Activity summary of CIAS research fellow in Budapest

Grant category: ☒ junior ☐ senior ☐ non-resident senior

Name: Kristian L. Nielsen

Home institute (name, position, country):
Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

Academic Year / Semester:
2022/2023, Spring

Duration:
5 months

Project title:
EU Soft Power Strategies in its Backyard

Project description*:
I am working on a project on EU strategies for influencing the countries in its immediate neighbourhood – Eastern Europe and the Western Balkans – and steering them towards closer integration. To this end I am focusing particularly on how the EU has sought to change the incentive structure for these countries by seeking to attract them to the EU’s side, whether through economic integration and what it has to offer, and through soft power.

Achieved result(s)*:
One article was submitted and is now advancing in the review process.
Another will be submitted next week.

Connected publications*
1. Title: Integration Maturity of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine: Has DCFTA helped prepare them for the EU accession process? (together with Dzenita Siljak)
   Date of submission: 20/1/2023
   Journal: East European Politics and Societies
   Journal category (if applicable): ☒ Q1  ☒ Q2  ☐ Q3
   Status: ☒ accepted/published  ☒ in progress  ☐ planned

2. Title: Fatal Attraction: Ukraine, EU Soft Power and the Capability-Expectations Gap
Date of submission: 23/6/2023
Journal: European Security
Journal category (if applicable): ☒ Q1  ☐ Q2  ☐ Q3
Status: ☐ accepted/published  ☐ in progress  ☒ planned

Professional collaborations, partnerships*
1. Name: Piotr Zmyslony
   Institution: CIAS/Posnan
   Field of research: Political science
   Future plans for joined research: Collaboration on an article on soft power and cultural diplomacy

2. Name: Dzenita Siljak
   Institution: Corvinus University of Budapest, Institute of Global Studies
   Field of research: Economics
   Future plans for joined research: We plan to continue working on the topic of integration maturity of Western Balkans and East European countries.

Additional activities* (public lectures, presentations, professional meetings, media connections etc.):
   1. I participated at the Budapest Balkans Forum, as a representative of CIAS, 9-10 March 2023.
   4. I co-organized the visit of Dr. Emir Suljagic, Director of the Srebrenica Memorial Center, who gave a series of talks and lectures at Corvinus, 8-9 May 2023.

Future plans, planned return (if any):
☐ I plan to return to Hungary later
☐ I plan to maintain my professional contacts via e-mail
☐ Any other comment:
Date: 14 June 2023
Signature: 

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