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Committed to progress: Another vibrant year ahead for MEUCE

The Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence (MEUCE) is gearing up for another full year of activities aimed at providing the many vibrant South Florida communities -- students, professors, teachers, businesses, journalists, and artists, to name a few -- with a wealth of knowledge about Europe and the European Union. MEUCE is entering the third year of its life- sustaining grant from the European Commission and looks forward to applying for the next round. MEUCE is a consortium between

Florida International University (FIU) and the University of Miami (UM), and is honored to be one of 10 centers of excellence chosen by the European Commission. With the funds provided by this grant, MEUCE engages in a variety of activities such as research, teaching, and community outreach throughout the state of Florida. Dr. Rebecca Friedman, the Co-Director of MEUCE and an Associate professor of History at FIU is on sabbatical this fall in order to work on her monographic project *Time at Home*, which explores Russian fin de siècle notions of temporality and domesticity. Dr. Friedman will be returning to her role as co-director of MEUCE in the spring (but promises to be nearby!). In the meantime, Dr. Markus Thiel, Assistant Professor of Politics and International Relations and expert on the EU (and former student of Dr. Joaquín Roy, the UM Co-Director, and Jean Monnet Professor) will be serving as interim co-director.

In the meantime, MEUCE continues to increase its visibility and that of EU by educating teachers in annual teacher workshops, conducting webinars with other Centers of Excellence, and devoting resources to increasing and solidifying a dynamic social media presence, with a vibrant and informative [Facebook page](#) and [Youtube Channel](#), as well as a consistently informational [website](#).



Dr. Rebecca Friedman
Co-Director, MEUCE, FIU



Dr. Joaquín Roy
Co-Director, MEUCE, UM

One particular aspect of this community outreach that has achieved continued growth and success has been the Euro-Challenge competition for high school students. This program, organized by the enthusiastic and dedicated Associate Director of MEUCE, Ms. Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, continues to grow every year in scope. Over the past few years MEUCE has expanded the range of participating schools from Miami-Dade County into Central Florida and looks to continue this expansion. The EU Educational

Outreach program is yet another exciting way in which MEUCE promotes education on the EU by providing for classroom visits to South Florida High Schools by European diplomats and academics.

As the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence enters its 13th year of existence, it continues to expand the programs it is already

engaged in as well as initiate additional opportunities. There were two particular projects that Dr. Friedman would like to highlight for this upcoming year: the BILAT USA 2.0 project, which provides opportunities to connect academic researchers, innovative industries, and small businesses across the Atlantic; and the annual Global Europe Conference, which this year will be held jointly with our colleagues at the University of Wisconsin EU Center of Excellence. Those unfamiliar with BILAT will have plenty of occasions to familiarize themselves with the opportunities presented by this EU Seventh Framework Project that seeks to foster transatlantic partnerships in Science, Technology, and Innovation. Throughout the coming year MEUCE will be engaged in a multitude of workshops and seminars related to this program (See article on p. 13 for more information as well as the website <http://www.euussciencetechnology.eu/content/bilat-usa-20-project>.)



Committed to progress: Another vibrant year ahead for MEUCE (cont.)



The collaboration with University of Wisconsin will occur in March 2014 as the two centers engage scholars on the topic of "Gender and Generation in the EU", organized in cooperation with Myra Marx Ferree, professor of sociology and director of the Center for German and European Studies at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Friedman emphasized that "This is an incredibly relevant topic these days as populations across Europe age, women continue to enter the workforce and state resources diminish. We hope to bring together a group of distinguished historians, sociologists and policy analysts to help us think through these seemingly intractable problems. It is especially exciting to be collaborating with my colleague, Dr. Myra Marx Ferree, who is such a well known expert on these topics."

This joint event is not the only large event hosted by the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence this spring. The MEUCE is proud to be the host of the 2014 EU Center Directors' Meeting. This event allows the directors and associate directors of the 10 EU Centers of Excellence within the United States to gather and meet, and will be hosted for the second time this March by the Miami-Florida center under Dr. Friedman's co-directorship.

MEUCE continues its ongoing programs held jointly with the European Student Association (ESA) and its support for Graduate Studies of the EU, through both the Graduate Certificate in European Studies as well as through the launching of a new "Graduate Student Brown Bag Series on the EU", a program run cooperatively by UM and FIU. Last year saw the introduction of this series of interdisciplinary forums on the European Union, where graduate students (both FIU and UM) from a variety of disciplines were able to discuss issues and gain valuable insights from perspectives not usually experienced within their fields.

MEUCE, not content to rest on the laurels of its past success, will continue to provide graduate students (and subsequently the academic community of South Florida) with an extensive knowledge of the workings of the European Union. Other activities from past years that have been successful will continue, such as the provision of EU grants to both graduate students and faculty,

the European Film Series (which successfully kicked off on September 9th), and the organization of a large number of talks and forums involving academics, business-people, and diplomats.

One of the events coming up in the immediate future is FIU's participation in a series of video conferences organized by the EU Center of Excellence at the University of Pittsburgh on subjects pertaining to the EU, the first of which takes place on September 26th and will address "The German Elections: Outcomes and Impact".

Another ongoing series will be the Blanka Rosenstiel Lecture Series on Poland. This series, sponsored by the American Institute of Polish Culture, the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland, and the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence, promises to be interesting and intellectually fulfilling. On November 7th, his Excellency Ryszard Schnepf, Ambassador of Poland to the United States will speak to FIU students and faculty about the state of "Transatlantic Relations between the United States and Poland." The opportunity to hear this prestigious diplomat speak will be followed by many more Polish lecture series events throughout the year, including the presentation of the play "Radiation: A Story of Marie Skłodowska Curie", which is to be presented at FIU on November 22nd. This play about the Polish scientist Marie Skłodowska Curie is performed in the Polish language features English subtitles, undoubtedly a unique format for this type of theatrical event!

For more information on the extensive slate of events organized, presented, and promoted by MEUCE this year, see pages 15-16 or visit our web-site at <http://casgroup.fiu.edu/miamieuc/events.php>.

Be sure to check back frequently, as new events and new opportunities are sure to be added frequently throughout the upcoming year!

