With EUdem Association

Opened with a speech of former Minister for Cohesion and Member of the FEPS Scientific Council Claudio De Vincenti in the Historical Archives of the European Union, at the European University Institute in Florence, the two-day political school encouraged a fresh discussion on crucial themes for a progressive agenda to fight back populist and nationalistic forces. A series of workshops were organised on: the common currency, European labour markets (welfare, job creation, mobility) and migration policy.

6th Annual Oxford Symposium

7th – 8th September | Debate | St. Catherine’s College of Oxford University, UK |With Policy Network and Renner Institut at

This year saw 6th edition of the successful initiative of so called “Oxford Symposia”, which annually brings to St. Catherine’s College highest level academics, politicians and stake holders to engage in two days debate on the state and future of social democracy. Diverse aspects of the debate are chosen each year with the attention to both the short term and long terms objectives – giving inspiration to be followed by further drafting of papers that then become available to the broader public in the series completed with the I.B. Tauris books. The previous volumes featured hereafter the contributions to the debate on “Progressive politics after crash – governing from the left” and “The pre-distribution agenda – tackling inequality and supporting sustainable growth”. In that spirit this year’s event was evolving around the need to redefine ideologically, politically, organisationally and electorally the concept of “Open Left, Next Left” (which term was coined on the crossroads between the existing FEPS work and the recent work by Professor Andrew Gamble on “Open Left”). Consequently, the event featured 8 sessions devoted to questions: where we are?; changing class structures and new identities: who should progressive politics represent?; managing the constraints of interdependence: what is today’s progressive internationalism?; tackling injustices: what should be the main progressive priorities?; taking back control: what should be the progressive platform for rebuilding public faith in democracy?; strengthening a sense of shared community in a mobile open society without limiting personal freedoms; creating room for fiscal manoeuvre – reforming and transforming capitalism, coping

with the next wave of technological advance: what can a progressive government credibly do?; what is the progressive ‘national’ strategy for post-Brexit Britain. The event was opened by: Roger Liddle, Co-Chair of Policy Network and Dr. Ernst Stetter, FEPS Secretary General; and then further chaired by R. Liddle and Dr. Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow. The impressive line of honourable speakers included: Anthony Giddens, Peter Kyle, Florence Sutcliffe-Brainwaite, Craig Berry, Klara Boonstra, Danny Dorling, Will Jennings, Deborah Mattison, Tomas Petricek, Olivia Bailey, Pat McFadden, Lisa Pelling, Ed Turner, Romana Brait, Andrew Harrop, Julian Le Grand, Gerry Stoker, Martina Vuk, Will Hutton, Mafalda Damaso, Georgia Gould, Darren Hughes, Julie Mellor, Jon Cruddas, Helen Goulden, Torsten Bell, Peter Bofinger, Sebastian Schublach, Andrew Adonis, Lise Butlers, Vince Cable, Patrick Diamond and Wes Streeting. While the rich exchange was summarised in a report by Barry Colfer, PhD Candidate from Cambridge University, the meeting is intended to be followed up in an edited volume in 2019.



Brexit: towards a "no deal"? Debate with Denis Macshane

17th September | Discussion | Paris, France | With Fondation Jean-Jaurès

Brexit negotiations could extend well beyond the upcoming European Council in October and possibly December. In this context, will Theresa May manage to stay on course with her government? Will the European Union win the fight? While the outcome of negotiations on the exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union is still uncertain, Denis MacShane, former British Minister for European Affairs, was received for a discussion led by Renaud Thillaye, consultant in European affairs. A video of the debate was created.

What next for Labour in Europe?

24th September | Fringe workshop | Liverpool, UK | With Brussels Labour

As part of FEPS annual core activities FEPS this year's fringe discussion at Labour Party conference focused on the future role and position of the Labour party with regards to Brexit. Labour will continue to be an active member of the PES yet other relations between the UK-EU will certainly change. The discussion examined how the relations of Labour will change with its European partners. Speakers included Brendan Howlin, Rupa Huq MP, Richard Corbett MEP, Olivia Bailey, Clare Moody MEP. Chaired jointly by Charlotte Billingham, FEPS and David Earnshaw, Brussels Labour.

Beyond Brexit: The Left's agenda for the EU and the UK

17th October | Book launch and discussion | Brussels, FEPS office | With the Fabian Society

Ahead of the European Council summit where developments on Brexit were expected to be crucial, we held a debate on this topic and to launch our most recent publication. Speaking were Richard Corbett MEP, Natalie Sarkic-Todd, Europe Matters, Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow and moderated by Charlotte Billingham, FEPS Executive Adviser. A lively discussion with the public ensued the thoughts from the speakers.



JP Mackintosh Memorial Discussion

18th October | Memorial Lecture | London, Houses of Commons

Under the auspices of Martin Whitfield MP, hosted in the ornate State room of the Speaker's House this panel discussion marked forty years since the death of the former Scottish MP who left a profound legacy. His ideas on devolution were transformative and considerably ahead of his time. He was also a strong advocate of the UK's involvement in Europe, a constitutional reformer, and a fierce debater. The speakers were Helen Liddell, George Foulkes, Norma Percy. Martin Whitfield MP and Charlotte Billingham, FEPS opened the discussion which was a celebration of the skills and inspiring ideas of a popular politician yet under the sombre backdrop of Brexit.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER RENEWAL OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

Beyond Brexit: The Left's agenda for the EU and the UK

Published in September | Book | With the Fabian Society | Edited by Olivia Bailey



Featuring a foreword from Keir Starmer QC MP and Shadow Secretary of State for exiting the EU, the book also includes contributions from many other UK-based and European commentators. The essays look beyond Brexit, and sketch the outline of a new left agenda. They cover the need for a new political economy, Britain's role in the world and the devolution of power to communities. The authors are also honest about the challenges we face in trying to carve out a close relationship between the UK and EU. Chapters by Stephen Bush, Richard Corbett MEP, Sandro Gozi, Nia Griffith MP, Stephany Griffiths Jones, Jennifer Jackson-Preece, Maria Maltschnig, Lisa Nandy MP, Kaisa Penny, Tomáš Petříček, Rachel Reeves MP, Nathalie Tocci and Paola Sartori, Wes Streeting MP, Nick Thomas-Symonds MP.

MILLENNIAL DIALOGUE

In addition to the notable activities under this topic:

Millennial debates at the YES Summer Camp

9th – 14th July | Series of Workshops | Rota, Spain | With the Young European Socialists (YES)

In the framework of the 2018 YES Summer Camp entitled '(Re)Generation Socialism', FEPS organised with YES a series of workshops on Millennial engagement, Economy, Gender Equality and Left wing coalitions. Summer Camp is a key gathering of progressive Millennial Voices from all over Europe in view of this year empowering young people in shaping the best winning strategy for progressives ahead of the 2019 EU election. FEPS President, Maria João Rodrigues made a political address alongside other progressive EU leaders on the importance of engaging Millennials in decision-making processes and elections.



Millennials vs. Baby Boomers Spain

4th October | Conference | Madrid, Spain | With Fundación Felipe González

The appearance in political discourses and in the media of the concept of intergenerational conflict between two generations – Millennials and Baby Boomers prompted FEPS and Fundación Felipe González to shed a deeper understanding of why intergenerational conflict or the lack of intergenerational fairness has framed public discourse – as we have seen, for example, after the Brexit vote where Millennials felt that their future was taken away from them by Baby Boomers. An encouraging and positive debate around the societal aspirations of both young and old – of both Millennials and Baby Boomers was held and actually showed that these are not incompatible. The report “The Vital Perspectives of Spanish Youth” was also presented and discussed on this occasion.



PUBLICATIONS UNDER MILLENNIAL DIALOGUE



Baby Boomers vs. Millennials rhetorical conflicts and interest-construction in the new politics of intergenerational fairness

January | Report | With Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute (SPERI)

This research investigates the challenges facing young people in Europe’s post-crisis economies, and the emergent politics of intergenerational fairness.

Turning ‘intergenerational fairness’ into progressive policy

January | Report | With Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute (SPERI)

Building on the main findings of the study this extended research proposes a set of recommendations to renew the social contract for younger and future generations, without diverting towards the zero-sum politics of austerity.

The vital perspectives of young people in Spain

June | Report | With Fundación Felipe González, Genera and MyWord

What do Millennials think about their future? Are they pessimistic or optimistic? Whom do they identify as responsible for the living situation that they find themselves in? How does the Millennial generation perceive its well-being and future possibilities when compared to older ones, the so-called Baby Boomers? FEPS and Fundación Felipe González have asked Spaniards between 18 and 37 how they see the future in their country. The survey responses have been

compiled in the report "The Vital perspectives of young people". This report builds on the Millennial Dialogue project of FEPS and aims to shed a deeper understanding as to how progressive politics of today can address and frame the sudden rise of intergenerational conflict under a positive sense. The report was presented and discussed in Madrid by FEPS and partners and it suggested that progressive politics should claim the narrative and the concept of intergenerational fairness.

GENDER EQUALITY

Minerva Project on Gender, Equality and Diversity

January-December | Seminars and Research Papers | Rome, Italy and Brussels, Belgium | With Economia Civile

A gender perspective cuts through all the most pressing issues that the EU faces today and in the foreseeable future, and a progressive approach to virtually all European policies requires taking the gender dimension into consideration. The FEPS-Economia Civile Minerva project deepened our knowledge of gender issues in the socio-economic domain through a multi-disciplinary and progressive approach. Through a set of seminars across the year, the Minerva Project research team developed three research papers focusing on the commodification of women's bodies, on women and populism and the impact of #MeToo. The main outcome of the research was presented in Brussels on the 23rd of November in a closed seminar with Brussels gender equality experts.

UN 62nd Commission on the Status of Women (CSW62) Side Events & Transatlantic Dialogue

12th – 16th March | Side Events & Debate | United Nations, New York (USA) | With Fondation Jean-Jaurès

Active contributions at the biggest annual intergovernmental event on gender equality, the Commission on the Status of Women, taking place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 12 to 16 March 2018. Echoing the main theme in focus, i.e. the challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls, a set of public parallel events with different partner organisations took place, which provided excellent opportunities to discuss critical women's rights issues. Moreover, we hosted our longstanding US-EU initiative "Transatlantic Dialogue on gender issues" with a special focus on the impacts of the #MeToo movement gathering US and EU experts, researchers and politicians.

Women on the Move – A Gender Perspective of Migration Flows and Geopolitical Responses

25th October | Conference | Committee of the Regions of the EU | Brussels, Belgium | With Institut Emile Vandervelde

More people are on the move than ever before and women make up almost half of the 244 million migrants and half of the 19.6 million refugees worldwide. However, the needs, priorities, and voices of these women are often missing from policies designed to protect and assist them. In this context, the conference looked into the relationship between migration and gender. With contributors such as Aissata Tall Sall (MP and former Minister, Senegal), Marie Arena (MEP, Belgium), Yasemin Bekol (Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany), Houda Ben Hamouda, (Paris Dauphine University,



France), Pia Locatelli (FEPS Scientific Council Member and former MP, Italy), Lama Jaghjougha (Founder Refugee Workforce Assistance Network), Golaleh Sharafkandi, (Kurdistan Democratic Women’s Union, Iran), Salwa Hdaib Qannam, Women of Palestine), Anna Zobnina, (European Network of Migrant Women, Russia), Sara Picchi, (University of La Sapienza, Rome), this conference explored the determinants of female migration, the impact of migration on women’s empowerment and their human rights, as well as gender-specific experiences of migration. FEPS Vice President Zita Gurmai, the President of Socialist International Women Ouafa Hajji and FEPS Secretary General Ernst Stetter called for a change and for a new progressive perspective in their speech.



Women’s Exposure to Gender-Based Violence and Harassment in the Street

19th November | Conference & Survey | Paris, France | With Fondation Jean-Jaurès

One year after #MeToo and in the week of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25th, it was important to look at gender-based violence and harassment in the street in five European countries (France, Italy, Spain, Germany, United-Kingdom) and in the United States. Therefore, a survey was carried out and was presented on the occasion of the conference on “Sexual Harassment and gender-based violence at work: state of play, state of emergency?” which gathered academics, institutional officials, politicians and civil society representatives.



FIGHTING POPULISM WITH PROGRESSIVE ANSWERS

The Future of the Visegrad Group: Mapping the Interests within the V4

Spring | Series of round-tables | With Das Progressive Zentrum

The beginning of the year saw the finalising this multi-annual project which examined future scenarios of this important group within Europe and possible progressive alliances currently.

Civil rights and social justice engagement in times of populism

7th June | Lunch debate | Brussels, Belgium | With The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)

The focus of this debate was on populism, citizenship, liberalism and the upcoming elections both in the U.S. and in Europe. The discussion provided some U.S. perspectives on the role of hate groups, extremists and the social justice movement in light of the upcoming midterm elections in November 2018. These insights were enriched by a European perspective, as Europe and its member states are grappling with similar challenges of populism, right-wing movements and parties that foster old-fashioned, restrictive portrayals of societies.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER FIGHTING POPULISM WITH PROGRESSIVE ANSWERS

Progressive Answers to Populism – Why Europeans vote for populist parties and how Progressives should respond to this challenge



December | With Policy Solutions, in cooperation with Fondation Jean Jaurès, Das Progressive Zentrum, Kalevi Sorsa and Fondazione Pietro Nenni

Progressive parties are in a defence position in most EU member states. From an electoral perspective, populist forces have challenged social democrats across the European continent. In Central and Eastern Europe especially, right-wing populists are the biggest contenders of social democracy and well established in their anti-European discourse and vision of illiberal democracy. This multilateral and multi-layered study is the result of a common effort to bring about country-specific and European progressive answers to these challenges by FEPS and five of its member foundations.

