

Reimagining and Reforming European Foreign Policies

A conference of the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence

Florida International University | Modesto A. Maidique Campus
11200 SW 8th Street, Miami, FL 33186 – MARC Building - MARC Pavilion & Graham Center 243

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PROGRAM

This conference explores ways to make European foreign policy more inclusive and less Euro-centric. After a keynote reflecting on the overall theme on day 1, three academic panels revolve around the question of how to de-center Euro-centric foreign policy prescriptions so to make them more inclusive-participatory and less interventionist. This also entails a critical re-evaluation of existing EU foreign and multilateral policies, especially as it relates to questions of race and migration, gender and sexuality, postcolonial relations, environmental protection and democracy and human rights promotion. These are not only considered in relations to other major actors and challengers, such as the US, Russia or China, but also revisited in the contexts of global (UN) governance and importantly, include non-state actors.

Monday, March 11, 2024 | MARC Building – MARC Pavilion

- 5:00 p.m. **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Markus Thiel, Ph.D.

Professor, Politics & International Relations +
Director, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, FIU
Florida International University

- 5:00-6.30 pm **Keynote Address**

Michael Curtis

EU Deputy Ambassador
Delegation of the European Union to the United States in Washington D.C.
EU-US relations and the EU's foreign policy priorities

- 6.30-8pm: reception (by invitation only)

9:00 a.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks

- **Markus Thiel, Ph.D.**
Professor, Politics & International Relations
Director, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, FIU
Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs
Florida International University

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Panel I: Decentering & Reimagining European Foreign Policies? Concepts and Contexts

The panel will focus on various critical approaches towards European foreign relations, and highlight the ways in which racialized, gendered, sexual, religious, and other diverse populations encounter exclusions and Eurocentric perspectives in European foreign relations. What are the historical, socio-political, and global contexts that led to a need to provincialize and reform existing European foreign policies and practices?

Moderator: Markus Thiel, Professor, Politics & International Relations
Director, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, FIU

- **Nora Fisher Onar, Ph.D.**
Associate Professor of International Studies
Academic Coordinator, Middle East Studies
University of San Francisco
Towards Allyship in Diversity? Critical Approaches to the European Union as a Global Actor
- **Jean Muteba Rahier, Ph.D.**
Professor of Anthropology and African & African Diaspora Studies
Department of Global & Sociocultural Studies
Florida International University
Decentering European/White Supremacy: A Call from Settler Colonial Studies, Decolonial, and Pluriversalist Approaches in Latin American and African Academia
- **Victor M. Uribe-Uran, Ph.D.**
Professor of History and Law
Florida International University
Legacies of European Colonialism: Law, Politics, and Violence in Latin America

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Panel II: Feminist Foreign Policies – an inclusive way to move beyond Eurocentrism?

Feminist foreign policy (FFP), with its focus on gender and human security, peace building, anti-racism, climate justice and international collaboration, originated in Europe, but has gained attention and a following around the world. Can Feminist Foreign Policy, with its holistic yet broad ambitions, be a sustainable way to move beyond paternalistic Euro-centrism in foreign policy making across the world?

Moderator: Susanne Zwingel, Associate Professor of Politics and International Relations, FIU

- **Christofer Burger**
Consul General
Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Miami
Not a revolution, but a turn – Germany’s Feminist Foreign Policy guidelines

- **Louise K. Davidson-Schmich, Ph.D.**
Professor of Political Sciences
University of Miami
Women’s Involvement in Foreign Policy: Not Just a Western Luxury

- **Sofía Pérez Gil**
Visitor Scholar-in-residence
School of International Service
American University, Washington D.C.
Feminist Foreign Policy in Colombia: A Work in Progress

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Lunch (by invitation only)

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Consular Roundtable: National Views on Reimagining & Reforming European Foreign Relations

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Director, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, FIU

- **Christofer Burger**
Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Miami

- **Lisette den Breems**
Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Miami

- **Michele Mistò**
Consul General of Italy in Miami

- **Raphaël Trapp**
Consul General of France in Miami

3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Panel III: Rethinking European Foreign policy Practices

This panel focuses on other critical foreign policies that the EU pursues with its member states, and that are important focal points for more inclusive and reflective relations with the Global South: human rights promotion, climate change policies, and European Foreign & Security Policy. How can these be normatively and strategically (re)formulated and reconstructed to do justice to Europe's historical and contemporary obligations as a powerful actor-especially as those are contested by Europe's growing far-right forces?

Moderator: Tatiana Kostadinova, Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations;
Director, European & Eurasian Studies Program

➤ **Ernesto Fiocchetto, M.A.**

PhD Candidate in International Relations, FIU

(In)Credible Queer Refugees: Discourses around the credibility assessment of LGBTIQ + Latin Americans seeking asylum in Spain.

➤ **Johanne Døhlie Saltnes, Ph.D.**

Collaborating researcher and lecturer University of Brasilia

Affiliated Researcher at ARENA - Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo, Norway

Green unilateralism? Brazilian contestation of the EU's plan to protect and restore the world's forests and implications for EU foreign policy.

➤ **Ioannis A. Stivachtis, Ph.D.**

Professor of Political Science & Jean Monnet Chair

Director, Center for European & Transatlantic Studies (CEUTS)

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

European Union's Relations with Its Neighbourhood and the Global South: Reminiscent of the Past?