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8:00 AM	Welcome	MAIN ROOM
8:15 AM	Morning Keynote: <i>The Role of the European Parliament in European Union Decision Making</i> Andrej Auersperger Matić and Ryan Meilak European Parliament Liaison Office, Washington DC	MAIN ROOM
8:55 AM – 9:00 AM	Break	
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	CONFERENCE SESSION A Panel 1: <i>Economy & (Dis)Integration</i> Panel 2: <i>European Parliament</i>	BREAKOUT ROOM 1 BREAKOUT ROOM 2
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10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	CONFERENCE SESSION B Panel 3: <i>European Populations and Migration</i> Panel 4: <i>Security, NATO, and Transatlantic Relations</i>	BREAKOUT ROOM 3 BREAKOUT ROOM 4
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	Break	
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Afternoon Keynote: <i>Which Has More of a Single Market: The EU or the US?</i> Craig Parsons, University of Oregon	MAIN ROOM
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	Break	
1:45 PM - 3:15 PM	CONFERENCE SESSION C Panel 5: <i>EU Values</i> Panel 6: <i>Populism, Euroscepticism, and Right-Wing Politics</i>	BREAKOUT ROOM 5 BREAKOUT ROOM 6
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Break	
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Faculty Meeting	FACULTY ROOM
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Awards Ceremony	MAIN ROOM

Morning Keynote

Friday, April 9, 2021, 8:15-8:55am

The Role of the European Parliament in European Union Decision Making

Andrej Auersperger Matić, Legal Advisor European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington DC

Ryan Meilak, Senior Outreach Advisor European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington DC

About the Speakers:



Andrej Auersperger Matić is the Legal Adviser to the European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington, DC. His responsibilities include advising on legal issues in EU-US relations and establishing contacts with Congress in the relevant areas. In his present role, he focuses mainly on digital regulation and competition, EU-US trade relations and human rights. Previous experience includes advisory and litigation work, as Member of the European Parliament Legal Service, in the fields of external relations law of the European Union and international law (international trade agreements, EU trade legislation, development policy, investment protection issues and other topics) and in the area of justice and civil liberties (EU civil and criminal justice legislation, PNR agreements, data retention). He was involved in litigation before the courts of the European Union in fourteen cases and in numerous legislative negotiations with the European Commission and the Council of Ministers. Before working for the European Parliament, Andrej was a legal officer at the European Court of Human Rights, and a research/teaching assistant at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. Andrej holds a law degree and a master's degree from the University of Ljubljana, an LL.M from the Yale Law School and a PhD from Maastricht University. In 2016-2017, he visited the United States in the framework of the European Commission Fellowship at the German Marshall Fund in Washington D.C.



Ryan Meilak is Senior Outreach Advisor at the European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington DC (EPLO), heading the office's communications and public diplomacy initiatives. He has been working at EPLO since 2016, with a one-year gap in 2019-2020 as Visiting Fellow at the Schar School of Policy and Government of George Mason University (VA) and as Resident Fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States. Ryan joined the EU institutions as an EU official in 2004, working in the European Commission in Luxembourg and later moving as an administrator with the Council of the EU in Brussels, in 2005. He joined the European Parliament in 2010 covering various roles within the Directorate General for Communications in Brussels and Strasbourg. Ryan holds an MA in Diplomatic Studies.

Afternoon Keynote

Friday, April 9, 2021, 12:30-1:30 PM

Which Has More of a Single Market: The EU or the US?

Craig Parsons, University of Oregon

Most informed people know that the European Union is a powerful international organization that has opened up European countries with its “Single Market” project, but few realize just how far this project has gone. In many ways, the EU has moved well past the model it was supposedly copying—the United States—in removing regulatory barriers to interstate exchange and mobility. Professor Parsons will compare the extent of “single markets” in the EU and the US and then explain both sides of this surprising comparison.

