

7th Annual Claremont-UC Undergraduate Research Conference on the European Union

April 16-17, 2009 at Scripps College

The European Union Center of California is hosting the joint Claremont-UC Undergraduate Research Conference on the European Union on April 16-17, 2009, at Scripps College in Claremont, CA. This year's conference will host 54 students from 23 institutions from around the country and internationally. Students from each participating institution and their faculty mentors will gather in this interactive conference to present their research and generate discussion on the European Union and US-European relations.

All events are free and open to the public.
Panels will take place on the Scripps College campus.



Thursday, April 16, 2009

7:00—8:45 p.m.

Panel 1: NATO and EU Enlargement

Discussant: Jeff Pennington, EUCE at UC Berkeley

Panel Location: Humanities 202

- **NATO Expansion during the Cold War and After** *Evan Jaroff, Claremont McKenna College*
- **Enlargement of the EU and Perspective for Western Balkans** *Ivana Drakic, University of Mississippi*
- **NATO Involvement in the Balkans: Was it Effective?** *Ryan Jawetz, Pomona College*
- **Kindred Spirit or Opportunistic Ally? Polish Atlanticism in the 21st Century** *Elizabeth Schmitz-Robinson, Claremont McKenna College*

Panel 2: High Politics in the EU

Discussant: Jennifer Taw, Claremont McKenna Col

Panel Location: Vita Nova 100

- **Military Power and the Future of America in Europe** *Jordan Liew, Pomona College*
- **The European Union's Effect on State Sovereignty in Western Europe** *Alex Blair, Baylor University*
- **Goodbye, Gaullism? The Implications of French Re-Entry into NATO** *Kayla McCulley, Pomona College*
- **The "Franco-German Couple": Finally Splitting Up After All These Years?** *Sarah Mullen, University of Pennsylvania*
- **NATO's Role in the Global War on Terror: Is the Alliance Obsolete?** *Benjamin Forster, Claremont McKenna College*

Friday, April 17, 2009

8:45 – 10:30 a.m.

Panel 3: The Immigration Confusion: Finding One's Place

Discussant: Valentina Padula, UC Santa Barbara

Panel Location: Hampton Room, Malott Commons

- **The European Perspective: The EU Identity. Being a European Citizen** *Kremina Kirilova, Colgate University*
- **Entombed in Institutions: The Path Dependence of Swedish Identity and the Future of EU Integration** *Leilani Livingston, Brigham Young University*
- **Refugee Life in Poland** *Tigran Muradyan, University of Colorado, Denver*
- **Global Climate Change and the Eco-Migrant: Toward a European Union Immigration Policy** *Andra Belknap, Pitzer College*
- **National Identity Crisis: The Intersection of Gender Equality and Ethnic Minorities in Denmark** *Kristiana Brix, U. of Washington*

Panel 4: EU Accession Criteria

Discussant: Hilary Appel, Claremont McKenna Col

Panel Location: Vita Nova 100

- **The EU and the Challenges of Better Government in Central and Eastern Europe** *Emma Nagy, UC Los Angeles*
- **EU's Flexibility with its Accession Criteria: The Case of Bulgaria and Romania** *Jana Bauerova, Colgate University*
- **The Necessary Criterion for Serbia's European Union Integration** *Arielle Badger, Brigham Young University*
- **European Union New Member Case Study: Hungary** *Chiara Ujlaki, UC Berkeley*

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10:45 – 12:30 p.m.

Panel 5: Creating Citizenship & Identity

Discussant: Daniel Segal, Pitzer College

Panel Location: Vita Nova 100

- **Union Citizenship: The Long Path of a Concept** *Marta Ballester Santiago, UC Berkeley*
- **Club Med: The European Neighborhood Policy and the Prospects for North African Development** *Jessi Bauer, Colgate University*
- **The Islamic Stigma** *Veena Pathiparampil, UC Berkeley*
- **Robert Schuman - Father of Europe, Man of God** *Alexander Haines, Claremont McKenna College*
- **The European Union and LGBT Rights** *Jonathan Lau, UC Berkeley*

Panel 6: Finding an EU Foreign Policy

Discussant: Brian Rathbun, USC

Panel Location: Hampton Room, Malott Commons

- **The Treaty of Lisbon: One Voice for European Foreign Policy?** *Alexander Etkowitz, Pomona College*
- **Common European Foreign Policy? An Examination of the EU's Response to Conflict in Kosovo** *Lauren Holmes, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
- **Divided Responsibility: NATO, the European Union, and European Defense after the Cold War** *Samuel Jubelirer, Pitzer College*
- **Taking the Fight to Them: An Analysis of the Split of Counterterrorism Policies in the Western World** *Maurice Urbain, UC Davis*

12:45 – 2:00 p.m.

