

EU Studies Conference 2017

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

A Working Conference for Regional Faculty

October 20-21, 2017

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Levis Faculty Center | 919 W Illinois St | Urbana, IL 61801 | [\[map\]](#)

Logistical memo, including maps [\[pdf\]](#)

Abstract Submission and Registration Deadline was September 20, 2017.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

This annual 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.

Presentations on any topic relevant to EU studies are welcome.

Colleagues with only a nascent academic interest in the EU are invited to join us without being obliged to present any materials.

Graduate students are welcome. We can also consider participation by graduate students. Pending availability, travel support may be possible for graduate students whose abstracts are accepted for presentation.

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

Note about lodging: The EU Center has reserved a block of rooms at the [Illini Union Hotel](#) and will provide one night of free lodging on October 20, 2017. We can also provide overnight accommodation for an extra day on October 21st if you need it and will be driving for more than 250 miles. Please see the link to the registration form above for details. Please note that you do NOT need to contact the hotel; simply indicate whether you will need overnight accommodations or not and for which dates when you register on-line.

The hotel has free parking available. Free wireless access is available in guest rooms and conference room.

Why Attend?

- Hear timely discussions on contemporary European and transatlantic affairs by prominent diplomats, scholars, practitioners, and activists
 - Great networking opportunity
 - Learn new strategies for teaching the EU
 - Discuss research/teaching interests with colleagues
 - Engage in discussions on EU studies as a field
 - One-night of free accommodations on UI's Champaign-Urbana campus
 - Travel reimbursement grant of up to \$100 available for participating faculty
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SCHEDULE [pdf] & ABSTRACTS [pdf]

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 | SPECIAL PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS:

10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Location: Levis Faculty Center, 919 W Illinois St, Urbana, IL 61801 | 3rd Floor & Rm 210—see below

10:00 – 10:30 am	Welcome reception for the Annual EU Day <i>Location: 3rd Floor — Free and open to public</i>
10:30 – 10:45 am	Annual EU Day “State of the EU” Keynote Address <i>by His Excellency Lauri Lepik, Ambassador of Estonia to the US</i> <i>Location: 3rd Floor — Free and open to public</i>
12:00 -1:30 pm	Annual EU Day Ambassador’s luncheon <i>[For registered conference participants and by invitation only]</i> <i>Location: Rm 210, 2nd Floor</i>
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Roundtable: “Sovereign Debt Crisis in the Transatlantic Arena” <i>Location: 3rd Floor — Free and open to public</i> <i>Speakers: Hannah M. Alarian, Diversity Post-Doctoral Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics, University of Virginia</i> David L. Cleeton , Professor of Economics and Department Chair, Illinois State University Achim Hurrelmann , Associate Professor of Political Science, Carleton University <i>Moderator: William Bernhard, Professor, Political Science; Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</i>
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Reception following the Roundtable <i>Location: Rm 210, 2nd Floor — Free and open to public</i>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 | A WORKING FACULTY CONFERENCE

8:00 am – 4:15 pm

Location: Levis Faculty Center, 919 W Illinois St, Urbana, IL 61801 | Room 210 (2nd Floor)

Research panels; MA in EU Studies Student Thesis presentations; keynote lectures by **Dr. Achim Hurrelmann** (Associate Professor of Political Science, Carleton

University) and **Dr. Hungdah Su** (Jean Monnet Chair Professor at National Taiwan University; Director General of the European Union Centre in Taiwan; President of European Union Study Association Asia-Pacific 2017-2018); and a round-table on strategies for teaching the EU.

<p>8:00 – 8:30</p>	<p><i>Coffee/tea and pastries</i></p>
<p>8:30 – 9:30</p>	<p>Welcoming Remarks & Opening Keynote Lecture: “Has the Eurozone Crisis Undermined the Legitimacy of the European Union?” [Link to PowerPoint]</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Achim Hurrelmann, Associate Professor of Political Science, Carleton University</p>
<p>9:30 – 9:45</p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>
<p>9:45 – 11:30</p>	<p>Panel 1 – Responding to Crises and Challenges in the EU (I) – Eurozone and Refugee Crises: Growth, Citizenship, Refugees, and Integration Strategies</p> <p>Zahrin Haznina Qalby, Graduate Student in Finance, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign “The Puzzling Sluggish GIIPS Growth, What is the Problem?” [Link to PowerPoint]</p> <p>Hannah M. Alarian, Diversity Post-Doctoral Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics, University of Virginia “Naturalization in the aftermath of the Eurozone crisis: Evidence from the EU-15” [Link to PowerPoint]</p> <p>Sorin Nastasia, Associate Professor, Applied Communication Studies</p>

