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Dear alumni,

Time flies. This is the fifth installment of my annual letter to alumni of the [SAIS European and Eurasian Studies Program \(EES\)](#), which the Dean's office tells us has grown to become the school's largest regional or area studies concentration. I am sure that is due to the excellent work done by program staff and faculty. It may also have something to do with the many challenges facing the region we study. Conflict in Ukraine, acts of terrorism in Belgium, France, Germany, and Turkey, and the ongoing migration crisis across the Mediterranean, combined to ensure that the 2015-16 academic year was one of grave concern and mourning for humankind. When we add the Brexit vote in the United Kingdom, the coup-attempt and aftermath in Turkey, the challenges to democracy in Poland and Hungary, and deep uncertainty about the future of the European project, there is no shortage of pressing policy problems to address. Our students are more than up to the task.

This year's graduates are an impressive group. In May, thirty-three students graduated from the Master of Arts degree program with EES as one of their academic concentrations. One of these graduates, Alex Weaver is completing a dual-degree with Columbia University Law School and another, Alexander Bohurat also earned the one-year certificate at the Hopkins Nanjing Center. Edward Moe received all-school honors and Deborah Allison was inducted into the JHU Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Daniela Muhaj's e-Ubelong team won first place at the [2016 European Student Conference](#).



*Snapshot by EES Grad, Ning Ge, of SAIS
Washington Reception, May 2016*

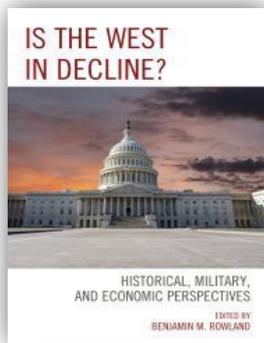
Jacqueline Koo was awarded a distinguished [2016 Alfa Fellowship in Russia](#). An additional five SAIS graduates completed a minor in EES (the first year that this possibility was offered) and four Master of International Public Policy candidates chose to affiliate with the program. We are also pleased that two doctoral candidates successfully defended their dissertations this year: Dr. Rachel Salzman in Russian and Eurasian Studies and Dr. Marco Zambotti in European Studies. Soon thereafter, Marco joined the adjunct faculty in Washington, DC to help us prepare students for the comprehensive examination in comparative political economy (which I am sure many of you remember).



Postcards from EES Interns, Summer 2016

For the fifth consecutive summer, EES concentrators are also completing internships in one of fifty (plus!) positions secured by the program in fifteen cities. Associate Director [Kathryn Knowles](#) (B'01,'02) asks students for payback in the form of a postcard. One of the first to arrive this summer was from an intern at the Central Bank of Luxembourg and read: "Today, the day of Brexit, I want to thank you for this once-in-a-life opportunity to learn about Europe and its institutions from the inside. An unforgettable experience." That may sound like youthful hyperbole, but I don't

think it is. Looking back over the past twenty-seven years, my own summer internship at the Free University of Brussels (organized by then Bologna Center adjunct faculty member Georges Delcoigne) was positively life-changing - as demonstrated by the fact that I am writing this letter to you now. Please let us know if you can provide a student with an 8- to 12-week experience next summer.



The community of EES scholars continues to collaborate across the Atlantic. The volume titled [*Is the West in Decline? Historical, Military and Economic Perspectives*](#) is a good illustration. That collection includes ten essays by prominent scholars of international relations and current history, many of them associated with EES, including faculty members [Dana Allin](#) (B'85,'86, Ph.D. '90), [Mark Gilbert](#), [Thomas Row](#) (JHU'78, B'79, S'80, Ph.D. '88), and [Stephen Szabo](#). Professor [David P. Calleo](#), who was the inspiration for the research project in addition to being a participant himself, joined us in launching the volume at a [seminar in Washington](#). We used the occasion to celebrate the life and work of SAIS European Studies alumnus [Benjamin M. Rowland](#) ('70, Ph.D. '75). It was also a good opportunity to announce the creation of the David P. Calleo Center for European Studies. More details on the Calleo Center will follow this year.

On the Bologna side of the pond, Senior Adjunct Professor [Gianfranco Pasquino](#) (B'66, '67) and I completed editing the [*The Oxford Handbook of Italian Politics*](#), a 54-chapter volume looking at the political life of one of Europe's most exciting and turbulent democracies. The Handbook also includes chapters by SAIS Europe faculty [Vincent Della Sala](#) and [Vera Negri Zamagni](#) and was [presented to the public](#) in Bologna in February 2016. Discussants included Senator [Pier Ferdinando Casini](#) and President of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region [Debora Serracchiani](#).



Kathryn Knowles & EES Students at the SAIS Europe Presentation of "The Oxford Handbook of Italian Politics, February 2016

Looking ahead to the coming year, we welcome [Igor Zevelev](#) to our adjunct faculty in Washington, DC to teach a new course on "Russian Foreign Policy and National Identity" during [Bruce Parrott's](#) sabbatical. Professor Zevelev is a visiting scholar at the Wilson Center's Kennan Institute and the former Director of the Russia Office of the MacArthur Foundation. We are also pleased to welcome back Clinton Climate Initiative CEO [Dymphna Van der Lans](#) to teach "Energy Transitions in Europe: Systems, Innovation, and Leadership."

I invite you to connect with us via the [SAIS Europe LinkedIn](#) group and via the numerous [EES social media platforms](#) established thanks to our Washington, DC-based Academic Program Manager [Cristina Benitez](#). If you are interested in reading my regular commentary on Europe, please also visit my [website](#) and share your feedback.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support.

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