

March 2015 Regional Faculty Conference

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

A Working Conference for Regional College Faculty

March 12-13, 2015

Keynote speaker: Prof. Stefan Jonsson, Linköping University.

Prof. Jonsson’s keynote lecture will be based on the new book that he just published with Peo Hansen on *“Eurafrica: The Untold History of European Integration and Colonialism”* and address the landscape and future of European Studies and EU studies as such.

Conference location and hotel: I-Hotel, 1900 S. First Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820. Conference sessions will be held in the Humanities Room.

Registration for the 2015 Regional Faculty Conference is now closed.

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. A \$100 travel reimbursement grant and two nights of free lodging will be available to all participants.

Note about lodging: The EU Center has reserved a block of rooms at I-Hotel and will provide two nights of free lodging on March 11 & 12, 2015. We can also provide overnight accommodation for an extra day if you need it. 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.

Additional Attractions and Unique Opportunities This Year:

Come early

for the [EUC's Annual EU Day](#) (Thursday, March 12th, 10 am – 2 pm)

featuring “State of the EU” keynote address by **Andris Razāns, Latvian Ambassador to the U.S.**, followed by a reception and luncheon. **We encourage you to join us for the EU Day festivities!** For more information about the EU Day and to see our promotional [EU Day video](#), click [here](#).

Stay longer

for the [keynote address](#), “The Mediterranean: A Cradle of Civilizations amongst Others” by Zeev Gourarier (Director of Science and Collections, Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilizations in Marseille, France) on **March 13th at 5 pm** as part of the **Graduate Student Colloquium “(Un)mapping the Mediterranean**, which is being held on **March 14th at 9:30 am**. More information about the colloquium is [available online](#).

For more information, click [here](#).

Join us

for the [Chai Wai at the Library](#): “The Future of the European Union: A Shared Vision?”, a roundtable with members of the **Chicago Consular Corps** on **Thursday, March 12** from **2:30 – 4:00 pm**.

Logistical information is available as a [PDF](#), including a [map](#) of the key locations.

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.



Why Attend?

- Hear keynote speeches by prominent scholars and diplomats
- Great networking opportunity
- Strategize for teaching the EU
- Discuss research/teaching interests with colleagues
- Engage in discussions on EU studies as a field
- Two-nights of free accommodations at the I-Hotel on UI's Champaign-Urbana campus
- Travel reimbursement grant of up to \$100 available for participating faculty

Schedule [.pdf] and Abstracts [.pdf]

Thursday, March 12

EU Day with **Andris Razāns**, Ambassador of Latvia to the U.S.

Location: Alice Campbell Alumni Center Ballroom, 601 S. Lincoln Ave., Urbana, IL 61801

10:00 – 11:30 am	“State of the EU” Address, followed by reception
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Ambassador’s Luncheon

Conference Welcome Dinner and Keynote Address

Location: I-Hotel (Humanities Room), 1900 S. First Street, Champaign, IL 61820

5:30 – 5:45 pm	Check-in
5:45 pm	Welcome Remarks <i>Anna Stenport, Director, European Union Center, University of Illinois</i>
6:00 pm	Prof. Stefan Jonsson, Linköping University. Prof. Jonsson’s keynote lecture will be based on the new book that he just published with Peo Hansen on “Eurafrica: The Untold History of European Integration and Colonialism” and address the landscape and future of European Studies and EU studies as such.

Friday, March 13

“Researching and Teaching the EU: Best Practices and Current Trends in EU Scholarship: A Working Conference for Regional College Faculty”

Location: I-Hotel (Humanities Room), 1900 S. First Street, Champaign, IL 61820

8:00 – 8:30 am	<i>Coffee/tea and pastries</i>
8:30 – 10:45 am	<p>Panel 1: Impact and Effectiveness of EU Institutions and Legal Policy Instruments</p> <p>“Effective European Antitrust: Does EU Merger Policy Involve Deterrence” <i>Joseph A. Clougherty, Business Administration, University of Illinois</i></p> <p>“Multinational Banking and the Conflicts Among US and EU AML/CTF Reporting and Data Protection Law” <i>Michelle Frasher, Political Science, Rutgers University-Newark; EU Center Visiting Scholar, University of Illinois</i></p> <p>“Past and Present Efforts to Green the Common Agricultural Policy: Successes, Failures, and Future Potential for Multifunction Landscape Design” <i>Rayane Oliveira de Aguiar, EU Studies, University of Illinois</i></p> <p>“EU and Trafficking in Human Beings: Which Legal Framework When Victims Are EU Citizens?” <i>Marco Borraccetti, European Union Law of the Alma Mater Studiorum, Università di Bologna, School of Political Science; EU Center Visiting Scholar, University of Illinois</i></p> <p>“The Committee of the Regions of the European Union: Its Role in Enhancing Local Democracy” <i>Petia Kostadinova, Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Anna Stenport, European Union Center, University of Illinois</i></p>
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	<p>Panel 2: European Identities in the Making</p> <p>“Speakers Attitudes vs. Institutional Acknowledgment: The Cases of Arbresh and Arvanitika Between Ideologies of Pride</p>

	<p>and Contempt” <i>Eda Derhemi, Department of French and Italian, University of Illinois</i></p> <p>“Little Local Murders? Investigating Regional Identities in German and Scandinavian Crime Fiction” <i>Dustin L. Smith, Germanic Languages & Literatures, University of Illinois</i></p> <p>“The Long and Winding Road...: Turkish Candidacy and the Process of Europeanization” <i>Joyce Marie Mushaben, Political Science, University of Missouri-St. Louis</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Matt Rosenstein, European Union Center, University of Illinois</i></p>
12:15 – 2:30 pm	<p>Working Lunch Roundtable Discussions: “(Re)thinking and (Re)defining EU Studies” and “Strategies for Teaching the EU”</p>
2:30 – 4:15 pm	<p>Panel 3: EU As a Global Actor “EULEX KOSOVO: The EU and Rule of Law in Post-War Kosovo” <i>Christopher Jackson, EU Studies, University of Illinois</i></p> <p>“The Diffusion of Human Rights Norms and Practices in the European Neighborhood” <i>Kostas Kourtikakis, Political Science, University of Illinois</i></p> <p>“Effective Practices of International Volunteers in Disaster Relief: Implications for the EU Aid Volunteers Program” <i>Benjamin Lough and Tara Powell, Social Work, University of Illinois</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Sebnem Ozkan, European Union Center, University of Illinois</i></p>
4:15 – 4:30 pm	<p>Closing remarks and evaluations of conference</p>

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