The State of Populism in Europe 2018

December | Annual Report | With Policy Solutions



The Populism Tracker website has now been existing for four years. It is updated on a quarterly basis and provides a holistic overview on the state of populism in Europe as it also brings about frequent analysis that builds on the data collected against country-specific political and socio-economic contexts that frame and explain either certain upturns, downturns or stagnation in populist trends. This rich material is then collected in a yearly publication that has also become a reference point in the project.

III. PROGRESSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

- EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND GOVERNANCE
- PROGRESSIVE TRADE POLICY
- DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Inclusive growth: a new era of economic and social progress in Europe

December 2018 – February 2019 | Research | Berlin, Germany | Das Progressive Zentrum, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

This project seeks to initiate a Europe-wide discourse involving key actors which will link national debates with the EU level discussion, by developing concrete policy proposals and practical steps that can be taken to realise policy changes that can lead to a more inclusive growth and its potential to reconcile economy and society. The project includes a comprehensive pilot study based on interviews with innovative academics, leading progressive politicians, economists and political thinkers.

The People's Business resources platform - www.peoplesbusiness.coop

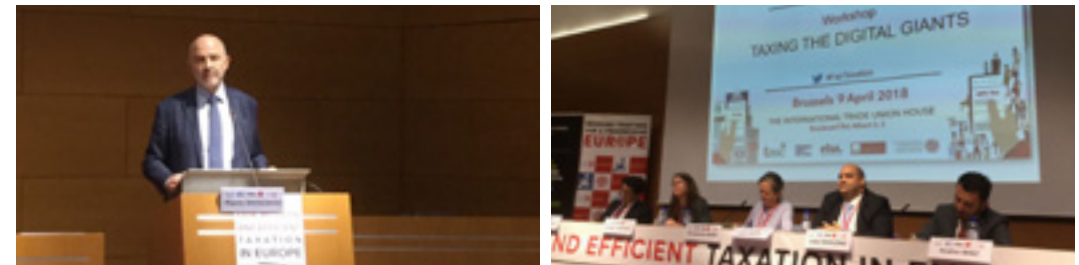
February | Launch of online resources platform | With Mutuo

To conclude the multi-annual project on “The People’s Business” the website for the resources platform was launched. There you can find policy papers on different sectors specially adapted for political and policy representatives. The video and some other material form the project, as well as a guide for speech writing or activists interested in taking this topic further.

Fair, Modern and Efficient Corporate Taxation in Europe

9th April | Conference | Brussels, Belgium | With FES Brussels, ETUI and S&D Group

On the one hand the Lux Leaks, the Panama Papers and most recent the Paradise Papers have clarified to the public how sizable the malpractices in tax governance are. On the other hand, the Commission’s interventions like the case against Apple in Ireland open the way to a serious discussion about how to re-design the corporate tax systems in Europe. Brexit and the tensions for a reform of the Own Resources also open up a window of opportunity for a role of the EU in corporate taxation. This conference aimed to contribute to attaining a momentum for corporate tax reform. Through a full day discussion involving more than 25 experts, 6 parallel workshops and over 200 participants, the outcome of the discussions contributed to gathering expertise on the digitax and CCCTB (Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base) dossiers.



FEPS Network on European Economic Governance

13th April | Conference | Brussels, Belgium

FEPS gathered its network of policy-makers, scholars, experts and member foundations involved in economic issues to reinforce the commitment towards developing alternative policy proposals for a better functioning of the Eurozone, a more democratic governance, a stronger social dimension and a forward-looking investment policy. The discussion focused on potential avenues of cooperation around the topics of the EMU and MFF and was structured in order to provide constructive advice for a European progressive economic narrative.

Renewing Macroeconomic Policy for Convergence and Cohesion

17th October | Conference | Helsinki, Finland | With GPERC (Greenwich Political Economy Research Centre) and IMK (The Macroeconomic Policy Institute)

Amongst the presence of experts of the European Commission, European Parliament, social partners and scholars, these discussions linked two proposals - one developed by the IMK and one stemming from FEPS-GPERC research. They have been put forward to redress the macroeconomic architecture of the euro area and propose a targeted reflection around potential reforms of the European economic framework for convergence.



Ireland, Europe and the multinational implications of the Irish national tax-based industrial policy for Ireland and the European Union

18th October | Conference and report launch | Dublin, Ireland | With TASC

Popular anger across Europe at multinational enterprises' tax evasion threatens the Irish development model. Ireland has always depended on FDI (Foreign Direct Investment), but in recent years attracting FDI appears to have become dependent on favourable tax treatment. A series of expert papers examine: the nature of Irish tax policy; the quantity and quality of employment generated by FDI; the implications for EU regional and industrial policy. The project culminated in a final event on October 18 to launch the report 'Upsetting the Apple Cart. Tax-based industrial policy in Ireland and Europe'.

FEPS - GPERC (Greenwich Political Economy Research Centre) Activities

Throughout the year | Seminars and Lectures | London, UK | With GPERC

22nd February | Seminar | Structuralist Inflation targeting Agenda

23rd May | Seminar | Climate and Finance

7th June | Conference | Causes of falling wage shares

21st November | What should national accounts measure?

The multiannual collaboration between FEPS and GPERC continued in 2018 around progressive political economy studies. A Lecture Series in selected topics in Post-Keynesian, institutionalist, feminist and Marxian political economy has been organised. The lecture series builds on the research expertise of academic staff in political economy. On top of this a series of joint events have been carried out to enhance the impact of FEPS-GPERC research in academia. A special workshop on Climate and Finance was organised on May 23rd to discuss the effects of climate change on financial stability and the ways through which central banks, governments and financial regulators could contribute to the development of a climate-aligned financial system.



FEPS - GPERC Research Activities

Throughout the year | Working Papers | London, UK | With GPERC

In the framework of the collaboration between FEPS and GPERC a series of working papers have been published in 2018 for the academic audience. Most of the research focuses on the topics which are at the heart of the FEPS and GPERC expertise: wage-led growth, effects of financialization, sustainability and environment issues within macro-economic modelling. Furthermore the working paper series is used to test new avenues for research in the broad spectrum of political economy studies, for instance this year two papers have been published on ecosystem complexity and two subsidies for R&D investment as well as one on the commodification of knowledge and information. A special workshop on Climate and Finance was organised on May 23rd to discuss the effects of climate change on financial stability and the ways through which central banks, governments and financial regulators could contribute to the development of a climate-aligned financial system.

'Global Finance': Financialisation, Growth and the Welfare State

29th November | Academic Workshop and Research | London, UK | with GPERC

In cooperation with the University of Greenwich, FEPS and GPERC organised a workshop on Financialisation, Growth and the Welfare State. On the occasion, the preliminary results of the FEPS-GPERC project on "Global Finance" have been presented to scholars for initial feedback. The gathering promoted a high-level exchange on the recent trends in financialisation of the European economy and its implication for the performance of welfare state and the stability of the Euro area. Among the participants that contributed with academic presentations: Prof Costas Lapavitsas (SOAS), Prof Englebert Stockhammer (King's College London), and Ata Can Bertay (World Bank).

Secular Stagnation in the Eurozone and Divergence between the Centre and Periphery

21st June | Academic Workshop and Research | London, UK | with GPERC

The FEPS GPERC project on Secular Stagnation delivered its first research output in 2018 and an ad hoc event took place at the University of Greenwich to disseminate the results of the analysis. The lead author Alberto Botta and FEPS Secretary General Ernst Stetter presented the case of

increasing divergence between the centre and periphery of the Eurozone, with alarming structural drops in the GDP potential of several peripheral countries. The concrete threat of secular stagnation, the research concludes, cannot be addressed by the ongoing unconventional monetary policy. The contributions by Prof. Annamaria Simonazzi (University La Sapienza of Rome) and Prof. Jan Fagerberg (University of Oslo) made also clear that to restore convergence and bring the GDP potential back up a policy mix involving far-reaching investment policy, expansionary macro and fiscal policy and modern green pro-innovation industrial policy are needed.

Macro Research on inclusive Labour Markets and Fiscal Balances

Throughout the year | Policy Research | With ECLM (Economic Council of the Labour Movement, Denmark)

The collaboration between FEPS and ECLM will focus on crucial economic themes for the full-recovery and stability of the euro area and the European economy as a whole. This research project is structured in two modules, each one with two deliverables. One stream of research is on inclusive labour markets and will provide a comparative analysis of: i) job polarisation in Europe, ii) investments trends and the capital to labour ratio. A second stream of research will instead focus on European fiscal rules, with one research output on the methodology behind structural balances and one on an economic simulation of a fiscal expansion.

Who Owns Europe?

Throughout the year | Multi-annual research project | With Mutuo

Ownership matters. Owners of businesses set their strategic direction, purpose and the terms of employment. Owners of land decide what should be done with it and who can access it. Owners of property decide how it is deployed and who can enjoy its benefits. These decisions have a profound impact on the rest of European economy and society. Too often when we try to understand who owns the assets on which we all rely, the beneficial owners are obscured and capital is controlled by owners whose interests are divergent from the citizenry at large. This project aims to offer a thoughtful critique which ensures the benefits of ownership are not concentrated in the hands of the few. Policy should facilitate a fair ownership opportunity for all.

Rencontre avec Euclide Tsakalotos

13th February | Closed Seminar | Paris, France |
With Fondation Jean-Jaurès

Euclide Tsakalotos, Minister of Finance in Greece presented his views on the future of the Eurozone to a selected audience of policymakers and think tankers.

Research on the privileged 10% in Ireland and Europe | December 2017 – June 2019

December 2017 to June 2019 | Roundtable Series |
Dublin, Ireland | With TASC

Ten years since the global financial crisis, economic inequality has become ever more acute. Against this backdrop, this project studies the extent to which growing economic inequality is creating a new distinct social stratum across Europe. The research encompasses a series of roundtables that will take a closer look at the strength of social solidarity of the top 10% towards the bottom 90% across a set of European countries. It will examine whether there has been a breakdown in social solidarity between the well-off and the rest, if so, why this has happened, and what could be done in terms of politics and policy to reverse it. This project is a joint venture of FEPS and TASC in cooperation with Compass (UK), Fundación Alternativas (Spain), and Arena Gruppen (Sweden) to examine these issues in their respective countries and compare their findings in research papers.



The Rise of Promotional-Development Banks in Europe: Potentials & Pitfalls

10th – 12th October | Expert Seminar | Paris, France | With Sciences Po Paris

What does the growth of these banks mean for the evolution of capacities at the European level to direct investment and development, to key national and EU objectives? How do they relate to other actors and mechanisms such as, national governments, Commission, and the EIB? To what extent are state-owned development banks contested institutions regarding their potential for socioeconomic and environmental transformation? How much are they constrained by capital market actors, or narrow political considerations? This is part of a two-year research project, that began in April 2018 included two conferences, in Paris and Brussels. In the frame of the two conferences, researchers delivered 7 papers.

Heimdal Model

First Semester of the year | Economic modelling and dataset | with the ECLM

FEPS is co-owner of the HEIMDAL (Historically Estimated International Model) developed by The Economic Council of the Labour Movement (ECLM) in Copenhagen. The HEIMDAL model focuses on the world economy from a European perspective, describes the European economies both on a country level as well on an aggregated EU level. At the moment the model includes data for 15 OECD countries, including 12 EU economies. In 2019, the groundwork to expand the dataset to other OECD countries has started.

PUBLICATIONS IN EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND GOVERNANCE



The Single Safe Asset: A Progressive View for a 'First Best EMU'

May 2018 | Policy Brief | Written by Daniela Gabor

The Single Safe Asset is an important if underappreciated element of the on-going debates on the EMU architecture. This Brief first describes the 'Northern' and 'technocratic' view of safe assets and then proposes three pillars of a progressive standpoint to frame the debate: (1) Single and national safe assets; (2) Public not private single safe asset; (3) ECB, not ESM/EMF, backstop for EMU safe assets.

Finalising the Banking Union and Eurozone Governance

October 2018 | Policy Brief | Written by Olivier Bodin and Michel Vincent

In this paper, fruit of a partnership with the Fondation Jean Jaurès, the authors analyse the state of play with reference to Meseberg's Franco-German "consensus" and then discuss the stakes involved with reforming the governance and the economic policies that are supposed to be conducive to financial resilience and the stability of the eurozone.

Upsetting the Apple Cart – Tax based Industrial Policy in Ireland and Europe

June 2018 | Report | Written by David Jacobson (ed.)

Published in partnership with TASC, this report serves the purpose of contributing to a reflection on a potential platform able to deliver a sounder corporate taxation system for the EU. It explores the down-sides of an industrial policy based on lowering taxes on corporate, such as the one that Ireland is running, on the functioning of the EU



single market as well as on the local (Irish) economy. The reports instructs policy-making on: 1) what to do about the problem of taxing multinationals, 2) what elements of tax havens facilitate tax avoidance, 3) how international agreements can lead to better control of the activities of multinationals, 4) how industrial policy can be successful without recurring to tax policy.

Core-Periphery Divergence and Secular Stagnation in the Eurozone - Macroeconomic Evidence and Policy Proposals Beyond Unconventional Monetary Policy

June 2018 | Policy Paper | Written by Alberto Botta, Ben Tippet and Ozlem Onaran



This paper provides empirical evidence about the widening divergence between the economic performances of core eurozone countries and peripheral economies. We note that, while core economies operate close to full employment, there are evident signs of secular stagnation, i.e. widespread long-term unemployment and reduced growth potential, in the periphery. In such a context, we stress that the unconventional monetary policy implemented by the European Central Bank since 2015 has proved largely ineffective to stimulate investment demand and economic recovery in the periphery. More than this, it may even deepen the existing gap between core and peripheral countries. We suggest that a reform of EU industrial policy, which puts emphasis on the productive development of underdeveloped regions in the euro area, stands out as the best strategy against

the eurozone core-periphery divide and for improving the functioning and effectiveness of EU macro policies.

