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Japanese Tea-ceremony in Park Clingendael



Mrs. Matura in a stunning traditional Japanese kimono in Clingendael's conference room.

Mr. Matura Akira (Kôgetsu) (r.) and his son during the official tea ceremony in the tea pavilion of the Japanese Garden, in the presence of Mrs. Tineke Hooiveld, director of the City-district office Haagse Hout of the Municipality of The Hague.



Japanese ladies from Hirado during the preparations of the tea ceremony.

On 18 September a traditional Japanese tea ceremony was held in the Japanese Garden of the Park Clingendael. The ceremony was part of the official visit of the distinguished Matura family from Hirado (Japan) to the Netherlands. The present 41st head of the Matura family, Matura Akira (Kôgetsu), performed the ceremony, assisted by 30 Teamasters from Japan. Mr. Matura maintains this family

and national tradition with the "elegance worthy of a true warrior. This elegance should be forceful, not fragile. Tea should lead the way towards discipline of the mind", according to a motto which has been honoured by many generations in the Matura family.



One of the Teamasters, dressed in traditional black, to underline the austerity of the ceremony, and two Japanese ladies in kimono.



Igniting debate on the new power in the East

On Friday 11 September 2009, Clingendael Asia Studies hosted a seminar on the challenge that China's rise poses to the West. Followed by a welcome speech from Professor Jan Melissen – Head of Clingendael Asia Studies –, Jan Willem Blankert gave a presentation based on his new book *China Rising: Will the West Be Able to Cope?*, published by World Scientific/Kemper Conseil Publishing. The book focuses on China's emergence (and, more generally, on Asia's emergence) as a global power, and provides an abundance of examples from other countries, regions and periods to provide context and perspective. Also woven through the book is a comparison between the EU and the US as they face the challenge of a rising China and the force of globalisation. Could it be that the EU is better prepared to face the challenge of globalisation? It is almost

as if Blankert finds it hard to believe his own conclusions!

The West and China's Rise

The seminar focused on many of the questions around economic growth, competitiveness, international competition, the division of labour and the environment that are raised by or dealt with in Blankert's book. Why do some countries get rich and other countries don't? Does one country's gain mean another country's loss? What role do governments play? How important is democracy in the story of 'climbing the economic ladder'? And how do we address the biggest challenge of all: the fact that the environment suffers when we all want to seize our piece of the cake?

About the author

Jan Willem Blankert works for the

European Commission in Jakarta, as the Special Adviser for the relations between the EU and ASEAN. From 2003 to 2007, he worked in the Commission's Headquarters in Brussels on the relations between the EU and China. He is an economist and a veteran of economic and political reform and economic integration. Having worked with the European Commission since 1985, he spent many years dealing with European integration issues, first in Brussels and then in Poland, Bosnia and Serbia. Before 1985, he worked for UNICEF, and for the governments of Tanzania and Suriname. He wrote his book when he was the EU Fellow at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore.

2nd The Hague Diplomacy Conference



On 18-20 June, Clingendael held its second conference on diplomacy, bringing together more than 60 junior and established scholars and practitioners from 18 countries, including from the US, and across Europe and the Asia-Pacific region. Just as the inaugural conference did in 2007, this meeting provided a rich stimulus to the study of diplomacy.

The four panels pushed the frontiers of research, each covering one of four main themes: America and Diplomacy; New Trends in China's Diplomacy; Sports Diplomacy; and City Diplomacy. While the discussions about American and Chinese diplomacy offered a fascinating contrast, the debates surrounding sports and cities broke new ground and revealed an interesting interaction between theory and practice. There are plans to present the discussions and conclusions at two of the sessions in special issues of *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy*.

