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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Thursday, April 6, 2023		
3:00 PM	Hotel Check-In	DoubleTree Hotel
5:00 PM	Conference Registration	Hampton Room
5:30 PM	Welcome and Dinner	Hampton Room
6:00-7:00 PM	Keynote Address	Hampton Room
7:30-9:00 PM	CONFERENCE SESSION A Panel 1: <i>Colonial Past & Present</i> Panel 2: <i>Gender Politics</i>	Humanities Building Room 201 Room 204
Friday, April 7, 2023		
6:00-8:30 AM	Breakfast at DoubleTree Hotel	DoubleTree Hotel
8:30-10:00 AM	CONFERENCE SESSION B Panel 3: <i>Energy & Environment</i> Panel 4: <i>Nationalism & Authoritarianism</i>	Humanities Building Room 201 Room 204
10:00-10:15 AM	Break	Humanities Museum
10:15-11:45 AM	CONFERENCE SESSION C Panel 5: <i>Responding to Crises</i> Panel 6: <i>War & Security</i>	Humanities Building Room 201 Room 204
12:00-1:30 PM	Lunch & Keynote Address	Hampton Room
1:30-2:00 PM	Break	Humanities Museum
2:00-3:30 PM	CONFERENCE SESSION D Panel 7: <i>Refugees & Immigration</i> Panel 8: <i>EU's Local and Global Impact</i>	Humanities Building Room 201 Room 204
3:30-5:00 PM	Break	Humanities Museum
5:00-6:00 PM	Dinner & Awards Ceremony	Hampton Room
Saturday, April 8, 2023		
6:00-9:30 AM	Breakfast	DoubleTree Hotel
12:00 PM	Hotel Check-Out	DoubleTree Hotel

Please be advised that the Humanities Museum (2nd floor of the Humanities Building) will serve as a break room throughout the day on Friday, April 7. Refreshments will be provided.

Thursday Night Keynote

April 6, 2023, 6:00-7:00pm

EU Common Security Lecture

THE LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE

David Andrews, Scripps College

Russia's war with Ukraine is the first sustained military conflict between European powers since World War II. The conflict has upended power relations on the Eurasian continent, challenged core assumptions on which national polices have rested, and transformed norms of international conduct (including norms of international economic relations). This talk will identify leading instances of these changes and explore their likely consequences.

About the Speaker:

David Andrews is Professor of International Relations at Scripps College where he is also the Gabrielle Marie-Louise Jungels-Winkler Chair in Contemporary European Studies and founding director of the European Union Center of California. Dr Andrews' scholarly research has addressed Atlantic political, security, and economic relations; the European Union and European integration; and international relations, diplomacy, and statecraft. His books include *The Atlantic Alliance Under Stress: US-European Relations After Iraq* (Cambridge University Press), *Orderly Change: International Monetary Relations Since Bretton Woods* (Cornell University Press), and *International Monetary Power* (also with Cornell).

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Friday Noon Keynote

April 7, 2023, 12:30-1:30pm

HOW DID THE EUROPEAN UNION GET SO MUCH ECONOMIC AUTHORITY? IDEAS AND BARGAINING SEQUENCES IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

Craig Parsons, University of Oregon

Not even many experts realize it, but the European Union claims certain kinds of authority over its member-states that exceed the powers of any government in a national federation. In its Single Market, member-states have more limited authority over cross-border economic flows than do states in the United States, Canada, or Australia. In the Eurozone, EU authority to approve member-state annual budgets exceeds the analogous powers of any federal government. Leading theories of European integration have difficulty explaining the delegation of such strong powers to the EU. To explain them, we must pay attention to the power of certain ideas that prevailed in EU history, and to sequences of bargaining between different national positions that led in unintended ways to more EU authority than anyone directly championed.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 • 7:30pm-9:00pm

Panel 1: COLONIAL PAST & PRESENT

*Discussant: Koen Stapelbroek, James Cook University
Humanities Building, Room 201*

The Future of Françafrique: Neocolonialism in Africa and the War on Terror

Jovan Avila and Brennan Quinn, Mt. San Antonio College

'Rasse' and Race: Race Reframed Through Post-WWII German History

Graci Bezanson, University of Washington

An Inquiry on the Role of Intersectionality Alongside Trans-Atlantic Black Intellectualism in the Advancement and Emancipation of Black German Identities

Alexej Latimer, Pomona College

Die Deutsche Elf: The German National Football Team and Multicultural Integration in the Twenty-First Century

Harriet Sanders, University of Washington

Panel 2: GENDER POLITICS

*Discussant: Adam Zientek, University of California, Davis
Humanities Building, Room 204*