Can Green Quantitative Easing (QE) Reduce Global Warming?



July 2018 | Policy Brief | Written by Yannis Dafermos, Maria Nikolaidi and Giorgos Galanis

The idea of a green quantitative easing (QE) programme has gained a lot of traction over the last years. Our recent research shows that a green QE programme that involves the purchase of green corporate bonds can indeed reduce global warming. Nevertheless the programme will be more effective if green investment responds strongly to changes in the interest rates. This policy brief complements our joint seminar on Climate Change and Finance held on 23rd May 2018 at the University of Greenwich, London.

Greenwich Papers in Political Economy

The list of working paper published in the “Greenwich Paper in Political Economy” series, jointly run by GPERC and FEPS for the year 2018 includes:

- Ugur, M. and Trushin, E. (2018) "Asymmetric information and heterogeneous effects of R&D subsidies: evidence on R&D investment and employment of R&D personnel"
- Ugur, M., Awaworyi Churchill, S. and Luong, H. M. (2018) "What do we know about R&D spillovers and productivity? Meta-analysis on heterogeneity and statistical power"
- Botta, A., Caverzasi, E., Russo, A., Gallegati, M. and Stiglitz, J. E. (2018), "Inequality and finance in a rent economy"
- Oyvat, C., Öztunalı, O. and Elgin, C. (2018), "Wage-led vs. profit-led growth: a comprehensive empirical analysis"
- Van Klyton, A., Arrieta Paredes, M. and Soomaree, A. (2018), "The multi-stakeholder model of Internet governance, ICANN, and business stakeholders: practices of hegemonic power"
- Botta, A., Tippet, B. and Onaran, Ö. (2018), "Divergence between the core and the periphery and secular stagnation in the Eurozone"

- Powell, J. (2018), "Towards a Marxist theory of financialised capitalism"
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- Trushin, E. and Ugur, M. (2018), "Ecosystem complexity, firm learning and survival: UK evidence on intra-industry age and size diversity as exit hazards"
- Sallai, D. and Schnyder, G. (2018), "The Transformation of Post-socialist Capitalism – From Developmental State to Clan State?"
- Caverzasi, E., Botta, A. and Capelli, C. (2018), "The endogeneity of money and the securitizing system. Beyond shadow banking."

Policy Briefs With GPERC

The list of GPERC policy briefs published in partnership with FEPS for the year 2018 includes:

- Oyvat, C. (2018) "The End of Boom and the Political Economy of Turkey's crisis"
- Onaran, Ö. and Guschanski, A. (2018) "The causes of falling wage share: sectoral and firm level evidence from developed and developing countries – what have we learned?"
- Onaran, Ö. and Guschanski, A. (2018) "What drives the four decades-long decline in labour's share of income?"
- Ugur, M. (2018) "Deconstructing European appeasement of dictatorship in Turkey: Policy change is required urgently."
- Ugur, M. (2018) "Innovation, job creation and productivity: implications for public policy"

PROGRESSIVE TRADE POLICY

What is “Progressive” Trade Policy in the 21st Century?

15th – 16th June | Conference | Villa Vigoni, Menaggio, Como Lake, Italy | With the German Italian Centre for Excellence Villa Vigoni, GPF (Global Progressive Forum), S&D (Group of the Progressive Alliance if the Socialists and Democrats), PES (Party of European Socialists), ETUC (European Trade Union Confederation) and FES Rome

This conference brought together a wide alliance of progressive forces to promote a regime of international trade and investment properly governed and oriented towards more fairness, equality and progressive changes that meet the sustainable development goals as defined in the Agenda 2030. The objective was to substantiate a progressive position, with the input of EU politicians and officials, as well as experts from academia, trade unions, and civil society and to promote a discussion on key features of a progressive European trade policy for the 21st century.



Towards a Progressive Model for Global Partnership and Development

21st February | Conference | European Parliament, Brussels | With GPF (Global Progressive Forum), S&D (Group of the Progressive Alliance if the Socialists and Democrats), PES (Party of European Socialists), SOLIDAR, and ETUC (European Trade Union Confederation)

The conference was organised as the fifth meeting of the Steering Committee on trade and investment, under a series of gatherings organised within this project. The aim is to promote a regime of international trade and investment properly governed and oriented towards more fairness, equality and progressive changes, meeting the ambitious sustainable development goals as defined in the Agenda 2030. The discussions fed into a final common policy paper that was presented in the European parliament on 5th December and at the PES congress in Lisbon on

7th December. Pascal Lamy, Prof. Stephany Griffith-Jones and Eveline Herfkens served as FEPS members of the Steering Committee.

Towards a Progressive Model for Global Partnership and Development: Mission to Geneva

12th-13th April | Conference | Geneva, Switzerland | With GPF (Global Progressive Forum), S&D (Group of the Progressive Alliance if the Socialists and Democrats), PES (Party of European Socialists), SOLIDAR, and ETUC (European Trade Union Confederation)

Members of the Steering Committee met with high-level officials working on trade relations in Geneva. Pascal Lamy, Prof. Stephany Griffith-Jones and Eveline Herfkens served as FEPS members of the Steering Committee together with other participants from Brussels; Enrique Guerrero MEP, Chair of the Global Progressive Forum (GPF), Bernd Lange MEP, Chair of the European Parliament committee on International Trade, Carles Casajuana, Solidar board member and former Spanish Ambassador and Linda McAvan MEP, Chair of the European Parliament committee on Development.

For the many, not the few - Towards a Progressive Model for International Trade and Investment

5th December | Report launch | European Parliament, Brussels

7th December | Report launch | Lisbon, Portugal

With GPF (Global Progressive Forum), S&D (Group of the Progressive Alliance if the Socialists and Democrats), PES (Party of European Socialists), SOLIDAR, and ETUC (European Trade Union Confederation)

The first presentation of the highly-awaited policy paper, followed by a debate with the authors including Nathalie Bernasconi, Executive Director IISD Europe, Group Director, Economic Law & Policy, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), Pascal Lamy, former WTO Director General and former EU Commissioner for Trade, Bernd Lange, MEP, Chair of the European Parliament Committee on International Trade and Paul Magnette, Mayor of Charleroi and former Minister-President of Wallonia.

The report was presented again, by Paul Magnette, Mayor of Charleroi and former Minister-President of Wallonia to a different public, this time on the occasion of the PES Congress in Lisbon.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Crowd Work in the European Gig Economy, Employment in the Era of Online Platforms

Throughout the year | Research and surveys | Brussels, Belgium | With UNI Europa, University of Hertfordshire, Fondation Jean-Jaurès, Fundación Felipe González, Kalevi Sorsa, PAM Service Union United, Foresight Centre of the Estonian Parliament (Riigikogu)

Continuing FEPS work in partnership with UNI Europa and the University of Hertfordshire on “**Work in the European Gig Economy**”. In 2018, new surveys have been carried out in Estonia, France, Finland and Spain. They reveal for the first time, the extent and characteristics of crowd workers in these countries. Together with on-going and upcoming surveys in Slovenia, the Czech Republic and the United Kingdom, the results of the 4 surveys will feature in a second and final report on gig work in Europe, to be launched in Brussels mid-2019. It will be an occasion to promote an open debate on the new forms of labour, which is relevant for both academic and policymakers.

Human – Machine: New Policies for the Future of Work

20th February | Conference and Research | Brussels, Belgium | With EYU and Google

The conference was the occasion to present the research output of a EYU and Google study developed with the collaboration of FEPS, with the cooperation of the Fondation Jean-Jaurès, Fundação ResPublica, and the Johannes Mihkelson Centre. The main objective of the research which was presented to the public is to analyse the impact of automation on European labour markets and come up with policy solutions for a successful and fair transition. Modernisation of the education and welfare systems have been indicated as necessary steps for a proper adaptation of our society to incorporate artificial intelligence.

Seminar Work in the Platform Economy

26th April | Conference | Helsinki, Finland | With Kalevi Sorsa Foundation

Amazon Mechanical Turk, CrowdFlower, Foodora, Freska, Upwork, Wolt... What does the future of work look like in the platform era? What are the policy decisions that should be obtained in order for workers to have a social safety net and basic worker rights? These questions were addressed in the seminar. Speakers included Kaisa Penny, Director of Kalevi Sorsa Foundation, Associate Prof. Vili Lehdonvirta, University of Oxford, FEPS expert Prof. Ursula Hews, University of Hertfordshire, Jari Konttinen, Senior Adviser, Service Sector Employers Palta, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri MEP, Timo Lindholm, Senior Specialist, Ministry of Employment and the Economy, and Annika Rönni-Sällinen, Director, the Central Organisation of Finnish Trade Unions SAK.

La grande dépossession. Pour une éthique numérique européenne

23rd May | Book and launch debate | Paris, France | Written by Maxime des Gayets | With Fondation Jean-Jaurès

Piracy, cyber-attacks, data leaks, political manipulations, psycho-social effects, the digital revolution reveals, day after day, its most obscure side. Normal hazards? Fragility inherent in any great transformation? Maxime des Gayets, a cybersecurity and business consultant from Île-de-France, formulates proposals to get out of our ethical blindness towards a technology with increasingly uncontrollable effects. Jennyfer Chrétien of the think tank Renaissance numérique, Marilyn Maeso, Associate Professor of philosophy, author of *Les conspirateurs du silence* and Alexis Lacroix, editor of *L'Express* provided thoughtful input to the debate on the occasion of the book launch to the public. A video of the joint conference was made and is available online.

Digital Transformation and Future of Work

25th May | Conference | Barcelona, Spain | With Rafael Campalans Foundation

The debate offered the opportunity to reflect on the impact of automation and artificial intelligence on low- and mid-skilled jobs in Europe. It focused the debate on two main topics: 1) Transformation of labour markets and taxation systems to ensure fairness in the digital age, 2) Specific challenges that digitalization brings to the social democratic family and its narratives.



Greece Forward IV: Industrial Revolution

8th November | Conference | Athens, Greece | With DIKTIO

The conference focused on the impact on labour markets, and the opportunities it may bring in terms of innovation and productivity and explored the potential avenues for benefitting from artificial intelligence, innovation, robotics and machine-learning as well as the steps necessary to ensure a just and inclusive digital transition. The conference was attended by H.E. The President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos, who delivered a keynote speech, amongst many other important policy-makers, policy experts, entrepreneurs and academics.



Review Meeting on Digital Revolution

15th November | Review meeting | FEPS office, Brussels | With Karl-Renner-Institut and SAMAK

This meeting brought together academics, policymakers and other experts for a debate on the impact of digital technology, and to help identify elements of a progressive European agenda in this area. The discussion focused on 1) privacy, politics and the public sphere, and 2) innovation and industrial policy. The meeting was organised in the form of a round table chaired by the FEPS Policy Adviser for Digital Policy, and the outcome of the discussions informed FEPS upcoming activities in the area of digital technology.

Digital Technology, Society and Politics

17th December | Workshop | Oslo, Norway | With SAMAK

To kick off the development of a future report on a progressive approach to digital technology in 2019, FEPS and SAMAK organised a workshop with the involvement of a number of Nordic think tanks and selected experts. The workshop helped identify the main issues of the report, the themes on which it should focus, and the people taking part in the drafting process. The workshop benefitted from expert input of Norwegian telecoms company Telenor on artificial intelligence, and consulting firm the Waving Cat on governance issues linked to the use of digital technologies in the 'smart city' environment.

PUBLICATIONS ON THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION



Work in the Digital Age – Challenges of the Fourth Industrial Revolution

Published in June 2018 | Rowman & Littlefield International | Book | Edited by Max Neufreind, Jacqueline O'Reilly and Florian Ranft | With Policy Network and Das Progressive Zentrum

A collection of over 40 short chapters covering a large spectrum of topics around the transformation of employment relations and industry. The chapters have also been disseminated individually online as blog posts. Value creation in the data-driven economy by Paul Hofheinz and shaping structural change in the era of new technology, by Robert A. Atkinson were the main highlights amongst many others.

La Grande Dépossession – Pour une éthique numérique Européenne

Published in May | Book | Written by Maxime De Gayets | With the Jean Jaurès Foundation

This book explores the fragility of the privacy system vis-à-vis the upcoming digital transformation. The author looks at the ethical implications of the dispossession of data and of some essential values which creates our own identity.

V. NEXT SOCIAL EUROPE

Socialising the EU Budget

20th March | Research and expert seminar | Brussels, Belgium | With Bertelsmann Foundation

Over the years, the EU has developed roadmaps, the social and the EU budget does include some social objectives. However, the existing institutions and instruments of the budget seemingly do not rise to the challenge of delivering better social outcomes for Europeans. In order to instruct the policy and political debate around proposals for the next Multiannual Financial Framework, FEPS and the Bertelsmann Stiftung joined forces for a research project reflecting on how to turn the European budget into an effective and efficient vehicle of Social Europe was established. The preliminary results of the research have been presented in front of experts of EU social policies and EU budget to gather constructive feedback for the research.

