

Welcome to the 2025 Summer Curriculum Workshop organized by the European Union Center at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

“The EU Today: Policy, Trade, and Geopolitics”

Tuesday, July 29 – Friday, August 1, 2025

All sessions, unless otherwise indicated, will take place in 306 Coble Hall

Tuesday, July 29

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| 12:00-4:30 P.M. | Check in to Newman Hall |
| 2:00-4:00 P.M. | Optional excursion: Visit to Krannert Art Museum |
| 4:30-5:00 P.M. | Check in at 306 Coble Hall |
| 5:00-5:15 P.M. | Welcome and introductory remarks |
| 5:15-6:15 P.M. | The Downfall of Transatlantic Relations? Defense, Immigration, and Trade
David Cleeton, Professor of Economics, Illinois State University |
| 6:30-7:30 P.M. | Dinner in Newman Hall |

Wednesday, July 30

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| 7:00-8:45 A.M. | Breakfast in Newman Hall |
| 9:00-10:15 A.M. | The EU within a Hobbesian Global Security Disorder
Edward Kolodziej, Emeritus Research Professor of Political Science, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign |
| 10:15-10:30 A.M. | Coffee break |
| 10:30-11:45 A.M. | European Green Policies: State of Play and Perspective (via Zoom)
Elisa Decourcelle, Project Officer – Climate & Energy, Council of European Municipalities and Regions |
| 12:00-1:15 P.M. | Lunch on your own |
| 1:30-2:45 P.M. | The European Union’s Soft Power
Kostas Kourtikakis, Teaching Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign |
| 2:45-3:00 P.M. | Coffee break |
| 3:00-4:15 P.M. | Impact of U.S. Trade and Economic Policy on the EU |

George Deltas, Professor of Economics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

4:15-7:00 P.M.	Free time
7:00 P.M.	Catered dinner in 306 Coble Hall
7:30-9:00 P.M.	Film screening — “Omen” (2023)

Thursday, July 31

7:00-8:45 A.M.	Breakfast in Newman Hall
9:00-10:15 A.M.	The EU and Ukraine: A Look Back, Around, and Beyond Larry Neal, Emeritus Professor of Economics and Founding Director of the European Union Center, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
10:15-10:30 A.M.	Coffee break
10:30-11:45 A.M.	European Parliament Elections - Party Groups, Election Promises, and Mandate Representation Petia Kostadinova, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Illinois Chicago
12:00-1:15 P.M.	Lunch in Newman Hall
1:30-2:45 P.M.	Europe’s Far-Right Surge: Consequences for EU Governance and Policy Magda Giurcanu, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, National Louis University
2:45-3:00 P.M.	Coffee break
3:00-4:15 P.M.	Lesson Planning and Presentations EUC Staff
5:15-6:15 P.M.	Optional excursion: Goat Hike at Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery
Evening	Free time and dinner on your own

Friday, August 1

7:00-8:30 A.M.	Breakfast in Newman Hall
8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.	Visit to Springfield
9:30-10:30 A.M.	Tour of Spurlock Museum

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