YEAR IN REVIEW
2014 - 2015
The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (CES) at Harvard is one of the nation’s leading academic forums to research, discuss and learn about European history, politics and societies. This brochure highlights some of the people and initiatives in 2014-15 that helped make CES the vibrant intellectual community which has become its trademark.
In the summer of 2014, Europe was faced with new security threats from events in Ukraine and the rise of terrorism. Coupled with ongoing challenges of economic stagnation and the Greek debt crisis, this historic confluence of urgent challenges stressed the ability of Europe’s institutions to respond effectively. Through its many seminars, study groups, lecture series and special events, CES continued its tradition of bringing scholars, policy makers, journalists and political figures together to enter into lively and deep debate over what matters most in Europe today.

The 2014-2015 events season started with the inaugural *Summit on the Future of Europe*, where the Ukraine crisis took center stage. The *CES European Economic Policy Forum* brought together leading economists from Harvard and European financial institutions to debate currency policy and economic stimulus options. As the Greek debt crisis intensified, the *Director’s Seminar* hosted scholars from Greece and Harvard policy and business professors to speculate on what is next for Greece.

The *CES Seminar on Social Exclusion and Inclusion* brought acclaimed economist Thomas Piketty to Harvard, who spoke about his best-selling book *Capital in the Twenty-First Century* to a large audience of students and scholars in March. Pulitzer-Prize winning author Anne Applebaum explored why collaboration was common in Communist Poland at the *August Zaleski Memorial Lecture Series in Modern Polish History*.

In the spring semester, CES introduced the *Özyeğin Forum on Modern Turkey*, which aims to stimulate the study and understanding of Turkey and its relationship with Europe at Harvard. In a two-day international conference, notable scholars came together at CES to mark the 50th anniversary of Michel Foucault’s seminal work *Les Mots et les Choses*. The event season closed in May with the *European Election Monitor’s* panel on the 2015 UK election.

In total, CES sponsored more than 150 events in addition to the lectures and seminars organized by its study groups, seminar leaders and visiting scholars.
In September 2014, CES inaugurated the Summit on the Future of Europe. An annual event, its goal is to convene scholars and public leaders at Harvard in order to deepen the debate on critical challenges facing Europe, as well as generate ideas that support effective policy responses. The 2014 Summit was made possible through a partnership between CES, the Berggruen Institute on Governance and the WorldPost.

The 2014 Summit focused on the crisis in Ukraine, which had reached a violent point of escalation that summer. It brought together eminent practitioners of public policy including Carl Bildt, Stephen Bosworth, Vuk Jeremić and Mario Monti and distinguished academics from Harvard and other universities, including Mark Blyth, Richard Cooper, Niall Ferguson and Joseph Nye. Over the course of the day, the Summit gathered hundreds of students, scholars and faculty to consider the main geopolitical and economic challenges posed by developments in Ukraine and suggest ways forward.

Over the course of a roundtable debate in the morning, a lively exchange over lunch, and a public lecture in the afternoon, most participants diverged on courses of action, but generally agreed on three key points:

• How Europe decides to confront Putin over the Ukraine crisis will shape the Continent for years to come.
• Confronting Putin head-on would require a substantial monetary and military commitment – and may even involve compromising on some core political principles which many Europeans hold dear.
• Integrating Ukraine into the Western alliance will require a massive restructuring of its economy, and likely cannot be achieved without significant monetary aid from Western and Central Europe.
When the Wall collapsed: 
East German dissidents tell their stories

CES commemorated the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall by bringing two leading East German dissidents, Siegbert Schefke and Uwe Schwabe, to Harvard to share their stories. Speaking through an interpreter, Schefke and Schwabe shared accounts of their many years of opposition activities, which culminated in the Peaceful Revolution and the fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989.

The discussion was chaired by USC Professor of International Relations and History Mary Elise Sarotte, who served as a Visiting Professor in Harvard’s History and Government Departments in 2014-15. Sarotte also shared insights from her best-selling book *The Collapse: The Accidental Opening of the Berlin Wall*, in which both of these activists, as well as television journalist Tom Brokaw, were profiled.

In November 2015, Brokaw, the only American journalist to report live from the Wall as it came down, joined Sarotte for a CES sponsored event at the John F. Kennedy Jr. Forum, where they discussed the role of journalism at that time and his personal experiences covering this historic event.

