Conference Schedule
2010 Undergraduate Research Conference on the European Union

Thursday, April 8, 2010

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Check-In (Claremont DoubleTree Hotel)
5:00 – 5:15 p.m.  Shuttle Transfer from Claremont DoubleTree to Scripps College – *gather outside front entrance of hotel at 5:00pm*

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  Conference Registration and Reception
6:00 – 6:15 p.m.  *Welcome by Professor David Andrews*, Director, EU Center of California
6:15 – 7:15 p.m.  Dinner (Scripps College dining hall)
7:15 – 9:00 p.m.  **Panel 1: Immigration & Social Policy**
  *Discussant: Nigel Boyle, Pitzer College*
  *Panel Location: Hampton Room of Malott Commons*

1. **European Union Immigration Policy: The Need for More Coordinated Actions by the Member States**
   *Alexandros Couclelis, Claremont McKenna College*
2. **Cooperation and Conflict in Dealing with Illegal Immigration in the Mediterranean after the Lisbon Treaty**
   *Mackenzie Drutowski, George Washington University*
3. **Immigration and Crime in Catalonia, Spain: What’s the Connection? Toward a Theory on Immigrant Crime**
   *Rebecca Westbrook, UC San Diego*
4. **Zapatero and the EU Presidency**
   *Stephanie Lester, Scripps College*

**Panel 2: Developing Security and Defense Capabilities**
*Discussant: Wade Jacoby, Brigham Young University*
*Panel Location: Vita Nova 100*

1. **European Union Security Landscape Post-9/11: Necessary Protection or Unjustified Expansion of a Security Regime?**
   *Colby Mangels, Georgia Institute of Technology*
2. **A True European Army - Future or Fantasy?**
   *Jack Wilson, Troy University*
3. **Opportunities & Challenges to Security Sector Reform for the Transatlantic Alliance in Afghanistan**
   *Imran Rahman, UC Irvine*
4. **A Future Common Foreign and Security Policy for the European Union: A Look at Nuclear Iran**
   *Hannah Zarkar, UC Berkeley*

9:00 p.m.  Shuttle Returns to Claremont DoubleTree Hotel
Friday, April 9, 2010

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.  Breakfast (Claremont DoubleTree Hotel)
8:15 – 8:30 p.m.  Shuttle Transfer from Claremont DoubleTree to Scripps College
8:45 – 10:30 a.m.  Panel 3: EU Voting and Public Opinion
    Discussant: Steven Casper, Keck Graduate Institute
    Panel Location: Hampton Room of Malott Commons

1. Candidate selection and ballots in the European Parliament: Barriers to the development of European party groups
   Regina Topolinskaya, University of Florida
2. The Influence of EU Access Channels on EU Voter Turnout
   Frances Rubio, UC San Diego
3. From Dublin to Lisbon: Ireland's EU Reform Treaty Referendums and Their Lessons for Europe
   Katelyn Walker, Claremont McKenna College
4. Drawing attention to Europe? An analysis of the effects of the pan-European mobilization campaign in the run-up to the 2009 EP elections
   Matthias Balzer & Ramona Teich, University of Koblenz-Landau
5. Obamamania in Europe?
   Simon Lavo, University of Koblenz-Landau

Panel 4: NATO: Security, Stability and Defense
    Discussant: David Andrews, Scripps College
    Panel Location: Vita Nova Room 100

1. Catching the Butterfly: NATO and the European Union - Integration & Security
   Grant Sheehan, Baylor University
2. The Evolving European Security Structure
   Joshua Bowling, Claremont McKenna College
3. The Passage of Lisbon and Its Effects Upon the Future Relevancy of NATO in Europe
   Lauren Hanson, University of Utah
4. NATO in Afghanistan: An Analysis of the Comprehensive Approach
   Cailin Crockett, UCLA
5. NATO against Terrorism: Is NATO Ready to Cash Out?
   Joy Lopez, US Naval Academy

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.  Break

10:45 – 12:30 p.m.  Panel 5: Questioning Identity: EU vs Nations
    Discussant: Noga Wizansky, UC Berkeley
    Panel Location: Hampton Room of Malott Commons

1. The ERASMUS Program and the Development of a European Identity
   Alisa Shekhtman, UC Berkeley
2. Identity Formation and the Foreign Exchange Experience
   Jillian Laux, Dickinson College
3. Territorialization of the European Union: Differences in Integration
   Neha Jaganathan, UCLA
4. Scandinavia and Europe after the Lisbon Treaty: Potential for Change
   Piper Milton, University of Washington
5. The Micropolitics of Football Communities: Bologna, Frankfurt, Kalimpong, and Roseville
   Shiva Razvan & Robert Ramlow-Sachs, Pitzer College
Panel 6: Exploring EU Foreign Policy
Discussant: Siegmar Schmidt, University of Koblenz-Landau
Panel Location: Vita Nova Room 100