The Welfare State Revisited

7th November | Book presentation | Brussels, Belgium

Edited by Columbia University Press, 2018

José Antonio Ocampo and Joseph E. Stiglitz bring together distinguished contributors to examine the global variations of social programmes and make the case for a redesigned twenty-first-century welfare state. FEPS Secretary General, Ernst Stetter wrote one of the main chapters. The welfare state has been under attack for decades, but now more than ever there is a need for strong social protection and social investment systems— as they remain the best tools we have to combat inequality, support social justice, and even improve economic performance. Commentators at the presentation included, László Andor, Non-resident Senior Fellow at FEPS and former European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion and Bea Cantillon, Professor of Social Policy at the University of Antwerp.



Review Meeting – Assessing the Reach of the European Social Pillar

22nd November | Expert seminar | Brussels, Belgium

The declaration in Gothenburg and the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) was the culmination of a convergence of interests among social partners and civil society that can only be compared to the Charter of Fundamental Rights in its unique format. What matters next, is the implementation of the declaration in a critical moment of uncertain political development in EU politics. Against this background, FEPS held an expert seminar to assess the EPSR and develop new ideas to go forward. Among the avenues identified by the group of experts for further action around the social acquis: i) an EU common framework for lifelong learning, ii) better policy coordination for health policy, iii) an investment facility for early childhood education, iv) a monitoring of the impact of the Social Scoreboard on the economic governance and its effectiveness on attaining social outcomes.

Redistribution in an Austere World – The joy of a tax and the mystery of productivity FEPS-TASC Annual Inequality Conference

22nd June | Conference | Dublin, Ireland | With TASC

For several years this joint annual policy conference in Dublin brings together progressive thinkers, activists and policy makers to discuss key social issues. Starting in 2015 TASC has produced an annual report on economic inequality in Ireland, Cherishing All Equally that has since become a signature FEPS-TASC collaborative project. The conference reviewed the extent and causes of economic inequality in Europe today and highlighted the continued importance of the welfare state for countering inequality.

Living With Uncertainty: The Social Implications of Precarious Work

December 2015 to March 2018 | Research | Dublin, Ireland | With TASC

There is a growing awareness of the extent of precarious work – especially for young adults. According to the negative view, more and more young people are being locked into insecure employment. Jobs that were once a job for life have become a job for a week – if you're lucky.

According to a more positive alternative perspective, young people are now self-starting individuals who can now build their portfolio careers and take responsibility for their own futures. The project begins by assessing these claims, documenting the extent and form of precarious work in Ireland today. Who works precariously, in what way and in what sort of occupations? In April, a first report was published on “Living in Uncertainty: The Social Implications of Precarious Work”. The second report on “Precarious work, precarious lives: how policy can create more security” was published in October. Both received wide media attention.

Health in Europe: reducing health inequality by more progressive health policies?

10th October | Report launch | Brussels, Belgium | With TASC

The first part of the report “Health Inequalities in Europe: Setting the Stage for Progressive Policy Action” The launch conference took place with keynote speaker Richard Wilkinson, author of The Spirit Level and The Inner Level. The research for part two of the report is currently under way and the final report will be launched in Spring 2019. This project points towards action on health inequalities as a key element of a progressive agenda, and—in doing so—achieve the Sustainable Development Goals on health. As long as access and utilization of health services remains restricted from some populations, health inequalities will persist. Thus, it is paramount that governments implement policies to achieve universal health coverage. Doing so promises economic benefits at a national level, but more importantly, it delivers on a basic human right: the right to health, irrespective of place of birth, ability, or socioeconomic background. Over the course of 18 months, the researchers evaluate how different national health systems reduce – or exacerbate – health inequalities in Europe.



PUBLICATIONS IN SOCIAL EUROPE

Health Inequalities in Europe: Setting the Stage for Progressive Policy Action



Published in October | Report | Written by Timon Foster, Alexander Kentikelenis and Clare Bamba | With TASC

CoverHealthInequalities

The report explores the state of health of Europeans focusing on the persisting differences in gender, birthplace, and socio-economic background. Importantly it provides a mapping of the health inequalities in Europe, their determinants and their cost to society. It stresses that different health outcomes within and between countries are attributable not only to social and health policies, rather to economic policies and failure in addressing the social determinants of health.

High job quality gives high employment - An assessment of the performance of European labour markets

Published in March | Policy Paper | Written by Jon Nielsen and Andreas Gorud Christiansen | With ECLM

This policy paper explores the interrelation between job quality and job quantity in Europe. European labour markets are compared in terms of the number of jobs, the quality of jobs and wages and the inclusiveness of earnings and employment opportunities. The comparison shows that institutions which secure a high job quality and inclusiveness underpin a high employment rate.

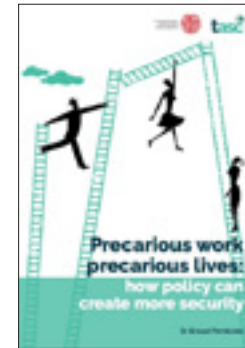
Living with uncertainty: the social implications of precarious work

Published in April | Report | Written by Alicja Bobek, James Wickham Sinéad Pembroke

Insecure or precarious working conditions can have a negative effect on physical and mental health is one of the findings of a new report. Stress, depression, anxiety and social isolation were commonly reported by participants in the study. The majority of participants revealed that they went to work when they were ill, which often prolonged their illnesses. Many precarious workers do not get paid sick leave and therefore cannot afford to take time off work. The report identifies three main types of precarious employment in Ireland: part-time work with variable hours ('if-and-when' contracts), temporary work and solo self-employment. It explores trends across various sectors of the economy including human health, transportation and storage, education, construction, accommodation, administration and support.

Precarious work, precarious lives: how policy can create more security

Published in November | Report | Written by Sinead Pembroke | With TASC



While still debated in some academic and policy circles, even the OECD accepts that atypical precarious working arrangements, including temporary jobs, involuntary part-time jobs and bogus self-employment, are often not stepping stones to better employment. As this research so clearly shows, precarious work leads to precarious lives where people are trapped in uncertainty, floating and on stand-by, with all aspects of their lives, their personal ambitions and hopes for family formation on hold. The qualitative evidence in the report vividly describes these effects, such as 'forced infantilisation' and mental scarring that impacts the quality of life of precarious workers and their families. This is not just a labour market matter, it also matters for equality.

MIGRATION, ASYLUM AND INTEGRATION

European Public Opinion and Migration: The Political Backlash

Throughout the year | Workshops | Budapest, Hungary – Rome, Italy – Brussels, Belgium | With Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Fondazione Pietro Nenni and Fondation Jean Jaurès

This project, whose final deliverable is a book to be published in 2019, articulated in three workshops, during which the authors of the publication outlined their work and discussed their ideas with experts, academics and policymakers. Each author focused on one country (Austria, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Sweden and the United Kingdom) They observed changes in public opinion attitudes towards migration in the last five years and draw conclusions and political recommendations for European and national policymakers on how to address migration in a way which is both consistent with progressive values and both European and domestic political circumstances.

G100 New Voices for Europe

**18th March | World Café
15th May | Public Conference
Brussels, Belgium | with G100**

More than a million refugees live in Europe, but their voice is not represented. Two public debates were organised aimed at understanding the ways in which democratic participation, education and fair representation of refugees in Belgium and Europe could be improved and ensured. Maria Freitas, FEPS Policy Advisor and Céline Guedes, FEPS Junior officer moderated a world café discussion on democratic empowerment, the main messages of which were then conveyed to political representatives, EU officials and Belgium government representatives at a public conference.



Review Meeting on Migration

14th June | Review Meeting | FEPS office, Brussels

The round-table involved about 25 participants – academics, policymakers, practitioners and representatives of think tanks – in a wide debate on what the state of affairs is of European decision-making in the field of migration, asylum and integration, and on the most pressing topics for European policymakers to address. In the course of the discussion, participants focused in particular on the stalled reform of the European Asylum System and of the Dublin Regulation, on integration policies and on the new MFF (Multi-annual Financial Framework).

The EU and Migration: Managing Flows, Overcoming Divisions

12th July | Conference | Rome, Italy | With Fondazione Italianieuropei

The conference addressed migration on two levels. On the one hand, speakers offered their views on how such a global phenomenon can be effectively tackled and on the other, discussed the impact that it was having – despite the fact that the emergency was over – on European and domestic political dynamics. Speakers included Marco Minniti, former Italian Minister of Interior, Massimo D'Alema, President of the Fondazione Italianieuropei and former Italian Prime Minister, Elly Schlein and Miltiadis Kyrkos, MEPs, Anna Triandafyllidou, Professor at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (EUI), and Marco Impagliazzo, President of the Comunità di Sant'Egidio.

Migration: African Perspectives

Throughout the year | Research project | Ghana, Democratic Republic of Congo and Amsterdam | With Foundation Max van der Stoep

This research (to be completed in 2019) aims to consider the phenomenon of migration from the point of view of African countries and focuses on the drivers of migration, on how to prevent irregular migration from Africa and to establish new regular routes for migrants from Africa to the EU. The research is structured into interviews with local stakeholders in two African countries: Ghana (November 2018) and Tunisia (February 2019), expert Alphonse Muambi's visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he spoke with youth on migration related issues, and held bilateral meetings. Additionally, in December a first expert meeting was organised in Amsterdam. The various steps of the project are illustrated in the online magazine Migration: African Perspectives.

PUBLICATIONS ON MIGRATION

Vulnerable and Voiceless on the Move. Unaccompanied Child Migrants in the EU

Published in January | Policy brief | Written by Enza Roberta Petrillo



A significant part of child migration is often considered to be “invisible in data and policy”, but available data shows that at least 5.3% of the over one million migrants who have lodged first time asylum applications in the EU in 2016 were unaccompanied children in need of international protection and that the numbers are constantly rising. In spite of this alarming trend, unaccompanied asylum-seeking children still suffer in Europe – particularly in Greece and Italy – because of seriously inadequate protection, inappropriate services, as well as slow and poor procedures. The European Union should overcome the member states' increasing lack of solidarity and expand the EU regular migration package, starting from family reunification procedures.

Newcomer Integration in Europe: Best Practices and Innovation since 2015

Published in November | Book | Edited by Agnese Lāce | With Freedom and Solidarity Foundation



Integration remains a prerogative of the EU member states, nevertheless there is a common interest in devising common standards and strategies to address this topic that is and will increasingly be a priority for the European Union in the years to come. This publication illustrates some best practices in ten states, from Spain to Bulgaria, from Sweden to Italy, and provided some policy recommendations for European and national policy makers.

The book was presented on 30th November in Riga, where some of the authors (Agnese Lāce, Sanne van de Pol, Tina Magazzini and Karolis Zibas) presented their findings and discussed with the audience impact, challenges and shortcomings of the cases they studied.

Guidelines for a Progressive Policy of Acceptation and Inclusion of Migrants and Exiles in Italy and Europe

To be published in 2019 | Book | With Associazione Socialismo

The book, currently in the drafting stage, aims at formulating general guidelines concerning the integration of migrants into European societies and economies. The publication, whose writing is made also in cooperation with experts from the Comunità di Sant'Egidio, focuses on different aspects of migrants' inclusion from reception to housing, education and the approach to second generations and the fight to job exploitation to the question of deviation. Moving from the analysis of the Italian situation, the book will draw recommendations for European and national policymakers.

VI. GLOBAL SOLIDARITIES

Avoiding the Sandstorm in the Sahel

20th February | Book Presentation | Rome, Italy | With Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Today the Sahel has gained new relevance due to the so-called “migration crisis”. New policy tools implemented by the European Union, such as the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa target this region. Yet they could deepen policy contradictions between securitisation and development cooperation. A longer-term perspective is greatly needed to tackle extreme poverty and to create local economic opportunity. In order to explore the interconnection between the different policy areas of migration, development, security and peace in the region. The volume of *The Security-Migration-Development Nexus Revised: A Perspective from the Sahel* was presented on this occasion. This event brought together leading experts and policy-makers, forming the concluding part of a wider research project that aimed to reconceptualise the existing links between migration, development and security in the Sahel, a region where this nexus is particularly pronounced.



Resilience and Reform in the Middle East and North Africa

8th March | Book Presentation | Brussels, Belgium | With Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)



The new EU Global Strategy (EUGS) ‘Shared Vision, Common Action: A Stronger Europe’ unveiled in late June 2016 could represent a point of departure to re-calibrate the EU’s external and security policy towards the MENA. One of the most significant novelties brought about by the EUGS is its emphasis on ‘resilience’ as the main pillar of the new comprehensive vision for the EU’s foreign and security policy. In the EUGS document resilience is understood as the

opposite of fragility, namely “the ability of states and societies to reform, thus withstanding and recovering from internal and external crises”. Marking the end of a one-year project, launched in January 2017 examining the concept of resilience in the context of six in-depth country studies (Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq, Qatar, Tunisia and Turkey). All research deliverables were presented in an edited volume entitled “The EU, Resilience and the MENA Region” at an event which featured the participation of Nathalie Tocci, Director of IAI and Special Advisor to the High Representative Federica Mogherini, amongst many distinguished policy experts and makers.

Second Annual Conference on EU-Latin American Relations

22nd - 24th March | Conference | Bogotá, Colombia | With the Global Progressive Forum, Party of European Socialists

Along with a number of high-level policy-makers and experts both from Latin America and Europe, this meeting in Colombia focused on a number of pertinent aspects concerning the relationship between the two continents and featured the participation of a number of MEPs. It followed the successful completion of the peace negotiations in the country, so this conference allowed for a frank and substantive discussion over a range of issues that concern the wider region and the progressive solutions that are urgently needed.



