2011 Regional Faculty Conference

Current Issues in EU Governance:  
A Working Conference for Regional College Faculty

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

Conference date and location:  
April 8-9, 2011  
DePaul University School of Public Service  
Richard and Maggie Daley Building, Suite 1600 (16th Floor)  
14 E. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago  
* Space Limited – Register Online – Deadline: March 21, 2011 (registration now closed)

About the Conference  
This conference will bring together regional college faculty with the aim of increasing research on and teaching of the European Union at universities and four-year and two-year colleges in Illinois and the Midwest. It will facilitate the building of a dynamic network for regional educators with interests in EU studies. The conference will include panel discussions in which participants can present their research on the EU, as well as sessions on effective teaching of EU-related subjects. Select papers may be published as part of the online EUC working papers series.

Why Attend?  
- Great networking opportunity  
- Strategize about teaching about the EU  
- Discuss research/teaching interests with colleagues  
- One-night of free accommodations at Club Quarters Hotel in downtown Chicago  
- Travel reimbursement grant of up to $150 available for participating faculty
Schedule – [downloadable version in PDF]

Friday, April 8

Welcome Dinner hosted by Bryan Endres, Director of the European Union Center & Associate Professor of Agricultural Law, University of Illinois; and Rebecca Steffenson, Assistant Professor, School of Public Service, DePaul University

7:00 pm, Richard and Maggie Daley Building, Suite 1600, 14 E. Jackson Blvd.

Saturday, April 9

All sessions will be held in the Richard and Maggie Daley Building, Suite 1600, 14 E. Jackson Blvd.

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am – coffee and pastries
- 9:00 am – 9:15 am – welcome remarks
- 9:15 am – 10:30 am – PANEL 1: EU Governance Issues and External Relations
  - The European Parliament, the External Action Service, and EU-US Relations after the Lisbon Summit Rebecca Steffenson, DePaul University
  - Reconsidering the Securitization of the European Union: Power and Discourse in Contingent Security Governance Richelle Bernazzoli, University of Illinois
  - Networks in the Mediterranean: Institutional Diffusion in the European Union’s External Relations Kostas Kourtikakis, University of Illinois
- 10:30 am – 10:45 am – break
- 10:45 am – 12:00 pm – PANEL 2: Sustainability and Social Policy in the EU
  - EU Social Policy Reforms: Member State Responses to Lisbon: Petia Kostadinova, University of Illinois at Chicago
  - Migrant Integration and Health in the EU: Patrick Ireland, Illinois Institute of Technology
  - Sustainable Food Labeling Policy: Regional Lessons from the EU: Marco Tavanti, DePaul University
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm – lunch
- 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm – PANEL 3: People, Parliaments, and National Preferences in the EU
  - European Integration in the Post-constitutional Era: Federalism and the Role of National Parliaments Martyn De Bruyn, Northeastern Illinois University
  - A Preliminary Explanation of Polish Preferences on EU Policy Jennifer R. Wozniak Boyle, Elmhurst College
  - Minorities in the EU: the Roma people “emergency” and the conflicting agendas of the EU and Italy Glenda Garelli, University of Illinois at Chicago
  - A European Identity: Not for Every European? Matthew Spears, University of Illinois
- 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm – break
- 2:45 pm – 4:15 pm – “Strategies for Teaching the EU – A Roundtable Discussion”
- 4:15 pm – 4:30 pm – closing remarks and evaluations

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