Hungary currently holds the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union, and following our tradition at the EU Center, we’ve invited Hungary’s Ambassador to the United States to give the “State of the European Union” address at our Tenth Annual EU Day event on March 9th. We are also excited about the 4th Annual EUC-ACDIS Transatlantic Security Symposium, “The End of National European Armies?” The EU Center is also planning a workshop for students on “Careers and Professionalism in East Europe.” And on March 11-12, don’t miss the symposium “New Postsocialist Ontologies and Politics,” which will feature substantial discussion about Eastern Europe and EU member countries.

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State of the European Union Address, March 9 [webcast] TV interview [webcast]
by
György Szapáry
Ambassador
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Hungary to the United States of America | Ambassador's bio (.doc)
10:00 – 11:30 am. Reception following.
Location: Alice Campbell Alumni Center Ballroom
Reception to follow.
The reception will feature a live performance by LATAWCE Polish Highlander Band, accompanied by Andrea Solya, a Hungarian conductor of the U of I choir. The winning photos of the Spring 2011 EU Center Photo Contest will also be displayed at the reception.

Student Workshop: Careers and Professionalism in East Europe, March 9
2:00 – 3:00 pm.
Location: Levis Faculty Center, 3rd floor, 919 W. Illinois, Urbana
Co-sponsor: Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (REEEC)
Transatlantic Security Symposium: The End of National European Armies?, March 9 [webcast] [radio interview with panelist Jolyon Howorth]
Location: Levis Faculty Center, 3rd floor, 919 W. Illinois, Urbana
Reception to follow.
Co-organizer: Program in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security (ACDIS)
Co-sponsors: Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (REEEC) and the Center for Global Studies
Visit the symposium website for speaker bios and further details. Symposium poster.
Panelists:
- Jean-Yves Haine, Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto
- Jolyon Howorth, Visiting Professor of Political Science, Yale University
- Alistair Shepherd, Lecturer of International Politics, Aberystwyth University (UK)
Moderator: Colin Flint, ACDIS Director and Associate Professor of Geography, University of Illinois

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