Possible expansion of FEPS network in the USA

25th March - 12th April | Study Visit | USA

This study visit included a series of 30 bilateral meetings arranged with academics and policy-experts in high-level institutions both on the East and the West Coast, with the objective of expanding on and presenting FEPS to progressive academics that are of interest to our work but also boosting relationships further with academics and policy experts in order to encourage stronger ties. This is particularly sought after now due to the current political situation in the US.

Afrikadag: Change we can believe in! The power of activism and citizens' initiatives in Africa

14th April | Conference | Amsterdam, the Netherlands | With Foundation Max van der Stoel (FMS)



What has become an annual core event of FEPS and FMS, Afrikadag is the biggest event in the Netherlands on Africa that aims to increase public support for international cooperation. The 2019 edition saw 800 participants, 200 speakers and some 100 volunteers taking part in the conference that showed how change can be made by the power of people coming together for a common goal, whether on improvement of accountability and ending corruption, freedom of expression or the sexual and reproductive rights for (young) girls and women.

The Political System and the Exercise of Democracy in Cape Verde – an African case study

20th-21st April | International Conference | Praia, Cape Verde | With the Fondation Jean-Jaurès and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) also in close cooperation with the Institute for Democracy and Progress (IDP), the Global Progressive Forum (GPF), and the Socialists and Democrats Group in the European Parliament

The objective of the conference was to highlight a good example and case study in Western Africa. The strong link between democracy and economic and social stability are very apparent here and can offer hope to the wider region. To illustrate this example is important to show that if the system is working it reduces the need or the desire for people to move away and migrate like what is happening in so many countries in the rest of this region who are so deeply impacted by this phenomenon. The discussions analysed the various dimensions of citizen's political participation on Cape Verde and the functioning of the country's democratic processes as an outstanding example in Western Africa.



EU-Israel relations in an era of turbulence: the need for a progressive direction

24th April | Public Event | Brussels, Belgium



At a time of growing turmoil amid a landscape of changing geopolitics in the Middle East, EU-Israel relations are becoming increasingly important. Yet, Israel's right-wing turn in recent years under the stewardship of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has really restrained the scope of meaningful cooperation between the two sides, not least on matters of peace and security. FEPS hosted MK Isaac Herzog, then Leader of the Opposition in Israel, for an in-depth conversation on the ways through which EU-Israel relations can be shaped towards a more progressive direction. Joining him, Victor Boştinaru, Vice-President of the S&D Group at the European Parliament, and Hugh Lovatt, Policy Fellow at ECFR, also discussed what the prospects of cooperation are in the current climate and against the backdrop of an increasing number of domestic and foreign policy challenges.

Political Parties and Labour Unions - European Experiences and Ukrainian Realities

12th May | Conference | Kiev, Ukraine | With the Foundation Max van der Stoel and the Institute for Democracy and Social Progress

With over 140 participants, representatives of non-governmental organisations, research institutions, think tanks, trade unions, political parties/movements from all over Ukraine, this conference brought together high-level speakers both from the political and the trade union world from Europe and Ukraine. The focus was placed on analysing what the future holds for the nexus between political parties and labour unions at a critical time for this essential partnership for the movement.



Charting a New Way for Iran-Europe Relations

14th May | Closed-door meeting | Rome, Italy | With Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

At a critical time for the survival of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), as the Iran nuclear deal is officially known, we co-hosted a delegation from Iran for a closed-door event in Rome. The meeting, which took place at the Italian Ministry of



Foreign Affairs and International cooperation and featured the participation of high-level policy-makers from Iran and Europe. Under Chatham House rules it allowed for an open, frank and constructive discussion about finding viable and sustainable ways of safeguarding the nuclear deal in light of US president Trump's decision that he is withdrawing the United States from the nuclear pact.

Sentencing, Treating And Reintegrating: How To Manage The Return Of Minors From Iraq And Syria?

19th June | invitation-only seminar | Paris | With the Fondation Jean-Jaurès

More often than not this concerned children who were taken with their parents from where they live in Europe to Iraq and Syria where their parents were involved in fighting with groups recognised as terrorists. Various experts; legal, medical and educational as well as policy and technical, gathered to present and exchange on this issue during this half-day closed seminar which discussed how to help reintegrate children returning from zones of conflict, in this particular case from Iraq and Syria. The sessions were split into four topics; who are the European minor returnees?; Judicial processes; psychological care; and educational assistance.

The Multipolar world order, the EU and the multilateral system

22nd June | Review Meeting | Brussels, Belgium

FEPS priority topic 6 focuses on the EU's external action vis-à-vis the multipolar world order and the multilateral system. This meeting was set up to discuss the current state and future dynamics within the framework of this priority topic, and with the aim of reflecting together on the future steps to be taken in the year to come in a field so crucial for the endurance of the European project. It featured the participation of senior policy-makers, policy-experts and representatives from the European Parliament and the European Commission, who discussed the current situation in Europe, the key questions that need to be addressed and the projects to be carried out. The objective was to bring together progressive forces and top-level experts in order to formulate ambitious and innovative agendas.

Prioritising People and Planet - A New Agenda for Global Progress

29th January | FEPS 10 Year Anniversary event | Brussels, Belgium

25th June | Report launch event | London, UK | With the Fabian Society

18th October | Report launch event | Madrid, Spain | With Fundación Felipe Gonzalez

Czech translation | With Masarykova Democratic Academy

The 'Prioritising People and Planet' report is the result from FEPS New Global Progressive Construct Convention, also known as the Lamy Group, after the Chair, Pascal Lamy. It alerts to a response to rapid changes in society triggered by a nexus of new scientific advances, technological leaps, major demographic changes and the intensification of globalisation. The paper sets out a compelling progressive agenda so that the future can be better than the past, rejecting the fatalistic neoliberal paradigm.



25th June | Report launch event | London, UK | With the Fabian Society

Serving as the London Launch a political conversation between Pascal Lamy and Lisa Nandy MP was held at the Houses of Parliament with a public audience and acted as a way of dissemination, whilst also assessing the current situation in this context.

18th October | Report launch event | Madrid, Spain | With Fundación Felipe Gonzalez

At the third dissemination event of the report, FEPS Senior Research Fellow, Ania Skrzypek, opened the discussions explaining why FEPS took the initiative of creating the Pascal Lamy Group, what the main aspirations were and how the journey from the very first meeting up until the publication of the declaration had been. The presentation was followed by a debate with Pascal Lamy, President Emeritus of the Paris and Berlin based think-tank Jacques Delors Institute, Former Vice-President of FEPS, former WTO Director-General and former European Commissioner for Trade, Josep Borrell, Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Felipe González, former Spanish Prime Minister. They presented their views on globalisation and progress and commented on the FEPS publication, with a public audience.

The report was also translated into Czech and disseminated further there.

EU Global Strategy Watch Advisory Group Meetings

July and November | Closed-door meeting | Brussels, Belgium | With Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

July saw the beginning of the EU Global Strategy Watch, an ambitious new project with IAI, aimed at critically assessing how the goals included in the Strategy are translating into action. Progress in the implementation of the five EUGS priorities (Security of our Union; State and Societal Resilience; An Integrated Approach to Conflicts and Crises; Cooperative Regional Orders;



Global Governance for the 21st Century) and their related initiatives was assessed. A number of high-level policy makers and experts to discuss and analyse the issues were brought together. Quarterly policy analyses at the institutional, political, and operational level were also conducted and published, complementing this thread of work.

Deepening Democracy in EU Neighbourhood

September - December | Morocco, Lebanon, Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Armenia, Ukraine | With the Foundation Max van der Stoel

September saw the beginning of an extensive 10-country training programme in the EU's neighbourhood. The overall focus of the project was on deepening democracy in these countries (Tunisia, Morocco, Lebanon, Serbia, Montenegro, the Republic of North Macedonia, Bosnia, Belarus, Armenia, Ukraine), complementing our wider research work in the Middle East and North Africa region, the Balkans and the Caucasus.



France, Méditerranée, Fraternité

8th - 9th November | Seminar | Paris, France | With the Fondation Jean-Jaurès

This seminar brought together around 60 Israeli and Palestinian students with some young Moroccan people and around 25 pupils from the lycée Pavillon-sous-Bois (Seine-Saint-Denis). At a very difficult time politically this meeting felt enlightening to the participants and a wider context of peace in the region was discussed. François Hollande, former President of France assisted at the workshop and one of the sessions focused on cartoons in the press. Positive feedback was received.

State of the Unions: Overcoming Transatlantic Divergence after the U.S. midterm elections

19th November | Conference | Brussels, Belgium | With the German Marshall Fund

Following the U.S. midterm election, leading European and U.S. experts and policy-makers were brought together to analyse the current domestic political realities and their impact on foreign policy. Specifically, these conversations explored the challenges facing the transatlantic relationship at a critical time for both Unions. While overcoming transatlantic divergence seems daunting in the current context, understanding the drivers of U.S. and E.U. foreign policy – particularly for the remaining two years of the Trump Administration's first term – illuminated key conversations. Moreover, these conversations revealed ways to begin tackling challenges on both sides of the Atlantic – as well as coming up with concrete solutions and policy recommendations.

Political Café: A new future for Ethiopia?

27th November | Public event | Amsterdam, The Netherlands | With Foundation Max Van der Stoel

Feeding into our further work related to the African continent a special discussion event on Ethiopia with the Dutch Institute for Multi-Party Democracy (NIMD) was organised. The focus of the event was on the important political changes which have taken place in the country over the past year and the substantive progress that has been observed in pursuing peace with Eritrea. Bringing together European and African experts, the conversation provide the framework of a rich debate for the future of Ethiopia, as well as the overall dynamics in the Horn of Africa.

Transatlantic Dialogue on the Rise of Authoritarianism and Populism

10th-12th December | Conference | Washington, D.C., USA | With the Center for American Progress

An important new joint initiative, this inaugural conference focused on the general theme of the retreat of democracy on a global level. Discussions were broken up into four topical sessions exploring issues that are key drivers and/or symptoms of the rise of illiberalism, authoritarianism and populism across Europe and the US: migration and the nationalist backlash; income inequality and globalization; foreign influence and disinformation; and the geopolitics of authoritarianism.

GLOBAL SOLIDARITIES - WESTERN BALKANS

Regional Political Academy for Social Democrats in South Eastern Europe

Throughout the year | Trainings | Pogdorica, Montenegro and Brussels, Belgium | With the National Democratic Institute Bosnia-Herzegovina

This second edition of the Academy is intended to prepare, motivate, and encourage political activists who want to learn more about policy development process and upgrade their skills for conducting policy research. The Academy was structured in three modules: a three-day workshop (Pogdorica, 9th-11th March) during which the participants (from eight countries) were provided with basic skills and information on how to develop and communicate policy proposals; a period of about three months during which the trainees drafted their policy briefs; and a second workshop (Brussels, 8th-11th July), when the participants presented their policy proposals to FEPS policy advisors and got their remarks.

The Republic of North Macedonia Looking Ahead: The Moment to Catch the EU train

31st August | Conference | Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia | With Progres-Institute for Social Democracy, Olof Palme International Center, Westminster Foundation for Labour (WFL Labour), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity

A month ahead of the historical referendum through which Macedonian voters would be asked whether they supported EU and NATO membership by accepting the Prespa Agreement on the longstanding dispute over their country's name, this conference gathered European and regional policymakers to discuss strategies and challenges for the European and Euro-Atlantic integration and ainable democratisation of South Eastern Europe. Speakers included Zoran Zaev, Prime Minister of the Republic of North Macedonia, Maria João Rodrigues, President of FEPS, and a number of European and Macedonian policy-makers. In the second part of the conference representatives of European and regional national foundations discussed their mutual cooperation.



A MORE SUSTAINABLE WORLD

Global commitments to climate change

16th March | Seminar | Barcelona, Spain | With Rafael Campalans Foundation

The event brought together different policy-makers, trade unionists, political representatives with researchers. Speakers included Monstserrat Mir from the European Trade Union Confederation and Teresa Ribera then Director of IDDRI and Miquel Iceta, the First Secretary of the Catalan Socialist Party. There were two main messages from the discussions; firstly, adapting to climate change needs a transversal, multi-dimensional approach, linking together economic and social pillars in a holistic way with our well-being and environmental surroundings; secondly not adapting goes against the current economic system, if we don't, we risk weakening our competitiveness. So we need an ambitious, coherent and progressive European climate dialogue, the details of which are in the 'how, where and who'.



A Just Transition to new Sources of Energy: Technologies, Costs, Geopolitics

8th June | Conference | Rome, Italy | With Fondazione Pietro Nenni,

The conference brought together European and international speakers in a full programme on the wide-ranging topics. Davide Tabarelli from Nomisma Energia in Italy presented a discussion paper to give a basis to the day's discussions. The main conclusions were; the decarbonisation and digitalisation revolution is essential and inevitable; therefore Europe needs to be prepared in a range of policy fields; investment is fundamental in helping gear up the transition to reduce and diversify our energy production; there is a real need for a long-term political strategy and for political certainty.

(Food) Waste Not Want Not: Why Food Waste is a big deal and how to scale up preventive action

16th October | Discussion and book launch | Riga, Latvia | With Freedom and Solidarity Foundation

Food waste is wasteful financially yet it also constitutes to one third of global emissions. So prevention would provide wide-reaching benefits. On the occasion of the book launch under the same title a discussion was held to discuss the conclusions of the findings in the book, amongst some of the authors, with some invited experts together with the general public. Representatives from the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia and Zero Waste platform joined our live-streamed discussion.



