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Dear friends,

We're happy to share with you our summer newsletter, which provides a good overview of the many events and activities we hosted at our European & Eurasian Studies Program and the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence over the past year.

Highlights include our resilience speaker Yovita Ivanova, who held a talk on climate change risk and opportunities in downtown Miami (as well as in other cities in Florida), the visit of an EU Delegation on transatlantic relations to FIU, our expert panel on gender violence in the EU & the Caribbean, and our conference on the 30th anniversary of 1989, focusing on 'Democracy in Central Europe.' You can read about these and many other events inside.

Since March 16, FIU has transitioned to remote work in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and during this unprecedented period of confinement, the Miami-Florida Jean

Monnet Center of Excellence and European & Eurasian Studies Program have also adapted to working differently in order to serve our students, faculty, and community.

We have continued being active on social media, and organizing different Zoom meetings and webinars in order to keep everybody updated on the situation in Europe amid the COVID-19. You will discover some of them in our newsletter.

We want to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and healthy summer, and we hope to see you at one of our events in the fall.

Sincerely,

Christine I. Caly-Sanchez Markus Thiel David J. Kramer

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Getting to Know Europe: Fall 2019





Oct. 1st, 2019 : Workshop on Climate Change: Risks and Opportunities for Businesses at Greenberg Traurig, P.A., Brickell Downtown Miami

Getting to Know Europe (GTKE) is a program funded by the European Union under objective four of the <u>Partnership Instrument</u>. GTKE promotes greater knowledge and understanding, within local and regional communities in the United States, of the European Union, its international role, policies, culture, and the value and the significance of the EU-US transatlantic partnership.

The Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at Florida International University (FIU), was awarded this grant for 2017-2019. Our center implemented several outreach activities in South Florida's communities to foster an awareness of the role of the EU and European culture as well as environmental and socioeconomic resilience policies in building transatlantic cohesion and relations.

We partnered with three Florida Universities: Florida Atlantic University, University of Central Florida, and University of South Florida. In total, 43 events were organized in four different places in Florida: Miami, Boca Raton, Orlando, and Tampa.

Below is a description of the events that we hosted during Fall 2019.

- Workshop: <u>"Teaching the European Union in a</u>
 Transatlantic Context"
- Lecture: "Climate Change: Risks and Opportunities for Businesses"

By Christine I. Caly-Sanchez

GETTING TO KNOW EUROPE: 2017-2019 43 events in two years!

The Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, FIU, organized the following 43 events:

- Cultural community activities celebrating Europe-Month each May (2 roundtables with EU consuls generals, 6 screenings, 2 book reading, 2 art exhibits);
- 4 Teacher & Media trainings on the EU and transatlantic relations;
- 2 Euro Challenge Competitions in Florida for high school students in 9th and 10th grade.
- 14 Public lecture series 'Europe on the Road' for South Florida communities on environmental and socio-economic resilience;
- 2 Annual career-fairs showcasing transatlantic companies & cultural institutions (residing in Florida)
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GTKE HS Teacher Workshop:



"Teaching the European Union in a Transatlantic Context"

Sept. 30, 2019 - Graham Center (FIU)



Dr. Lukas Danner, Dr. Markus Thiel, David J. Kramer, and Christine I. Caly-Sanchez with teachers from different educational institutions who attended the HS Teacher Workshop at Graham Center - FIU

A workshop for Senior High School Educators took place at the Graham Center (FIU) on Monday, September 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thirteen teachers from different educational institutions attended the event in which experts elaborated on an overview of the European Union and addressed issues affecting Europe and EU-US relations.

The one-day workshop started with a warm welcome by Dr. Markus Thiel and, then, three main topics were covered:

1. History of the EU

Dr. Lukas Danner highlighted the most relevant aspects of the history of the EU. After giving general traits of the EU and defining key terms, he underlined the milestones of such an organization from the 1950s to the present. Based on the Regional Integration Theory, Dr. Danner underlined the importance of the European Coal and Steel Community (1951), the Treaty of Rome (1957), and its revision in the

Single European Act (1986). Furthermore, he explained that the activities of the EU are divided into three areas or "pillars" created by the 1992 Maastricht Treaty, namely, Pillar 1) European Community; Pillar 2) Common Foreign and Security Policy; Pillar 3) Justice and Home Affairs. Lastly, the importance of the Lisbon Treaty (2007) was highlighted.