Secularism: The Effects on the Social Status of Women in France and in the US

Payton Broussard, Pacific University

Anti-women, Anti-gay, and Anti-sex: The Centrality of Gender Politics in the Rise of European Illiberalism

Julia Hall, University of Washington

Smarginatura: The Art and Politics of Elena Ferrante

Ryan Lillestrand, Pitzer College

A Comparative Look at Italy and Spain's Paternal Leave Policies

Luke Williams, Pomona College

Conference Session B

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 • 8:30am- 10:00am

Panel 3: ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

*Discussant: Hans Rindisbacher, Pomona College
Humanities Building, Room 201*

Getting Youth on the Streets: What Accounts for Differing Levels of Youth Engagement Among International Climate Movements in the United Kingdom

Sara Anderson, Pomona College

The Green Future is Now: How the Russian Invasion of Ukraine Highlighted European Union's Fragile Energy Security and Accelerated Europe's Transition to Clean Energy?

Marta Lazowska, Claremont McKenna College

The Potential of Renewable Energy in the European Union

Walter Roou, Christopher Newport University

Panel 8: NATIONALISM & AUTHORITARIANISM

*Discussant: Jeffrey Pennington, University of California, Berkeley
Humanities Building, Room 204*

Viktor Orbán: The EU's Biggest Bully

Zoë Brockenbrough, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Press Freedom Under Threat in Europe: SLAPPs and Democracy

Maya O'Leary-Cyr, University of San Francisco

A Unique and Contradictory Case of Nationalism: Hungary's Efforts to Mitigate Population Decline Through Generous Family Policies

Shyla Vadjinia, University of Washington

Authoritarian Support: How Poland's New Generation Defies the Standard

Mallory Waligora, Oakland University

Conference Session C

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 • 10:15am - 11:45am

Panel 5: RESPONDING TO CRISES

*Discussant: Craig Parsons, University of Oregon
Humanities Building, Room 201*

Dutch Euroscepticism: The Manifestation of Pre-Financial Crisis Fears in Post-Financial Crisis Politics and Voting Patterns

Shiloh Harrill, Lafayette College

The Invisible Hand of Oil Dependency

Luca Amrit Khalsa, Claremont McKenna College

The Best Time to Plant a Tree is 10 Years Ago and the Second Best is Today: How the European Union Reacted to Crises and Did Not Prepare for the Next One?

Marta Lazowska, Claremont McKenna College

Culture, Charity, and the Frontier of European Entrepreneurial Development: The Case of Marina de Empresas in Valencia, Spain

Anthony Xu, Georgia Institute of Technology

Panel 6: WAR & SECURITY

*Discussant: Pey-Yi Chu, Pomona College
Humanities Building, Room 204*

Putting Bilateral Aid Where Their Mouths Are: Evaluating Democratic Coalition Commitment in the Russo-Ukrainian War

Alexander A. Aghdaei, University of Oregon

Learning to Wag the Dog: Russian Realities and the War in Ukraine

Margo Cohen, Claremont McKenna College

Soldiers or Scientists:

How a Regime Change in the Arctic Threatens Environmental Policy

Titus Daughtry, Baylor University

Territorial Defense Forces:

An Exploration of the Ukrainian Model and Applicability in Taiwan

Claire Tiunn (Chang), Pomona College

Conference Session D

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 • 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Panel 7: REFUGEES & IMMIGRATION

*Discussant: Erica Dobbs, Pomona College
Humanities Building, Room 201*

It's Not About Success. It's About the Message. Elite Messaging and Xenophobic Hate Crimes in the EU

AnneMarie Ackerman, Brigham Young University

What is the 'Right Kind of Refugee'?

Comparing Discourse Used in the Media for Ukrainian vs. Syrian Refugees

Harper Hinds, Gonzaga University

Converging towards Exclusion: Unpacking the Drivers of Anti-Immigration Policy Convergence in Scandinavia during the 2015 Refugee Crisis

Emily Orzechowski, Dickinson College

Panel 4: EU'S LOCAL & GLOBAL IMPACT

*Discussant: Mietek Boduszynski, Pomona College
Humanities Building, Room 204*

The Path to EU Candidacy:

Moldova-EU Relations After the Fall of the Soviet Union

Diana Victoria Braghis, Pomona College

The QAnon Phenomenon in the Transatlantic Space: Can the EU Digital Services Act Curb Dangerous Conspiracies?

Zoe Glickman, Georgia Institute of Technology

Comparative Bioterrorism Prevention and Preparedness in the Context of Sagan's Organization Theory

Caroline Simone, University of Oregon

EU's Cultural Diplomacy in China - With Case Study on EUPOP

Wenyi Xu, University of Washington