

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS:  
ILLINOIS EU STUDIES REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
APRIL 15-17, 2021**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED: February 17, 2021**

The European Union Center at the University of Illinois invites proposals for participation in its 11th EU Studies Regional Conference, scheduled to take place virtually during the afternoons of Thursday, April 15 and Friday, April 16, and the morning of Saturday, April 17. We invite proposals for presentations on research and teaching about any topic relevant to EU studies from scholars, college instructors, and graduate students. We particularly encourage proposals that might speak to the theme of this year's conference: "Community, Immunity, and the Limits of Mobility." As always, this conference offers a space to bring out emergent questions and new insights on traditional topics in EU Studies. Proposals on other issues are welcome.

This signature annual conference brings together regional college faculty and graduate students to advance research on and teaching about the European Union at universities as well as four-year and two-year colleges in Illinois and the Midwest. It serves as a great opportunity for scholars and college instructors in the region with interests in EU studies to share current research in an intimate setting, connect with one another and explore solutions to shared challenges, and learn about other opportunities that the EU Center at the University of Illinois sponsors. A select number of presentations on pedagogy will be considered for a proposed feature in the "[Campus](#)" section of [EuropeNow](#), published by the Council for European Studies. A select number of presentations on research in progress will be considered for publication in the [European Union Center Paper Series](#).

This year we wish to draw from the creativity that organizers of other conferences have exhibited, and to organize our conference with somewhat different formats:

- **Traditional research presentations** (15 minutes each). We encourage proposals that make use of visuals and other means of audience engagement. Accepted proposals will be grouped into sessions of no more than three participants, possibly matched with a discussant (90 minutes maximum).
- **Roundtables** (no more than three participants, 60 minutes maximum).
- For graduate students only: **five-minute dissertation presentations** (maximum of twelve accepted, 120 minutes allotted during the conference).

The European Union Center is committed to providing universal access to all of our events. Please write to [eucenter@illinois.edu](mailto:eucenter@illinois.edu) to request disability accommodations. Advance notice is necessary to arrange for some accessibility needs.

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A final program with the keynote speaker will be announced by March 15. Updates on the conference will be posted at <https://europe.illinois.edu/news-events/signature-events/eu-studies-conference>. Colleagues with a current interest in the EU and issues involving Europe are also invited to join us without being obliged to present.

Proposals and registration for participants who would like to present are due to our [online form](#) by 12 P.M. CST on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent by March 5. Confirmations of attendance for presenters are due March 15.

Those who do not wish to present but would like to attend the conference must [register](#) by April 1, 2021.