2. Institutions & Major Policies of the EU

Dr. Markus Thiel spoke about the EU Institutions. Particularly, he focused on the European Commission, which is the "mediator, conciliator, and conscience of the Union," and explained in detail the power structure of the Commission. Then, he elaborated on other institutions and decision-making bodies of the EU, such as the Council of Ministers, the European Parliament, and the Court of Justice among others. To finish his presentation, Dr. Thiel also addressed the economic and political dimensions of the EU market and the Euro.

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GTKE HS Teacher Workshop:



"Teaching the European Union in a Transatlantic Context"

Sept. 30, 2019 - Graham Center—FIU (Cont')



Dr. Markus Thiel, David J. Kramer, Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, and Dr. Lukas Danner Dr. Lukas Danner, David J. Kramer, and Dr. Markus Thiel during an engaging conversation

After the second part, Mrs. Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Associate Director of the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, gave an overview of the Database Literacy for European Union Resources and offered engaging online resources for teachers. In addition, she introduced the Euro Challenge Competition and encouraged the participation of high-school teachers and students in such an exciting event. You can find more information about the 2020 edition of the Euro Challenge Competition on page 36.

3. Current Issues

During the afternoon, the last part of the workshop addressed some important EU current issues. Dr. Lukas Danner, Dr. Markus Thiel, and Mr. David J. Kramer elaborated on the Brexit negotiations and their impact on both the UK and

the EU states. They also spoke about refugees in the EU, security, and US-EU relations.

The senior high school educators who attended to the GTKE Workshop actively participated during the event and were very thankful for the initiative.

By Ernesto Fiocchetto and Christine I. Caly-Sanchez

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GTKE Lecture "Climate Change: Risks and Opportunities for Businesses"



Oct. 01, 2019 - Greenberg Traurig, P.A., Downtown Miami-Brickell



Prof. Yovita Ivanova gives her presentation before the distinguished audience formed by consular authorities, representatives of business chambers, and members of the Miami-Dade community at large.

On October 1st, the beautiful view of the Biscayne Bay from the Greenberg Traurig, P.A. building in Brickell framed a new GTKE Lecture on Climate Change. Prof. Yovita Ivanova, who was the lecturer, shared some aspects of her research on "Resilience." In her presentation, she tackled the intersections between climate change, economy, and businesses and helped the attendants to increase awareness that climate change implies both risks and opportunities for the private sector.

More than sixty people convened at Greenberg Traurig, P.A. to participate in this session. Consular authorities from France, Germany, Italy, Monaco, Romania, and Italy were present together with representatives of the German American Business Chamber of South Florida, the French American Chamber of Commerce of Florida, the Spain-US Chamber of Commerce, the British American Business Council, the Polish American Chamber of Commerce of Florida and the Americas, and the US -Mexico Chamber of Commerce. Other business, commerce, and social organizations were also present at the event.

Yovita Ivanova is a Bulgarian-born researcher based in Lima, Peru. She is an economist (MA in Economics from the Economic University in Sofia, Bulgaria) and a sustainable development specialist (MA in International Relations from the University of Miami, US) with an extensive professional background in Europe, North and South America. Her interests revolve around issues related to climate change and economy. She has held various government positions (adviser to the VM of Agriculture in Peru, coordinator of the Alternative Development Section of the Peruvian Anti-drug Agency, and others) and worked as a consultant for various UN agencies. Currently, Yovita is Country Manager at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) and a professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP).



Prof. Yovita Ivanova

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GTKE Lecture



"Climate Change: Risks and Opportunities for Businesses" (Cont')



Prof. Yovita Ivanova presenting before a distinguished audience at Greenberg Traurig, P.A.

After a general presentation on Peru and its richness in natural resources and biodiversity, Prof. Ivanova highlighted that despite its strong economic performance, poverty and inequality are still a burden in the South American country. Even with a rich biodiversity and natural resources, inequality makes Peru very vulnerable to climate change effects and disaster risks, just as in Miami. She elaborated on how climate change affects both rural communities and urban areas. Given this issue, she stated, for instance, that climate emergency may be an urban opportunity if national governments secure economic prosperity and avert climate catastrophes by transforming cities. In this regard, private sector engagement to address climate change is crucial.

