

“Social Movements in the European Union and Beyond”

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Roundtable Participants: Biographical Notes



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Peter Nikolaus Funke received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and his “Vordiplom” from the Freie Universität Berlin. His research focuses on social movements, communications and globalizing capitalism. Peter Funke has published in various peer reviewed journals such as *Globalizations*, *International Critical Thought* or *Transforming Anthropology*. His research has been funded by the University of South Florida, the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence at Florida International University, the Social Science Research Council, the International Studies Association, and the University of Pennsylvania. Currently, Peter Funke is working on a book length study on the “World Social Forum and the Rhizomatic Left” as well as on several articles and chapters on contemporary social movement based politics, class formation and the role of (new) media in neoliberal capitalism.



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Ruth Reitan is Assistant Professor in the University of Miami’s International Studies Department, focusing on transnational social movements, human rights, and international relations theory. She is author or editor of three books on *transnational activism*, *Global Movements* (Routledge, 2012), *Global Activism* (Routledge, 2007), and *The Rise and Decline of an Alliance: Cuba and African American Leaders in the 1960s* (Michigan State University, 1999), and has conducted participatory research at several World and European Social Forums and international protest events.



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Dr. Thiel received his Ph.D. from the University of Miami. His areas of expertise are Politics of Western Europe, International Organizations, European Identity Politics. Dr. Thiel’s research interests are European (Union) Politics, Nationalism & Identity (Politics), Political Sociology, European Security and Mixed Methods Research Methodology. He has published several EU-related articles and book chapters at the EU Center, University of Miami, as well as in *Transatlantic Monthly*, *Tamkang Journal of International Affairs*, *International Studies Compendium* and *Perspectives on European Politics & Society*. He just co-edited with Dr. Rebecca Friedman a book on *European Identity and Culture: Narratives of Transnational Belonging* (Ashgate: 2012). He published *The Limits of Transnationalism: Collective Identities and EU Integration* (Palgrave, 2011) and also co-edited two volumes, one with Lisa Prügl on *Diversity and the European Union* (Palgrave, 2009) and the other with Roger Coate on *Identity politics in the Age of Globalization* (Lynne Rienner/First Forum Press, 2010). His current research focuses on the promotion of rights policies based on the EU’s Fundamental Rights Charter. In addition, Dr. Thiel is a research associate at the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence and active in FIU’s European Studies Program.