

Dear readers,

In the name of the entire team of the CECRI I wish you all an excellent year 2016 !

Typically, this moment of transmitting the New Year wishes is a moment to express hope for a better world. Though, at the beginning of this year it needs a lot of strength to believe that the 12 month that lie ahead of us are going to be less dramatic than the ones we just passed. How to ignore the menacing gathering of clouds wherever we look: in the Middle East, in Burundi, in the DRC, in Libya, in Central Africa, in Ethiopia, Afghanistan,...? If, following Jacques Attali, we have to acknowledge that the worst is most likely, the only chance – if it exists – to avoid the announced catastrophes is to pass by the analysis and comprehension of the crises and conflicts we are facing. The CECRI is going to continue to contribute its share.

Enjoy reading!
Michel Liégeois, Director

NEW COOPERATION



The cooperation agreement between the CECRI and the Strategic Studies Institute of Islamabad (SSII) foresees the cooperation in the field of scientific research as well as the exchange of researchers among the two institutions. This agreement has been concluded after the visit of Dr. Shireen M. Mazari at UCL and is financially supported by the Support Fund for Internationalization of UCL.

PUBLICATIONS

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E-LEARNING

Do you wish to have the tools to better understand and analyse international conflicts and politics? The Université catholique de Louvain offers two online training courses/programs : CRI@C and C@GEP. (more informations)

Happy New Year 2016

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