

**Annual EU Studies Conference:
Researching and Teaching the EU:
Best Practices and Current Trends in EU Scholarship**

November 9-10, 2018

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Organized by

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

LOCATION FOR ALL EVENTS:

Levis Faculty Center | 919 W Illinois St | Urbana, IL 61801

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

10:00am - 6:00 pm

*Location: Levis Faculty Center, 919 W Illinois St, Urbana, IL 61801
300 Lecture Hall on the 3rd Floor & 210 Conference Room on the 2nd Floor —see below*

Special Pre-Conference Events:

10:00 - 10:30 am	Welcome reception for the Annual EU Day <i>Location: 300 Lecture Hall on the 3rd Floor</i>
10:30 - 11:45 am	“State of the European Union and Transatlantic Relations” A Conversation with <i>His Excellency David O’Sullivan, Ambassador of the European Union to the United States</i> , moderated by <i>William Bernhard, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Professor of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.</i> <i>Location: 300 Lecture Hall on the 3rd Floor</i>
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Annual EU Day Ambassador’s luncheon <i>Location: 210 Conference Room, 2nd Floor</i>
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Roundtable: “Elections and US-EU Relations: A Comparative Look at the Elections to the US Congress and the European Parliament and Implications for Transatlantic Relations” <i>Location: 300 Lecture Hall on the 3rd Floor</i> <i>Speakers:</i> Xinyuan Dai , Political Science, University of Illinois Brian Gaines , Political Science, University of Illinois Konstantinos Kourtikakis , Political Science, University of Illinois Carl Niekerk , Germanic Languages and Literatures, University of Illinois Robert Evans , former Member of the European Parliament (MEP) Moderator: Niala Boodhoo , host and executive producer of <i>The 21st</i> on local NPR-affiliate WILL-AM.
4:30 - 5:30 pm	Reception following the Roundtable; featuring entertainment by one of our talented alums, Ms. Lauren Turk. <i>Location: Outside of 210 Conference Room, 2nd Floor</i>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00 am - 4:30pm

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8:00 – 8:30	<i>Coffee/tea and pastries</i>
8:30 – 9:30	<p><i>Welcoming Remarks & Opening Keynote Lecture: "Brexit and its Implications for the Rest of EU?"</i></p> <p>Speaker: Robert Evans, former Member of the European Parliament (MEP); Labour Member, Surrey County Council; Stanwell and Stanwell Moor; Politics Tutor, Royal Holloway, University of London</p>
9:30 – 9:45	<i>Break</i>
9:45 – 11:30	<p>Research Presentations -- Setting the EU and Member State Agendas: EU and National/Local Institutions, Politics, Interests, and Culture</p> <p>Magda Giurcanu, Teaching Assistant Professor, Political Science, East Carolina University <i>"In Search for an Electoral Link between the EU Electorate(s) and the EU proposals: Reality or Wishful Thinking?"</i></p> <p>Petia Kostadinova, Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago <i>"Local Elections in Transition Societies: The Role of Party Promises"</i></p> <p>Zsuzsana Fagyal, Associate Professor, French & Italian, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (and Victoria Bauer, Graduate Student, EU Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) <i>"Languages of Innovation: National Identities and the Working Languages of the European Unitary Patent System"</i></p> <p>Sorin Nastasia, Associate Professor, Program Director for International Studie , Department of Applied Communication Studies and International Studies Program, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville <i>"Tensions Between Populist Discourse and the EU Framework: A Case Study on the 2018 Marriage Referendum in Romania"</i></p> <p>Elza Ibroscheva, Associate Dean and Professor, School of Communications, Webster University <i>"Turbo-Folk, Turbo-Sexism, and Turbo-Politics: The Emerging Cultural and Political Role of Pop-Folk Music in the Balkans"</i></p> <p><i>15 minutes for each presentation; 30 minutes for Q&A and discussion at the end</i></p>
11:30 – 12:45	<p>Working Lunch & Keynote Lecture: "The Euro-zone Problem: Whose Sovereign Debt is it, Anyway?"</p> <p>Speaker: Larry Neal, Founding Director of the European Union Center; Professor Emeritus of Economics University of Illinois</p>
12:45-1:00	<i>Break</i>

<p>1:00-2:15</p>	<p>A best practice presentation & Round-table Discussion: “Strategies for Teaching the EU”</p> <p><i>Best Practice Presentation:</i></p> <p>Isabel Scarborough, Associate Professor, Anthropology Program, Department of Social Sciences, Parkland College “Engaging with the European Union in the Community College Classroom: Pedagogy and Research Best Practices”</p> <p><i>Syllabi presentations:</i></p> <p>Ophelia Oglene, Visiting Scholar (2018-19), European Union Center, University of Illinois; Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science and French, Middlebury College “The European Union”</p> <p>Zsuzsana Fagyal, Associate Professor, French & Italian, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign “Language and Minorities in Europe”</p> <p>Gregory P. Rabb, Professor and Coordinator of Global Education, Jamestown Community College “European Union”</p> <p>Hellen McDonald, Clinical Associate Professor, School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign “Domestic and International Perspectives in Social Work: Refugees and Unaccompanied Minors – A Global Perspective”</p> <p>Larry Leck, Coordinator, Center for Nonviolence, College of Lake County “Critical Thinking/Peace Building: Using Critical Thinking Skills and Principles of Nonviolence to Promote Social Justice and the Sustainability of Civil Societies”</p> <p>Karl Dirk Voss, Professor, History, St. Louis Community College “The Modern World History”</p> <p><i>15 minutes for the best practice presentation; 5 minutes for syllabi presentations each; 30 minutes for Q&A and discussion</i></p>
<p>2:15 – 2:30</p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>
<p>2:30 – 4:30</p>	<p>Graduate Student Research Presentations</p> <p>Justin D. Pierce, Graduate Student, Political Science, University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign “European Identity and Expansion: The effects of Accession of New Member States on European Identity”</p>

	<p>Alberto Miguel Burgos-Rivera, Graduate Student, EU Studies, University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign <i>“Straight to Brussels or Through Their Respective Member State: The Outermost Region’s Political Representation in the European Union”</i></p> <p>Genie Melamed, Graduate Student, EU Studies, University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign <i>“Determining Factors for the Success of Regional Autonomy in EU Member States”</i></p> <p>Izabela Kantor, Graduate Student, International Studies, DePaul University <i>“Democratic Backsliding in Post-communist Europe: The Case of Poland”</i></p> <p>Katherine Brown, Graduate Student and Research Associate, FBI Working Group, Department of Public & International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh <i>“The Single Voice Dilemma: EU Elite Actor Responses to the Ukrainian Crisis”</i></p> <p>Kyle Shishkin, BA/MA Student, Economics and International Relations, University of Chicago <i>“Euromaidan: The Sociopolitical History of the Revolution”</i></p> <p><i>15 minutes for each presentation; 30 minutes for Q&A and discussion at the end</i></p>
4:30 pm	Closing Remarks

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