

EU Day 2018

17th Annual European Union Day: November 9, 2018

“State of the European Union and Transatlantic Relations”

A conversation with **His Excellency David O’Sullivan,**

Ambassador of the European Union to the United States moderated by **William Bernhard,** Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Professor Of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Friday, November 9, 2018

10:30 am

300 Lecture Hall on the 3rd floor, Levis Faculty Center, 919 W Illinois St, Urbana, IL 61801 ([map](#))

The European Union Center will host a reception at 10 am, followed by the keynote at 10:30 am.

[*Ambassador David O’Sullivan’s bio / EU Day Press Release*](#)

[Video Recording of the State of the European Union conversation](#)



The European Union Center is pleased to announce its 17th annual European Union Day on November 9, 2018.

This year, the annual EU Day will be celebrated as part of the European Union Center's **20th Anniversary** and on the day of the **130th birthday of Jean Monnet**, one of the **founding fathers of the EU** who is known and celebrated as "*the unifying force behind the birth of the European Union.*"



We are delighted that we will be welcoming **His Excellency David O'Sullivan, Ambassador of the European Union to the United States** back to the University of Illinois campus to mark this very special occasion. Ambassador O'Sullivan will speak on the "State of the European Union and Transatlantic Relations" in a conversation moderated by William Bernhard, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Professor of Political Science, University of Illinois.

European Union Day at the University of Illinois is a celebration of transatlantic relations and strives to promote a better understanding between the peoples of the United States and the European Union. EU Day is open to the public and provides our citizens with the opportunity to learn about the importance of the European Union to the United States and its role in promoting international relations. Invited guests and dignitaries will include members of the Diplomatic Corps from Washington, DC, members of the Consular Corps from Chicago, business leaders, state and local government officials, and faculty and students from universities and high schools throughout Illinois.

This year's EU Day will also feature a timely roundtable on:

“Elections and EU-U.S. Relations: A Comparative Look at the Elections to the US Congress and the European Parliament and Implications for Transatlantic Relations”

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3:00-4:30 pm

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Speakers:

Xinyuan Dai, Political Science, University of Illinois

Brian Gaines, Political Science, University of Illinois

Konstantinos Kourtikakis, Political Science, University of Illinois

Carl Niekerk, Germanic Languages and Literatures, University of Illinois

Robert Evans, former Member of the European Parliament (MEP)

Moderator: **Niala Boodhoo**, host and executive producer of **The 21st**

*followed by reception at 4:30 pm, featuring entertainment by one of our talented alums, **Ms. Lauren Turk**.*

Location for the reception: Outside of 210 Conference Room on the 2nd Floor, Levis Faculty Center, 919 W Illinois St, Urbana

[Video recording of the roundtable](#)



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This year's very special EU Day is also part of the EUC's 20th Anniversary Celebrations. For further information, please visit ["EUC Turns 20"](#) webpage.

Former MEP Robert Evans' visit is made possible by the European Parliament Former Members Association's "EP to Campus" program and Candriam.

