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Foreword

The present volume is devoted to the discussion of important problems of current international relations and as such it is based on the proceedings of the XV International Conference of Young Scholars hosted in Prague at the High School of Economics in May 2011. The conference was organized by doctoral students of the Jan Masaryk Centre of International Studies. The collection comprises the reviewed selection of proceedings from the conference.

The conference entitled “Crucial Problems of International Relations through the Eyes of Young Scholars” was supported by IGA VŠE (the grant agency of the High School of Economics), grant number F2/1/2011.

The Conference is being organised annually by Jan Masaryk Centre of International Studies since 1997, participants are mainly postgraduate students and young research fellows engaged in the issues of international politics, political science, diplomacy, international law, security, European studies or world economy. To our great pleasure this year we welcomed seventy panellists at the Conference. Further objective of the Conference is to support young researchers by giving them opportunity to present their own research topic in front of a large international audience, exchange ideas, familiarise with various theoretical and methodological approaches, and last but not least facilitate contacts and cooperation among young scholars.

The selection of contributions for this volume followed several criteria: formal requirements, appropriate size and academic quality of the text. The editors were limited by the publisher in terms of number of pages of the volume, and thus they could not accept all contributions offered, and considered interesting. The selection procedure was difficult. The coherence of the volume and balanced representation of discussed themes were the leading criteria.

On behalf of all participants at the conference, and authors of this volume, the editors feel obliged to acknowledge with appreciation that the conference and the production of this volume were supported by the Faculty of International Relations of the University of Economics, Prague, the Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung (through the Centre of European Studies), the Czech United Nations Association and The Academic Council of the United Nations System (ACUNS). A special gratitude goes to PROF. PHDR. ZUZANA LEHMANNOVÁ, CSC., the head of the Jan Masaryk Centre of International Studies, for her kind and continuous support.

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Jan Masaryk Centre of International Studies

The Centre was founded in 1991 and named in the honour of Jan Masaryk, a well-known Czech politician who served as a Minister of Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia (1939 – 1949) and was a symbol of democracy during World War II, and in the post-war years.

The Centre takes an interdisciplinary approach toward teaching and training in the field of International Relations. We put stress on a strong theoretical knowledge but we focus also on practical issues the world has to face, with special emphasis on the European Union, globalisation, etc.

The Centre cooperates with a number of institutions and universities throughout the world. We are the founding member of the Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA) and a partner school of the International Affairs Network.