Hampton Room, Malott Commons

“Challenges for an Expanded Europe: Can We Green the Economy?”

Keynote Address by Nicholas Hanley

Head of Governance and Communications in the European Commission Environment

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Panel 7: Responses to the Economic Recession

Discussant: Slavi Slavov, Pomona College

Panel Location: Vita Nova 100

- **Implications of the Current Financial Crisis on the New EU Member States, Bulgaria and Romania** *Teodora Petrova, Illinois Wesleyan University*
- **Fighting for Sovereignty in Fiscal Policy: The Implications of the Financial Crises for Eurozone Members** *Jenepher Schulte, University of Washington*
- **Post-Trade Clearing and Settlement Services in the Wake of the Financial Crisis: An Opportunity for the EU Single Market That Will Clearly Be Missed** *Lexington Griffith, University of Washington*
- **Romania: The Politics of Implementing the Economic Stimulus** *Timea Soos, UC Berkeley*

Panel 8: Diplomacy in the EU: Influence and Cooperation

Discussant: Christopher Jones, Brigham Young U.

Panel Location: Hampton Room, Malott Commons

- **The Importance of the European Union in the 21st Century** *Emily Ward, Baylor University*
- **NATO and the UN: The Past 10 Years** *Nicholas Hurwitz, Pomona College*
- **The Soft Power Dilemma: Can the EU Sacrifice the Carrot and the Stick, and Command With Soft Power Alone?** *Helen Pollock, Claremont McKenna College*
- **EU-Russian Diplomacy: The Need for an Efficacious Neo-Detente Approach** *David Midkiff, Eastern Washington University*
- **NATO, the Baltics and the Bear: NATO's Response in the Instance of a Russian Invasion** *Katelyn Walker, Claremont McKenna College*

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Panel 9: Socio-Economic Reforms

Discussant: Patricia Dillon, Scripps College

Panel Location: Humanities 119

- **The European Commission and the Bologna Process: Finding a Common Language**
Fran Kauzlaric, UC Berkeley
- **Labor Market Reforms and the Gendered Poverty Risk in Germany** *Lena Becker, University of Koblenz Landau, Germany*
- **The German "Agenda 2010" Discourse and the Emergence of the Linkspartei: An Analysis of the 2003 Parliamentary Debate**
Michaela Frank, U. of Koblenz Landau
- **No European Babies: An Analysis of Low Fertility in Europe** *Mo Wong, UCSB*

4:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Panel 10: Energy & Environment

Discussant: Nicholas Hanley, European Commission

Panel Location: Hampton Room, Malott Commons

- **Hegemonic Stability Theory and the Absence of an External Energy Policy in the EU** *Maria Florencia Goren, Florida International University*
- **The EU Emission Trading Scheme** *Marco Piovan, UC Santa Barbara*
- **Environmental Politics: A Thermometer for European Unity** *Meagan Cooney, UC Berkeley*
- **Sugar Policy and Ethanol: The Challenge of Implementing Renewable Energy** *Spencer Pearce, Brigham Young University*

Panel 11: Preserving Democracy & Sovereignty Within the Union

Discussant: Joseph Jupille, U. of Colorado

Panel Location: Vita Nova 100

- **European Integration & Democratic Deficit: Reflections About the EU After the Lisbon Treaty** *Jacopo Garrone, University of Trento, Italy*
- **The Democratic Deficit in the European Union** *Megan Campbell, UC Santa Barbara*
- **The European Court of Justice and the U.S. Supreme Court: Products of Process** *Timothy Brownrigg, Brigham Young University*
- **Looking for the Needle in the Haystack: Countering Growing Democratic Deficit in the EU** *Samantha Romney, Colgate University*

Panel 12: Market and Economic Reforms of the EU

Discussant: Nigel Boyle, U. of Koblenz Landau

Panel Location: Humanities 119

- **The European Union and the Global Financial System** *Nikolai Smith and Hugh Roland, Northwestern University*
- **Convergence in the European Union** *Alexander Lundberg, Christopher Newport University*
- **The European Union Trading Bloc - Trade Effects of the Eastern Enlargement** *Mihaela David, Skidmore College*
- **"They Won't Work!" - Efficacy of an Active Labor Market Policy from the Perspective of Psychology** *Marco Meissner, University of Koblenz Landau, Germany*
- **The Macro and Micro Level Effects of Greece's Membership in the European Union** *Aspasia Bartell, University of Washington*



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