

# EU Studies Conference October 2015

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

### A Working Conference for Regional College Faculty October 30-31, 2015

**Conference location and hotel:**

Illini Union Hotel, 1401 West Green St., Urbana, IL 61801.

Conference sessions will be held at the Illini Union, 1401 West Green St., Urbana, IL 61801.

Online registration is 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 and University of Illinois faculty and graduate students. A \$100 travel reimbursement grant and one night of free lodging will be available to all 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 30, 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.

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

## 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 timely discussions on contemporary European and transatlantic affairs 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
- One-night of free accommodations at the Illini Union Hotel on UI's Champaign-Urbana campus
- Travel reimbursement grant of up to \$100 available for participating faculty

**Schedule** [\[pdf\]](#) and **Abstracts** [\[pdf\]](#)

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

*Location: Illini Union, Room 407, 1401 West Green St., Urbana, IL 61801*

<b>3:00-4:30 pm</b>	Roundtable Discussion: Testing the limits of the EU-Greece, the economy and refugee crises <a href="#">Link to videorecording</a> Speakers: <a href="#">Stefanos Katsikas</a> , Director of Modern Greek Studies, School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics (SLCL), University of
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	<p>Illinois</p> <p><a href="#">Benjamin Lough</a>, Social Work, University of Illinois</p> <p><a href="#">Michael McGowan</a>, Former Member of the European Parliament and British Journalist</p> <p><a href="#">Kolja Raube</a>, Visiting Scholar, European Union Center, University of Illinois; Centre for European Studies, Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU-Leuven</p> <p><a href="#">Marina Terkourafi</a>, Linguistics, University of Illinois</p> <p>Moderator: <a href="#">Anna Westerstahl Stenport</a>, Director of the European Union Center, Germanic Languages and Literatures, University of Illinois</p>
<b>4:30 – 6:00 pm</b>	<p><b>4:30-6:00pm: Reception</b></p> <p><i>Location: Illini Union Room 406, 1401 West Green St., Urbana, IL 61801.</i></p>

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

**8:00 am – 4:00pm:**

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

*Location: General Lounge, Illini Union Room 210, 1401 West Green St., Urbana, IL 61801.*

<b>8:00 – 8:30 am</b>	<i>Coffee/tea and pastries</i>
<b>8:30 – 9:45 am</b>	<p><b>Panel 1: Impact and Effectiveness of EU Institutions and Policy Instruments (Part I – Economy)</b></p> <p><b>“Will Juncker’s Investment Plan Work?”</b></p> <p><i>David Cleeton, Economics, Illinois State University</i></p> <p><a href="#">Link to pdf</a></p> <p><b>“Regional Financial Inequality in Turkey: 1988-2013 – Does EU the make a difference?”</b></p> <p><i>Serpil Kahraman, Visiting Scholar, Economics, University of Illinois; Yasar University, Turkey</i></p> <p><b>“The EU through the lenses of its poorest member state – evidence from Bulgaria”</b></p> <p><i>Paskal Zhelev, Visiting Scholar, Economics, University of</i></p>

	<p><i>Illinois; International Economic Relations and Business, University of National and World Economy (UNWE), Bulgaria</i></p> <p><a href="#">Link to PowerPoint</a></p>
<b>9:45 – 10:00</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:00 am-11:15 am</b>	<p><b>Panel 2: Impact and Effectiveness of EU Policies (Part II – Labor, Environment, and Society)</b></p> <p><b>“A Proposal of Social Clause on TTIP</b></p> <p><i>Juan Ramon Rivera Sanchez Visiting Scholar, EUC, University of Illinois; Law, Alicante University, Spain</i></p> <p><a href="#">Link to Prezi</a></p> <p><b>“A New Water Culture on the Iberian Peninsula? Evaluating Epistemic Community Impact on Policy Change”</b></p> <p><i>Jeanie Bukowski, International Studies, Bradley University</i></p> <p><a href="#">Link to PowerPoint</a></p> <p><b>“Female Bodies for Sale: Regulating the Advertising Industry and Its Portrayals of Women in Bulgaria”</b></p> <p><i>Elza Ibroscheva, Mass Communications, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville</i></p> <p><a href="#">Link to PowerPoint</a></p>
<b>11:15-11:30 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:30 am-1:15 pm</b>	<p><b>Keynote Address and Lunch</b></p> <p><i>Keynote Speaker: Michael McGowan, Former Member of the European Parliament and British Journalist</i></p>
<b>11:15-11:30 AM</b>	
<b>1:15-2:30 pm</b>	<p><b>Panel 3: EU Governance and EU As a Global Actor</b></p> <p><b>“Party Group Switching in the European Parliament: Developing a Multi-level Theory”</b></p> <p><i>Aaron Russell Martin, Political Science, Loyola University Chicago</i></p> <p><a href="#">Link to PowerPoint</a></p>

	<p><b>“Interparliamentary Cooperation in EU External Action”</b>  <i>Kolja Raube, Visiting Scholar, Economics, University of Illinois; Centre for European Studies, KU-Leuven, Belgium</i>  <a href="#">Link to PowerPoint</a></p> <p><b>“Doing Global Research on Perception: The Misunderstood Partner”</b>  <i>Maxime H.A. Larivé, EU Center, University of Illinois</i>  <a href="#">Link to PowerPoint</a></p>
<p><b>2:30-2:45 pm</b></p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>
<p><b>2:45-3:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion: “Strategies for Teaching the EU”</b>  <b>“A Course Project on the European Union and the Question of Turkey”</b>  <i>Marjorie Nanian, Political Science</i>  <a href="#">Link to Syllabi</a>  <a href="#">Link to Outline</a>  <a href="#">Link to Exam Requirements</a></p> <p><b>“Die Politik und Kultur der Europäischen Union Sommersemester 2015”</b>  <i>Professor Bruce Murray,</i>  <a href="#">Link to Syllabi</a></p> <p><b>“European Integration”</b>  <i>Jeanie Bukowski, Institute of International Studies, Bradley University</i>  <a href="#">Link to Syllabi</a>  <a href="#">Link to Assignment</a></p> <p><b>“Financial Market Reform In the European Union”</b>  <i>David Cleeton, Maastricht University</i>  <a href="#">Link to Syllabi</a></p> <p><b>“Internal Market of the European Union”</b>  <i>Paskal Zhelev, Visiting Scholar, Economics, University of Illinois; International Economic Relations and Business, University of National and World Economy (UNWE), Bulgaria</i>  <a href="#">Link to Syllabi</a></p>

	<p><b>“Legal Protections for Natural Areas”</b> <i>Adjunct Professor Warren Lavey</i> <a href="#">Link to Syllabi</a></p> <p><b>“Peoples &amp; Cultures of Europe”</b> <i>Angela Glaros, Eastern Illinois University</i> <a href="#">Link to Syllabi</a></p>
<b>3:45-4:00 pm</b>	<b><i>Closing Remarks</i></b>