Evidence suggests that the impacts of climate change and structural inequalities are locked in a vicious cycle. Vulnerability and exposure to climate hazards are closely linked to existing underlying inequalities. Such inequalities are the structural underpinnings of an aggravation of the exposure and vulnerability of large population groups to climate hazards. A continuum of well-integrated economic, social, and environmental strategies for building climate resilience needs to inspire the action of both the public and private sectors.

Prof. Ivanova's research efforts are twofold: on the one hand, she argued that a better understanding of the impact of climate change on lives and livelihoods would lead to better-informed policymaking. Public policies have an important role



Distinguished audience formed by consular authorities, representatives of business chambers, and members of the Miami-Dade community at large.

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GTKE Lecture "Climate Change: Risks and Opportunities for Businesses"



to play in addressing people's vulnerability and building climate resilience. However, private businesses have a crucial part in possible solutions. Since businesses are strongly affected by climate change and catastrophes like "El Niño" in Peru or hurricanes in South Florida, private enterprises can help to break the vicious cycle and have a role in relief-recovery-reconstruction. The presenter exemplified her perspective by showing how the weather events represent an opportunity to further build multi-hazard resilience during and following reconstruction and recovering.

On the other hand, by tackling some contact points between the geographies and ecosystems of Peru and Florida, she argued for international cooperation in Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs). PPPs are modes of private investment participation that draw on experience, knowledge, equipment, technology, risks, and resources with the purpose of creating, developing, improving, operating, maintaining public infrastructure or providing public services. She also suggested four areas of work, namely drought and fire risk, water resource management and hydro-climatic disasters, weather and climate, and ecosystem management.

The lecture ended with time for questions and comments. The participation of the attendants was a signal of their high engagement and commitment to the issue.

The Jean Monnet EU Center of Excellence would like to sincerely thank Greenberg Traurig, P.A. for allowing us to use their wonderful facilities and partnering with us. A particular recognition to Antonio Peña, shareholder, Greenberg Traurig, P.A.



Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Dr. Markus Thiel, and Prof. Yovita Ivanova

From Oct. 2nd to 4th, Prof. Ivanova continued on to hold similar lectures in Florida, Boca Raton (hosted by Florida Atlantic University) and Orlando (hosted by the University of Central Florida).

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Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Antonio Peña, and Prof. Yovita Ivanova at Greenberg Traurig, P.A.

GTKE Lecture "Climate Change: Risks and Opportunities for Businesses"





From left to right: Consul General of France, Laurent Gallissot; Consul General of Romania, Catalin Ghenea; Christine I. Caly-Sanchez; Vice Consul of Germany, Axel Zeissig; Prof. Yovita Ivanova; Honorary Consul of Monaco, Tomas Abreu; and Dr. Markus Thiel.



Antonio Pena (left), and Yovita Ivanova (right) with members of the US-Mexico Chamber of Commerce



Yovita Ivanova, Markus Thiel and Christine I. Caly-Sanchez with Executives Directors of the European-American Chambers of Commerce (Poland, France, Germany, UK), Mexican Business Chambers of Commerce, and consular authorities (Romania and Germany)



Panel Discussion: The Death Penalty: European & International Perspectives

DEATH PENALTY

Oct. 10, 2019 - FIU College of Law



From left to right: Pedro Botta, David J. Kramer, Alina Dociu, Luuk Nijman, Gabriel Cremades, Hon. Laurent Gallissot, Hon. Andreas T. Siegel, Prof. Jeffrey Pokorak, Prof. Stephen K. Harper, and Prof. Anthony Page

On the occasion of World Day Against the Death Penalty on October 10, the Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs, the Ruth K. & Shepard Broad Distinguished Lecture Series, the European & Eurasian Studies Program, the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, and the College of Law, welcomed the European Consuls General in Miami, diplomats, and FIU College of Law Faculty experts to participate in a panel on European and International Perspectives on Capital Punishment.

