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The EU, Eastern Europe and Russia

Panel Discussion with FIU Faculty Experts and Mark Medish

Former Senior Director for Russian, Ukrainian and Eurasian Affairs on the National Security Council

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 | 2 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | GC 243

Mark Medish is the CEO of The Messina Group International, a strategic consulting firm dedicated to global advisory services and investments. Mr. Medish was special assistant to President Bill Clinton during his presidential term, where he was a senior director on the National Security Council for Russian, Ukrainian and Eurasian affairs. He also served as assistant secretary to the U.S. Treasury, among other senior official posts. During his career, Mr. Medish has held numerous leadership positions, including CEO of Guggenheim International, and one of the vice presidents at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and has extensive experience in international finance, economic development, and security policy.

Dr. Patrick Bell is a specialist in comparative public administration and political methodology. Using a triangulated approach, Dr. Bell's research involves applying novel quantitative methodologies such as social network analysis to complex political phenomena including corruption, disaster management and protest movements. Dr. Bell has presented his research at the American Political Science Association, in various international fora in Western and Eastern Europe and in regional media in Eastern Europe. His current research projects include investigating the effect of social media and asymmetric information operations on conflicts in Eastern Europe including the ongoing crisis in Ukraine.

Dr. Markus Thiel is associate professor in the department of politics and international relations, director of the European and Eurasian Studies Program and Jean Monnet Center of Excellence. His research interests include political sociology of European Union politics, nationalism and identity politics and mixed methods research methodology. He has published several articles and book chapters at the EU Center of Excellence as well as in *Transatlantic Monthly*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *Perspectives on European Politics & Society* and the *Journal of European Integration*. He published *The Limits of Transnationalism: Collective Identities and EU Integration* and also co-edited several volumes, including one on *Diversity and the European Union*, one on Identity politics in the *Age of Globalization*, and one on *European Identity and Culture: Narratives of Transnational Belonging*. His current project focuses on rights policies through civil society based on the EU's Fundamental Rights Charter/Agency.

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