Özyeğin Forum brings focus on Modern Turkey to CES

In 2015, CES announced a gift by the family of Hüsnü Özyeğin (HBS MBA 1969), a leading Turkish entrepreneur and philanthropist, to establish the Özyeğin Forum on Modern Turkey. The Özyeğin Forum will provide CES new opportunities to incorporate the study of Turkey and its relationship with Europe in its diverse programmatic activities. The new program will include lectures, conferences and cultural events. The establishment of this new program at CES is an important signal that understanding Turkey is fundamental to the study of contemporary Europe.

The inaugural event of the Forum’s Speaker Series took place in April at CES with a talk by MIT Economics Professor Daron Acemoglu, entitled “Turkey: Growing Pains Under History’s Long Shadow.” Acemoglu is the co-author of the bestselling book *Why Nations Fail*. Ayla Göksel, CEO of Özyeğin Social Investments, gave opening remarks on behalf of the Özyeğin family.
Public Leaders at CES 2014-2015

- Arben Ahmetaj, Minister of Economic Development, Trade, and Entrepreneurship of Albania
- Joaquin Almunia, European Commissioner for Competition and Commission Vice-President (2010-14)
- Jean-Marc Ayrault, Prime Minister of France (2012-14)
- Carl Bildt, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden (2006-14)
- Jet Bussemaker, Minister of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands
- Shkelqim Cani, Minister of Finance of Albania
- Valdis Dombrovskis, European Commission Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue
- Sigmar Gabriel, Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy and Vice Chancellor of Germany
- Eglantina Gjermeni, Minister of Urban Development and Tourism of Albania
- Vuk Jeremić, President, United Nations General Assembly (2012-13), Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia (2007-12)
- Yiorgos Lakkotrypis, Minister of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism of Cyprus
- Predrag Matic, Minister for Veterans’ Affairs of Croatia (2011-present)
- Mario Monti, Prime Minister of Italy (2011-13)
- Dušan Mramor, Minister of Finance of Slovenia
- Rokas Masiulis, Minister of Energy of Lithuania
- Edmond Panariti, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development, and Water Administration of Albania
- Edi Rama, Prime Minister of Albania
- Radosław Sikorski, Marshal of the Sejm of Poland
Faculty & Affiliates

Higonnet Retires

After 49 years of teaching at Harvard, Patrice Higonnet, Goelet Professor of French History and a CES Faculty Associate since the early years of the Center’s founding, retired in June.

Higonnet’s course “The French Revolution” introduced generations of Harvard College students to the history of Jacobinism during the French Revolution. During his retirement, Higonnet plans to divide his time between Paris and Cambridge.

Two CES Faculty Associates Named Radcliffe Fellows

Mary Lewis, Professor of History, and Daniel Ziblatt, Professor of Government, were named among next year’s Radcliffe Fellows. Lewis won three prestigious awards this year. For her forthcoming research on *The First French Decolonization: A New History of 19th-Century Empire*, she received the ACLS Frederick Burkhardt Fellowship and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship. In addition, Lewis was one of ten Harvard professors awarded the Walter Channing Cabot Fellowship for her book *Divided Rule: Sovereignty and Empire in French Tunisia, 1881-1938* (University of California Press, 2014).

Daniel Ziblatt, Professor of Government, will be a Suzanne Young Murray Fellow at Radcliffe and will focus his research on *Conservative Political Parties and the Birth of Modern Democracy in Europe*. 
New Study Groups continue CES tradition of debate

CES has long supported Study Groups to encourage a multidisciplinary and creative exchange on social science topics relative to contemporary Europe. This year, CES introduced eight new Study Groups, each led by faculty, graduate students or affiliates of Harvard or nearby universities. While each Study Group has a different focus, collectively these public lecture series explore a wide range of topics from history and culture, economics, politics, international relations, diplomacy, and security as a means to understand Europe’s past, its societies and challenges.

Study Groups had a very active season this year. For example, the Eastern Mediterranean and Europe Study Group brought energy and security issues in the Eastern Mediterranean to the forefront of CES debates. The Center-Periphery Europe Study Group highlighted perspectives from Spain and Portugal on the Eurocrisis and explored populist movements in the region. The Contemporary Europe Study Group hosted former French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault (see photograph below), who spoke to the politics of reform in France, and entered into debate with Michael Ignatieff, former leader of the Liberal Party of Canada and Edward R. Murrow Professor of Practice at Harvard Kennedy School.