The absolute ban on the death penalty is enshrined in both the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and two widely adopted protocols of the European Convention on Human Rights of the Council of Europe. Thus, it is considered a central value of the Union. On the contrary, in the United States capital punishment is a legal penalty in 29 states, the federal government, and the military. Panelists discussed diverse issues around the death penalty including historical, legal, economic, and ethical aspects. Prof. Stephen K.

Harper, who is the Director of the Death Penalty Clinic at FIU College of Law, chaired the panel, which was composed by Laurent Gallissot, Consul General of France; Andreas T. Siegel, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany; Gabriel Cremades, Deputy Consul General of Spain; Luuk Nijman, Deputy Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; and Professor Jeffrey Pokorak, Prof. of Law, Vice Provost, from Suffolk University, Boston.

At 7 p.m., in front of an audience of more than sixty people, including representatives of European Consulates, authorities, faculty, and students, Mr. David J. Kramer, Director of the European and Eurasian Studies Program and Senior Fellow in the Václav Havel Program for Human Rights and Diplomacy at FIU's Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs; and Prof. Antony Page, Dean of the FIU College of Law welcomed the audience and introduced the panelists.



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Panel Discussion: The Death Penalty: European & International Perspectives



Oct. 10, 2019 - FIU College of Law (Cont')



Hon. Andreas T. Siegel, Hon. Laurent Gallissot, and Mr. Gabriel Cremades

Hon. Andreas T. Siegel, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, was the first speaker. He introduced the European perspective on death penalty after the agreement in 1997. The Council of Europe has made the abolition of the death penalty a prerequisite for membership. As a result, no execution has taken place on the territory of the organization's member states since that year. Mr. Siegel used the words of Dunja Mijatovic, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, to synthesize the EU position: "The Death Penalty should be abolished around the world." He highlighted that the EU and the Council of Europe firmly oppose the death penalty at all times and in all circumstances because it denies the fundamental right—the right to life.

Hon. Laurent Gallissot, Consul General of France, started his presentation by saying that the abolition of the death penalty is in the DNA of the EU. He stressed the link between the death penalty and human rights and, therefore, challenged those countries who defend human rights and do not abolish capital punishment. Mr. Gallissot claimed that the EU position is in the same line as the international community, led by the United Nations.

Mr. Gabriel Cremades, Deputy Consul General of Spain, added more points to why the EU is against the death penalty. He argued that capital punishment means the oppression of the actual power of the State, which seems to be more important than individual dignity. He also gave interesting insights into the social inequality that the application of the death penalty implies since the people who are executed are usually from the lower sectors of societies. Mr. Cremades considered that the death penalty "adds pain to the pain," and therefore, does not offer real solutions.



Mr. Luuk Nijman, Prof. Jeffrey Pokorak, and Prof. Stephen K. Harper

Mr. Luuk Nijman, Deputy Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, was the last European voice of the panel. He elaborated on the importance of having strong human rights policies in common among all the member states of the EU, especially on the position about the death penalty. He illustrated the European position with examples of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which is a geographically small country and therefore has a vibrant presence in the international community to develop dimensions of his country. Mr. Nijman highlighted that the EU is more than an economic network. It is a community of values, and the position against the death penalty is part of these shared European values.

Prof. Jeffrey Pokorak, Director of the Supreme Court Clinic, Suffolk University, gave the American perspective on the death penalty. He emphasized the historical background of the current American legislation and policies on the issue. He also explained the variations of the validity of the death penalty in the contexts of the legal system procedures, the political junctures, and the public opinion. Prof. Pokarak also argued that the death penalty is not exclusively but most often used against those who are the most vulnerable and the least powerful. This involves, for example, questions of social and racial discrimination. By giving some examples of Texas, he offered a knowledgeable critique of the American position on capital punishment.

After the presentations, there was a short time for comments and questions by the audience. This moment closed an outstanding event. All the panelists expressed their gratitude to the organizers of the event for the initiative undertaken by MFJMCE to host this event and for being included in the discussion of these timely and imperative matters in the human rights agenda.

