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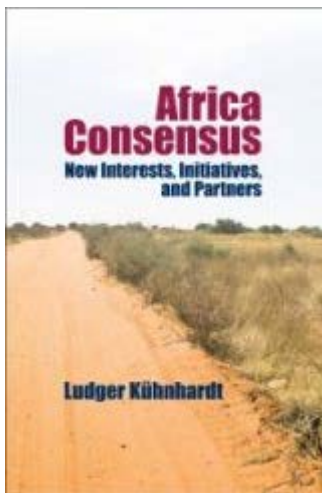
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### Final Ceremony of the Master of European Studies "Class of 2014"

The highly international ZEI Master of European Studies with students from 16 different countries around the world celebrated its "Class of 2014" with a Final Ceremony on 27 June 2014. The sixteenth Master Class was addressed by Wolfgang Kopf, Senior Vice President Public & Regulatory Affairs of Deutsche Telekom.

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### Africa Consensus - New Interests, Initiatives and Partners.

The relationship between Europe and its neighboring continent Africa is embedded in the current global transformation and linked to the interest of other regions in the future development of Africa. Against this backdrop, ZEI Director Prof. Dr. Ludger Kühnhardt, member of the Scientific Committee of the West Africa Institute and Global Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington D.C., has published a comprehensive scholarly study on the interplay between African strategies for the future of the continent and external interests and initiatives engaging the main partners of Africa, i.e. the European Union, the US, and China, but also India, Brazil and the Arab states.

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### Future of Europe Observer

Europe has voted. Between May 22nd -25th 400 million people in 28 member states have been called to vote the 751 MEPs of the 8th European Parliament. This election is important as it is the first since the Treaty of Lisbon, the Parliament now has a number of important new powers. The new political majority will shape European legislation over the next five years and the Parliament - the only directly elected EU institution - is now a linchpin of the European decision-making system. The new FEO follows up on the results of the elections and their various effects on politics in Europe and the wider world.

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### Regional Integration Observer

The first edition of the „Regional Integration Observer“ in 2014 is dealing with the future of Africa-EU relations. Articles analyze the results of the EU-Africa Summit in Brussels in April, the negotiations on an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between the EU and West Africa, the effects of a possible



transatlantic free trade deal on third states in Africa and the most recent developments in German Africa Policy. Hence, the RIO provides an overview over current trends in the relationship between the neighboring continents.

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## ZEI Discussion Paper

ZEI has recently published two papers in its Discussion Paper series.

**Christina Wunder:** Communication and Campaigning in European Citizens' Initiatives. ZEI Discussion Paper C 224, Bonn 2014.

**Ludger Kühnhardt:** Gibt es eine politische Philosophie der Europäischen Union? ZEI Discussion Paper C 223, Bonn 2014.

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## WAI-ZEI Paper

In the framework of their joint cooperation project WAI and ZEI have recently published five papers in their WAI-ZEI Paper series.

**Charlotte King and Jon Marks:** European-West African Relations in the Field of Energy - Obstacles to a sustainable approach. WAI-ZEI Paper No. 11, Praia/Bonn 2014.

**Isabelle Rabaud:** Measuring the Costs and Benefits of Liberalization of Trade in Services: Lessons for Regional Integration and Sectoral Policies. WAI-ZEI Paper No. 12, Praia/Bonn 2014.

**Jérôme Joubert:** Negotiating Service Liberalization at Regional Level - The Case of West Africa / Négocier la libéralisation des services à un niveau régional - Application aux pays de l'Afrique de l'Ouest. WAI-ZEI Paper No. 13, Praia/Bonn 2014.

**Volker Nitsch:** International Trade in Services - Data, Issues, Findings, and Recommendations. WAI-ZEI Paper No. 14, Praia/Bonn 2014.

**Bejaye Kokil:** Cross-country Data Analysis of Services Trade – Data Availability and Harmonization in West Africa. WAI-ZEI Paper No. 15, Praia/Bonn 2014.

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