By Jason Chohnis





Summer 2013: Europe with MEUCE Co-director Dr. Joaquín Roy



Dr. Joaquín Roy, Co-Director, MEUCE, and Jean Monnet Professor "ad personam" at UM

Dr. Joaquín Roy, the Jean Monnet Professor "ad personam" at the University of Miami and co-director of the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence (MEUCE) had another active summer in Europe! Having written extensively on issues pertaining to European politics, economy and culture, Dr. Roy often finds that he is asked to visit universities and think tanks on both sides of the Atlantic. Dr. Roy spent the majority of his summer in Spain (primarily Madrid and Barcelona) and Belgium (primarily Brussels) to participate in briefings and conferences, as well as conduct research.

Dr. Roy's summer began in Barcelona on June 12 as a participant in the seminar on "US and Spain investment relations" which was organized by Miami-Dade County, the Beacon Council of Miami, and

the City of Barcelona Employers Organization, Chambers of Commerce, and the Consulate. Amongst the many other events Dr. Roy participated, led, or contributed to this summer was his participation in a seminar at The European Institute for the Mediterranean (IEMED). This seminar on "EU and the Mediterranean" took place on June 17th, but involved follow up interviews throughout the months June and July. Just two days later, Dr. Roy presented his book "*Despues de Santiago: Integracion Regional y Relaciones Union Europa: America Latina*" at a seminar at the Centre for Documentation and Information in Barcelona (CIDOB). Other activities during the month of June in Barcelona involved a presentation to



Dr. Roy and Antonio Blanc, the Jean Monnet Professor at the University of Lleida

press representatives in Lleida, Spain on "The United States Perception of the European Union: academic and media experience" which was organized by the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, as well as interviews in Barcelona at the EU Delegation on Croatia's admittance into the EU (the second of the former Yugoslav states to join the EU).



Cristina Manzano of ESGLOBAL, Jean-Michel Blanquer of the Institut des Ameriques, Paris Heraldo Muchoz of PNUD, and Dr. Joaquín Roy of MEUCE at SEGIB in Madrid, Spain



Summer 2013: Europe with MEUCE Co-director Dr. Joaquín Roy (*cont.*)

Dr. Roy has written extensively on relations between the EU and Latin America, and as a result time was spent in early July researching relationships between the region of Catalonia and Latin America. Shortly thereafter he traveled to Belgium to conduct research and interviews on the European Commission (Human Resources), as well as conducting a briefing for the staff of the European External Action Service's (EEAS) Latin American area on the current state of EU-Latin American relations. He also held interviews with Christian Leffler, Managing Director for the Americas and Roland Schäfer, Deputy Director for the Americas area of the EEAS. Time was also spent in Brussels at the Italian Cultural Institute, where Dr. Roy participated in the conference on "Women Leadership and Foreign Policy", an event organized in cooperation with the University Tor Vergata of Rome and the Jean Monnet program, in which Dr. Roy presented a paper on Spanish women diplomats.

The remainder of Dr. Roy's eventful summer was spent back in Spain, this time primarily in Madrid where activities included presentations of his book, interviews at the French Embassy on Spain, France, and the EU, and research at government institutions and the Spanish newspaper El Pais. A particularly engaging panel on Transatlantic and Pacific Alliances at the



Dr. Roy presenting his paper on Women Diplomats, at the conference on Women Leadership and Foreign Policy, at Italian Cultural Institute in Brussels, Belgium. Organized in conjunction between the University of Tor Vergata of Rome and the Jean Monnet Program.

Secretaria General Iberoamericana (SEGIB) allowed Dr. Roy and other scholars to present issues pertaining to Spanish foreign policy as well as their research and writings.

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For more information, please visit
<http://www.as.miami.edu/eucenter/events/fall13>



Francesco Granell of the University of Barcelona, Dr. Joaquín Roy of the University of Miami and MEUCE Co-Director, and Manuel Cienfuegos of the University of Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona). Dr. Joaquín Roy presents his book "Después de Santiago Integración Regional y Relaciones Unión Europa: América Latina" at (CIDOB)



Dr. Roy, in Brussels, Belgium, presents at the European External Action Service's Latin American area on the current state of EU-Latin American relations.



Orlando Workshop Helps Teachers Teach the European Union



Teacher participants at the 2013 Workshop in Jacksonville

The Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence (MEUCE) engages in a broad range of outreach activities designed to teach about the European Union and to communicate its policies. As part of this outreach, MEUCE conducts an annual workshop for secondary school teachers in Florida, which presents an overview of the European Union and addresses issues affecting Europe and EU-US relations. Last year's workshop held at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida set the bar high, but this year's workshop was just as successful. This year's workshop "Understanding and Teaching the Eu-

ropean Union: Hemispheric, Transatlantic and Global Perspectives", was held on June 26, 2013 at the University of North Florida (UNF) in Jacksonville, Florida. It served as an opportunity to engage with local educators. According to FIU-MEUCE Associate Director Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, the FIU MEUCE has been hosting this seminar for 9 years. "This year we had 25 high school teachers who participated. We would like to thank Dr. Timothy Robinson, Director, International Center, University of North Florida for co-organizing this event with us."

The workshop was as lively and

engaging as ever, as educators were given a broad range of information on topics related on the European Union. The morning's session included a lively discussion led by Dr. Sean Davis of UNF's College of Business on "The EU: Euro, Financial Crisis & Challenges to Recovery." The afternoon included a lecture by Dr. David Schwam-Baird of UNF's Department of Political Science and Public Administration, on "How does the European Union Work?" Dr. Charles Clossman, Chair of UNF's Department of History, treated these educators to a lecture, titled "From the Ashes of War: The Origins of the European Union".

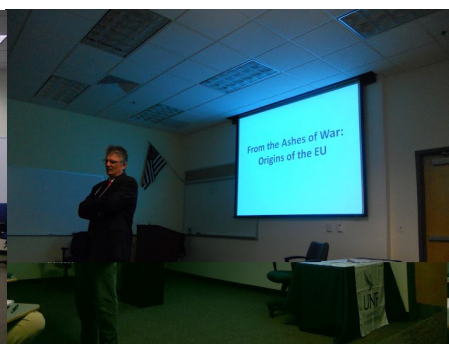
The material presented in this workshop provided educators with an extensive overview of political, economic, and historical background on the European Union. When these educators return to their classrooms, this background knowledge should be instrumental in allowing the successful transmission of up to date educational material to their pupils. In order to help the secondary teachers in the classroom, the participants broke out into smaller sessions and shared with one another best teaching practices. Each educator was also provided with a packet of materials to bring back to their classrooms as a means of facilitating student learning.

