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## European Civil Society: Legitimacy through Cooperation? Two-Day Conference

Monday, February 23, 2015 | 5 PM - 6:30 PM & Tuesday, February 24, 2015 | 9 AM - 3:30 PM |

FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | MARC Pavilion

This conference will focus on the role of civil society in the functioning of regional governance today. Civil society has gained significant influence in the EU and its member states in the past few years, whether in consultative and advocacy roles in a number of policy arenas, or as transnational social movements in reaction to the Euro crises and subsequent austerity. The success of the EU has brought questions of the cooptation and the legitimacy of various civil society arenas to the forefront of discussions today. The strengths and challenges of organized civil society in the EU will be examined, as well as the impact of transnational NGO activities beyond Europe (in Latin America, Eastern Europe and in transatlantic relations).

Keynote speaker: **Dr. Justin Greenwood**, Professor of European Public Policy, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, UK

Co-sponsored by the **Department of Politics and International Relations, FIU College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office** and the **School of International and Public Affairs**.

RSVP by February 16th to Christine I. Caly-Sanchez at [calyc@fiu.edu](mailto:calyc@fiu.edu).

This event is free and open to the public.