Touring the Peace Palace in The Hague

(photo Stuart Murray)

Expert seminar: "Effects of the Global Financial Crisis on China-EU Relations"

China's rise as a great power is largely driven by the country's high economic growth rate over the past three decades. Although it is too early to know what the effects of the current global financial and economic crisis will be, some developments are already visible. China's economic growth will be considerably lower than what the country is used to. At the same time, the United States and the European Union are experiencing even greater economic difficulties than China. In spite

of China's domestic economic concerns, its strategic position relative to the West seems to be growing stronger. The purpose of this meeting, which was held on June 17, and was chaired by Ingrid d'Hooghe, senior research fellow of Clingendael's Diplomatic Studies Programme, was to assess how the worldwide financial and economic crisis is affecting Beijing's foreign policy towards the EU. This meeting particularly focused on developments in political and security

relations. The organizers were honoured to welcome Dr. Chen Zhimin, Head and Professor of the Department of International Politics, and Associate Dean of the Institute of International Studies at Fudan University. On this occasion Dr. Chen delivered an address entitled "The Effects of the Global Financial Crisis on China-EU relations". Dr. Frans-Paul van der Putten, research fellow, Clingendael Asia Studies and Clingendael Security & Conflict Programme acted as discussant.

EU Policy Seminar:

The Eastern Partnership: Towards a New Era of Cooperation between the EU and its Eastern Neighbours?

On 20 and 21 April, the Clingendael European Studies Programme organised a high-level policy seminar on 'the Eastern Partnership', in cooperation with the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This was the sixth in a series of seminars at which topics that are currently high on the EU agenda are discussed. This most recent seminar was held specifically to follow up on the seminar on the European Neighbourhood Policy, which was held in April last year. Before the event, Ketie Peters, Jan Rood and Christof van Agt produced a position paper in order to introduce the issues addressed during the seminar.

Taking place on the eve of the official launch of the Eastern Partnership on 7 May, the seminar provided an excellent platform for an open and informal exchange of views on this policy initiative. The central question concerned whether or not the Eastern Partnership will give rise to a new era of cooperation between the EU and its Eastern neighbours, thereby adding value to the current European Neighbourhood Policy. The 25 participants were government officials and academics from both the member states and the Eastern partner countries.



Dutch Minister for European Affairs Frans Timmermans (l.) with Clingendael director Jaap Zwaan (r.) during the seminar.

After a welcome from Jaap de Zwaan, Director of the Clingendael Institute, the seminar was officially opened by Frans Timmermans, Minister for European Affairs of the Netherlands. In his speech, the Minister stressed the importance of good relations between the EU and its Eastern partners, and addressed the role of Russia in the Eastern

neighbourhood. The participants then explored different dimensions of the Eastern Partnership during the following four sessions.

For more detailed information, please visit <http://www.clingendael.nl/cesp/events/20090420/>.

Conference on Swedish EU presidency

On Tuesday 14 July, the Clingendael Institute and the Swedish Embassy in The Hague held a joint conference to

mark the start of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the second half of 2009. Hosted at

the Clingendael House, the event was attended by policymakers and politicians, academics and the press, and the diplomatic community based in The Hague.

The topic of the conference was introduced by the Swedish Minister for EU Affairs, H.E. Mrs Cecilia Malmström, who had kindly accepted our invitation to give a speech on this occasion, in order to present and discuss the Swedish EU Presidency priorities. The Dutch Minister for European Affairs, H.E. Mr Frans Timmermans, was also present to give a reaction to the Swedish EU agenda and to share his views regarding prominent issues on the wider EU agenda. After his speech, there were discussions and questions.

The seminar was closed by the Chair, Professor Jaap W. de Zwaan, the Director of the Clingendael Institute, who expressed his gratitude to all participants for their contributions to what has been a very successful and inspiring conference.



Swedish Minister for EU Affairs, Mrs. Cecilia Malmström and Dutch Minister for European Affairs, Frans Timmermans, during the debate.

Truman-Clingendael Conference



Alfred Pijpers, Security Programme of the Clingendael Institute.

International conference ‘Strengthening the Forces of Moderation in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: the Role of the European Union after the Gaza War’, organised by the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University, in collaboration with the Clingendael Security and Conflict Programme (CSCP) of the Clingendael Institute, Jerusalem 28 – 30 June 2009.

The Gaza war, the Obama administration’s new engagement with the Middle East, and the new Israeli government, led by Benjamin Netanyahu, have changed the parameters of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. The main objective of this conference was

to explore these changes and to see how the European Union might contribute to ‘strengthening the forces of moderation’ in the region.