Africa week: Climate Change and Security in Africa: Addressing Key Challenges

7th November | Workshop | European Parliament, Brussels | With the S&D Group

As part of Africa Week hosted by the S&D group in the European Parliament FEPS organised this workshop to look at the importance of the EU-Africa relationship in terms of climate change and security, what institutional structures exist to address these challenges of water, energy, economic and social insecurities. Speaking were Apollos Nwafor, Oxfam pan-Africa, Céline Charveriat, IEEP, Murray Biedler, UNESCO Division of Water Sciences and Vanessa Vorvor, Covenant of Mayors for sub-Saharan Africa, chaired by Charlotte Billingham, FEPS. The debate was a fantastic opportunity to interact with the participants who were a mixture of Brussels-based policy experts and visitors from all over the African continent, all experts in different fields. The main message that concluded was that EU needs to do more to engage with Africa and that climate change is exacerbating security issues which is a responsibility and in the interests of everyone to address, urgently.



PUBLICATIONS IN SUSTAINABLE WORLD

Framing a Just Transition mission – Mainstreaming an all-encompassing approach

Published in March | Study | Written by Stephen Minas, Assistant Professor, School of Transnational Law, Peking University | With the support of the Transnational Law Institute at King's College London and the Fondation Jean-Jaurès

The approach proposed in this paper is to mainstream the just transition agenda, by reframing just transition from a component of the climate policy response (of greater or lesser priority) to an overarching 'mission' that can include, mobilise and empower diverse actors at EU, regional, Member State and local levels.



(Food) Waste Not Want Not: Why Food Waste is a big deal and how to scale up preventive action

16th October | Book | Various authors, edited by Jana Simanovska and Charlotte Billingham | With Freedom and Solidarity Foundation

The book features a foreword by Vytenis Andriukaitis, European Commissioner for health and food safety as also an article by Biljana Borzan MEP. Alongside a total of eighteen authors from across Europe who contributed to the book set out over eleven topical chapters examining the political, scientific, business case and educative aspects of food waste. There are also ten key policy recommendations set out at the beginning. The publication intends to illustrate the significance and responsibility of action, outlining challenges and showcasing opportunities and benefits. It looks at the policy development and highlights some good practices.



PUBLICATIONS IN GLOBAL SOLIDARITIES

EU Global Strategy Watch

Throughout the year | Policy Briefs | With Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Series of papers disseminated in two issues of a specially dedicated newsletter (July and December) focused on providing an assessment of various complements of the Strategy.



- The EU and NATO: A Partnership with a Glass Ceiling. By Nicole Koenig
- Is the EU lost at sea? The EUGS and the implementation of a joined-up approach to migration. By Maria Giulia Amadio Viceré
- The EU Global Strategy and the MENA Region: In Search of Resilience. By Andrea Dessì
- Beyond the Civilian Compact: Why we need to talk about civilian capabilities. By Hylke Dijkstra
- Happy Birthday to the EUGS? The EU and the Western Balkans two years on. By Maria Giulia Amadio Viceré
- Security and Defence: A Glass Half Full. By Nicole Koenig
- Implementing the integrated approach: Investing in other international organisations. By Hylke Dijkstra
- A joined-up Union in counterterrorism and public diplomacy: Let's stay on the right track! By Lorenzo Vai



Chronicle of a death foretold? Europe and the unclear fate of Iran's nuclear agreement

May | Policy Brief | Written by Vassilis Ntousas, FEPS

Analysing the decision of President Trump to withdraw from the carefully negotiated Iran nuclear deal, there is a way it can survive. However this will depend on the role Europe plays, a stronger approach will help stability and security in the region.

EU-Israel Relations in the Digital Era

December | Booklet | Edited by Dr. Roby Nathanson, Yanai Weiss, Justin Nogarede and Vassilis Ntousas | With the Macro Center for Political Economics, the Institute for National Security Studies, the Jean-Jaurès Foundation and the Karl-Renner-Institut

This booklet contains crucial policy insights and recommendations as well as the speeches delivered by several key participants, which arose from the international conference on "EU-Israel Relations in the Digital Era" which was carried out in November 2018.

Klaus Voll and Arnold Wehmhörner

FEPS correspondants in India and South Africa, Klaus Voll and Arnold Wehmhörner respectively write regular articles on South East Asia and the Southern African political situations and relate it to European and international affairs.

India and South Asia Dossier

By Dr. Klaus Voll with Dr. Joyce Lobo

Monthly analysis and collection of articles throughout the year.

From South Africa and the region

By Arnold Wehmhoerner

**South Africa in limbo | Published in January
Zimbabwe and no end | Published in August**

The changing media environment and the role of the public service media: Focusing on the problems of the Baltic Sea region and beyond

Throughout the year | Policy briefs | With Freedom and Solidarity Foundation

Building on the work that had been conducted in 2017, a number of additional papers were published seeking to analyse the importance of strong, independent national media as a guarantor of pluralism and as a shield against the erosion of the democratic ethos of societies in the face of foreign state propaganda and populism.

The Future of 20 Million in the Six Western Balkan States. A Key Question for Europe's Geopolitical Future

March | Paper | Written by Christoph Zöpel

The European Union has an obvious interest in the wealth and stability of the six Western Balkan states. Yet, the situation in these countries is growing into a threat for the EU. In this paper, the author proposes to replace the denomination Western Balkan states with states of the Eastern Adria, as the former has acquired a negative meaning, while Eastern Adria will underline the European dimension of the six states' integration. The article assesses the reasons why the WB6 are crucial for Europe, the state of negotiations and obstacles to accession, as well as the reasons why the EU's traditionally bureaucratic-paternalistic approach to this region cannot be successful.

Italy in the Mediterranean: Priorities and Perspectives of a European Middle-Power

To be published in 2019 | Report | Written by Silvia Colombo and Anja Palm | With Fondazione EYU

This research focuses on the strategic importance of the Mediterranean Sea in Italy's foreign policy. This importance stems also from the role that this region played in the construction and integration process of the European Union. The fact that both regions in the north and south of the Mediterranean Sea are currently experiencing deep internal crises does not diminish the importance of this geopolitical space and the EU's resolution to project its influence over it. This report addresses the broad topic of 'Italy in the Mediterranean' in order to shed light on the drivers, priorities and concrete actions Italy has pursued in the region between 2016 and 2018. The second part of the report is dedicated to the migration issue.

VII. CORE PROJECTS



FEPS YOUNG ACADEMICS NETWORK

Throughout the year | With the Renner Institut

The FEPS Young Academics Network (YAN) was established in 2009/2010 upon the conclusions of the FEPS Next Left Report "10 proposals for 2010". Since then it has developed through a set of 6 cycles and has incorporated the work of over 350 young scholars (pre-PhD and post-Docs) from across the continent. Jointly they have drafted more than 100 papers including visionary proposals, showcasing that another world, another Europe and another tomorrow for the young generation is a viable prospect.

The on-going 6th cycle was launched in 2017 in summer. That event contributed to setting up an action plan, which envisaged content work within 8 thematic groups. Moving into the year 2018, both partners agreed to create more opportunities for FEPS YAN to test their theories by engaging in dialogue with politicians, stakeholders and experts, as also to become more familiar with the context of European progressive politics.

In practical terms this meant that within the first half of the year, FEPS YAN members travelled to Brussels in delegations; whilst in the second half the main activity they took part in was the PES Congress in December in Lisbon (which was followed by the back-to-back closed seminar of the FEPS YAN itself).

To offer more detail regarding the year therefore, in spring 2018 the different working groups came to Brussels to present their findings and receive feedback on their papers from S&D MEPs, advisors of the European Parliament and European Commission, renowned academics, trade unions and leaders of the civil society. These meetings were also an exceptional opportunity to have a deeper approach to the European policy making and to discuss which kind of policy recommendations based on the final academic papers could be shaped by the network based

The group on **Democracy and Political Reform** had the opportunity to discuss with MEPs Tanja Fajon and Jo Leinen; Tamas Boros, Co-Director of Policy Solutions; Laura Ballarín, Advisor at the European Parliament and PSOE European Affairs Officer; Tuulia Pitkanen, Secretary General of

Young European Socialists; Marije Laffeber, Deputy-Secretary General of PES; Léonie Martin, Vice-President of the Young European Federalists and Casey Mckenzie, Member of Young European Socialist Secretariat; Frazer Clarke, Deputy Secretary-General of the S&D Group and Fabien Valli, Head of “Citizen’s Europe”.

The group on **Social Europe** met MEPs Evelyn Regner, Marita Ulvskog, Olle Ludvigsson and Javi López; member of the Austrian Parliament Jan Krainer; FEPS President Maria Joao Rodrigues; FEPS Non Residential Fellow and former Commissioner László Andor; Claire Courteille, Director of ILO Brussels; Antoine Mertzeisen, PES Advisor on Social and Employment Policy; Bart Vanhercke, Director at the European Social Observatory and David Rinaldi, FEPS Senior Economic Policy Advisor.

The group on **Cooperatives and Mutuals** discussed their paper with MEPs Pervenche Berès Jonás Fernández and the parliamentary advisors of MEP Paul Tang; László Andor, FEPS Non Residential Fellow and former Commissioner; Elly Crysanthakopoulou, PES advisor on Economy, Emilie Appel, S&D Political Advisor; Sotiria Theodoropoulou, Head of Unit at ETUI and Béla Galgoczi, researcher at ETUI.

The working group on **Migration** interviewed MEPs Sylvie Guillaume, Josef Weidenholzer, Jure Tanko, Advisor to MEP Tania Fajon and Juan Jose López, Advisor to MEP Elena Valenciano; Ton Beumer, Head of Unit S&D Group; Hedwig Giusto, Senior Policy Advisor (FEPS); Olenka Delanghe, Policy Advisor for PES; We Exist NGO: Made by Syrians for Everyone; Giulio Di Blasi, Team of High Representative Federica Mogherini and Patrice Quesada, IOM Post-Crisis Specialist.

The group on **Transnational Governance** presented their papers to Quentin Gerard, E3G Senior Policy Advisor; Lisa Kastner, FEPS Policy Advisor; Charlotte Billingham FEPS Senior Policy Advisor; Anne Morin, Policy Advisor Global Progressive Forum; Mathilde Sabouret and Stine Larsen, S&D Policy Advisors; Rebecca Humphries, WWF Public Affairs Officer of EU policy office; Maria Tsirantonaki, project officer and youth coordinator at the ITUC Equality department and Tim Noonan, director of ITUC Communications and Campaigns department.

The working groups on **Religion and EU Identity** attended the seminar together and they had the chance to meet MEP Richard Corbett; Victoria Martín de la Torre; President of Foro Abraham; Brussels Labour members Charlotte Billingham; Isobel Findlay; Josephine Wood and David Earnshaw; Lesia Radelicki, Political Adviser and Coordinator PES Women; José Santoro, Secretary General of Rainbow Rose and S&D Advisors Francesco Cerasani and Anita Tusar.

Finally, the working group on **Foreign Affairs** discussed their paper with MEP Brado Benifei; S&D Head of Unit Zoltan Simon and S&D Advisor Jörgen Siil; Maurice Claassens, Senior Coordinator Solidar; Konrad Golota, PES Adviser Democracy Policies Central and Eastern Europe; Laura Ballarín, PSOE European Affairs Officer; Nicoletta Pirozzi, Head of IAI programme “EU, politics and institutions” and Anne Morin, Policy Advisor Global Progressive.

The second FEPS YAN seminar was organised around the PES Congress in Lisbon. This was a further step in the approach to the policy making and to the next European Elections. The Network’s members attended the congress as participants where they exchanged views and proposals with the European Young Socialists during a conversation set up in the format of a “political speed dating”; as also with Andreas Schieder, leader of the SPÖ Group in Austrian Parliament, Maria João Rodrigues, President of FEPS and Ana Katarina Mendez, Secretary General of PS Portugal. Following the end of the Congress, the members of the FEPS YAN spent the next two days to finalising the papers by integrating the latest comments of their mentors and the suggestions from the review of the steering committee.

Additionally to those two activities, as every year, the members of FEPS YAN attended other FEPS activities on behalf of the group such as FEPS-Fabians New Year Conference, Human – Machine: new policies for the future of work, Women on the move. FEPS YAN was also represented in the different FEPS review meetings. A delegation of the network participated in YES Summer Camp in Rota, where they spoke in the different panels according to their research topic.

The essays will be concluded and published on FEPS website in 2019.

The FEPS Steering Team of the FEPS Young Academics Network is composed of: Dr. Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior research Fellow; Elena Gil, FEPS Social Media Advisor and Céline Guedes, FEPS Junior Policy Officer. They were joined also by Dr. Gerhard Marchl, Head of the EU Affairs Department of the Renner Institut. The list of YAN Members until December 2018 included: **Alexander Adranghi, Antonia Alomar, Agata Blaszczyk, Llisa Marie Borrelli, Ivan Cerovac, Luigi Cino, Francesco Corti, Adriano Cozzolino, Mafalda Damaso, Luke John Davies, Maria Pia Di Nonno, Fabio Di Nunno, Itxaso Domingues de Olazabal, Panagiotis Doudonis, Mohamed Fahmi, Michele Fiorillo, Silvia Fontana, Suzana Ibsi, Kuba Jablonowski, Christian Kounty, Jakub Kwaśni, Lorena Lombardozi, Rebecca Mavin, Stephen Minas, Seamus Montgomery, Muireann O’Dwyer, Alejandro Olmos, Thomas Paster, Ana Belén Perianes, Vesna Poposka, Denis Preshova, Davide Sardo, Theodor Slavev, Ivan Stefanovski, Jernej Stromaher, Georgia Trasciani, Pierre Vanheuverzwij, Neil Warner.**

FEPS ONES TO WATCH PROGRAMME

Due to the extended nature of the Call to Europe initiative this year it was decided that the Ones to Watch Programme would continue after the European elections in 2019, however there was one meeting held, see below.