After 40 thought-provoking years, the Greek Study Group, held its final event in November. Sir Christopher Pissarides, 2010 recipient of the Nobel Prize in Economics, gave a talk entitled “Monetary and Fiscal Policies and the Labor Market in the Eurozone.” CES thanks the dedicated individuals who led the group over the years: Roy Macrides, Paschalis Kitromilides, Sarah Kafatou, Lily Macrakis, Angeliki Laiou, Elizabeth Prodromou, Eleni Mahaira-Odoni, Michael Herzfeld, and Yannis Ioannides.

Back row, left to right: Muriel Rouyer, Peter Gourevitch, Hugo Zylberberg, Patrice Higonnet
Front row, left to right: Hans-Helmut Kotz, Laura Frader, Jean-Marc Ayrault, Brigitte Terrien, Arthur Goldhammer, Gerrit Jahns
Event Highlights:
CES Lectures, Seminars & Study Groups

Over the past academic year, the chairs of the Center’s diverse Seminars and Lecture Series as well as Study Groups organized more than 110 events by inviting mainly leading academics on Europe. The following pages showcase the diversity of debates and discussions that were brought to CES by profiling one major event organized by each of these groups in 2014-15.

**Director’s Seminar**

**What’s Next for Greece: The Economic and Political Alternatives**

**Speakers:** Dimitris Keridis, Associate Professor of International Relations, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences  
Dante Roscini, Professor of Management Practice, Harvard Business School  
Sir Paul Tucker, Senior Fellow, Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government, Harvard Kennedy School  
**Moderator:** Grzegorz Ekiert, Professor of Government and CES Director, Harvard University

**The Harvard Colloquium for Intellectual History**

**Foucault’s Les mots et les choses - At Year 50 (two-day conference)**

**Keynote Speaker:** Vincent Descombes, Philosopher, Centre de Recherches Politiques Raymond Aron, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales  
**Presenters:** Julian Bourg, Associate Professor of History and Associate Dean of the Core, Boston College  
Gary Gutting, Notre Dame Endowed Chair in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame  
Béatrice Han-Pile, Professor of Philosophie and Research Director, University of Essex  
Jean-Claude Monod, Philosopher; Research Director of the Husserl Archives, École Normale Supérieure  
Nancy Partner, Professor of History, McGill University  
Ahmed Ragab, Richard T. Watson Assistant Professor of Science and Religion, Harvard Divinity School  
Laura Stark, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Health, and Society & History, Vanderbilt College of Arts and Science  
Frédéric Worms, Professor of Philosophy, École Normale Supérieure

**Seminar on Social Exclusion and Inclusion**

**Capital in the Twenty-First Century**

**Keynote Speaker:** Thomas Piketty, Professor of Economics, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales and Paris School of Economics  
**Introduction by:** Sven Beckert, Laird Bell Professor of American History, Harvard University  
**Discussants:** Christine Desan, Leo Gottlieb Professor of Law, Harvard Law School  
David Kennedy, Manley O. Hudson Professor of Law, Harvard Law School  
Stephen Marglin, Walter S. Barker Professor of Economics, Harvard University

**Seminar on the State and Capitalism Since 1800**

**The Future of Democratic Capitalism**

**Speakers:** Pablo Beramendi, Associate Professor of Political Science, Duke University  
Herbert Kitschelt, George V. Allen Professor of International Relations, Duke University

**Visiting Scholars Seminar**

**Speakers:** Each week, one Visiting Scholar presented his or her research topic.
European Election Monitor

The May 2015 UK Parliamentary Elections: A Bang or a Whimper?

Introduction by: James Cronin, Professor of History, Boston College
Chaired by: Mark Franklin, John R. Reitemeyer Professor Emeritus of International Politics, Trinity College
Speakers: Edward Fieldhouse, Professor of Social and Political Science, University of Manchester; Principal Investigator, Scientific Leadership Team of the 2015 British Election Study
Pippa Norris, McGuire Lecturer in Comparative Politics, Harvard Kennedy School; ARC Laureate Fellow and Professor of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney
Arthur Spirling, John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Social Sciences, Harvard University

European Economic Policy Forum

Currency Politics – European Style

Speakers: Alberto Alesina, Nathaniel Ropes Professor of Political Economy, Harvard University
Richard Cooper, Maurits C. Boas Professor of International Economics, Department of Economics, Harvard University
Jeffrey Frankel, James W. Harpel Professor of Capital Formation and Growth, Harvard Kennedy School
Jeffry Frieden, Stanfield Professor of International Peace, Department of Government, Harvard University
Hans-Helmut Kotz, Visiting Professor of Economics, Harvard University