The conference was opened with a key-note address by the Dutch Minister for Development Cooperation, Bert Koenders, and was attended by Israeli, Palestinian, European and American scholars. The speakers and chairs included Professor Steven Kaplan (Academic Director of the Truman Institute), Ambassador Carmi Gillon (Vice-President of the Hebrew University), Michiel den Hond (Dutch Ambassador to Israel), Professor Avraham Sela (Hebrew University), Dr Alfred Pijpers (Clingendael Institute, The



Dutch Ambassador to Israël, mr. Michiel den Hond.

Hague), Dr Robert Blecher (International Crisis Group, Brussels), Dr Sharon Pardo (University of Ghent), Dr Rami Nasrallah (International Peace and Cooperation Center, East Jerusalem), Professor Bruce Maddy-Weitzman and Professor Ofra Bengio (Tel Aviv University), Dr Patrick



(L-R) Steven Kaplan, Director of the Truman Institute, Bert Koenders, Dutch Minister for Development Cooperation, and Carmi Gillon, Vice-president of the Hebrew University.



Participants debating during a workshop Avraham Sela (Truman Institute); Ron Pundak (Peres Center), Ramiro Cibrian-Uzal (EU Ambassador); Saeb Erekat (PLO Chief Negotiator).

Müller (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna), Dr Karin Aggestam (Lund University), Dr Efrat Elron (International Peace Institute, New York), Dr Ron Pundak (Peres Center for Peace), Dr Saeb Erekat (Chief of the PLO Steering and Monitoring Committee, Palestinian Authority), and Mr Ramiro Cibrian-Uzal (EU Ambassador to Israel). The conference was supported financially by the Dutch Friends of the Hebrew University, and chaired by Harry van den Bergh, former member of the Dutch Parliament.

Farewell to Central-Asian diplomats

Farewell to Central-Asian, Afghan and Mongolian diplomats after the conclusion of the Sixteenth Diplomatic Training Programme at the Clingendael Institute (CDCAM-16th) from the 27th of May till the 17th of July 2009.



During the working visit to NATO the former Secretary General Mr. Jaap de Hoop Scheffer invited the young diplomats to a photo exhibition detailing NATO member Australia's efforts in Afghanistan. The Central-Asian, Afghan and Mongolian diplomats also took the opportunity to interact with the Secretary General, the Australian Ambassador to Brussels and members of both their staff.

Eighteen Central-Asian, Afghan and Mongolian diplomats currently working for their respective ministries of foreign affairs in Tashkent, Dushanbe, Bishkek, Ashgabat, Kabul and finally Ulaanbaatar were trained from the 27th of May till the 17th of July 2009 at the Clingendael Institute in The Hague. The sixteenth training programme on international relations and diplomatic practice was intensive and challenging.

The rich and balanced formula of lectures, workshops, seminars, simulation games and working visits to Dutch, European and international institutions dealt with a wide range of topics related to foreign policy, international developmental cooperation, diplomacy, energy, international peace and politics of reform and transition in the region of Central Asia.

With the conclusion of the Sixteenth Diplomatic Training Programme for Central-Asian, Afghan and Mongolian diplomats in 2009 the number of trained diplomats at the Clingendael Institute from this part of the world has risen to 287.

Jan Rood leads Strategic Research

Since 1 May, Clingendael's former Director of the Clingendael European Studies Programme, Professor Jan Rood, holds the newly created position of Head Strategic Research of the Clingendael Institute. In this role, Jan Rood will focus attention on the position of the Netherlands in the ever-changing field of international politics. The project will seek to coordinate with all the Institute's various research programmes, which means all Clingendael colleagues could at some point or other, become involved.

