



EUROPEAN UNION CENTER OF CALIFORNIA

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: Siegmund 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
- 3. EU Energy Security: Challenges in Creating a Common Energy Policy**
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

4:15 – 6:00 p.m.

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 its 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*