**TASK 8 - SIS Essay December 2015**

Below are the instructions for your winter essay followed by the essay titles/questions you suggested. Please choose carefully – select a topic that you are already familiar with so that you do not have to do a lot of background reading. Please remember that this is an essay for English – while the content is important in so far as we want to see that you can handle a subject logically and write clearly, succinctly and effectively. We will not be assessing you on the depth and breadth of your knowledge, but on your ability to put forward your opinion, support it and, where appropriate, provide concrete examples. You can find tips to follow while drafting your essay in the tips document on the webpage. You can also see the assessment criteria.

Please note that I want to see you to go over all your work, which you will have corrected (with the exception of the essay), before the start of the next semester.

Given the fact you have an intense exam period after the holidays, I warmly suggest you do the first draft of the essay during the holiday. You will then have time to revise it after your exams. The sooner you get the essay to me (electronically) the sooner we can meet to go over all your work. The deadline for submission to me is the same as that for Richard (1st February)

In the meantime, I hope you all have a restful holiday after a very demanding first semester.

***Write 4 – 5 sides maximum (5-6 if you use double-line spacing).***

***Use minimum 1.5 spacing between lines.***

***Staple the pages together.***

***Leave a printed copy of the essay in Richard’s postbox at CLA.***

***The deadline for submission is 1st February at 12.00.***

* To what extent do you think the outcomes of COP21 are achievable?
* To what extent do you think that propaganda influences the relations between Europe and Russia?
* Analyse the rise of nationalism in a country of your choice.
* Democracy is the best form of government. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
* Is there still a European dream? What are the main issues surrounding Euro skepticism vs Euro enthusiasm?
* It doesn’t matter what you read as long as you read. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
* Social networks are negatively changing the way we relate to each other. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
* What does feminism mean today?
* The impact of terrorism on our lives. Our reaction is disproportionate to the actual threat. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?
* To what extent do you agree that surrogacy is an acceptable option for childless couples / single people?
* To what extent should there be limits on people’s right to self defense?
* Soft drugs should be legalized. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
* Sanctions against Russia are an effective means to ensure compliance with international law. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
* The death penalty should be abolished. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
* Discuss what you consider to be the best way to manage the current refugee crisis.
* To what extent do you think UN intervention and peace keeping operations have been successful?
* Limits on freedom are acceptable preventative measures against terrorism. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
* Bilingual schools provide the best environments for learning for school age children. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
* Why do young Europeans decide to study abroad?
* To what extent do internships in international organizations facilitate future employment?
* The benefits of the development of developing countries outweigh the negative impact on the environment. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
* To what extent do you agree that the Chinese one child policy was an efficient measure to control population growth?
* To what extent do you agree that GDP is still an accurate measure of wealth?
* To what extent do you agree that micro credit is an effective way to support the development of developing countries?
* Fracking is an acceptable method to search for fuel. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
* To what extent do you agree that vegetarianism would be the best solution for the sustainability of future food nutrition?