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Panel Discussion: The Death Penalty: European & International Perspectives



Oct. 10, 2019 - FIU College of Law (Cont')



From left to right: Hon. Andreas T. Siegel, Hon. Laurent Gallissot, Gabriel Cremades, Prof. Anthony Page, Luuk Nijman, Prof. Jeffrey Pokorak, and Prof. Stephen K. Harper



Hon. Laurent Gallissot Consul General of France

Gabriel Cremades
Deputy Consul General of Spain

Luuk Nijman
Deputy Consul General of the Netherlands



Hon. Andreas T. Siegel, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany



MF JMCE Roundtable: "Global Epidemic, Regional Responses: Violence against Women in the EU and the Caribbean"



Nov. 05, 2019 - Steven and Dorothea Green Library - FIU



From left to right: Dr. Suzanne Zwingel, Dr. Celeste Montoya, Dr. Halimah A.F. DeShong, Ms. Melissa Boissiere, and Mrs. Christine I. Caly-Sanchez

On November 5, the MFJMCE hosted a roundtable at the Steven and Dorothea Green Library at FIU on violence against women. Gender-based violence affects a third of the globe's women. Cultural and ethical-normative, but also structural socioeconomic and political factors continue to maintain and at times, exacerbate domestic violence. A panel of experts discussed measures taken to reduce or eliminate violence against women in Europe and the Caribbean and compared and discussed policy approaches.

Dr. Suzanne Zwingel, Professor in Politics & International Relations at the Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs (FIU), chaired this roundtable. She welcomed an audience of around 70 people, including authorities, faculty, and students at FIU, as well as guests from other Miami institutions. Dr. Zwingel presented the panelists: Melissa Boissiere, graduate student in the Latin American and Caribbean Studies (M.A.) and International Relations (Ph.D.) programs at FIU; Halimah A.F. DeShong, Ph.D., Head of the Institute of Gender and Development Studies at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus; and Celeste Montoya, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Faculty Director of the Miramontes Arts & Sciences Program at the

Department of Women and Gender Studies of University of Colorado Boulder.

Dr. Zwingel introduced the global aspects of the theme. She highlighted that violence against women has been considered a global issue for the last three decades and, therefore, has a short history in academia. She framed the theme in the context of the patriarchal hierarchies that have structured societies, and hidden and naturalized the violence that women suffer. She explained that women have started to organize since the 1960s, and in the 1980s. gendered-base violence became international topic thanks to the International Women Rights Conferences. By sharing their experiences, women came up with the finding that these are not individual incidents, but that they emerge from a "structure that is inscribed in how gender is organized all around the world," Zwingel stated. She engaged the audience by saying that it is our responsibility to do something about his issue. Thus, she gave the global framework of the specific presentations of the panel.

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MF JMCE Roundtable: "Global Epidemic, Regional Responses: Violence against Women in the EU and the Caribbean"







Dr. Celeste Montoya

Dr. Halimah DeShong

Firstly, Dr. Celeste Montoya elaborated on the European Union's efforts to combat violence against women. From an intersectional approach, she argued that although violence always has gendered components, there are also social, racial, economic, and many other factors that play a role. There are different forms of structuring inequalities that are shaping the violence. Based on such a perspective and her fieldwork in several European countries, Dr. Montoya discussed the European policy frames and discourses on gender-based violence.

Secondly, Melissa Boissiere addressed the issue of gender-based violence in the Eastern Caribbean. She started her presentation by giving some quantitative data that helped the audience to understand the urgency of the situation. She asserted that domestic violence affects 1 in 3 women, and women in the Caribbean experience some of the highest levels of violence worldwide.



Miss Melissa Boissiere

Based on her research on Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, and Grenada, she concluded that violence against women and girls remains pervasive in that area. She claimed that although focus has been on the material advancements of women, there is a lack of focus on the ideological dimensions of the relations between men and women. Lastly, she argued that solutions are multifaceted, and a fundamental part of the solution involves tackling root causes, such as traditional gender ideologies and their consequences.

Thirdly, Dr. Halimah DeShong presented her research on violence against women and gender-based violence in the Caribbean. She elaborated on the roles of state, media, and civil society in naming and framing both forms of violence. She gave very clear conceptual definitions and differentiation of the essential notions of her research. Her work is based on an Anti-Decolonial Gender analysis, which includes qualitative interview-based research and media analysis. From this perspective, she examined diverse state and regional responses to the issue in the Caribbean.

