

**“Researching and Teaching the EU:
Best Practices and Current Trends in EU Scholarship”
A Working Conference for Regional College Faculty
October 21-22, 2016**

Organized by
The European Union Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
Special Pre-Conference Events

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Roundtable:

“Freedom of Speech in the Age of New Media and New Publics: France, Europe and Beyond”

Location: Levis Faculty Center, 3rd Floor, 919 Willinois St, Urbana, IL 61801

Reception to follow from 5:00 – 6:30 pm

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7:00 – 9:00 pm

Screening: “Networks of Hate”

Location: Spurlock Museum, Knight Auditorium, 600 S Gregory St, Urbana, IL 61801

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Conference:

*Research Presentations, Opening Lecture, Lunch-time Keynote Address, and Roundtable Discussion on
Teaching Strategies*

Location: Khan Annex of Huff Hall, Room 1002, 1206 S 4th St, Champaign, IL 61820

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

3:00 - 9:00 pm

Special Pre-Conference Events:

3:00 – 5:00 **Round-table: “Freedom of Speech in the Age of New Media and New Publics: France, Europe and Beyond”**

Speakers:

Rokhaya Diallo, Journalist & Filmmaker

Christian Lequesne, Sciences Politiques – Centre de Recherches Internationales

Jean-Philippe Mathy, Director, School of Languages, Cultures, and Linguistics; Professor of French and Comparative & World Literature, University of Illinois

Moderator: Felisa Reynolds, Assistant Professor of French, University of Illinois

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7:00 – 9:00 **Screening: "Networks of Hate"** (52 min)
Featuring pre-screening introduction and post-screening Q & A by the director, Rokhaya Diallo

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 am - 4:30pm

"Researching and Teaching the EU: Best Practices and Current Trends in EU Scholarship: A Working Conference for Regional College Faculty"

Location: Khan Annex of Huff Hall, Room 1002, 1206 S 4th St, Champaign, IL 61820

8:00 – 8:15 *Coffee/tea and pastries*

8:15 – 9:00 *Welcoming Remarks*

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Opening Lecture: "Future of Transatlantic Relations in a Post-Brexit Era"

Speaker: **Christian Lequesne**, Sciences Politique-Centre de Recherches Internationales

9:00 – 9:15 *Break*

9:15 – 10:30 **Panel 1 – Governing the EU, Governing the World: Euro, networks, transnational parties, and Inter-institutional interactions**

David Cleeton, Economics, Illinois State University

"The Impact of the Euro on Domestic Savings and International Capital Flows"

Kostas Kourtikakis, Political Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

"The Government Sponsored Network in European Union External Relations"

Petia Kostadinova, Political Science, University of Illinois, Chicago

"Election Pledges by Euro-parties: linking the priorities of the European Parliament and the European Commission?"

10:30 – 10:45 *Break*

10:45 – 12:00 **Panel 2 – Singing and "Selling" the EU Brand: Defining and Promoting the EU and European Identity**

Sorin Nastasia, International Studies; Applied Communication Studies, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

"The European Union Brand"

Lucas Henry, Musicology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

"Supranational Sounds: The European Commission's European Border Breakers Awards, the European Talent Exchange Program, and Construction of European Identities"

Raphaela Berding, EU Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

"European Identity: an antidote to crises?"

12:00 – 1:30 Working Lunch & Keynote Address: “Being a Transatlantic Activist”
Keynote Speaker: **Rokhaya Diallo**, Journalist & Filmmaker

1:30 – 1:45 *Break*

Panel 3 – Debating Far-Right, Terrorism, and Refugees: Radicalization in Europe and the role of social media, freedom of speech, and public space

Jean-Philippe Mathy, French & Italian | School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics,
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

1:45 – 3:00 “Where is Charlie Now? Solidarity and Dissent After the Paris Attacks”

Elza Ibroscheva, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Mass Communication
“When “likes” turn to “hate”: The role of social media in processing of “othering” of refugees in Bulgaria”

Erik Tillman, Political Science, DePaul University
“Authoritarianism and Support for Radical Right Parties”

3:00 – 3:15 *Break*

3:15 – 4:15 Round-table Discussion: “Strategies for Teaching the EU”

David Cleeton, Economics, Illinois State University
“Financial Market Reform in the European Union”

Kostas Kourtikakis, Political Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
“Special Topics in West European Politics”
“Politics of the European Union”

Gregory Rabb, Political Science, Jamestown Community College
“European Union”

4:15 – 4:30 *Closing Remarks*