For more information on this series of workshops please see http://casgroup.fiu.edu/pages/docs/1435/1374852284_Teacher_Workshop_Information.pdf.

By Jason Chohonis



Secondary School Teachers at Summer Workshop on EU



Dr. Charles Clossman, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of History, UNF



Dr. David Schwam-Baird, speaks during video



MEUCE Faculty Research and Faculty Curriculum Development Grants



Each year, the FIU-MEUCE hosts an annual competition that awards research and curriculum development grants to prospective faculty of FIU and its partner institutions: University of South Florida, University of Central Florida, University of North Florida, and Florida Atlantic University. Award recipients are provided with financial support for travel, research/archival work, implementation of new curriculum, and other associated costs. These grants are designed to stimulate new research on the European Union (EU) and the role it plays in global affairs.

2013 Faculty Research Grant Recipient



Dr. Mehmet Gurses,
Assistant Professor of
Political Science, FAU

This year's Faculty Research Grant Award Recipient was Dr. Mehmet Gurses, an assistant professor of Political Science at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). Dr. Gurses' proposed research was on

The European Union and Democracy Promotion: Myth or Reality. His research was focused on the relationship between EU conditionality and democracy promotion, and with the funds from this grant Dr. Gurses was able to "travel to Turkey to conduct inter-

views with members of the pro-Kurdish political party, the Peace and Democracy Party, or BDP.....The interviews were centered around two main questions: first, the prospects of peace between the Kurdish rebel group, the PKK, and Turkey, and second, the impact of Turkey's European Union (EU) membership negotiations on improving the status of the Kurdish minority in Turkey." Having completed most of the data collection and statistical modeling to determine the effect of 'EU Conditionality' on democratization Dr. Gurses he plans to soon "present the paper at a major political science association meeting (such as the Midwest Political Science Association) and submit to a peer-reviewed journal for publication."

The Faculty Curriculum Development Grant is designed to encourage the development of new courses related to the European Union. Dr. Anca Turcu, a professor of Political Science at the University of Central Florida was the recipient of the 2013 award, for her development of a new course titled "The European Union's Transformative Power in Eastern Europe: Democratization, Rights, Institutions and Political Culture." Dr. Turcu explained the need for this class, as "since the end of the cold war, fewer and fewer universities have offered classes covering this region. At the same time, I had been teaching a course on the Politics of

the European Union and I noticed that the topic of EU's expansion to Eastern Europe was sometimes covered in a quite cursory manner by some EU Politics textbooks. Thus, it was obvious to me that this topic needed more attention." Dr. Turcu emphasized her gratitude for being chosen for this grant, noting that "Funding for the development of new classes is truly invaluable....A democracy cannot thrive unless its citizens are educated, informed and encouraged to think for themselves. This grant is greatly helping with the important mission of educating our students about the mission and accomplishments of the European Union in Eastern Europe."

Those interested in the ongoing grant opportunities provided by MEUCE should visit <http://casgroup.fiu.edu/miamieuc/pages.php?id=554> for more information.

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2013 Faculty Curriculum Development Grant Recipient



Dr. Anca Turcu, Professor
of Political Science, UCF



Graduate Student Research Grants Awarded by MEUCE (con't)

MEUCE Graduate Research Grants 2013

The Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence (MEUCE) does not limit its Grant offerings to faculty alone, as several grants are given out annually to PhD candidate students who are engaged in exceptional research related to the European Union. This year's award recipients were two of FIU's esteemed graduate students, Maria Aparicio-Torres and Murat Altuglu.



Grant Recipient and PhD Candidate Maria Aparicio-Torres

Maria Aparicio-Torres, a PhD candidate in the Department of Modern Languages was awarded a research grant for her work on "European Higher Education Reform and its impact in Spain." Maria's research interests are in Spanish Literature and Cultural issues of Spain, and used the funds from the grant to travel to Spain this summer, to conduct interviews with students in Madrid. Since the Bologna declaration of June 1999 and the launch of the European Higher Education Area,

efforts in European higher education have been made to make the "standards of Europe more homogenous" according to Ms. Aparicio-Torres, and the European Higher Education Area "more attractive for Europeans and for students and scholars from other continents, in the current context of globalization." As many of the countries of Europe (particularly those of the Mediterranean region) tweak their educational systems to match these new standards, a process of transition and adjustment to more efficient educational standards must occur. Ms. Aparicio spent the summer interviewing students and faculty in Madrid universities in part to determine their satisfaction as this process of transition began, and found that "many students were still adjusting to the process. If I did the

survey again in a year or two the results may be much more rewarding."

Murat Altuglu, the second recipient of a MEUCE Graduate Research grant, is a PhD candidate in political science. Mr. Altuglu was awarded this grant for his research on "How Elite Recruitment is affected by Institutional Rules". With the funds provided by this grant he was able to travel to Washington D.C and Europe (Berlin and Brussels) this August to conduct on site research and interviews with members of the



Grant Recipient and PhD Candidate Murat Altuglu

U.S House of Representatives and the German Bundestag respectively. These on-site visits were described by Mr. Altuglu as being "essential" for his study. This research aims to determine the ways candidate nomination rules and campaign finance rules (2 aspects of institutional rules) affect what type of 'elites'

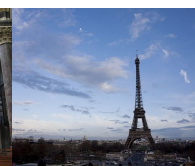
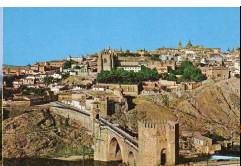
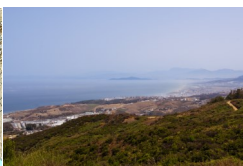
will be recruited to become national legislators. The findings from this work should be interesting to those of various disciplines on both sides of the Atlantic, as part of Altuglu's research involves a comparative analysis of the recruitment paths of top political decision makers of the United States and Germany. The same approach used in this study can be used to examine other European legislative bodies. Mr. Altuglu shared that some of the statistical data analysis has already provided insights, and hopes to publish his findings in the Spring of 2014.