About the Speaker:



Craig Parsons is Professor of Political Science at the University of Oregon and Senior Researcher at the ARENA Center for European Studies at the University of Oslo. A specialist of the European Union and political economy, he is the author of many journal articles and author or co-editor of six books: *A Certain Idea of Europe* (Cornell University Press), *How to Map Arguments in Political Science* (Oxford University Press), *Immigration and the Transformation of Europe* (Cambridge University Press), *With US or Against US: European Trends in American Perspective* (Oxford University Press), *Constructing the International Economy* (Cornell University Press), and *Introduction to Political Science: How to Think for Yourself about Politics* (Pearson).

Conference Session A

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021 • 9:00am–10:30am

Panel 1: ECONOMY & (DIS)INTEGRATION

Discussant: Tobias Hoffman, University of Utah

BREAKOUT ROOM 1

Buying-up Europe No More? How the European Union has Responded
to the Challenges of Chinese Foreign Direct Investment

Ethan Kable, Claremont McKenna College

Fiscal Effects on the Foreseeable Economic Growth of the European Union

Rachel Dang, Cypress College

The Forgotten Labor: Tracing United Kingdom Immigration Law from Enoch Powell to Brexit

Marissa Litzenberg, Pennsylvania State University

The Development of the Support for the Czech Membership
in the European Union amongst Young Czechs

Hugo Matousek, Claremont McKenna College

Panel 2: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Discussant: Valerie D'Erman, University of Victoria

BREAKOUT ROOM 2

Where the Grass is Greener: Comparing Green Party Success
in National Parliamentary Elections and the 2019 European Parliamentary Election

Naomi Tilles, Pomona College

The Representation of Women in the 9th European Parliament

Licinia Güttel, Freie Universität Berlin

The Informal Agenda-Setting Influence of the European Parliament:
The Case of the European External Action Service

Drew Fenner, University of Florida

Conference Session B

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Panel 3: EUROPEAN POPULATIONS AND MIGRATION

Discussant: Ivy Hamerly, Baylor University

BREAKOUT ROOM 3

Diné Bikéyah and Kalaallit Nunaat:

Comparing Government Sovereignty and Economics on the Navajo Nation and Greenland

Sheiyenne Baloo, Brigham Young University

Variations in Migration in the Baltic States

Annalise Simons, Colgate University

The XX Factor: The Influence of Legislative Gender Parity
on Migrant Integration Policy in EU Member-States

Katherine Kramer, Brigham Young University

Panel 4: SECURITY, NATO, AND TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS

Discussant: Jennifer Taw, Claremont McKenna College

BREAKOUT ROOM 4

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the European Union (EU):
The Impact of Invoking NATO's Article 5 on Diplomatic Relations in Europe

Rafaella Lucioni, George Mason University

The Police Training Mission EUPOL Afghanistan –
EU Member States' Coordination and Transatlantic Relations

Licina Güttel, Freie Universität Berlin

& Alicia Langfeld, Sciences Po Paris

Conference Session C

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021 • 1:45pm – 3:15pm

Panel 5: EU VALUES

Discussant: Branislav Radeljic, Necmettin Erbakan Üniversitesi & Universidad Nebrija

BREAKOUT ROOM 5

Is the Schengen Area Worth Saving?

Charlotte Coon, University of Florida

Can the European Union Redress Democratic Backsliding in its Member States?

Alex Kaplan, University of California, Berkeley

To What Extent has EU Membership Improved Minority Rights in Poland?

Sorayma Sandoval, University of Florida

**Commanding and Communicating a Clear Response
to Linguistically Diverse Populations in the European Union**

Tori Vestal, University of Kentucky

Panel 6: POPULISM, EUROSCEPTICISM, AND RIGHT-WING POLITICS

Discussant: Hans Rindisbacher, Pomona College

BREAKOUT ROOM 6

Radical Uncertainty: The Discursive Effects of Populist Rhetoric

Hailey Hannigan, Brigham Young University

**The Role of Social Media in the Attitudes of Euroscepticism in Italy
in Comparison to those in Germany and Hungary**

Tiffany Dang, East Tennessee State University

**The Contemporary Dynamics of the Historically Prevalent and Progressive Rise
of Right-Wing Populism in the United States and Germany**

Emily Ekshian, University of California, Berkeley

**From Pipedream to Possibility:
How European Integration has Helped Secessionist Movements**

Austin Bicknell, University of Washington