The objective of the initiative is to support progressive parties from the region of Central and Eastern Europe, while actively contributing to closing the gap in the conversation between the West and East. The first call for participants was issued in 2015 and the inauguration meeting of this new programme was held in Prague, Czech Republic upon the invitation of Jan Hamacek, MP and then Speaker of the Parliament (now Chair of CSSD and Minister for Home Affairs).

Since the beginning, the programme involved 50 politicians of 35 – 45 years of age, already elected and, according to the nominating foundations, the ones to most likely to play a decisive role in their parties' futures. Each time, the meeting was hosted in a different member state of the region – respectively hosted by: Amicus Europae in Warsaw; Tanscics Foundation in Budapest; ISI in Sofia and finally by Progressiva in Ljubljana (with a field trip added). The programme was each time composed of three elements:

1. Becoming familiarised with the developments in the EU and the country where the seminar was taking place;
2. Exchanging and comparing the situations of the parties in the region with an aim of drawing recommendations what could be done to improve it;
3. Taking part in a common learning, cultural political experience.

United for a Progressive Europe: Ones to Watch

14th November | Seminar | Brussels, Belgium | With PES

The event was put together in order to engage in a debate with the representatives of the Central and Eastern Europe about the state of the EU project half a year ahead of the European elections, as also about what particular issues would be important to discuss programmatically to resonate and respond to the concerns of progressive voters from within those countries. The event was opened by Dr. Ernst Stetter, FEPS Secretary General and Marije Laffebler, PES Deputy Secretary General – whose introductory remarks were followed by the address of Dr. Christopher Zöpel, Special Advisor to the PES President. The subsequent two panels were moderated by Konrad Golota, PES Advisor on CEE parties and Dr. Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow. Among the participants were: Dr. Ireneusz Bil, Uros Jausevec, Kristian Malina, Hanno Mato, Kata Tütto, Vilma Vatiekunaite, Andrzej Szejna, Liina Luga. The debates were summarised in an internal report, which was shared with participants and the PES.



FURTHER CORE ACTIVITIES

Europe Academy: Brussels Intro Tour

January-June | Meetings, seminars and trainings | Brussels, Belgium and Vienna, Austria | With Renner Institute

A longstanding annual activity where the participants of the Austrian Renner Europe Academy visit Brussels to get an insight into how the European institutions function after having followed multiple modules about EU politics in Vienna. FEPS runs the programme together and of course a presentation is given about what FEPS is and does, also an introduction to the other Progressive sister organisations present here in Brussels such as the PES, YES, S&D and PES Women. Students also met MEPs, representatives from the European Commission, the Committee of the Regions of the EU and other key stakeholders over the course of 2-3 days.

Fringe events at the FEPS-Fabian New Year Conference 2018 - Policy Priorities for the Left

13th January | Conference | London, UK | With the Fabian Society

FEPS closely worked together with the Fabian Society to organise three fringe events at the annual New Year's Conference. During the break-out sessions, panellists discussed which lessons could be drawn from the left in Europe after a dramatic election year across Europe, the Responsibility to Protect, as well as what the optimum outcome for Brexit could look like. Speakers included Labour MEP Seb Dance, Ernst Stetter, FEPS Secretary General, Ivana Bartoletti, Chair of the Fabian Women's Network, and Stephen Bush, correspondent of the New Statesman. The break-out sessions were moderated by Vassilis Ntousas and Lisa Kastner, FEPS policy advisors.

FEPS-Fabians Summer Conference

19th May | Conference | London, UK | With the Fabian Society

The annual summer conference has become a highlight in the joint agenda of FEPS and Fabian Society. This year high-level speakers included Diane Abbott MP, Shadow Home Secretary, Keir Starmer MP, Shadow Brexit Secretary, and Ed Miliband MP, former Labour leader as well as other British and European policy-makers. With interactive sessions and workshops on the economy, skills, the environment, defence and more – the conference examined the left's agenda for change, in the UK and Europe.

Political Academy – National Sovereignty and European Union

May – June | Lectures | Rome, Italy | With Associazione Socialismo

The Academy was composed of a series of eight lectures from authoritative academics who focused on topics ranging from the crisis of liberal democracies to the cultural borders of Europe and migration, from regionalism to the national forms of government in the context of the EU. The lectures were addressed to young party activists and party members, volunteers and social workers. Among the speakers: Giuliano Amato, Claudia Mancina, Luigi Capogrossi and Stefano Ceccanti.

Go Beyond! – Democracy, Culture, Cohesion, Participation

October – December | Trainings | Rome – Bologna – Naples, Italy | With Fondazione Pietro Nenni

This second cycle of seminars – that will be carried out until March 2019 – is addressed to students, young political activists and trade unionists (18-35 years old), who are asked to attend 28 hours of lectures and 14 hours of laboratories, to be held in Rome, Bologna and Naples. In the course of each seminar, participants focused, in an interactive way, on the issues at stake with the aim of stimulating their analyses and exchanges on a world that is constantly changing, and to enhance their skills in order to be an active part of the political and social life of their country. The topics that were addressed in 2018 ranged from the political trends in Europe to communication and socio-political marketing.



School of Democracy

October-December | Trainings | Montegrotto Terme (Padua) – Pozzuoli (Naples) – Rome | With Associazione Socialismo

This tenth edition of the School of Democracy was addressed to young political activists, party members, trade unionists, official of local authorities, etc. who wished to enhance their understanding of political dynamics and changes in Europe. The three-day trainings were articulated in panels addressing different aspects of the following topics: The European local authorities in the European institutional framework (Montegrotto Terme); Development policies for the South of Europe (Pozzuoli); Beyond disintermediation (Rome). Speakers included: Stefano Ceccanti, David Rinaldi, Lia Quartapelle, Gilda Farrel, Lefteris Antonopoulos, Hedwig Giusto, Pina Picierno, Giuseppe Coco, Maria Freitas and Giuseppe De Rita.



Fringe event at PES Congress

Can I Change My Future – Progressive ways for the European Union

PESFringeEvent

7th December | High Level Conversation | Lisbon, Portugal | With the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Lisbon Office

This event debated the conditions necessary for the future European Union to effectively serve and protect its citizens. Exchanges addressed: the necessity for the EU to participate in re-inventing the global multilateral system so as to ensure better global governance; the evolutions of the EU in the face of the Brexit, mounting euro-scepticism and resurging nationalist movements; the state of EU integration on economic, social and political fronts; the political landscape that one could expect in the EU after the 2019 elections; as well as the need to factor in risks of digital manipulation when re-inventing European democracy. Chaired by FEPS President Maria João Rodrigues, the panel featured José António Vieira Da Silva, András Inotai, Mario Telò, Gustavo Cardoso, and Gesine Schwan.

PUBLICATIONS IN CORE ACTIVITIES

Constuire l'avenir de l'Europe (Book by Pierre Bauby)

April | Publication and book launch | Paris and Brussels | With Fondation Jean-Jaurès



How can we motivate citizens to vote one year before the European elections? By involving them more firmly in a process of constructing Europe together, as Pierre Bauby proposes in this essay, which builds on the achievements in European integration of the last seventy years to define new ideas of building the future of the European Union that is feasible and wanted by its citizens. Through a process of constructing Europe together, citizens will give meaning to European integration; the European Union will be able to meet the challenges of the 21st century and regain a role in our uncertain world that is marked by an accumulation of financial, economic, social and environmental crises.

Populismes en Europe (Book by Cas Mudde)

November | Publication | Paris, France | With Fondation Jean-Jaurès



FEPS in cooperation with the Fondation Jean-Jaurès made this translation of the book "Populism: A very short introduction" by US professors and populism experts Cas Mudde and Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser possible. The book delivers an up-to-date and timely analysis of populism both in theory and practice. It unravels the secrets behind the success of controversial populist leaders such as Juan Domingo Péron, Ross Perot, Jean-Marie Le Pen, Silvio Berlusconi, and Hugo Chávez and shows how populism is dramatically changing political life in Europe, Latin America, and the US.

A World Parliament. Governance and Democracy in the 21st Century

April | Publication | Brussels, Belgium | With Democracy Without Borders



The book describes the history, relevance and practical steps to implement this vision for achieving a true world community that is peaceful, just and sustainable. In the view of the authors a better future for mankind requires democratic global governance. They argue that global challenges such as climate change, weapons of mass destruction, tax havens and Internet giants cannot be met by nation-states and today's international institutions.

Living With Uncertainty: The Social Implications of Precarious Work

April | Publication | Dublin, Ireland | With TASC

This maps out the nature and extent of precarious work in Ireland today and a broader European context, as well as its effects on the personal choices and quality of life of those engaged in the various types of precarious employment. In doing so, the report fills an important research gap about the extent and nature of precarious work. It also speaks to a wide audience, since for many men and women in Ireland, as well as wider Europe, employment has become increasingly insecure.

Precarious Work Precarious Lives: How Policy Can Create More Security

October | Publication | Dublin, Ireland | With TASC

Receiving wide media attention this examines five major policy areas and the scope for policy interventions. These are employment protection, social protection, health, housing, and child-care.

Health Inequalities in Europe: Setting the Stage for Progressive Policy Action

October | Publication | Brussels, Belgium | With TASC

This is the first part of the report which examines health inequalities in Europe—the extent of inequalities, their costs to society, their determinants, and what can be done by policymakers to reduce them.

Cherishing All Equally 2019

November | Publication | With TASC

This is the fourth edition of this annual edition. This year's report examines and describes inequality in Ireland and the wider Europe, especially economic inequality. The aim is to provide an in-depth analysis of trends in socioeconomic disparity, of interest to policy-makers, researchers, practitioners and citizens. The report outlines key policy options in Ireland and across the continent to tackle inequality.

VIII. THE PROGRESSIVE POST MAGAZINE

www.progressivepost.eu



The only European Progressive magazine is published by FEPS and aims to reach out to a broader audience. It was established primarily also to promote a more European dimension in the news. With many news portals still being very nationally focused, there is a lack of European news outlets and especially progressive ones. So from fresh thinking to out of the box reflection, its objective is to engage with a wider cross-section of the public. In 2018, the website has been restructured to be more connected with the hard copy. All the articles of the three printed editions are posted online as well as op-eds proposed by FEPS network or contracted for recent election analysis. The magazine is available in four different formats

Printed edition 3 times a year in English and French

In each new issue, readers can discover

- One main focus, this is always the cover feature
- Special in-depth coverage of a particular topic
- Around 6 general debates: Next Left, Next environment, Next Global, Next democracy, Next social, Next economy
- Inspiration: To read, To think, To watch

Winter 2018 Edition – A progressive roadmap towards EU 2019 Elections

Spring 2018 Edition – Progressive cities vs Conservative states

Autumn 2018 Edition – Could regular migration reduce irregular migration?

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Progressive Post Spain | With Pablo Iglesias Fundación

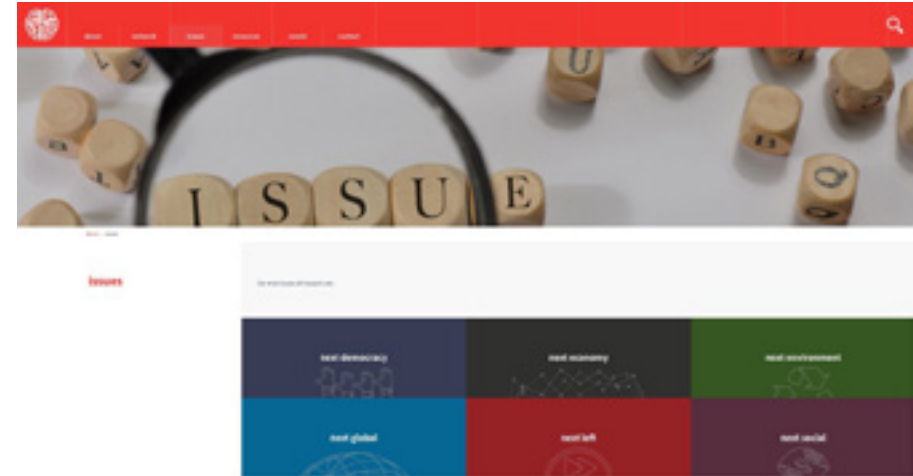
In each edition of the 'Temas' magazine a selection of Progressive Post articles from the original edition are translated into Spanish and published inside. In 2018 Temas was published ten times, each time with the selection of FEPS Progressive Post articles.

Progressive post UK | With the Fabian Society

A short edition of Progressive Post is included as a separate section and distributed with the Fabian Review.

IX. COMMUNICATION

WEBSITE



FEPS inaugurated its new website (<http://www.feps-europe.eu>) in June 2018, on the occasion of the General Assembly. It advanced to a more visual, user friendly and responsive model. FEPS new website is available to a larger audience thanks to its compatibility with difference devices (computer, tablets, mobiles). Moreover, the new information architecture makes navigation easier, so users stay longer decreasing the bounce rate of visits.

The majority of visitors are come from Europe (Belgium France, Italy, United Kingdom, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Netherlands). However, United States is in the 3rd position of the ranking with almost 7% of the total visits.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook (@FEPSEurope)

During 2018 FEPS promoted its main events and publication through this social network. We carried out several campaigns targeting audiences by generation, location, interests. These campaigns were:

- Fair taxation: in the framework of the conference For a Fair, Modern & Efficient Corporate Taxation in Europe.
- Migration: FEPS Global Migration Group presenting a new progressive narrative on this topic. This two step campaign was carried out during our conference in New York in the framework of the negotiation of the UN Global Compact on Migration (September) and the official adoption in Morocco (December).
- Launch in Brussels of the Health and Inequalities report with TASC
- Presentation Millennial Dialogue Europe
- Call to Europe on Social Europe in Krakow (Poland)

Twitter (@FEPS_Europe)

FEPS disseminated publications and proposals through this network, but in 2018 it was also possible to follow most of FEPS public events by Twitter.