For more information on past grant recipients and future grant opportunities offered by MEUCE, please visit our website at <http://casgroup.fiu.edu/miamieuc/pages.php?id=2319>.

By Jason Chohnis



The European Experience– Study Abroad Programs



This summer, Florida International University students participated in a variety of exciting study abroad programs in Europe. The Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence conducted interviews with three of these students to discover what they gained from this exciting experience!

One program taking place this summer was the Mediterranean Cruise: Spain, Italy, and France, which was



Jessica Marrero, participant in Mediterranean Cruise: Spain, Italy and France

offered by the College of Business. This program offered students an opportunity to gain knowledge about conducting business in another culture/foreign environment through specific in country experiences. We sat down with Jessica Marrero, a senior undergraduate student in the College of Business who is double majoring in Business Administration for Management and International Business, and a participant in this summer's program. From June 28 through July 10, Jessica and fellow FIU students visited five countries, including the small states of Monaco and the Vatican City, as well as France, Spain, and Italy. Jessica shared that "the primary purpose of the trip was to be able to make company visits, so not only do you get the

cultural experience with excursions, but you also visit these companies" and that prior to the trip students had to research the countries and businesses of the area, so they were given both the "book experience and the real life experience." Jessica indicated that she "always wanted to participate in the study abroad program, and since I started college I said I'll do it, and I saw this opportunity and I went for it!"

What destinations did you like most?

"Hmmm, to be honest I have two favorites, but its very hard to choose because they're all beautiful. But, Nice (France) was really spectacular, I liked it because of the view of the Coast, the very nice people and the layout of the city, with flowers everywhere. Vatican City, I'm Catholic so it has importance in my life, and Florence was very beautiful as well.

What advice would you give students that travel to Europe?

"They should be definitely be open to food. I love food, so one of the things I wanted to do was try everything and anything; I also went ahead and asked people that were from there...and I'm really happy for that, because I tried a bunch of new things!"

Is there anything you learned that will help you in your career?

"Yes, an appreciation for diversity. I think that's something that very important in the business aspect, because you have to be able to manage and understand different cultures. It opens your mind to seeing how other people handle their daily lives, you take things back with you, for example in Spain they do the Siesta, which we don't do here in America. If you're a manager who wants to form a business in Spain

you have to adapt to their flexibility."

Genoa, the beautiful and history



Europe's food, always a student favorite!



FIU Student participants in the Study in Genoa, Summer 2013 Program (Alyssa Williams third from left)

rich city located in Italy, is the site of another European study abroad program offered by Florida International University (FIU). The course focuses on the U.S and Italy of the 1920s and 1930s, when both societies were rocked by social change. MEUCE had the pleasure to speak with one of the participants in this summer's program, Ms. Alyssa Williams, who is majoring in political science and international relations. Ms. Williams, who is on her way to earning a certificate in European studies and expects to graduate in the spring of 2014 shared her experiences learning about capitalism as an economic and social system.

FIU Students share their European Experiences (*cont.*)



Why did you participate in this program?

"I've always been interested in sociology, and this program matched that interest. Professor Kincaid said the program looked at industrialization in the 20s, with a comparison to the United States, which also interested me."

What was the format of the program?

"It was a 2 month program, but the first 3 weeks were at the Wolfsonian museum on South Beach. We took classes there on U.S industrialization with Professor Kincaid. Then we left for Italy in the middle of May and started focusing on the Italian side (of industrialization) at the Wolfsonian."

What did you discover/learn about Genoa?

"I learned its 100x better to be in the place that you're learning about than just being in a classroom. The real life experience sticks with you because your not only learning about the Fiat factory, you're visiting. The city is beautiful, we traveled to other places in Europe but I always wanted to go back to Genoa, stuck there between the mountains and the ocean. The architecture is amazing. The food was a bit of a problem though, I wasn't ready for all the pasta!"

What advice would you have for students interested in this program?

"Do it. Do everything and anything you can, soak it in. Do your homework! Do your readings, do your paper, it makes what you're looking at (the experiences in Europe) that much better!"

For more information contact Christine I. Caly Sanchez, Associate Director of MEUCE at calyc@fiu.edu, or please visit <http://europe.fiu.edu/?id=3292>



Anja Solum and other participants of the Cultural Communications Pattern of Europe in the Gardens of Versailles

The ability to communicate with those of differing cultures is a skill that is vital in today's international economy, and one that is helpful in Miami as well. The study abroad program "Cultural Communication Patterns of Europe" is designed to allow FIU students the opportunity to experience and learn the intricacies of intercultural communication of several European countries. By immersing themselves in the cultures of Belgium, France, and Germany and conducting experiential assignments, students are able to increase their ability to create interpersonal business and casual relationships in an international setting. This program is organized and taught by Dr. Jose Rodriguez of the Department of Communication Arts as featured in the [May 2013 MEUCE Newsletter](#), and took place from May 14th to June 21st this year. Anja Solum, an undergraduate student at FIU majoring in Communication Arts, was a participant in this summer's course and shared some of her experiences with MEUCE.

The program mentions that you participate in "experiential assignments." What were these?

Class started the day after we all arrived in Paris. It was very relaxed, there was no real classroom. Class was when we were out in the city with the Professor and even by ourselves. We would go to cultural sights, and we were each assigned a particular site to study. One of the students did Napoleon's tomb, and then took us there. Our role was to be tour guides.

What institutions did you visit?

In Belgium we visited the EU Parliament in Brussels. We dressed formally and learned more about the workings of the EU, and some of the issues dealing with Turkey. We also learned about some potential internships and spoke with some of the officials about what they do. We also visited local businesses.

How did being in Europe affect your learning experience? What did you most enjoy?

It was a great experience. On the airplane we were all reading about what we would experience in the culture of Europe, but being open-minded was the most important. You learn a lot about yourself from the experience. Just walking around, taking the metro and getting off at random stops and exploring. I miss the metro! I found Berlin to be the most interesting city, because all the other cities were kind of frozen in time. A lot of Berlin was destroyed in the War and has been rebuilt, it is an interesting combination of the old and new. I also loved the gardens of Versailles, and the "teargarten" of Berlin.