Establishing the Strategic Research project is a direct result of our long-term research strategy (2009-2013). The project aims to pursue research topics that are relevant to the policies of the the Dutch administration, in particular the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence. It will specifically take up research topics that will be relevant to Clingendael's various programmes, thereby making use of all the expertise the institute has to offer. Several events will

be organised as part of the project: these will vary from small expert meetings to large-scale conferences. As mentioned before, the project will focus on changes in the field of international politics, and their direct implications for the Netherlands and its foreign policy. The project is posited on two major, recent changes in the global system: firstly, that global power balances are shifting due to the rise of new (non-state) political actors; and secondly, that there are questions as to whether the multilateral system of 'governance' is capable of dealing with today's challenges. If this proves not to be the case – a realistic possibility – then the question inevitably arises as to which changes in global governance will be necessary and viable. Traditionally, the Netherlands has a strong position within the overall framework of multilateral and regional institutions, as well as high international ambitions and a relatively extensive political agenda. This

includes a large budget for development cooperation and a high military capacity. To help achieve its foreign policy goals, the Netherlands

traditionally looks to the system of multi-lateral institutions and agreements adhered to by in particular the EU, NATO and the UN system. The question, however, is whether these frameworks can still serve as beacon and anchor for Dutch foreign policy against the background of the changes mentioned above. Should the Netherlands adapt its foreign policy orientation, and if so in what direction? What direction should Dutch political ambitions take and which instruments are needed to reach these goals? What is the position of the Netherlands in the international arena and who are our 'natural' partners? These issues will be the focal point for this long-term strategic project.



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Adriaan Schout new head of CESP

Per 1 October 2009 Dr Adriaan Schout has been appointed as new Head of the Clingendael European Studies Programme. In this position he succeeds prof. Jan Rood, who has recently started as leader of the new Clingendael Strategic Research Project. Adriaan Schout has (co-)authored numerous books and international articles and won the UACES price for 'Best Book in European Studies 2007' for The coordination of the European Union: Exploring the capacities of networked governance (Oxford University Press) (co-authored with Andrew Jordan). He studied economics at Groningen University and has a PhD in Political Sciences from Leiden University. He has combined research and consultancy on

European governance questions for national and European institutions. Dr Schout is expert in the field of European integration, European governance and better regulation, the EU Presidency, EU agencies, and the Europeanization of national administrations. He has been acting as an independent expert in the field of EU governance for the Economic and Social Committee and for the Directorate-General for Research of the European Commission supporting the multilevel coordination questions in the process of writing the White Paper European Research Area. Before joining the Netherlands Institute of International Relations

'Clingendael', he worked among others at the European Institute of Public Administration. Adriaan Schout has a position as Research Professor at the Institut Universitari d'Estudis Europeus (IUEE), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and is honorary fellow at the Centre for Social and Economic Research on the Global Environment-CSERGE (5 star research institute) of the University of East Anglia (UK).



Please visit: www.clingendael.nl/cesp/staff/adriaanschout.

CIEP Conferences and meetings

The Caspian Development Corporation Concept

On 20 April, the Clingendael International Energy Program organised a Senior Experts Meeting to discuss cooperation with Caspian Sea countries, with the aim of further unlocking both resources and routes in order to diversify European gas markets. The meeting focused on the innovative concept of a 'Caspian Development Corporation', as well as related issues such as the recently adopted Eastern Partnership and Southern Corridors in the context of wider gas market dynamics in Eurasia.

The concept of a Caspian Development Corporation is introduced in the activity report recently published by Jozias van Aartsen to outline his findings as European Coordinator on the Trans-Caspian Natural Gas Connection. This connection links the Caspian Sea countries and the Middle East to the European Union, and includes the Nabucco pipeline. A Caspian Development Corporation could be developed by the EU and Turkey as a demand aggregator in order to secure gas supply and demand from these regions.

Ifri/CIEP event: 'Turkey, Azerbaijan and the Southern Gas Corridor'

On 26 May, the French Institute for International Relations (Ifri) and the Clingendael International Energy Programme organised an Energy Breakfast Roundtable, held in Brussels and moderated by Ifri's Director of Energy, Ambassador William C. Ramsay. While the pipeline projects in the Southern Gas Corridor have been extensively discussed both inside and outside the EU, important questions remain, and this Expert Meeting explored many of them. For example: After the different high-level summits in April and May, what is the current state of the several pipeline projects in the Southern Gas Corridor? They also asked, considering Turkey's crucial position as a transit country, where the negotiations on a transit regime are going, and what obstacles to finding a solution still remain. Moreover, as a potential supplier country, Azerbaijan is of the utmost importance for all pipeline projects in the Southern Gas Corridor, and already makes an important contribution to the security of oil and gas markets. How is Azerbaijan's position evolving in the context of current regional developments?