During 2018 FEPS developed in Twitter two main campaigns: Fair Taxation and Migration.

The hashtag created for the 10th anniversary of the Foundation: #FEPSis10 was trending topic in Belgium during the celebration event.

NEWSLETTER

FEPS kept in contact with our audience by sending our periodical newsletter. We launched more than 100 e-mailing campaigns to more than almost 15,000 people subscribed.

Some of these campaigns were devoted to promote the articles of The Progressive Post (English and French version with a special version different to FEPS traditional newsletter).

YOU TUBE AND FLICKR

FEPS has a Youtube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCroB-bvfEQGE4DyJzqliVPg>) and a Flickr account to disseminate the audiovisual material produced by the Foundation.

Our channel in Youtube, with more than 53.000 views, gathers FEPS audio-visual material: summaries of our conferences, video streaming of our events, interviews or relevant video messages by our experts and became FEPS main digital library.

BLOG OF ERNST STETTER, SECRETARY GENERAL

The blog on Euractiv of the Secretary General continues to be published. It serves as another tool to reach a wider audience and in a different style of communication.

INVITATIONS & PARTICIPATION

A brief insight into some activities where FEPS has been invited to speak, present our work or participate as delegates.

Naturally this includes **PES Council, PES Women Conference, the Together initiative with S&D Group**, along with some other notable activities.

Second Tehran Security Conference

8-9th January | Participation | Tehran, Iran |

Upon the invitation of the Iranian Foreign Affairs Ministry, Massimo D'Alema, FEPS Non-resident Distinguished Statesman, and Vassilis Ntousas, FEPS International Relations Policy Advisor, attended this conference. It brought together a number of high-level policy-makers, including the Iranian Foreign Minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, and policy experts from Iran, the wider region, and Europe, allowing for a measured, yet comprehensive, discussion of a number of the region's thorny issues and concerns.



Democratic Participation in the 2019 European Parliament Elections

22nd February | Conference | College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium | Upon the invitation of the S&D Group

The Millennial Dialogue project was presented at the S&D Together event by Maria Freitas, FEPS Policy Advisor. The discussion focused on how to improve democratic processes in European elections as also the impact of social media in engaging young people in democratic life.



Populism and Extreme Right in Europe - between Revolution, Adaptation and Normalisation

23rd February | Conference | Liège, Belgium | at the invitation of territoires de la mémoire

Presentation the main findings of the Populism Tracker, were presented by Maria Freitas, FEPS Policy Advisor, the FEPS and Policy Solutions monitoring website of European populist trends. Experts from various countries and backgrounds engaged then in a lively discussion on the methods by which populist parties and leaders could be tackled by mainstream parties.



Think Tanks as an engine for social change

28th February | Conference | Reykjavik, Iceland | at the invitation of FES Nordic office

An internal seminar that had the objective of sharing best practices with progressive forces in Iceland on how to establish a Think Tank. Maria Freitas, FEPS Policy Advisor and Alain Blöedt, FEPS Senior Communication Advisor and Editor in Chief of the Progressive Post, FEPS presented the main pillars of work of FEPS.

Reclaiming Action: Progressive Strategies in times of growing right-wing populism

31st May | Internal Seminar | Berlin, Germany | at the invitation of FES Nordic office

This supported a research project on how progressive forces can counter populism in Nordic countries and in Germany. The Populism Tracker website, a joint initiative of FEPS and Policy Solutions was presented by Maria Freitas, FEPS Policy Advisor as also the main election trend outcomes of the year.



S&D School of Democracy

6th – 8th June 2018 | Seminar | Reggio Emilia, Italy

This year’s edition of the School Democracy – similarly to the previous ones – gathered 150 young activists in the premises of Reggio Emilia University for 3 days programme that featured plenaries and workshops, as also a set of cultural events. Among the speakers was Dr. Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow, who was invited to offer input into a debate entitled “Who is afraid of the roots”.

Debate on European Progressive Values

18th June | Public Debate | Warsaw, Poland | Upon the invitation of FES Warschau

A public debate which held at the moment of transition was also to celebrate the legacy of outgoing director Knut Dethlefsen and arrival of the new office leader, Ernst Hillebrand. The debate moderated by Agnieszka Lichnerowicz, from TOK FM radio featured amongst others Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, former Prime Minister and Speaker of the House and from FEPS, Dr. Ania Skrzypek, Senior Research Fellow.



High Level Seminar on Future of Social Democracy

29th – 30th June | Seminar | Lisbon, Portugal | Upon the invitation of Policy Network

Part of a cycle of seminars in cooperation with diverse partners across the EU to assess the situation of social democracy and its chances regarding potential return to governing. This edition was held in cooperation with PS Portugal and Foundation Res Publica, being opened by Lord Peter Mandelson, President of Policy Network and respectively closed by Antonio Costa, Prime Minister of Portugal. The event featured 3 sessions with

an invited crowd of 30 stakeholders and experts (among them also party leaders such as Brendan Howlin and Lodewijk Ascher). The first one featured the input by Professor Anton Hemerijk, EUI on the future of Social Europe with Dr. Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow offering first response.

FES Sommerschule

11th July | Conference | Berlin, Germany | Upon the invitation of FES

The Summer University is an annual event of the FES – Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, who for that occasion gathers 150 participants - both FES affiliates and externally recruited ones – who for 3 days take part in an exciting set of plenaries and workshops. This year Dr. Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow was invited to offer an address – next to Professor Thomas Meyer, Chief Editor of Frankfurter Hefte / Neue Gesellschaft – on the state and future of social democracy.

Pan-Polish Congress of Political Sciences

18th – 20th September | Congress | Lublin, Poland

This annual activity, hosted each time at a different university in Poland, brings together over a thousand of scholars, who engage in plenaries and workshop presenting their academic work. Dr. Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow was invited to join the workshop on ‘The Future of Political Parties’ held by the Departments of the Mikolaj Kopernik University of Torun and Jagiellonian University of Cracow – whereby she contributed with a lecture on “Measuring the change and the influence of the partisan systems’ evolution onto the developing partisan system of the EU”.



Progressive Academy

29th – 30th September | Seminar | Düsseldorf, Germany | Upon the invitation of FES NRW (Nord Rhein Westfalen)

Within the framework of its regional Progressive Academy, Dr. Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow offered input into two debates. The first was focused on the diagnoses and future scenarios for social democracy in Europe; whilst the second was devoted to the European agenda of the centre left ahead of the May 2019 European elections and beyond.

Spetses Academy

19th – 21st October | Seminar | Spetses, Greece | Upon the invitation of FES Athens

A series of trainings organised for the progressive young activists in Greece. This edition's focus was on the future of social democracy in the EU, and within the course of the programme Dr. Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow was invited to offer a lecture on state and scenarios of social democracy, as also to be a mentor during the subsequent workshop and an interlocutor in the evening fishbowl discussion on the progressive alternatives for the EU.

COP24 UNFCCC climate summit

December | Katowice, Poland

Charlotte Billingham, FEPS Executive Adviser, together with Polish colleagues participated for a few days of the two-week international United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

X. INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Scientific Board meetings

12th April | Brussels, FEPS office

(The second meeting of the Board of FEPS was postponed due to the changes in the chairmanship over 2018. Josep Borrell was appointed as Minister for Foreign Affairs in Spain and therefore resigned his chairmanship of the board in June. Enrique Barón Crespo then became appointed acting Chair of the Scientific Board by the Bureau in September. The General Assembly will endorse the Chair of the Scientific Board in June 2019.)

Bureau meetings

30th January

3rd May

29th June

14th September

General Assembly

29th June

Members

Currently FEPS has 44 national political foundations and think tanks as full members, 5 Ex-officio members and 20 observer members from political foundations and think tanks. See online for the list <http://www.feps-europe.eu/en/members-feps>

BUREAU

As endorsed by FEPS General Assembly June 2018.

President :

Maria João Rodrigues (Portugal)

Vice-Presidents:

Josep Borrell (Spain)
Uwe Optenhögel (Germany)
Zita Gurmai (Hungary)
Sergei Stanishev (Bulgaria)
Jan-Erik Støstad (Norway)

Secretary General:

Ernst Stetter (Germany)

Ex-Officio members:

João Duarte Albuquerque – President of YES, Young European Socialists
Zita Gurmai - President of PES Women
Catusca Marini – President of the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions
Gianni Pitella – President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament
Sergei Stanishev – President of PES

Representing the national political foundations and think tanks:

Jean-Paul Buffat – Institut Émile Vandervelde (Belgium)
Jean-Marc Ayrault – Fondation Jean-Jaurès (France)
Adrio de Carolis – Fondazione EYU (Italy)
Mojca Kleva – Progressiva Foundation (Slovenia)
Maria Maltschnig – Renner Institute (Austria)

FEPS TEAM throughout the year 2018:

Ernst Stetter, Secretary General
Rosanna Bennett, Administrative Assistant
Charlotte Billingham, Executive Adviser
Alain Bloëdt, Senior Communication Adviser and Editor-in Chief of The Progressive Post
Maria Freitas, Policy Adviser
Elena GIL, New Media Adviser
Hedwig Giusto, Policy Adviser
Céline Guedes, Junior Policy Officer
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Roberto Paredes, Financial Adviser
David Rinaldi, Senior Economic Policy Adviser
Johan Robberecht, Head of Office of President
Evander Shehu, Accounting Assistant
Ania Skrzypek, Senior Research Fellow
Laeticia Thissen, Policy Adviser

BUDGET

See table in annex

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Due to the legal framework of European Foundations established, FEPS changed its legal framework slightly in 2017. From an AISBL (Not-for-profit organisation) in Belgium to a European Foundation registered at EU level and still registered in Belgium due to the legal headquarters still being based in Brussels.

**As the name for the Republic of North Macedonia is in use at time of printing this is the name used in this publication.*

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COSTS		
Eligible expenditure	Budget 2018	Actual
A.1: Personnel costs	1.700.000,00	1.750.022,31
1. Salaries	1.595.000,00	1.629.495,34
2. Contributions	70.000,00	84.840,55
3. Professional training	12.000,00	12.019,67
4. Staff mission expenses	3.000,00	0,00
5. Other personnel costs	20.000,00	23.666,75
A.2: Infrastructure and operating costs	350.000,00	382.726,02
1. Rent, charges and maintenance costs	195.000,00	220.383,02
2. Costs relating to the installation, operation and maintenance of equipment	40.000,00	39.616,22
3. Depreciation of movable and immovable property	63.000,00	22.901,16
4. Stationery and office supplies	15.000,00	66.491,77
5. Postal and telecommunications charges	30.000,00	28.779,13
6. Printing, translation and reproduction costs	2.000,00	0,00
7. Other infrastructure costs	5.000,00	4.554,72
A.3: Administrative costs	1.835.000,00	935.748,17
1. Documentation costs (newspapers, press agencies, databases)	7.500,00	5.407,54
2. Costs of studies and research	1.790.000,00	880.983,20
3. Legal costs	22.500,00	13.821,08
4. Accounting and audit costs	12.500,00	35.536,35
5. Support to affiliated organisations and subsidies to third parties	0,00	0,00
6. Miscellaneous administrative costs	2.500,00	0,00
A.4: Meetings and representation costs	2.300.000,00	2.166.870,13
1. Costs of meetings	2.213.000,00	2.051.170,90
2. Participation in seminars and conferences	80.000,00	115.296,85
3. Representation costs	2.000,00	391,80
4. Cost of invitations	2.000,00	10,58
5. Other meeting-related costs	3.000,00	0,00
A.5: Information and publication costs	400.000,00	502.984,56
1. Publication costs	350.000,00	431.181,00
2. Creation and operation of Internet sites	20.000,00	2.355,85
3. Publicity costs	15.000,00	0,00
4. Communications equipment (gadgets)	7.500,00	61.175,01
5. Seminars and exhibitions	2.500,00	0,00
6. Other information-related costs	5.000,00	8.272,70
A.6. Allocation to "Provision to cover eligible costs of the first quarter of year N"		101.798,91
A. TOTAL ELIGIBLE COSTS	6.585.000,00	5.840.150,10
Ineligible costs		
1. Provisions		
2. Exchange losses		2.852,29
3. Doubtful claims on third parties		1.000,00
4. Contributions in kind		
5.1 Expenditure from previous years		31.742,30
5.2 Financial charges		70.628,32
B. TOTAL INELIGIBLE COSTS		106.222,91
C. TOTAL COSTS	6.585.000,00	5.946.373,01

REVENUE		
	Budget 2018	Actual
D.1 Dissolution of "Provision to cover eligible costs to be incurred in the first quarter of N"		
D.2. European Parliament funding	5.596.186,00	4.964.127,31
D.3 Membership fees	35.000,00	22.000,00
3.1 from member foundations		
3.2 from individual members	35.000,00	22.000,00
D.4 Donations		13.132,46
4.1 above 500 EUR		13.132,46
D.5 Other own resources	953.814,00	947.113,24
Support from members of FEPS towards activities	953.814,00	843.893,73
Non-operating revenue		25.523,51
Reserve accumulated in the previous years		77.696,00
D.6. Interest from pre-financing		
D.7. Contributions in kind		
D. TOTAL REVENUE	6.585.000,00	5.946.373,01
E. profit/loss (D-C)	0,00	0,00



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