It is worth noting the high number of participants—particularly young students, both male and female—that attended this successful event. The interest they showed during the roundtable was evidenced by the multiple questions and comments that they made once the presentations came to an end.

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MF JMCE Roundtable: "Global Epidemic, Regional Responses: Violence against Women in the EU and the Caribbean"





Dr. Celeste Montoya, Dr. Halimah A.F. DeShong, and Melissa Boissiere



The audience asked the experts many interesting questions



Dr. Celeste Montoya and Dr. Halimah A.F. DeShong in front of the SIPA-FIU building



Panel Discussion: "EU-US: Contemporary and Future Perspectives of Transatlantic Relations"



Dec. 05, 2019 - FIU SIPA



Diplomats-representatives from the European Union with Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, MFJMCE

On December 5, the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet European Center of Excellence was very honored to receive a high-level group of diplomats representing the EU Member States who belong to the EU Working Party on Transatlantic Relations (COTRA). The COTRA working group deals with issues concerning EU relations with the US and Canada. Its work covers a broad range of issues, from cyber, energy, and security policy to economics and trade. Among its most remarkable functions, the Working Party discusses on-going issues on the transatlantic agenda, prepares annual summits with the US and Canada, and prepares ministerial meetings (EU-US Energy Council) and high-level meetings (EU-US Cyber Dialogue).

The COTRA delegation who arrived at FIU engaged with students on a range of topics, from tensions over the future of NATO, the WTO and its trade dispute panel, and the question of a looming transatlantic relations and security policy to economics and trade with the U.S. and Canada.

Dr. Markus Thiel, Associate Professor in Politics & International Relations and Director of the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet European Center of Excellence (FIU), moderated the session. The distinguished panelists who participated in the discussion were **Catherine Campbell**, Permanent

Representation of Ireland to the European Union; Veikko Montonen, Permanent Representation of Estonia to the European Union; Cesare Morbelli, First Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Italy to the European Union; Antonio Millan, Permanent Representation of Spain to the European Union; and Peter Van de Velde, Chairman of COLAC and COTRA.

Mr. Van de Velde expressed his happiness to be able to talk to young Americans and promote positive perspectives from the EU. While explaining the work of COTRA, he mentioned the wide range of issues that they discuss given that the EU-US relationship covers a broad range of areas and interests. He highlighted that their primary objective is to maintain unity of message in their relationship with the US and Canada. The panelists addressed diverse issues according to their specific field of expertise on the transatlantic relations.

All the panelists expressed their gratitude to Professor Markus Thiel and Mrs. Christine I. Caly-Sanchez for the initiative undertaken by MFJMCE to organize this event and for being included in the discussion of contemporary and future perspectives of relations between EU and US.

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"G7: What has been achieved by the French Presidency?" A Conversation with Philippe Etienne, Ambassador of France to the US

Dec. 01, 2019 - Books & Books Coral Gables



Mitchell Kaplan welcoming the audience, Amb. Philippe Etienne, and David J. Kramer

During his first visit to Miami, the French Ambassador to the United States, Philippe Etienne, gave a lecture entitled "G7: What has been achieved?" on December 16th from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at Books and Books in Coral Gables. At the time of the G7 Summit held in Biarritz last August, Mr. Philippe Etienne was in charge of the summit or "Sherpa" for the French Republic President Emmanuel Macron.

A full audience of French and American members of the Miami-Dade Community at large was eager to meet the ambassador and listen to his presentation. Amb. Etienne discussed the challenges in international trade, gender inequality, environment, and protection of the oceans and biodiversity with Senior Fellow David Kramer, Director of European and Eurasian Studies of Florida International University's Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs. Mr. Kramer, who served in the U.S. Department of State and at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, has an extensive knowledge of European, Eurasian Affairs and Global Affairs.

Amb. Etienne emphasized issues on the environment and biodiversity.

"While the Climate conference of Parties to the Paris Agreement has just concluded in Madrid, raising collective ambition and investing in sustainable business models are vital to keeping climate change under control. Ongoing endeavors need to fasten a global and international mobilization."

