**VISITING ACADEMICS AT THE INSTITUTE OF EUROPEAN STUDIES**

The Institute of European Studies (Institut d’études européennes, IEE) has since its beginning welcomed numerous foreign visiting academics for periods of one or more months. The participation in teaching and research of guest professors and research fellows enriches the contents of the various courses as they bring their own experience and approach: they teach classes in their native foreign language, cooperate in the work carried out by IEE faculty in the various research teams, and also contribute in strengthening the links of Paris 8 with their home universities – double degree arrangements (through the European Partnership Programme), Erasmus exchanges and other academic cooperation programmes, research workshops with the doctoral students.

**Among the most recently welcomed visiting academics and those who will be welcomed in 2015-2016:**

2012 – 2013: **Arturo Rodríguez Morató**, Professor of sociology at the University of Barcelona and head of the Centre for Studies on Culture, Politics and Society (CECUPS), Arturo Rodriguez Morató analysed the Spanish political policies for the students of the course on “Cultural policies and management in Europe”, Master of European and International Studies. His comparative approach proved very useful for the master and doctoral students as well as for the teachers and researchers of IEE.

2013-2014: **Gerassimos** **Moschonas**, Senior Lecturer in political science at Panteion University, Athens, is specialised in the analysis of political parties and perfectly fluent in French. His analyses contributed to a better understanding of the nature and characteristics of the European social democratic parties and of the causes of the rise of radical and leftist parties in Europe and the modalities of their fast development, as exemplified by Syriza.

2014-2015: **Christina Musse-Ferraz**, Senior Lecturer in Information and Communication Sciences at the Federal University of Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais, Brazil, is perfectly fluent in French. Having a long experience in audio-visual journalism, Dr Musse-Ferraz focuses her research on the memory and identity of the towns through the prism of communication. Dr Musse reminded us that the (post dictatorship) initiatives « Memories and Reconciliation » currently carried out in several Brazilian towns allow to mirror the « wounded » Brazilian democracy with the « established » European democracies – at least in Western Europe. Let us recall that, besides the project of an exchange agreement between Paris 8 and the Federal University of Juiz de Fora, a bilateral agreement for a joint doctorate (Erasmus Mundus programme) was signed in 2015 between Paris 8 (Institute of European Studies) and the Federal University of Juiz de Fora.

2015-2016 will be a particularly successful year for the Institute of European Studies since at least four academic invitations are planned:

**Maria Lucia Bueno** is Professor of art sociology at the Federal University of Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais, Brazil. She is perfectly fluent in French. She concentrates her research on the situation of Brazilian visual art and artists on the world art scene. Prof Bueno will spend ten month at IEE from September 1st 2015 to end of June 2016.

**Stelios Stavridis** is aResearch Fellow who teaches political science at the University of Zaragoza (Spain) – in the Research Centre on European and International Studies. His research deals with international relations, democracy and foreign policy, and more specifically with EU foreign policy. He masters four languages, notably English and French. He will be coming at IEE in February 2016.

**Sébastien Chauvin** is aSenior Lecturer in sociology at the University of Amsterdam. His research deals with international migrations and urban change. Dr Chauvin speaks English and French. He will be visiting IEE in April 2016. Besides teaching classes and seminars, Dr Chauvin will participate in the discussions towards a partnership in doctoral studies (European Doctoral Programme) between IEE and the University of Amsterdam.