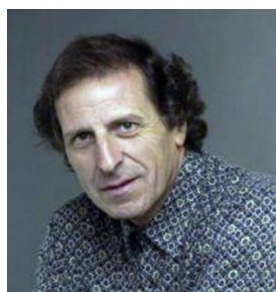
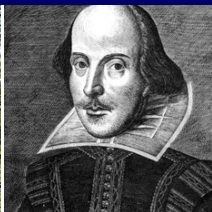
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Shakespeare at Stratford/London and the 305 Stage and Screen Festival

A Conversation with Dr. Phillip Church, Department of Theatre, Director of 'What if Works'



Dr. Phillip Church, FIU

MEUCE is evenings networking with students at a local establishment. Dr. Church recalls how they are "always astonished at how deeply our students have gotten into character development, relationships, and so forth". Dr. Church, a professor at FIU in the Department of Theatre and the director of the [Whatifworks Inc](http://www.whatifworksinc.com) (WIW). Dr. Church recently returned from the United Kingdom where he had been leading FIU students (along with Dr. James Sutton of the FIU English Department) in a study abroad program entitled: **Shakespeare in Stratford/London**. This program began with students studying the literary and theatrical elements of 5 of Shakespeare's plays at FIU in the spring and culminated with the students traveling to England to watch the Royal Shakespeare Company's performances of the same plays. While there, they took excursions to associated cultural sites. This dedicated multifaceted approach to these theatrical works by FIU students impressed even the professional company actors that often spend

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Book that were held in the UK, "4 of the 9 actors were taken from Southampton University (a local English University, with whom Dr. Church is working on a student exchange program). The audience is very aware that this is not just a troupe from Miami, but a combination of U.S./U.K. actors." Those in the U.S. interested in viewing the play may have their chance, as Dr. Church is working to have it performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. this winter.

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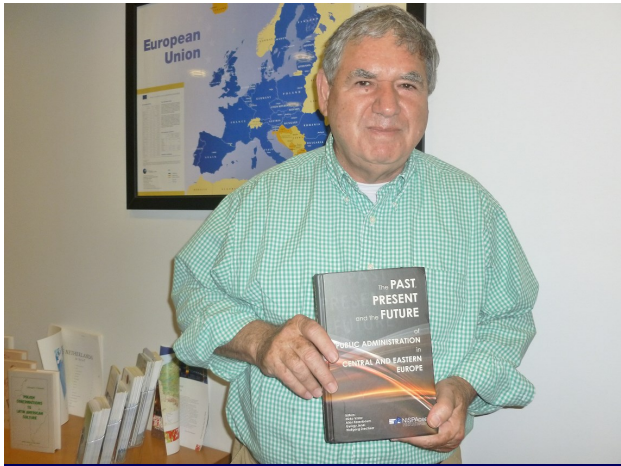
Actors during a performance of "The Holocaust-A Living Journey Book"

For more information please visit <http://www.305stageandscreenfestival.com/>, or <https://ugrad.fiu.edu/studyabroad/Pages/England-Shakespeare.aspx>





MEUCE interview with Dr. Allan Rosenbaum, Director of FIU's Institute for Public Management and Community Service and Professor of Public Administration



Dr. Allan Rosenbaum

The MEUCE is pleased to have had an opportunity to speak with Dr. Allan Rosenbaum, the founder and Director of FIU's Institute for Public Management and Community Service (The Institute), Professor in the Department of Public Administration, and president elect of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). Dr. Rosenbaum took some time out of his incredibly busy schedule traveling the globe in order to shed some light on his plans for the upcoming year, his recently released book "The Past, Present and Future of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe", and some of the collaborative efforts being made between the governments and universities of United States, Europe, Latin America, and Asia.

As Director of the Institute of Public Management and Community Service Dr. Rosenbaum has a pivotal role in the annual Inter-American Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities, an annual conference in Miami bringing together 500 to 600 municipal officials, experts and leaders of relevant organizations from throughout the hemisphere. This Fall, in addition to Latin America and Asia, Dr. Rosenbaum's work will ensure that he will be traveling extensively through Europe. Over the last several decades the governments of Europe have gone undergone tremendous economic, political, and administrative transformations. These transformations have made this an area of fascinating study, and

one in which Dr. Rosenbaum has worked extensively. In September his travels will take him to the Edinburgh, Scotland where he will serve as an expert scholar on a team responsible for accrediting the European Association for Public Administration Accreditation (EAPAA). His experience and expertise in the field will also help during his travels to Moscow, Russia in late September as a member of a team examining the efficiency of World Bank funds granted to strengthen a local university. After a brief respite from travel, Dr. Rosenbaum will be spending much of October in Varna, Bulgaria where he has helped to spearhead a coalition of "premiere Public Administration schools from Central and Eastern Europe", FIU, and NISPAcee (Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration for Central and Eastern Europe).

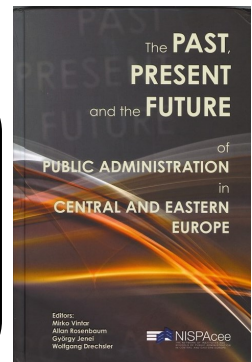
In November Dr. Rosenbaum will return to Bulgaria with approximately 10 graduate students from the Department of Public Administration at FIU. These students will attend a study abroad seminar course in Sofia, Bulgaria, which examines "Central and Eastern European democratic transitions using Bulgaria as a case study". Students will attend lectures by some of the top scholars of Public Administration as well as visit local government agencies.

In February 2014, Dr. Rosenbaum will give a keynote address to the Trans-European Dialogue of Public Administration organizations of Western and Eastern Europe in Cluj, Romania. This event will bring together many of the leading scholars of these two regional organizations to discuss issues related to local government. Dr. Rosenbaum explained that "while many European countries have begun to develop Masters degree programs in public administration, its only recently that a lot of the European countries have begun to develop PhD programs... the University of Potsdam has received E.U. money to create, at least for Germany, the first PhD program in Public Administration." Dr. Rosenbaum was honored to be named the first non-German distinguished visiting scholar, a role that will have him visit the university periodically starting next year.