US-EU Workshop on a shared vision for energy and climate change

Together with the Atlantic Council of the US, the Clingendael International Energy Programme is planning a programme of workshops over the next several years. These workshops will expand the transatlantic discussion on creating common, compatible and complementary efforts to transform the energy sectors of the US and Europe in order to ensure sustainable energy security. The programme is designed to help participants from a cross-section of industry, government and NGOs to reach a consensus on recommendations for achieving greater cooperation and addressing the challenges associated with developing sustainable energy security. With support from the US Mission to the EU and from the EU Commission, the first workshop was held in Brussels on 28-29 May, in the form of a round-table discussion under the Chatham House rules.

From Moscow to Copenhagen: Russian Perspectives on Climate Change & Energy Governance

In April, the Russian Cabinet approved a draft 'climate doctrine' for the country. This emerging climate action plan is linked to policies that are currently being drafted, especially those concerning energy efficiency. On 29 May, the Clingendael International Energy Programme (CIEP) convened a roundtable entitled "*From Moscow to Copenhagen: Russian perspectives on Climate Change & Energy Governance*". This event was organised with the support of the European Climate Foundation (ECF) and the Clingendael International Energy Programme (CIEP), with the participation of senior experts and company representatives from Russia, the Paris International Energy Agency, and leading centres on Climate Change Policy, such as the Finnish Institute of International Affairs.

Smart EU Energy Policy

Together with the Loyola de Palacio programme in Florence, the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei in Milano and Wilton park in the UK, the Clingendael International Energy Programme has organised a four-track programme with discussions about the Three Pillars of EU energy policy. Three workshops will discuss the interactions and inconsistencies of each pillar in turn. The final workshop will report on the outcomes of the first three, presenting them in a 'smart way' as inputs into the new energy policy evaluation

process for the new EU Commission in 2010.

The second workshop has already taken place – it was held Clingendael from 29-30 June 2009, using the Green Package as the basis for discussion. Participants from across academia, industry and from NGOs discussed topics such as: The interaction of the RES Directive and Efficiency Programmes with transmission grid systems, their operations, their regulation and their investments; the advantages and disadvantages of different promotion schemes for electricity from RES; the role of RES/GO certification for cross-border trade and wholesale markets.

On 30 June, after a lively debate, the second workshop was very successfully concluded. The follow-up consisted of the third workshop from 28-29 September 2009 in Milan, which was held at the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM). It focused on European security of supply. The final workshop will take place at Wilton Park from 3-5 December 2009.

CIEP Energy Meeting: 'Energy Security and the Role of Sub-Saharan Africa'

At this event, which was held on 10 July, CIEP was proud to launch its new publication *Gambling in Sub-Saharan Africa: Energy Security through the Prism of Sino-African Relations*. CIEP researcher Bas Percival presented the main findings of CIEP's report and delivered insights into Sino-African relations. Also to complement the presentation of CIEP's new publication, Duncan Clarke, a leading writer on Africa's oil industry, outlined his views on Africa's Hydrocarbon future. The event also offered a banker's view on doing business in Africa. The EU and Dutch energy relations with Africa were addressed from a policy viewpoint. The meeting closed with a panel discussion under the Chatham House rule.

A download of this publication is available on: http://www.clingendael.nl/publications/2009/20090710_ciep_energy_report.pdf

For more information on CIEP-events, please visit: <http://www.clingendael.nl/ciep/events/>

CSCP Expert meetings and conferences

EUFOR Tchad/RCA and the crisis in Tchad

On 14 June, experts from a variety of backgrounds joined a closed Expert Meeting to assess the results of EUFOR Tchad/RCA, the largest military operation conducted by the European Union so far, whose mandate ended on 15 March 2009. There were presentations from Professor Han van Dijk (Africa Studies Center Leiden), Jaime de Bourbon Parme (Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Major Rob de Wit (Royal Netherlands Marine Corps) and Suying Lai (Oxfam Novib), followed by a discussion that focused on how the mission should be assessed and what lessons could be learned from it.