1. The Role of Millennium Development Goals in the European Union: Policy Coherence for Development
   Eunchong Lee, UCLA
2. Stability and Democracy in the “Near Abroad”: Incentives and Conditionality in the Eastern Partnership
   Deirdre Shannon, Princeton University
3. President Sarkozy’s Mediterranean Union
   Marissa Nagler, UCLA
4. France’s governmental response to the financial crisis and its linkage to hopes for E.U. regulatory uniformity
   July Hodara, UC Berkeley

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch (Hampton Room)
Keynote Address by Dimitry Kochenov (University of Groningen, Netherlands)
“EU Citizenship in the Wake of the Lisbon Treaty”

2:15 – 4:00 p.m. Panel 7: Environmental & Energy Policies
Discussant: Hal Nelson, Claremont Graduate University
Panel Location: Hampton Room of Malott Commons

1. Europe at Copenhagen: Saving the World?
   Elizabeth DeGori, Scripps College
2. Incentives to Cooperate: Can the European Union Cajole the United States into Forging a Strong Post-Kyoto Global Climate Deal?
   Mihaela David, Skidmore College
   Melissa Lu, University of Washington
4. Understanding the Driving Logics Behind European Natural Gas Trade with Russia
   Jessica Miltenberger, University of Colorado, Boulder

Panel 8: Debates on Turkish Accession
Discussant: Donald Crone, Scripps College
Panel Location: Vita Nova Room 100

1. Viewpoints and Effects of Turkey Enlarging the European Union
   Lauren Kawano, University of San Francisco
2. Turkey’s Protracted, Bumpy Road to EU Accession
   Julian Fellerman, University of Washington
3. Entrapment, Economics, and Geopolitics: The Obstacles and Conditions for Turkish EU Membership
   Spencer Pearce, Brigham Young University
4. Accession to the European Union: Civil Society in Democratizing Turkey
   Michaela Solo, Pitzer College
5. The Hopeless Case for Turkish Accession to the EU
   Daniel Christensen, Claremont McKenna College

4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Break
Panel 9: Democracy, Welfare, and Reform Politics  
Discussant: Dimitry Kochenov, University of Groningen  
Panel Location: Hampton Room of Malott Commons

1. The Lisbon Treaty - a cure against the "democratic deficit"? 
   Marc Fliehe, University of Koblenz-Landau
2. Stop the EU – I’m Running for Parliament!  
   Christopher Cunningham, University of Washington
3. Britain’s Semi-Sovereignty Within the European Union  
   Yvonne Chow, UC San Diego
4. Fiscal Shackles or Unrestrained Rhetoric: Does EU Integration Constrain Social Welfare Spending?  
   Ryan Merriman, Brigham Young University

Panel 10: Economic Policymaking in the EU  
Discussant: Slavi Slavov, Pomona College  
Panel Location: Vita Nova Room 100

1. The European Union’s Next Mission: Ineptly Restoring Trust in Finance through the EU-level Macro and Micro Prudential Supervision Entities?  
   Yoojin Kim, UC Berkeley
2. European Fiscal Policy: A New Paradigm  
   Christopher Young, Christopher Newport University
3. Can a Eurozone Country Lower it’s Exchange Rate?  
   Samuel Asin, Pomona College
4. State & Industry Lobbying on European Financial Regulation Reform: A Case Study of United Kingdom and Germany  
   Vaishnavi Jayakumar, UC Berkeley
5. The History and Politicization of European Agricultural Policy 1957-1992  
   Norman Waters, UC Berkeley

Panel 11: Politics of Eastern Europe  
Discussant: Patricia Dillon, Scripps College  
Panel Location: Balch Auditorium

6. Eastern Europe and the politics of the right: a patriotic solution or a murderous problem?"  
   Eugene Kobiako, University of Washington
7. Enlargement in the European Union and Croatia’s Future Accession  
   Julie Hundersmarck, University of Florida
8. Serbia’s Stalled Accession into the EU: Why Kosovo Really Matters  
   Tanner Harmon, Brigham Young University
9. EU Enlargement and Minority Language Legislation: A Case Study of Romani in Bulgaria  
   Yelena Khotsevitch, University of Oregon

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner (Scripps College dining hall)
7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Closing Reception and Awards, Hampton Room
8:00pm Shuttle Returns to Claremont DoubleTree Hotel

Saturday, April 10, 2010

6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast (Claremont DoubleTree Hotel)  
12:00 noon Hotel Check-Out – Please check out by noon, otherwise you will be billed for extra charges