For more information on the Institute of Public Management & Community Service, visit the website: <http://casgroup.fiu.edu/ipmcs/index.php>

By Jason Chohonis

"The Past, Present and Future of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe", edited by Vintar, Rosenbaum, Jenei, and Dreschler is Dr. Rosenbaum's most recent work. This volume assesses the changes that have taken place in the field of Public Administration over the past two decades in this region and examines the role that NISPAcee has played in shaping developments within the region.



"Rebirth of Rome", Italian Interwar Aesthetics Exhibition to open at the Wolfsonian-FIU



Silvia Barisione,
Curator of the
Wolfsonian-FIU

The Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence is proud to promote the upcoming fall program **The Rebirth of Rome** at the Wolfsonian-FIU, a series of interrelated exhibitions that examine the aesthetics of dictatorship in interwar Italy. These exhibitions are presented on the occasion of the Year of

Italian culture in the United States organized by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of Italy in Washington D.C. Each exhibition will address responses to the challenges of modernity, as seen in the over 200 objects of public works, mural paintings, architecture, design, and decorative arts in Italy in the 1920s and 1930s, drawn from the Wolfsonian's collection, with loans from the museum's founder, Mitchell Wolfson, Jr., and from Marcello Cambi and the Wolfsoniana in Genoa. The interwar period was a transformative time for the Italian people and state, and this exhibit should allow inquisitive minds to better understand and visualize the struggle to create a unified national identity.

This exhibition is being overseen by the curator of the Wolfsonian, Ms. Silvia Barisione, who had previously been employed at the Wolfsoniana, a study center and repository located in Genoa, Italy. Ms. Barisione's familiarity with the collections of the Wolfsoniana has surely been an invaluable asset as she informed us that "the collection in Genoa

is centered on Italian works. Many of the works in this program are from the Wolfsonian". Barisione is also familiar with Florida International University, as she has previously taught the Design and Italian Culture course for FIU's Genoa Architecture program.

"The Rebirth of Rome" program is divided into three different exhibitions that will be taking place throughout the fall and winter months. On September 27th the first series of works, title "Echoes and Origins: Interwar Italian Design" will open to the public. These works "are more about interior design, decorative arts, graphic design." Examples of this Italian design, emblematic of the aesthetic pluralism exhibited in Italy during this period, will include ceramics, furniture, graphic design, and industrial objects. These kinds of objects can be very instructive, as Ms. Barisione noted that "the interwar period was the period of the fascist dictatorship. It was interesting that even though there was censorship for newspapers, school texts, radio, theatre, cinema, but as far as the fine arts, architecture, decorative arts there was a kind of tolerance."

The second and third exhibitions of this program will both open to the public on November 22nd. "The Birth of Rome" will present modern architectural and urban planning projects that cultivated the perception of a storied Italian nation rooted in a mythologized past. This exhibition will display for the first time Italian Ferruccio Ferrazzi's enormous study for the mosaic The Myth of Rome, which should allow visitors an opportunity to explore the alliance between art, architecture, and ideology in Italy under Benito Mussolini's dictatorship. Barisione explained that there was a combination

of futurist and traditional styles, as efforts were made to "gather a nation that had many populations, many dialects, with a new capitol in Rome in only 1871". Uniquely, this exhibition will be accompanied by a publication, the first in a series of publications that will explore the Wolfsonian's collection. The final exhibition, entitled "Rendering War: The Murals of A.G. Santagata", presents Santagata's large-scale studies for mural paintings created in the 1920s and 1930s for buildings of the Association for Disabled and Invalid War Veterans. The images on display in this exhibition serve as a counter-narrative, as Ms. Barisione explained that Santagata's works are a "celebration of the first World War, which was actually very horrific. It's quite interesting because it shows some of the more intimate aspects of war". Santagata's works serve an expression of the heavily politicized aesthetic outlook of the Italian state. The Italian State, perhaps wounded from its experiences in World War 1, sought to promote public art that would restore a sense of national pride and unity after the humiliations of the war. The series of exhibitions on display promise to be interesting and informative for those interested in this incredibly transformative time period in Italy.

By Jason Chohonis

Rebirth of Rome features 3 exhibitions opening this Fall

- 1) Echoes and Origins, Interwar Italian Design, September 27th.
- 2) The Birth of Rome: November 22
- 3) Rendering War: The Murals of A.G. Santagata 11/22/13

For more information visit:

<http://www.wolfsonian.org/>
<http://casgroup.fiu.edu/miamieuc/events.php?id=2946>

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MEUCE, FIU- working to strengthen EU-US cooperation through BILAT USA 2.0

HORIZON 2020
THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION



The Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence, FIU is proud to be a partner in the BILAT USA 2.0 project designed to promote EU-US collaboration in science, technology, and innovation (STI). These dynamic fields, and the transatlantic relationships between those in these fields will benefit greatly from this innovative project. This project, funded under the European Commission's [7th Framework Program](#), aims to support the political dialogue within the framework of the EU-US STI cooperation agreement, enhance cooperation between scientists and innovation actors on both sides, spread information on funding possibilities through a number of workshops and events, as well as analyze the state of the art and the progress of transatlantic science and technology cooperation. This project will run for 3 years beginning in November of 2012 and ending in October of 2015. The [BILAT USA 2.0 Consortium](#) includes 9 European partners alongside 4 US partners (of which FIU is one, in addition to John Hopkins University, Diplomacy Matters Institute, and the National Council of University Research Administrators). BILAT USA 2.0 is a program that is the result of the U.S.-E.U. recognition that international cooperation in research and

innovation has the potential to multiply the return on investment from domestic public expenditure, and as such seeks to increase bilateral cooperation between the United States and the European Research Area. MEUCE has already begun to make sure that information about this project reaches those in the U.S that will most benefit. The Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence as part of its continuing efforts to foster transatlantic STI dialogue conducted a workshop on August 7th, 2013. This workshop served to help communicate and disseminate information about BILAT USA 2.0 and its accompanying framework programme [Horizon 2020](#) to policymakers, researchers, administrators, entrepreneurs, SMEs and the general public. For more information about this workshop please see Dr. Rebecca Friedman's press release on the following page. The Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence will continue to disseminate information about BILAT 2.0 to the community as it becomes available.