Pakistan: an analysis of a protracted crisis and its regional repercussions

On 15 June, an Expert Meeting on Pakistan was co-organized by IKV Pax Christi, Cordaid, Oxfam Novib, and the Clingendael Security and Conflict Programme (CSCP). Until recently, the international community had primarily been dealing with the Afghanistan crisis by concentrating on internal problems and dynamics. Regional and international factors have often been mentioned, but more as corollary issues than as stand-alone issues. In particular,

Pakistan has been regarded as one of the key regional factors impacting on the stability of Afghanistan, but that recognition has not resulted in appropriate attention being paid to the impact of Pakistan. During the past few months, however, there has been growing awareness of the need to understand and engage with Pakistan in a comprehensive way. The new US policy towards both countries, and the Donors' Conference in Japan of 17 April, seemed to confirm that trend.

With this meeting, the organizers attempted to contribute to the broad debate about Pakistan, its inner causes of instability, and its international dimensions. The meeting also aimed to give Dutch policy-makers, academics and representatives of 'civil society' the opportunity to, on the one hand, share expertise and opinions with Pakistani guests, and on the other hand, to analyse present political developments in Pakistan and discuss the implications for regional and international stability.

Conference on piracy

On 8 July, the Clingendael Security and Conflict Programme (CSCP) organised a conference on piracy entitled: Pioneering for Solutions Against Piracy.

The conference focused on four dimensions: the geopolitical dimension, the failed state and regional dimension, the legal dimension and the strategic dimension. In the panel on the geopolitical dimension the interrelationship between the piracy problem and the search for a new power-balance in the Indian Ocean was highlighted. The presentation on the failed state and regional dimension looked into the assumption that sustainable solutions for Somalian piracy will have to be found on land, as well as the policy implications of the regionalization of the problem. The presentation on the legal dimension focused on the problems concerning the legal definition of piracy, the lacunas in international law, the problems concerning evidence, extradition, etc. The strategic dimension presentation looked into the cooperation between the different naval powers present in the Somali basin, operational challenges and what implications this has for future cooperation between the different actors involved.

For more information on the above meetings and other CSCP events, please visit: <http://www.clingendael.nl/cscp/events/>

Introducing....



Christof van Agt has been Senior Researcher for the Clingendael International Energy Programme (CIEP) since January 2009. Between 2001 and 2007, Christof managed energy policy initiatives with Caspian and Central Asian States for the Office for Global Energy Dialogue of the International Energy Agency in Paris. This involved in-depth analysis of regional oil-and-gas market dynamics, coordination of multistakeholder dialogue. During this time, Christof reported to IEA and other bodies, notably on Asian Pacific and Euro Atlantic security of supply in relation to Eurasia.

From 1996 to 2001, Christof administered technical assistance projects, including interstate oil and gas networks, in Central Asia and the South Caucasus, on behalf of the European Commission, and assisted in negotiations on the Energy Charter Treaty, the Transit Protocol and the Model Agreements on Cross Border Pipelines for the Energy Charter Secretariat in Brussels. Christof was Manager of the International Institute for Energy Law at the University

of Leiden from 1992 to 1996. There, he started his international career by coordinating various projects on energy sector reform in the Newly Independent States. Prior to this, he studied Slavonic Languages and Sovietology in Leiden from 1986 to 1991.



Bram Buijs joined the CIEP in January 2009 as a researcher. After taking a Master's degree in Mathematics, Bram specialized in Energy and Geopolitics for a second Master's degree in Contemporary Asian Studies, writing his thesis on the future challenges facing China's energy system. In between these studies, he spent half a year studying Mandarin in Shanghai, China, where he returned in 2006 to set up a representative office for a Dutch high-tech industrial design company. For 18 months, he combined work in China with an intensive Chinese language programme at the Shanghai International Studies University. Bram plans to continue with his research on energy and Asia at CIEP, initially focusing on the challenges to a sustainable energy system in China and on the country's stance in post-Kyoto climate treaty negotiations.



