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I have started my scientific internship from September 1, 2015 at the Department Political and Social Science, Center for East-Central and Balkan Europe, University of Bologna, Forlì Campus.

Scientific training covers 6 months, from September 1, 2015 - until 29, February 2016. The name of my thesis “Central Asia in the policy of the European Union: new trends, priorities and prospects”.

During this four months period, I have been gathered a lot of material for my research thematic. Firstly, September was difficult, because it was the beginning of my Erasmus and I had to get used to the Italian educational system. Especially the library, this huge place gather a lot of information, not only online library but also books, journal. All those tools were useful in order to get acquainted with the theoretical part of my research. The content of the thesis is the cooperation, priorities and perspectives between the EU and Central Asian countries.

The aim of this research is to identify the factors, the characteristics and features of the evolution of European Union policy in Central Asia. Analyze the priorities of EU policies and identify further EU strategies towards CA from 1991 to the present day. The purpose of this study is to :

- Analyze the EU strategy towards Central Asia and its approach to the region;
- Identify the place of Central Asia in the EU system of external interests ;
- Diagnose the features of Central Asian policy and the degree of consistency with the interests and objectives of a common EU policy in the region;
- Definition of the content, dynamics and results of the development and prospects of EU relations with Central Asian countries in the field of security, political, economic and humanitarian sector.

Erasmus internship in the political science department at the University of Bologna has given me the opportunity to get rewarding experience. Being here in Europe, and getting to understand the legislation of EU countries, helped me to compare the differences between the EU and CA policies.

I have attended Stefano Bianchini’s courses, he has been consulted on all matters which are related to my scientific work.

Also, I have been attending additional subjects related to international relations, those courses were really helpful and are also suitable for my scientific career.

I. Educational work
Attended courses: (lectures, laboratory and practical).

<i>Nº</i>	<i>Name of the subject</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
1	English language (course and laboratory)II (A-L)	8	59961	Paul Bayley
2	Italian language	5		Gregorio Vaccarone
3	Globalization, States and Markets	8	74638	Mule' Rosa
4	Modernity and development in Eastern Europe	4	32162	Stefano Bianchini
5	International relations East Asia	8	40014	Fiori Antonio
6	International Trade	6	477731	Marzo Massimiliano
7	Security and Energy in the XXI century (Modulo1)	8	81094	Cesa Marco

During my mobility period I visited NATO Headquarters in Brussels. This visit offered me the opportunity to consult the archives in order to investigate deeply the subject of my thesis.

Also, I have been attended meetings of the North Atlantic Council (NAC) at the level of Defence Ministers which is held at NATO Headquarters on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th February 2016.





Written articles:

1. “Prospects of cooperation between the European Union and Kazakhstan and the impact of the Eurasian Economic Union cooperation within Russia”
2. “Cooperation of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the European Union in matters of investments”
3. Analysis of economic relations between Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan and Turkey through Energy sector.

Studying at the University of Bologna gave me the chance to understand deeper the method of research, make a comparison between two countries, acquire new knowledge, get acquainted with new scientific environments. Thank you for all workers and teachers also to my advisor, professor Stefano Bianchini for the support and assistance.

Happy Easter)) and Good luck for everybody!

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