"France is part of a global movement to demand increased ambition for the environment," added Amb. Etienne. "We need our young people in our countries to tell us to work faster, and we need the young to tell us to change things," said President Macron at the UN Summit last September. Under the French G7 Presidency: Environment, Oceans and Biodiversity were concretely addressed to limit climate change through greener cooling systems, improvement of energy efficiency and elimination of Hydrofluorocarbons gas (HFCs), which are more damaging than CO2. Making our refrigerants air conditioning devices more energy efficient and climate friendly is one of the most cost-effective ways to concretely make a difference on fighting against climate change, while advancing technology and lowering customer bills.

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"G7: What has been achieved by the French Presidency?" A Conversation with Philippe Etienne, Ambassador of France to the US

Dec. 01, 2019 - Books & Books Coral Gables (Cont')



H.E. Philippe Etienne, Ambassador of France to the US

As the City of Miami declared climate emergency, France is willing to contribute to make Florida more resilient and to stir up investment opportunities for Green Businesses both in Florida and in France.

"Florida is home to many innovative French companies which represent the third largest foreign employer in the State and more than 4 billion USD in bilateral trade last year and have been promoting investment, R&D and quality jobs in fields such as bio and agro technologies for a long time. The French local business ecosystem is currently launching a Tech platform for startups geared to develop new business opportunities and sustainable solutions locally and across the United States," added Amb. Etienne.

This event was a success, and was presented in partnership with the Consulate General of France in Miami, Books & Books, and FIU-SIPA.

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Books & Books

H.E. Philippe Etienne Ambassador of France to the United States

Philippe Etienne is the Ambassador of France to the United States. He previously held numerous posts within the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, notably including Ambassador of France to Romania (2002-2005), Director of the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs (2007-2009), Permanent Representative of France to the European Union (2009-2014), Ambassador of France to Germany (2014-2017) and most recently, Diplomatic Adviser to the President.

His previous posts in Moscow, Belgrade, Bucharest, Bonn, Berlin and Brussels made him an expert on the European Union and continental Europe. He has also served as an Adviser in the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Philippe Etienne held other positions in Paris, such as Director General for International Cooperation and Development and President of the Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE).

A graduate of the École Normale Supérieure and the Ecole Nationale d'Administration, Philippe Etienne also holds a degree in Mathematics and in Economics, and is a graduate of the National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations. He speaks English, German, Spanish, Russian and Romanian.

He is an Officer of the Legion of Honor and a Commander of the National Order of Merit.



Pedro Botta, David J. Kramer, Amb. Philippe Etienne, Hon. Laurent Gallissot, Christine I. Caly-Sanchez



MFJMCE Two-Day EU Conference: "European Union-Caribbean Relations Revisited" Feb. 17-18, 2020 - FIU MARC Pavilion





Panelists and organizers around the keynote speaker Hon. Oliver Mair, Consul General of Jamaica in Miami

The MFJMCE two-day EU conference is an annual event that aims to explore current issues concerning the European Union and its relations with other regions of the world. Opened to the general public, the 2020 conference tackled diverse aspects of the relationships between the EU and the Caribbean. The event took place on February 17 and 18 at the FIU Management and Advanced Research Center (MARC) Pavilion and was sponsored by the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center, and the African and African Diaspora Studies Program. The cosponsors of the conference were the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, Ruth K. & Shepard Broad Distinguished Lecture Series, the European & Eurasian Studies Program, and the Department of Politics and International Relations at FIU.

For two days, the MFJMCE brought together European, Caribbean, and US experts to discuss the relations between the EU and the Afro-Caribbean. Panels explored contemporary issues in bilateral relations, such as the impact of Brexit, climate change, and the post-Cotonou development

partnership. Furthermore, the panelists addressed the politics between both regions, mediated by forums such as the Community of Latin American & Caribbean States (CELAC). By covering the past, present, and future of these relations, discussions highlighted the post-colonial and critical perspectives needed to understand the complexity of these relationships. The conference consisted of a consular roundtable and three panels.

On the afternoon of Monday, February 17, Mr. David J. Kramer, Director of the European and Eurasian Studies Program and Senior Fellow at FIU, welcomed the authorities, experts, and general public who had attended the conference. In his opening remarks, he highlighted the importance of revisiting the European Union-Caribbean relationships and expressed the pride at hosting such a meaningful event at FIU.