Maria Derks joined Clingendael as a Research Fellow at CSCP/CRU in January 2009. She has a background in international affairs, with a particular focus on conflict

analysis and security and development studies. At the CRU, she works on issues of security and, in particular, on Security Sector Reform (SSR) and Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR). To join the CRU, she took a leave of absence from her work as a PhD candidate at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, in Ottawa. There, she focuses on the effectiveness of donor SSR support projects for improving the public perception of security and security forces (police and military) in Burundi and Kosovo.



Ragnhild Drange is project manager for the Clingendael Diplomatic Studies Programme (CDSP). She organizes international conferences and seminars,

lending administrative support to the Diplomatic Studies Programme and Asia Studies. As editorial assistant, she is responsible for all CDSP publications

and for the Programme's website. Before joining Clingendael, Ragnhild worked for the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities. She has also worked as Manager and Project Co-ordinator for NGOs in Norway. Ragnhild has an MA in Political Science (International Relations and Comparative Politics) from the University of Oslo and has expertise in the fields of project management, conflict prevention and peace-building.

Margriet Drenth has worked as a Research Fellow for the CSCP since May 2009. She teaches courses on International Security and the theory of International Relations at the International Relations Department of the University of Groningen. She is currently in the final stages of her PhD on the 'Europeanisation of Security', focusing on the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) as the institutionalised form of a European security identity. In her PhD research, she has also dealt extensively with the security identities of the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany. Until 2004, Margriet was the Executive Director of the Groningen-based Centre for European Security Studies, where she managed and designed projects aimed at enhancing the democratic governance of armed forces in Central and Eastern European countries.



Edith Drieskens joined Clingendael in February 2009. She is Senior Research Fellow with the CDSP. From 2001 to 2009, she worked at the Institute for International and European Policy at Leuven University, Belgium. In her doctoral research, she explored the manifestation of EU actorness at the UN Security Council, raising the question of whether the serving EU Member States act as national or European agents, including when making decisions on sanctions. As part of her fieldwork (September 2007 to March 2008), she held a visiting position at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University (Centre for International Organization) and completed an internship at the Permanent Representation of Belgium to the UN in New York, during which she assisted the Belgian Security Council team. At Clingendael, she will continue her research into the Security Council, for instance, comparing the regional actorness of the EU with that of the Organisation of American States and of the African Union.



Christine van Empel joined Clingendael's Conflict Research Unit in November 2008. She will be working as Project Manager for the Peace, Security and Development Knowledge Network. She holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in Contemporary History from the University of Groningen, as well as a master's degree in Conflict Resolution from Bradford University in the UK. Before coming to Clingendael, Christine worked for the European Centre for Conflict Prevention, promoting the role of civil society in conflict prevention. As facilitator of the Knowledge Network, she will bring together a variety of Dutch actors working on an integrated approach towards fragile states.



Willem Evers joined Clingendael as Fellow for the Diplomatic Studies Programme in October 2009. His main tasks will be the coordination of diplomatic training courses and developing course material. Prior to joining Clingendael, Willem worked as an adviser on defense policy at the Dutch House of Representatives. In this position he dealt with a large variety of issues, ranging from the Dutch (military) contribution to ISAF in Afghanistan to the replacement of the F-16 fighter jet for the Dutch Air Force. Willem holds a Master's degree in International Relations, which he obtained at the University of Amsterdam in January 2008. In 2007 he did an internship at the Social Economic Department at the Dutch Permanent Representation to the United Nations in New York.



Hiske Helsloot, a fellow with the CDSP since April 2009, coordinates courses and training programmes in international relations for civil servants and diplomats. She is currently working with diplomats from Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation and Morocco. Before joining Clingendael in April 2009, Hiske worked as a Project Manager/Researcher at the Netherlands Atlantic Association, a prominent think tank on transatlantic security issues. While there, she organised numerous international seminars and meetings on issues such as the relationship between Europe and the United States, and the role of NATO and of European Security. As a researcher, Hiske published a number of articles and columns on current events in the world of international affairs, and on political developments in the Russian Federation in particular.