For more information on BILAT USA 2.0 and Horizon 2020 please visit the MEUCE website <http://casgroup.fiu.edu/miamieuc/news.php?id=2749> or the official website of BILAT at <http://www.euussciencetechnology.eu/>

The March 2013 EU-US Joint STI Committee Meeting determined four research areas as priorities for transatlantic cooperation.

- 1) [Marine and Arctic research](#)
- 2) [Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies \(NMP\)](#)
- 3) [Health](#)
- 4) [Transport](#)

U.S.- E.U cooperation in these fields has the capability of International cooperation in research and innovation has the potential to multiply the return on investment gained from domestic public expenditure.

By Jason Chohonis



Transatlantic Research- EU, US, Canada launch

Atlantic Research Alliance. Read more at

<http://www.euussciencetechnology.eu/content/eu-us-canada-launch-atlantic-ocean-research-alliance-0>





BILAT USA 2.0 "Practical Workshop" in Washington D.C



HORIZON 2020
THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Washington D.C. 7 August, 2013 - 1-4 pm

Immediately following the end of the NCURA 55th Annual Meeting (4-6 August 2013), BILAT 2.0 USA partners organized a "Practical Workshop" on recent developments concerning the European Framework Program, including tentative changes that will appear when Horizon2020 calls begin in 2014. The session – with over 60 participants – took place on Wednesday August 7, 2013 from 1 - 4 pm in the afternoon and was organized by Florida International University/Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence, NCURA and DLR. The participants in the workshop hailed from institutions across the country, including the Office of the President at the University of California, the University of Tennessee, Rutgers University and the Developmental Disabilities Institute at Wayne State University in Detroit, and work in positions as scholars and research administrators in scientific fields that ran the gamut, health to nanotechnology to disability advocacy. This diverse group participated in a lively and active discussion over the course of the three hours.

The first segment of the workshop began with an informative talk by Errol Levy, Research and Innovation Counselor and Deputy Head of the Science, Technology and Education Section at the European Union Delegation to the United States of America, who provided an overview of European Framework Programs with an eye to Horizon 2020. Olaf Heilmayer shared a brief introduction to the BILAT 2.0 USA objectives and goals. The middle sequence of the workshop was spent in three "break-out" workshops on:

1) *Outlooks on Legal and Financial Aspects of the Horizon2020* (Errol Levy);

2) *Fellowship Programs: ERC* (Annika Glauner, member of the Community of European Research Project Managers of the League of European Research Universities (LERU) and since 2011 Secretary of NCURA's International Region) and *Marie Curie* (Patricia Hawk, President of NCURA);

3) *From the Idea to Project: How to Find European Research Partner:*

European NCP-system (Olaf Heilmayer, DLR) and *EURAXESS* (Viktoria Bodnarova, EURAXESS Links North America Regional Representative). Each break out group had lively discussions going on. Very practical questions and concerns could be raised with regard to the European Framework Programme and its different funding schemes and project types in order to achieve the overall goal to increase the number of EU-US research partnerships and cooperation.

After the entire group came back together for a brief wrap-up session of the different groups, a lively discussion in the plenum ensued summarizing the main issues and questions raised ranging from administrative issues, such as how to understand new rules on direct and indirect costs or how to translate American research vocabulary to EU understandings as well as technical and strategic questions such as how to best find a European research partner. The successful event allowed the building of bridges not only across the Atlantic, but also among scientists/scholars and research administrators. All involved are committed to continuing the dialogue and further spread information to increase cooperation.

By Rebecca Friedman



Dr. Rebecca Friedman, Director of MEUCE, Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Associate Director of MEUCE, and participants of BILAT USA 2.0 'Practical Workshop'



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September 2013

-  **Tuesday, Sept. 3 | 2:00 pm– 3:45 pm**
 FIU, MMC - Graham Center—GC 140
MEUCE European Film Series
"Midnight in Paris"
-  **Monday, Sept. 9 | 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**
 FIU, MMC - Graham Center—GC150
MEUCE European Film Series— (French Film)
"L'Auberge Espagnole"
-  **Wednesday, Sept. 18 | 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm**
 FIU, MMC - Graham Center—GC 140
MEUCE Lecture
"The United Kingdom and the United States: current domestic and transatlantic challenges"
 and Presentation on the Marshall Scholarship Program
 • James Kariuki, British Embassy's Senior Political Counsellor
-  **Wednesday, Sept. 25 | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**
 FIU, School of Engineering—EC2300
MEUCE Presentation
"The EU Framework Program for Research and Innovation - Horizon 2020"
 • Irene Norstedt, Head of Unit Personalized Medicine European Commission DG Research & Innovation health research Directorate, Personalized Medicine
-  **Thursday, Sept. 26 | 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**
 FIU, MMC - Green Library—GL 156
MEUCE Videoconference with the Univ. of Pittsburgh
Conversations on Europe
"The German Elections: Outcomes and Impact"
 • Dr. Steven E. Sokol, President/CEO of World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh
 • Dr. Patrick Altdorfer, Political Science, University of Pittsburgh
 • Dr. Myra Marx Ferree, Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of Wisc.-Madison
 • Dr. Nils Ringe, Political science, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 • Dr. David Crew, Dept. of History, UT-Austin
 • Dr. Per Urlaub, Dept. of Germanic Studies, UT-Austin
 • Dr. Peter Rehberg, Dept. of Germanic Studies, UT-Austin
-  **Friday, Sept. 27 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**
 FIU, MMC - Green Library—GL 220
MEUCE Lecture
"LGBT Politics in Europe, Latin America & the Caribbean"
 • Dr. Javier Corrales, Professor of Political Science, Amherst College
-  **Friday, Sept. 27 | 2:00 pm - 4:00 p.m**
 FIU, MMC - Graham Center—GC150
Roundtable on "The European Experience"
 by FIU students
-  **Sept. 27– Nov. 22**
 The Wolfsonian-FIU—Miami Beach
Italian Exhibition : "Rebirth of Rome"
A series of exhibitions and programs focused on Aesthetics in Inter-war Italy throughout Fall-Winter 2013
 -Echoes and Origins: Interwar Italian Design (Sept. 27)
 -The Birth of Rome (Nov. 22)
 -Rendering War: The Murals of A.G. Santagata (Nov. 22)

