Speeches & Articles

Dr. Erkki Tuomioja


The Effects of the Prague Spring in Europe Speech at a seminar at the Aleksanteri-institute 2.6. 2008, arranged by Aleksanteri-instituutti and the Czech and Slovak Embassies in Helsinki

Erkki Tuomioja was one of the keynote speakers at a seminar arranged jointly by The Finnish Institute in London, the New Statesman and the London School of Economics on May 29th 1998. His remarks on the subject of the seminar: Blairism, a Beacon to Europe?

On May 4th 1999 Erkki Tuomioja lectured at the LSE in a Conference on Finland’s EU Presidency arranged together with the Finnish Embassy in London on Finland and the Euro.

Erkki Tuomioja spoke at a seminar arranged by the European Environmental Bureau on Brussels 25.11. His speech on "On environment and ecology" can be read here.

Mr. Tuomioja spoke at the Geneva Conference on Chemical Weapons Disarmament 27.3.2000. His speech can be read here

Erkki Tuomioja gave an address at the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in Berlin on 10 May 2000. It can be read here

The First Interparliamentary Meeting on the Tobin Tax was held at the European Parliament, Brussels 28 June 2000, Mr. Tuomioja's speech can be read here

The 25th Anniversary of the CSCE/OSCE was celebrated in Tampere on August 1st 2000. Minister Tuomioja's speech on the occasion can be read here.


The Economist Conference was held in Athens on 3rd April. Ministers speech on "Leadership strategy following the Nice summit: is there a vision for a united Europe?" can be read here

Foreign Minister Erkki Tuomioja on the terror attacks in the Finnish Parliament on 13 September

Article by Foreign Ministers Anna Lindh and Erkki Tuomioja in International Herald Tribune 3rd July 2002

Lecture by Foreign Minister Erkki Tuomioja, at the Estonian Foreign Policy Institute, Tallinn, 27th August 2002.


Remarks by Erkki Tuomioja, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, at the Chatham House, London, 27th September 2002

Opening speech by Mr Erkki Tuomioja at Arctic Council 3rd Ministerial meeting in Inari, Finland, October 9-10, 2002
Address by Mr Erkki Tuomioja at the 111. Ministerial Session of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers Strasbourg, 6 - 7 November 2002

Remarks by Erkki Tuomioja, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Embassy of Finland, Stockholm, 14 November, 2002

Presentation by Mr Erkki Tuomioja, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Embassy of Finland, Moscow, 7th February, 2003

Does the European Union have a human rights policy with regard to Chechnya, at the seminar of the Amnesty International, Helsinki, 28th February, 2003

Whither the Third Way?, Oxford 20th May, 2003

Opening Address by Erkki Tuomioja, Wider Conference on Inequality, Poverty and Human Well-being, Helsinki, 30th of May 2003

Opening Statement by Mr. Tuomioja, at the Conference on "THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT : OPERATIONALIZING THE DUTY TO DEFEND THE VULNERABLE", Majvik, 8th of June 2003

Opening words at the opening of photo exhibition by John Rodstod, organised by the Finnish Campaign to Ban Landmines, 11.9.2003

Statement by Mr. Tuomioja at the Seminar on Media Values in the Defence Forces, 8.10.2003, Helsinki

Article in Financial Times, 28.10.2003

Statement by Mr. Tuomioja at the Council of Europe Ministerial Meeting, 6.11.2002, Chisinau, Moldova

"For a genuinely European Defence", speech at the WEU Parliamentary Assembly, 2.12.2003, Paris, France

The Helsinki Process: Globalisation and Democracy, speech at the 4th World Social Forum, Mumbay, India, 18.1.2004

"Toughen the treaties", joint article in The International Herald Tribune 27.1.2004, by Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Erkki Tuomioja, of Sweden, Laila Freyvalds and of Greece, George A. Papandreou

"Sustainable development", speech at a seminar "EU and Russia - Upcoming Challenges of Globalization", organised by STETE and Aleksanteri Institute, 4.2.2004

The European Security Strategy: where next?, speech at a seminar, Finlandia Hall, Helsinki, 25.2.2004

Opening address at "The Mosaic", 3rd Annual Helsinki Seminar on International Criminal Law, 1.3.2004

The Challenges of Enlargement - Pitfalls and Opportunities, speech, Copenhagen 2.3.2004

Statement to the UN Commission on Human Rights, Geneva 17.3.2004

MIGRATION ON THE INCREASE - IS FINLAND READY FOR IT?, speech at the Cultural Centre Caisa, Helsinki, 7.5.2004
“The EU of Twenty-Five”, address at the Seminar entitled "The EU of Twenty-Five", at the University of Helsinki, 10.5.2004

"New opportunities to be opened for the Baltic countries", at the Baltic Ports Organization General Assembly 2004, Helsinki, 3.6.2004

Enhancing export control on small arms; the International Arms Trade Treaty and other initiatives, intervention at an international workshop, Helsinki, 3.6.2004

On Arab Reforms, speech at the conference ‘Arab Reforms and the Challenges for EU Policies’, 16.9.2004

"Security in the Globalising World", Yerevan, 5.10.2004

"Turkey and the borders of Europe", Seminar at the University of Helsinki, 15.10.2004, Opening Address

Shaping the EU's Future Role in the World, opening address at the GlobalEurope 2020-seminar, Helsinki, 26.10.2004

Nordic and European Security, Keynote Speech, at The European Policy Centre, Brussels, 23.11.2004

Contemporary Challenges and Finnish Membership of the UN Commission on Human Rights, Opening Address, seminar on UN Human Rights Commission, Helsinki, 2.12.2004

Statement at the EAPC Senior Civil Emergency Planning Committee, Helsinki, 26.4.2005

Opening speech at the Helsinki Conference, the aims and achievements of the Helsinki Process, Helsinki, 8.9.2005


"Northern dimension after 2006" Speech at the "The Future of the Northern Dimension - Successful Partnerships, Cooperation and Business Opportunities" -seminar, Lappeenranta, 10.10.2005

"Beyond the year of Development - What Now?", speech at the Parliamentary Network of the World Bank annual conference Helsinki, 22.10.2005

Statement at the Barents Euro-arctic council, Harstad, 10.11.2005

Remarks at Festive Symposium "CSCE/OSCE 30 years and STETE 35 years", Helsinki, 8.12.2005

Speech at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs seminar "Beyond the cartoon crisis", Helsinki 14.3. 2006

Opening remarks at the seminar "Channels of Influence in a Crisis Situation - How Can the International Community Support Conflict Resolution and Democracy?", Helsinki, 9.5. 2006

Speech at the 6th Asia-Europe People's Forum, Helsinki, 5.9.2006


Speech at the Conference of Enhancing Cooperation between Civil Society and EU Civilian Crisis Management. Helsinki, 27.9.2006

Speech at "Northern Dimension and Nordic Cooperation" -konferenssissa, Hanasaari, Espoo, 17.1.2007

Keynote speech at the International Conference "Inside Globalization: Interpreting the New order" at the University of Helsinki 10.5. 2007


Speech at the "Building a Future on Peace and Justice" -conference, Nuremberg, Germany, 26.6.2007

Rumours of War. Column in Helsinki Times, 8.10.2007

The State, Democracy and Civil Society. Speech in Nordic, Baltic, Belarus Conference on The role of Politicians in Changing Societies, Vilnius 23.3. 2009

A Nordic Perspective on the Future of Global Democracy with reference to Afghanistan and Central Asia Speech at the International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy, Berlin 29.5. 2010