Jort Hemmer joined CSCP/CRU as a Research Fellow in December 2008. He has a background in Development Studies and Political Science, with a focus on International Relations and inter-African politics. His main fields of interest are issues of peace and security in Africa, most notably in the Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes region.



Bertus Hendriks joined Clingendael in April 2009 as a Senior Visiting Fellow at the CDSP. Between 1989 and 2008, Bertus was Senior Diplomatic Editor and Middle East Editor at Radio Netherlands Worldwide, and has also served as Head of its Arabic Service. He is a regular analyst and commentator on Middle Eastern Affairs on news and current affairs programmes for Dutch domestic Public Radio and TV. Bertus has traveled extensively in the Middle East and has covered all major political developments there. Before his transition from academia to journalism, he was a Lecturer at the Anthropological-Sociological Centre of the University of Amsterdam, with special focus on the Political Anthropology of the Arab/Islamic World.



Hugo Klijn is senior researcher for CSCP since September 2009. His research will focus on the development of new insights regarding Dutch foreign policy, especially in the field of Transatlantic and European security and Eastern Europe. He studied contemporary history at Utrecht University and works since 1990 at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Among other assignments, he was posted to Moscow, Belgrade and the Permanent Representation to NATO in Brussels. Hugo Klijn is seconded to the CSCP for a period of two years.

Rolf Maier has been a Research Fellow at the CSCP/CRU since April 2009. He joined Clingendael to work on socio-economic development and pro-poor growth in post-conflict countries and fragile states. Before this move, Rolf worked from Brussels as a researcher and consultant on development policy and economics. His background is in economics and humanities, with a special interest in development economics, political economy, empirical research and philosophy. In his PhD thesis – Macro-economic Policy for Pro-Poor Growth, completed at the University of Munich – he analyzed the impact of the financial

sector and trade policy on inequality and poverty in developing countries.



Roel Meijer (PhD) joined the CDSP as Senior Research Fellow in December 2008.

Roel also teaches the history of the Middle East at Radboud University in Nijmegen, and

is head of the Arabic section of the Middle East desk at the International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam (IISH). His main interest is in Islamist movements.

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Official opening of the Japanese Garden



Guests of honour are welcomed in a beautiful traditional Japanese and Dutch setting.



Masao Sone high up in the tree.



The Hollandse Stijl tuin during its renovation.

On 28 April, the Japanese Garden in the Clingendael Park was officially opened to the public by H.E. Mr Shibuya, Japanese Ambassador to the Netherlands, and the Mayor of The Hague, Jozias van Aartsen. The opening was witnessed by a large invited audience, including Jan Hoekema, Mayor of Wassenaar, and members of the

Diplomatic Corps. The ‘pearl’ in the park’s crown, the Japanese Garden was restored especially for this year’s opening, which formed part of the framework of events commemorating four centuries of trade relations between Japan and the Netherlands.

The Japanese Garden was laid out at the beginning of the 20th century by its then-owner, Marguérite, Baroness van Brienem. She travelled to Japan a number of times and brought back numerous seeds, trees, and lanterns, as well as the famous Japanese bridges, which were re-painted this year with eight layers of bright-red paint. The tea pavilion has also been restored.

In the week before the opening, some visitors to the park will have been lucky enough to run into Masao Sone, one of Japan’s most important landscape architects.

Amongst others, he is responsible for the maintenance of the gardens of the Ten-Ryu temple in Kyoto, which is on the UN list of World Heritage Sites. Occasionally, he could be seen skilfully climbing into one of the trees in Clingendael’s Japanese Garden whilst wearing his miraculous, almost



amphibious boots!

He thinks this garden is the most beautiful outside his homeland.

At the same time, the Hollandse Stijl tuin, also part of the Clingen-

dael Park, was officially opened. Also laid out at the beginning of the 20th century, its design was inspired by what was in England called the ‘Dutch Garden’.



Overview of the Japanese Garden shortly before its official opening.