Özyeğin Forum on Modern Turkey

Turkey: Growing Pains Under the Long Shadow of History

Keynote Speaker: Daron Acemoglu, Elizabeth and James Killian Professor of Economics, MIT
Opening Remarks: Grzegorz Ekiert, Professor of Government and CES Director, Harvard University
Ayla Göksel, CEO, Özyeğin Social Investments

Gaetano Salvemini Colloquium in Italian History and Culture

Italy’s Great War: A Centennial Perspective

Speaker: Charles S. Maier, Leverett Saltonstall Professor of History, Harvard University

The August Zaleski Memorial Lecture in Modern Polish History

True Believers? On Opposition and Collaboration in Communist Poland and Beyond

Speaker: Anne Applebaum, Director, The Transitions Forum, Legatum Institute; Columnist, The Washington Post and Slate

Business and Government in Emerging Europe Study Group

Inflated Threats: The Eurozone Crisis and the Challenges Going Forward

Speaker: Wolfgang Münchau, Associate Editor, The Financial Times; CES John F. Kennedy Memorial Short-Term Fellow

Contemporary Europe Study Group

France After the Terrorist Attacks in Paris

Speaker: Gérard Araud, French Ambassador to the United States
Introduction by: Arthur Goldhammer, Chair CES Visiting Scholars Seminar; Writer & Translator
A Center-Periphery Europe? Perspectives from Southern Europe Study Group

From Revolution to Disillusion – Portugal’s Democracy after 40 Years (one-day conference)

Introductory Remarks: Grzegorz Ekiert, Professor of Government; CES Director, Harvard University
Sebastián Royo, Vice Provost and Professor of Government, Suffolk University; Study Group Co-chair
Speakers: Paola Cesarini, Director, University Honors Program, Northeastern University
Antonio Costa-Pinto, Research Professor, Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon
Tiago Fernandes, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Nova University
Robert Fishman, Professor of Sociology; Fellow, Kellogg and Nanovic Institutes, University of Notre Dame
Miguel Glatzer, Assistant Professor of Political Science, La Salle University
Nuno Severiano Teixeira, Professor of International Relations, Nova University
Discussants: Nuno Monteiro, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Yale University
Daniel Ziblatt, Professor of Government, Harvard University

Eastern Mediterranean and Europe Study Group

Monetization of Eastern Mediterranean Energy Assets

Speakers: Charles Ellinas, CEO, e-Cyprus National Hydrocarbons
Bruce Everett, Adjunct Associate Professor of International Business, Tufts University
Francis O’Sullivan, Director of Research and Analysis, MIT Energy Initiative
Leslie Palti-Guzman, Senior Analyst, Eurasia Group

EU Law and Government Study Group

Moving Towards Economic Recovery in the EU

Speaker: Valdis Dombrovskis, European Commission Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue
Chaired by: Christian Ketels, Faculty Member, Harvard Business School; President, TCI

The European Union Study Group

The Ukraine Crisis, ISIS and Terrorism: New Challenges to the EU and the US

Chaired by: Karl Kaiser, Director, Program on Transatlantic Relations, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs; Adjunct Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School
Speakers: Jolyon Howorth, Visiting Professor, Political Science and Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, Yale University
Anand Menon, Professor of European Politics and Foreign Affairs, King’s College London
Maciej Popowski, Deputy Secretary General, EU External Action Service
Stephen Walt, Robert and Renee Belfer Professor of International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School
William Wohlforth, Daniel Webster Professor of Government, Dartmouth College

Jews in Modern Europe Study Group

“The Passages of Walter Benjamin:” A New Documentary Film on the Arcades Project

A Film by Judith Wechsler, NEH Professor Emerita of Art History, Tufts University

New Directions in European History

Metropolis in Ruins: Berlin in the 1940s

Speaker: Stefan-Ludwig Hoffmann, Professor of History, University of California, Berkeley
Along with advancing undergraduate and graduate education in European studies at Harvard, CES strives to nurture a community of learning anchored by a multi-disciplinary group of faculty associates and graduate student affiliates. Maintaining this network allows CES to stay apprised of faculty and student research, as well as teaching and thereby continually gage resources and offerings on Europe. It also enables the Center to receive input and ideas from an esteemed and multi-disciplinary group of colleagues. This year, the following individuals joined CES’ affiliate network:

**Faculty Affiliates**

Daron Acemoglu, Elizabeth and James Killian Professor of Economics, MIT  
Mary Brinton, Reischauer Institute Professor of Sociology, Harvard University  
Tamar Herzog, Monroe Gutman Professor of Latin American Affairs, Harvard University  
Cemal Kafadar, Vehbi Koç Professor of Turkish Studies, Harvard University  
Samuel Moyn, Professor of Law and History, Harvard University  
Alvaro Santana-Acuña, College Fellow in Sociology, Harvard University  
Beth Simmons, Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs, Harvard University  
George Soroka, Lecturer on Government, Harvard University

**Graduate Students**

Adriana Alfaro Altamirano (Government)  
Brandon Bloch (History)  
Jonathan R. Bruno (Government)  
Philip Cartelli (Anthropology)  
Charles Clavey (History)  
Barnaby Crowcroft (History)  
Chase Foster (Government)  
Samuel Imlay (Government)  
Carly Knight (Sociology)  
Dominika Kruszewska (Government)  
Charles Lesch (Government)  
Tom O’Grady (Political Science)  
Deirdre DeBruyn Rubio (Religion)

**Local Affiliates**

Thomas Dodman, Assistant Professor of History, Boston College  
Elizabeth Foster, Assistant Professor of History, Tufts University  
Igor Lukes, Professor of History and International Relations, Boston University  
Magda Romanska, Associate Professor of Theatre Studies, Emerson College
Short-Term Fellows

CES welcomed several short-term fellows who came from diverse fields, such as journalism and law. Three of this year’s fellows, Alexander Görlach, Wolfgang Münchau and Doris König (pictures below) came to CES as John F. Kennedy Short-Term Fellows. CES’ Short-Term Fellowship program is designed to bring practitioners from diverse fields to CES for a brief period of time. During their stay, fellows give public lectures and hold private discussions to share their insights on their areas of expertise. Fellows often utilize their time at Harvard as an opportunity for a short period of intellectual reflection from their busy careers and a chance to leverage the resources of Harvard’s libraries.

Joaquín Almunia
European Commissioner for Competition (2010-2014)

Alexander Görlach
Founder & Publisher, The European

Doris König
Justice of the Second Senate, Federal Constitutional Court of Germany

Wolfgang Münchau
Associate Editor, Financial Times
On October 21, 2014 CES opened “Landscapes of History,” an art exhibit of Italian photography by Vivien Schmidt, Jean Monnet Professor of European Integration and Professor of International Relations and Political Science at the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies at Boston University. Schmidt has been a CES local affiliate faculty for many years, serving as co-chair of the European Union Study Group. In addition to her accomplished academic career, Schmidt is a passionate and talented photographer. Her photographs of Italian architecture and landscapes reflect their deep connection to European art history and political thought. The exhibit was curated by CES Director Grzegorz Ekiert and Jan Kubasiewicz, Professor of Design, Massachusetts College of Art and Design.

Schmidt’s “Landscapes of History” opens at Giedrojć Gallery. This was the second art exhibit at the Jacek E. Giedrojć Gallery. The exhibit’s opening followed the third lecture of the Salvemini Colloquium in Italian History and Culture, which was delivered by Charles Maier, Leverett Saltonstall Professor of History at Harvard.
Graduate Programs

2015 CES dissertation completion fellowship recipients

Noam Gidron
PhD Candidate
Department of Government

The Transformation of the European Center-Right, 1980-2015

Aline-Florence Manent
PhD Candidate
Department of History

The Intellectual Origins of the German Model: Rethinking Democracy in the Federal Republic of Germany

James Martin
PhD Candidate
Department of History

Governing the World Economy: Economic Expertise and the Reshaping of Global Order, 1914-1948

Carolin F. Roeder
PhD Candidate
Department of History

Horizontal Networks and Vertical Pursuits: A Transnational History of Mountaineering, 1865-1974

Jasmine Samara
PhD Candidate
Department of Anthropology

The Social Afterlife of an International Treaty: Debating Law, Coercion and Violence in a Greek Borderland

The CES Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop provides a collegial and intellectually challenging atmosphere in which graduate students present their current research to their contemporaries and CES faculty. The Workshop enables the exchange of knowledge and facilitates dissertation writing, as it provides valuable feedback and guidance for students at critical points during their doctoral studies. The following is a list of students and the research topics that they presented during the 2014-15 Workshop series.