	<p>and International Studies Program, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville</p> <p><i>“A Communication Management Approach to the Refugee Resettlement Crisis in the European Union”</i> [Link to PowerPoint]</p> <p>Neil Vander Most, Visiting Academic Programs Coordinator, European Union Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</p> <p><i>“First Impressions Matter: Early Integration Strategies in Belgium and the Netherlands”</i> [Link to PowerPoint]</p>
<p>11:30 – 12:45</p>	<p>Working Lunch & Keynote Lecture: “Development of the EU Studies in Asia-Pacific and Its Prospects” [Link to PowerPoint]</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Hungdah Su, Jean Monnet Chair Professor at National Taiwan University; Director General of the European Union Centre in Taiwan; President of European Union Study Association Asia-Pacific 2017-2018</p>
<p>12:45-1:00</p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>
<p>1:00-2:15</p>	<p>Panel 2 – Responding to Crises and Challenges in the EU (II) – Teaching in the field of EU Studies</p> <p>Gazmend Qorraj, Professor of Economics, University of Prishtina <i>“EU Crises and its impact on EU studies in the Western Balkans”</i></p> <p>Judith Pintar, Visiting Assistant, Coordinator of BCS Program, Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign <i>“Restaging the Classroom for War: Teaching nationalism through immersive play”</i></p>

	<p>Eda Derhemi, Teaching Assistant Professor, French & Italian, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign <i>“Trials and ordeals with researching and teaching small languages of Europe”</i> [Link to PowerPoint]</p>
<p>2:15 – 2:45</p>	<p>Round-table Discussion: “Strategies for Teaching the EU”</p> <p>Gazmend Qorraj, Professor, Economics, University of Prishtina <i>“European Economic Integration”</i></p> <p>Candace Martinez, Lecturer, College of Business, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign <i>“BADM 583: European Business Strategy”</i> [pdf]</p> <p>Konstantinos Kourtikakis, Teaching Associate Professor, Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign <i>“PS/EURO/FR/GER/385: Politics of the European Union”</i> [pdf] <i>“EURO 502/LAW 76: The European Union in a Global Context”</i> [pdf]</p>
<p>2:45 – 3:00</p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>
<p>3:00 – 4:45</p>	<p>EU Studies Students Research Presentations</p> <p>Alberto M. Burgos-Rivera, Graduate Student, EU Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign <i>“Elite Agreements and the Implementation of Independence Referendums: The Case of Scotland and Catalonia”</i> [Link to PowerPoint]</p>

Marshall Janevicius, Graduate Student, EU Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

“Effectiveness of Integration in Wallonia and Quebec: how far-right parties influence integration”

[\[Link to PowerPoint\]](#)

Katie Brown, Graduate Student, EU Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

“Theoretical Explanations for the Minsk II’s Creation & Failure of Implementation”

[\[Link to PowerPoint\]](#)

Lindsay Ozburn, Graduate Student, EU Studies, Library and Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

“Inequalities in the Common European Asylum System: The Impact of Policy Shortcomings on Greek Libraries in the Midst of an Immigration Crisis”

[\[Link to PowerPoint\]](#)

Rafael Rodriguez, Graduate Student, EU Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

“Looking for trends on transatlantic movement of higher-education-degree seekers from South America to Europe”

[\[Link to PowerPoint\]](#)

Katrina Keegan & Samuel Leiter, Undergraduate Students, European Horizons at the University of Chicago

“The Hunt for Red Election”

[\[Link to PowerPoint\]](#)

Kyle Shishkin, Undergraduate Student, European Horizons at the University of Chicago

“The Economic Aftermath of Brexit”

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4:45	<i>Closing Remarks</i>