

### **ESI Training Session in Belgium and Luxemburg (30.08.09-12.09.09)**

In September 2009 the third study session in Bruges, Brussels and Luxemburg for professors and students of the European Studies Institute was held.

In study session took part ESI Vice-director Tamara V. Shashikhina, professor-assistants Ekaterina N. Egorova and Daria V. Trenina, 25 ESI students with best academic record.

The study session comprised two parts: lessons on theory and practice of bilateral and multilateral negotiations in College of Europe in Bruges (International negotiations processes, strategies and tactics by Paul Meerts) and visits to the EU institutions and NATO in Brussels and Luxemburg.

General sessions: Introduction to International Negotiation processes, Strategies and Tactics; Bilateral Negotiating with an East European Neighbor; Minilateral Negotiation: the case of Kosovo; Negotiating a new Partnership and cooperation agreement.

Workshops: Simulation exercise of negotiation of a new PCA; Preparation of positions; Online research work.

Visits: Visit to the Council of the EU in Brussels; Visit to an EU info point; Visit to the European Commission in Brussels; Visit to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg; Visit to NATO; Visit to the European Parliament in Brussels; Visit to the Permanent representation of the Russian federation to the European Communities in Brussels.

Upon the participation in the work of the summer school the ESI students were awarded certificates.

The detailed evaluation took place after the school. According to the feedback all the students highlight that participation in such a training session has practical significance for their professional needs and contribute to the improvement of the EU-Russia dialogue.