The Revolution at Work: Administering Property Confiscation
Hannah Callaway (History)

The Gothic State: August Reichensperger and the Aesthetics of Particularism
Carla Heelan (History)

Rethinking Walter Bagehot’s Liberalism
Greg Conti & William Selinger (Government)

Reproducing Dignity: German and American Law and the Politics of Reproductive Technologies at the Millennium
Kristen Loveland (History)

Geographies of Alpine Knowledge: 1857-1932
Carolin F. Roeder (History)

The Weapons of the Spirit: Catholic Theology and the Resistance to Nazism
Sarah Shortall (History)

James R. Martin (History)

Between Paternalism and Technocracy: The Tata Iron and Steel Company and the Circulation of Expertise in the British Empire, 1900-1950
Mircea Raianu (History)
Undergraduate Initiatives

Thesis grants awarded to 11 undergraduates

For over a decade CES has offered summer research travel grants for Harvard seniors who are writing theses that explore the politics, history, economics, societies and cultures of modern Europe. Below are the students who were selected from a highly competitive pool of applicants to receive grants in 2014-15.

Francesca Annicchiarico
Social Studies

Kayla Chen
Psychology
Bridging the Gap Between Domestic Actors Combatting Human Trafficking and International Law

Jon Goetz
History
Ain’t No Black in the Union Jack: British Nationalism and Football Culture

Joanna Koczuk
Government
The Politics of Media Effects in France: Controversy over North African Muslim Immigrant Portrayal

Robert Ledniczky
History
Clinging onto Empire: British Counterinsurgency in its Period of Decolonisation

Moira McCavana
English
A Collection of Short Stories Set over the Course of General Francisco Franco’s Dictatorship following the Spanish Civil War

Lucia Millham
History & Literature
Women’s Trauma in WWI: Revisiting the Gendered Construction of Shell Shock

Nicholas Phillips
Social Studies
Doing Good with Rationalism: A Study of the UK Effective Altruism Movement

Marguerite Solmssen
History & Literature
Boys To Men: Tracing The Evolution Of The Ideal British Boy through Scouting for Boys

Daniel Solomon
Social Studies
The Acculturation of Algerian Jews in the French Empire

Aliza Thei
Human Evolutionary Biology
Reading, Writing and ‘Rithmetic: Inscriptions of Self in Women’s Almanacs, 1750-1850
Daryn Dilia Zwart (Class of 2015) received a Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize this year for her senior thesis “City of Symbols: Reimagining the Public Sphere Through ‘In-Between’ Spaces in Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina.” The Hoopes Prize is awarded annually to Harvard undergraduates on the basis of outstanding scholarly work or research. In 2013, Zwart received an undergraduate thesis grant from CES together with additional funding from the Davis Center to travel to Bosnia-Herzegovina and conduct her research.

Zwart’s thesis advisor was Aida Vidan, Lecturer of Slavic Studies at Harvard and CES Student Programs Coordinator. Inspired by her experiences in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Zwart co-founded the Mostar Summer Youth Programme (MSYP) in 2014 with the goal to provide summer enrichment opportunities to young people in the country. The program offers free English language classes and professional development workshops. In an effort to build bridges between different ethnic factions, MSYP hopes to engage young people in civil society and build professional skills for better job opportunities. Zwart will be returning to Mostar to continue working with the youth in the divided city after graduation. To learn more about Zwart’s work in Bosnia-Herzegovina, view her video interview at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0g0qaP33I4.

College students host European events

The Harvard College European Society (HCES) is the University’s undergraduate organization for Europeans and Europhiles. HCES brings European culture to the Harvard College community through social events such as the annual Oktoberfest, Venetian Ball, and Feria de Abril. It provides a venue for discussing and making sense of European current affairs through its regular series of dinner discussions with professors and policymakers. This year’s activities included breakfasts with Anne Applebaum, Mario Monti and Radoslaw Sikorski, a dinner with Joaquim Almunia as well as tea with Boston’s British Consul General.

The student-run HCES is affiliated with and sponsored in part by CES, and also works closely on joint events with European clubs at Harvard graduate schools. CES thanks this year’s outgoing HCES President Krister Koskelo and other board members: Kristiana Bruzgule, Juliette Cremel, Denis Fedin, Taylor Houghton and Tijana Katushevska.
CES continued its tradition of securing and sponsoring internships at prestigious organizations across Europe for Harvard College students. This year, internship applications increased by 28 percent. Below is a list of the organizations and the interns, who were selected.