October 2013

-  **Wednesday, Oct. 9 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm**
 FIU, MMC - Green Library—GL 220
MEUCE Roundtable
"The German Elections 2013: Continuity or Change?"
 • Dr. Louise Davidson, Associate Professor of Political Science, UM
 • Dr. Markus Thiel, Assistant Professor, Political Science, FIU
 • Guest of Honor: Hon. Jürgen Borsch, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany
-  **Wednesday, Oct. 9 | 3:00pm – 5:00pm**
 FIU, MMC - Graham Center—GC 140
MEUCE European Film Series— (Franco-Austrian film)
"Nous nous sommes tans haïs"
-  **Monday, Oct. 14 | 6:30pm – 8:30pm**
 FIU, MMC - Green Library—GL 220
MEUCE Workshop on "EU Foreign Policy"
 • Dr. Maxime Larivé
 Lecturer & Jean Monnet Fellow (2012-13)
 Dept. of International Studies, UM
Avoiding the Demise of Europe: The Need for a Saint-Malo 2.0"
 • Frank Ortoleva
 Program Coordinator, Middle East Studies & Ph.D Candidate, Dept. of Politics and international Relations, SIPA, Florida International University
Putin, Syria and the Arab Spring: Challenges for EU Foreign Policy in the Near Neighborhood"
Comments:
 • Dr. Joaquín Roy, Co-Director and Jean Monnet Professor, European Union Center, UM
Comments on the new developments in Europe
 • Dr. Markus Thiel
 Assistant Professor, Dept. Of Politics & International Relations, SIPA, Florida International University
-  **Friday, Oct. 18 | 1:30pm – 5:30pm**
 FIU, MMC - Green Library—GL 220
Euro Challenge Teacher Orientation
-  **Friday, Oct. 18 | 3:00pm – 5:00pm**
 FIU, MMC - Graham Center—GC 140
MEUCE European Film Series— (Polish film)
"Europa Europa"
-  **Tuesday, Oct. 22 | 12:00pm – 1:30pm**
 FIU, MMC - Green Library—GL 156
MEUCE Videoconference with the Univ. of Pittsburgh
Conversations on Europe
"Does Turkey have a future in Europe?"



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November 2013

-  **Friday, Nov. 1 | 9:00 am - 9:50 am**
FIU, MMC— SIPA Building—SIPA 125
MEUCE Lecture
"Business Relations Between France, the US and Florida"
 - **Hélène Conway-Mouret**
Minister Delegate for French Nationals Abroad,
attached to the French Minister of Foreign Affairs.
-  **Monday, Nov. 4 | 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**
FIU, MMC - Graham Center—GC 150
MEUCE European Film Series— (French Film)
"La Rafle" (The Round-up)
-  **Monday, Nov. 4 | 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**
FIU, MMC - Graham Center—GC 140
MEUCE European Film Series— (French Film)
"Un Long Dimanche de Fiançailles" (A Very Long Engagement) In collaboration with Le Cercle Français and the Pi Delta Phi, and FIU Modern Languages Department
-  **Thursday, Nov. 7 | 11:00 am – 12:15 pm**
FIU, MMC - Graham Center—GC 140
MEUCE Lecture
"Poland in the Contemporary World"
 - **His Excellency Ryszard Schnepf**
Ambassador of Poland to the United States
-  **Tuesday, Nov. 12 | 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm**
FIU, MMC - Green Library—GL220
MEUCE Lecture
"Biotrade/Green economy experiences in the EU & Latin America"
 - **Dr. Yovita Ivanova**, Lecturer and Research Fellow,
PUCP, Department of Economics, Master Program at Bio-
trade and Sustainable Development (La Pontificia Univer-
sidad Católica del Perú)
-  **Wednesday, Nov. 20 | 5:00 pm**
FIU, MMC— Graham Center—GC 140
MEUCE Contest Essay "Germany in Europe"
 - **Deadline: Nov. 20, 2013**
-  **Thursday, Nov. 21 | 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**
FIU, MMC— Green Library—GL 156
MEUCE Videoconference with the Univ. of Pittsburgh
Conversations on Europe
"France as a Global Leader" (in French)

November 2013

-  **Friday, Nov. 22 | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**
Roxy Performing Arts Center
MEUCE Polish Play
"Radiation—A story of Marie Skłodowska Curie"
(In Polish—subtitled in English)
-  **Nov. 10-24 | The 305 Stage and Screen Festival**
FIU, MMC
The 305 Stage & Screen Festival
What if Works and Blockbuster/Dish is pleased to announce a Film Festival with a difference: Film cohabitating with theater under one roof!
Orientation: Nov 10th | Application/Deadline: Nov. 23rd
-  **Monday, Nov. 25 | 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**
FIU, MMC - Graham Center—GC 150
MEUCE European Film Series— (German Film)
"Good Bye Lenin "

December 2013

-  **Mon, Dec. 2 | 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm**
FIU, MMC - SIPA Building—SIPA 502-503
MEUCE Recognition Award Ceremony
"Germany in Europe" Contest Essay
 - **Guest of Honor: Hon. Jürgen Borsch**,
Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany
 -  **Fri, Dec. 6 | 8:30 am – 2:30 pm**
FIU, MMC - Graham Center—GC 243
Euro Challenge Student Orientation
- These are the main activities for November and December. However, other activities may be added at a later time.

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MEUCE Associate Director, Christine I. Caly-Sanchez with Euro-Challenge student participants from Coral Gables Senior High school, and Ambassador João Vale de Almeida, Head of the EU Delegation to the US in Washington D.C.

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Euro Challenge Competition 2014

High school teachers and students are invited to participate in the sixth annual Euro Challenge competition. The Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence (MEUCE) has once again invited teachers and students from fifteen different high-schools to participate and learn about European history, currency, and economy for a chance to win not only cash prizes, but also a trip to New York City and Washington, DC. This years student orientation will be held on December 6. An official from the Delegation of the European Union in Washington D.C., Valérie Rouxel-Laxton, Head of the Economic and Financial Affairs, will lecture on the topic: "Competition Overview", "From Europe to the Euro", "The Euro Crisis: An Update", and "Key economic concepts." The selected students will then compete in Miami on March 13, 2014.

► **Two-day Trip to New York for Florida high schools winners**

For details please visit: www.euro-challenge.org/wordpress/
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