

2014 Regional Faculty Conference

“Researching and Teaching the EU: Best Practices and Current Trends in **EU Scholarship**”

A Working Conference for Regional College Faculty

Sponsored by: [The European Union Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#)

Conference date: January 16-17, 2014

Location for all sessions and meals both on January 16 and January 17: Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Illinois Room 5, 3rd floor), 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60604

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Lodging: Club Quarters in the Central Loop, 111 W Adams Street, Chicago, IL 60603 (*)

Note: Registration is now CLOSED

Participants who submitted an abstract will be notified by December 9, 2013 if their proposal is accepted to be included in the conference.

Registration fee: Participants who are not presenting are required to pay a \$50 registration fee. This fee will be waived for accepted speakers. A \$100 travel reimbursement grant and one night of free lodging will be available to all participants.

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.

In response to feedback about previous faculty working conferences, this year we will be organizing a pre-conference workshop devoted to providing an **introductory overview** of governmental institutions, foreign, and economic policies of the EU, and EU enlargement.

This portion of the workshop will take place during the afternoon on January 16 and is open to all working conference attendees, but is especially intended to help orient those participants who do not specialize in the EU. Please indicate if you plan on attending the pre-conference workshop when you submit your online registration.

This year will include two keynote speakers: [Ioanna Efthymiadou](#), the Greek Consul General in Chicago and [John McCormick](#), the Jean Monnet Professor of European Union Politics at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis.



Why Attend?

- Hear keynote speeches by **Ioanna Efthymiadou, Greek Consul General (Chicago)** and **John McCormick, Professor of Political Science, Indiana University, Indianapolis.**
- Great networking opportunity
- Strategize about teaching about the EU
- Discuss research/teaching interests with colleagues
- One-night of free accommodations at the Club Quarters hotel in downtown Chicago
- Travel reimbursement grant of up to \$100 available for participating faculty

Schedule and Abstracts [[download pdf version](#)]

Thursday, January 16th

Location – Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Illinois Room 5, 3rd floor), 230 South LaSalle St., Chicago

1:30 – 2:00 pm	Check-in for Pre-Conference Workshop
2:00 – 2:15 pm	Welcome Remarks for Pre-Conference Workshop: Introduction to the EU <i>Matt Rosenstein, European Union Center, University of Illinois</i>
2:15 – 3:05 pm	The Brief History and Institutions of the European Union <i>Kostas Kourtikakis, Political Science, University of Illinois</i> Presentation Slides (.pdf)

3:05 – 3:55 pm	EU Foreign Policy <i>Rebecca Steffenson, Social Sciences, Illinois Institute of Technology</i> Presentation Slides (.pdf)
3:55 – 4:10 pm	Break
4:10 – 5:00 pm	Making Sense of Current Eurozone Policy Debates: Can We Progress? <i>David Cleeton, Economics, Illinois State University and visiting scholar at University of Illinois</i> Presentation Slides (.pdf)
5:00 – 6:30 pm	Hotel check-in and free time
6:30 pm	Welcome Dinner and Keynote Address “Europe our common quest: the Greek presidency of the Council of the EU” <i>Ioanna Efthymiadou, Consul General of Greece</i> Presentation Slides (.pdf)

Friday, January 17

Location – Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Illinois Room 5, 3rd floor), 230 South LaSalle St., Chicago

8:30 am	Coffee and pastries
8:45 am	Introductory Remarks
9:00 – 9:55 am	Discussion on Funding Opportunities & Developing EU Studies in Illinois & the Midwest
10:00 – 10:50 am	Panel 1 – European Identities: Gender Politics, Linguistic Minorities “From Marginalization to Mainstreaming: Gendering the European Union” <i>Joyce Marie Mushaben, Political Science, University of Missouri-St. Louis</i> Presentation Slides (.pdf) “The Puzzle of Assessing Linguistic Vitality: Arbresh and Arvanitika” <i>Eda Derhemi, Spanish, Italian & Portuguese, University of Illinois</i> Presentation Slides (.pdf)
10:50 – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Panel 2 – Impacts of EU Strategies and Policy Tools: Funding Support, External Relations, and Enlargement

	<p>“Film Funding Developments in the EU: Effects of Public Film Support on a Small National Cinema” <i>Olof Hedling, Germanic Languages & Literature, Lund University, Visiting Scholar and Hildeman Award Fellow at University of Illinois</i> Presentation Slides (.pdf)</p> <p>“Network Governance in EU External Relations: A Study of Interorganizational Networks in the Eastern Partnership and the Mediterranean” <i>Kostas Kourtikakis, Political Science, University of Illinois</i> Presentation Slides (.pdf)</p> <p>“From Gezi Park to Brussels: The Impact of Human Rights on Turkey’s EU Accession Negotiations” <i>Martyn de Bruyn, Political Science, Northeastern University</i> <i>Sercan Yildirim, Political Science, Northeastern University</i></p>
<p>12:15 – 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Lunch and Keynote Address* “Why Europe Matters: The Case for the European Union” <i>John McCormick, Political Science, Indiana University, Indianapolis</i> *Keynote address cancelled due to travel conditions</p>
<p>1:30 – 3:15 pm</p>	<p>Panel 3 – Challenges to the European Integration Project: Economic and Democratic Governance, Unemployment, and Rise of the Far-Right “EMUs Franco-German Core: The Record of Economic Convergence” <i>David Cleeton, Economics, Illinois State University and visiting scholar at University of Illinois</i> Presentation Slides (.pdf)</p> <p>“Improving the Transparency and Accountability of EU Institutions via the Office of the European Ombudsman” <i>Petia Kostadinova, Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago</i> Presentation Slides (.pdf)</p> <p>“Swastikas in Santorini: The Rise and (Possible) Fall of the Golden Dawn Party in Greece” <i>Merri Fefles, History and Political Science, Moraine Valley Community College</i> Presentation Slides (.pdf)</p> <p>“A Famine of Opportunities: The New Emigration from Ireland” <i>Patrick Ireland, Political Science, Illinois Institute of Technology</i> Presentation Slides (.pdf)</p>

3:15 – 3:30 pm	<i>Break</i>
3:30 – 4:45 pm	Roundtable Sessions on Strategies for Teaching the EU Syllabi available electronically
4:45 – 5:00 pm	<i>Closing Remarks and Evaluations of Conference</i>

The conference is funded in part by a **US Department of Education Title VI grant and a European Union Center of Excellence grant from the European Commission** to the European Union Center, University of Illinois.

* The EU Center has reserved a block of rooms at Club Quarters and will provide one night of free lodging on January 16, 2014. However, as per hotel cancellation policy, if you cancel your registration after December 13, 2013, you will have to reimburse the EU Center for the cost of the hotel room.