**ALBANIA**  
Ministry of Urban Development & Tourism  
• Halah Yasser Ahmad ’17

**BELGIUM**  
Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party (ALDE)  
• Anatol Klass ’17  
• Gabriela Farrell ’16

**CROATIA**  
Ministry of Veteran Affairs  
• Adrianna Zarya Korte-Nahabedian ’18

**FRANCE**  
Académie Diplomatique Internationale  
• Aizhan Shoman ’17  
Europe Research Center (HBS)  
• Eni Dervishi ’17  
• Andreas Vandris ’18  
OECD, Nuclear Energy Agency  
• Karl Aspelund ’17  
OECD, Secretary General  
• James Watkins ’16

**GERMANY**  
Bundesbank  
• Molly Wharton ’17  
Deutsche Börse  
• Wenting Gao ’17  
Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs & Energy  
• Caetano Hanta-Davis ’18

**ITALY**  
Istituto per l’Europea Centro-Orientale e Balcanica  
• Daniel Banks ’17

**POLAND**  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
• Katharine Barton ’16

**SERBIA**  
Centre for Applied Nonviolent Action and Strategies (CANVAS)  
• Charles Joseph Sutherland ’16

**SPAIN**  
IE Business School  
• Archana Somasegar ’18

**TURKEY**  
Istanbul Research Center (HBS)  
• Teoman Kucuk ’17  
• Catherine Qin ’17  
Mother Child Education Foundation (AÇEV)  
• Sam Danello ’18

**UNITED KINGDOM**  
The British Museum  
• Erica Eisen ’16  
The City of London Corporation  
• Elena Monge Imedio ’18  
Global Experience Specialists  
• Tessa Gabrielle Markewich ’16  
King’s College  
• Paige Wallace ’17  
UK Parliament, MP Greg Mulholland  
• Toby Roper ’17  
UK Parliament, MP Tom Brake  
• Susan Wang ’17  
Special Olympics Great Britain  
• Carolyn Ye ’17  
• Jasmine Chia ’18  
Value Retail  
• Brandon Alexander Wilks ’17
Nishin Nathwani ’15 spent a gap year backpacking in India; An advocate for outsiders, eventually he decided to give college a try

In 2010, Nishin Nathwani was backpacking through India after finishing high school. He wrote poetry, kept a journal, and spent three months at an ashram. By November, he dismissed some earlier misgivings about higher education and decided to go to college. “Harvard,” he said, “was the immediate thought.”

A son of Indian immigrants, a cosmopolitan from a rural town north of Toronto, a black belt in karate, a lifelong pianist, and a social activist who at 17 had spoken at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Nathwani did the only logical thing: He mailed his application in December, without test scores, and for the next month zigzagged by bus, train, and foot to SAT test sites in India. That spring, back at the ashram, he awoke to an email welcoming him to Harvard.

Now 23, Nathwani relates the story as a marker of his last four years. “My life has been shaped by things I could never have foreseen,” said the Phi Beta Kappa social studies concentrator from Dunster House who is bound for Oxford this fall to earn an M.Phil. in political theory. At Harvard, the unforeseeable, magical weaving of his young life has included internships at the World Health Organization and the office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

This summer, Nathwani will expand to a global scale a UNHCR confidential report he finished last fall on policy recommendations for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) refugee claimants in Africa. “For the first time, we have this flood of data, to understand their plight in their own terms,” he said.

Nathwani understands what it means to be different, as the child of ethnic Indian immigrants from Uganda, who in turn were the children of immigrants from India. “I have a lot of different identities because of my heritage,” said Nathwani. “I was very aware of what difference means.”

At home he spoke English but understood his parents when they spoke Gujarati spiced with Swahili. Nathwani grew up with “a twofold awareness, of being other but also being assimilated.” That gave him built-in empathy for outsiders of every stripe, an early taste for social justice, and an intense curiosity.

Nathwani studied Theodor Adorno with his mentor Peter Gordon, CES Faculty Associate, because “I wanted to understand how people are left out ... what it means to be an Other in this modern world.”

At Harvard, he steered that curiosity into the realm of political theory, including two graduate-level seminars with his mentor, Peter E. Gordon, the Amabel P. James Professor of History. Nathwani’s senior thesis, on post-Marxian sociologist Theodor W. Adorno, let him examine the ironic constraints of a seemingly free and democratic postwar West that also discourages independent thinking and alienates many. “I wanted to understand how people are left out,” he said, “what it means to be an Other in this modern world.”

Nathwani uses poetry to that same searching end, and this semester took a workshop with the poet Jorie Graham, Harvard’s Boylston Professor of Oratory and Rhetoric. “Poetry, for me, is very emancipatory,” he said, adding that its embrace of the illogic of existence matches Adorno’s idea that we are all “living in a contradictory world.”

Since his backpacking days in India, Harvard has “socialized me to be more prudent,” said Nathwani. After Oxford he plans to pursue a J.D./Ph.D. program to steer a useful path between academia and policymaking. (It’s a lifestyle he admires in one of his mentors, the Indian political theorist and visiting professor Pratap Bhanu Mehta.) But Nathwani is an admirer of aphorisms too, and one occurred to him on the spot: “Be open to possibilities as life reveals itself to you.”

Credits: This is a reprint of the Harvard Gazette’s article which appeared in the 2014-2015 Commencement issue. It was part of a series of profiles of stellar Harvard graduates. Photo: Jon Chase/Harvard Staff Photographer. Writer: Corydon Ireland, Harvard Staff Writer.
Photo Contest Winner

In its efforts to support the study of Europe, each year CES participates in Harvard College’s annual International Photo Contest which encourages undergraduate students to submit photographs they take during their travels, research and internships abroad. This year, Caroline Silber ‘17 is the winner of CES’ European prize for her photograph of Pamukkale in Turkey. Honorable mentions were given for three other photographs.

First Prize Winner
Caroline Silber ‘17
Thermal Springs
Pamukkale, Turkey

First Honorable Mention
Thomas Earle ‘16
Fire on the Tiber
Rome, Italy

Third Honorable Mention
Tarik Adnan Moon ‘15
Prayer Time
Istanbul, Turkey

Second Honorable Mention
Caroline Silber ‘17
Bosphorus Crossing
Istanbul, Turkey
CES welcomed 24 Visiting Scholars this year from a wide range of disciplines, including Anthropology, History, Political Economy and Sociology. While the majority of scholars stayed at CES for the whole year, others came for a period of three to six months. Three of the full-year Visiting Scholars were recipients of the prestigious CES John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship, which is awarded to German scholars in the Social Sciences after a highly competitive selection process. This year’s Kennedy Fellows were Anna Holzscheiter, Junior Professor in International Relations at Freie Universität Berlin; Sascha Münnich, Associate Professor for Comparative Sociology, Georg August University of Göttingen; and Philip Müller, Lecturer of Contemporary European History at University of Fribourg.

Scholars participated in the weekly Visiting Scholars Seminar where they had the opportunity to present their research topics and engage in discussion with other scholars. They also actively participated in CES activities and engaged with students and faculty. An interview with Anna Holzscheiter about her experiences as a Visiting Scholar can be found in the 2015-2016 Visiting Scholars brochure.
Stella Ghervas and Thomas Weber will be returning to their home institutions in France and the United Kingdom respectively after spending two years as CES Visiting Scholars.

For more information about the CES Visiting Scholars Program and how to apply, refer to the CES website. For a complete listing of scholars, please refer to the 2014-2015 Visiting Scholars brochure and the CES website.

Goldhammer receives Lifetime Achievement Award

On June 9th, Arthur Goldhammer was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the French-American Foundation for his remarkable career in translating French books into English. The Foundation honored Goldhammer with its distinctive award at the 28th Annual Translation Prize event, which was held in New York. A long-time CES affiliate, Goldhammer has chaired the weekly Visiting Scholars Seminar for more than 10 years.

Goldhammer has received numerous accolades for his most recent translation of Thomas Piketty’s best-selling book *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*. During a speech at Harvard on March 10th, Piketty paid special tribute to Goldhammer for his remarkable translation and attributed the success of the English version to his careful and vivid translation. In a recent article, *New Republic* called Goldhammer “America’s finest bridge to French culture” through his translations and regular blogs on French politics and culture.
ABOUT CES

The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (CES) was founded in 1969 at Harvard’s Faculty of Arts and Sciences to promote the understanding of Europe in the United States and to facilitate the training of new generations of scholars and experts on Europe.

For over forty years, CES has been committed to inspiring the interdisciplinary study of European history, politics, economy and society. Its programs and faculty attract top students from around the world and influence debate on important issues facing Europe. It has been a place of deep intellectual engagement between European and American scholars and practitioners of public policy.
Top: Harvard students with German Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel during his visit at CES on October 23, 2014.

Bottom: Mario Monti, Prime Minister of Italy (2011-13), met Italian students during the Summit on the Future of Europe on September 22, 2014.