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Hon. R. Oliver Mair, Consul General of Jamaica in Miami

Dr. Markus Thiel. Associate Professor at the FIU Politics and International Relations Department and Director of the MFJMCE, chaired the Consular Roundtable. Hon. R. Oliver Mair, Consul General of Jamaica in Miami, gave interesting insights about the situation of the Afro-Caribbean and highlighted the importance of the topics in the conference agenda, such as the process of democratization, climate change, the role of CARICOM, and the strategic partnership EU-CELAC. Hon. R. Oliver Mair and Dr. Markus Thiel engaged in an exciting conversation, and the audience, composed of more than 100 attendees, joined the dialogue with comments and questions. After the roundtable, the MFJMCE hosted a friendly reception to welcome the authorities and experts who visited us.



Hon. R. Oliver Mair Counsul General of Jamaica in Miami

Roderick Oliver Mair was appointed Consul General of Jamaica in Miami on 3rdOctober 2018, with consular responsibility for Florida and twelve (12) other States located in the southern region of the United States of America. He also has consular jurisdiction for The Bahamas and The Cayman Islands. Described as a dynamic, energetic and visionary leader, Mr. Mair has spent some 20 years in Jamaica's private sector working in the travel/tourism, entertainment, agro-processing and real estate industries. He has also had extensive involvement in sales and marketing, strategic planning, project management, public relations and government corporate relations. This is his first appointment as a career diplomat. He is assiduously working with the Jamaican community to address issues related to education, health, youth and business investment in Jamaica. In this regard, the Consul General has started a series of Community forums partnering with other corporate Jamaican entities, on matters of interest relating to Jamaica and the Diaspora including investment opportunities in the Jamaican Stock Market, real estate, health, education, agriculture, tourism, crime prevention, charities/non-profits and Customs regulations. Several forums have already taken place in Miramar, FLA; Atlanta, GA; and Houston, TX. Mr. Mair has expressed strong interest in mobilizing the Jamaican Diaspora to organize itself to facilitate and support the Jamaica Health Ministry's initiative, "Adopt-A-Clinic" (AAC) programme, to adopt and develop one or more health clinics across the island. This programme has already received commitments from Diaspora groups in the Southern region. One such was the successful launch of the Jamaica Hi-5 5K Run/Walk, hosted by the Consul General last year. Mr. Mair holds a Master of Arts (MA) in Business Administration from Nova South Eastern University, Fort Lauderdale, and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) from the University of the West Indies and is a graduate of Campion College in Kingston.



Dr. Markus Thiel and Hon. R. Oliver Mair answering guestions from a full audience



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Panel 1, from left to right: Dr. Percy Hintzen, Dr. Patsy Lewis, Dr. Eduardo Gamarra, and Mr. Alexander Bruno

The second day of the conference opened with the first panel that revolved around *Contemporary Issues in EU-Caribbean*. Chaired by Dr. Percy Hintzen, Director of the African and African Diaspora Studies, the panel was composed of Dr. Patsy Lewis, Dr. Eduardo Gamarra, and Mr. Alexander Bruno.

Dr. Patsy Lewis, a Visiting Professor at Brown University's International and Public Affairs Department, tackled the relationships between the Caribbean and the EU from the perspective of sovereignty. She explored the progress that the region has made toward a more sovereign Caribbean and the role of the EU in that issue. Dr. Eduardo Gamarra, a Professor of Political Science at FIU, addressed the EU-Caribbean relations from the perspective of democracy and traced the historical path of the democratization process in the

Caribbean. In his 40-year Caribbean retrospective, he highlighted the strengths and weaknesses that the region had presented throughout the last four decades and the influence that the EU made in this process.

Lastly, Mr. Alexander Bruno, a Ph.D. student in Political Science at FIU, explained the CARICOM's failure to advance stronger EU and the Afro-Caribbean relations by remarking the missed opportunities under the 2000 Cotonou agreement between the European Union and the African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States. The audience participated in the panel by asking questions and commenting on issues related to the presentations.

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Full audience in MARC Pavilion

Her Excellency Dr. June Soomer

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Panel 2, from left to right: Dr. Markus Thiel, Dr. Eric Dubesset, Taminasha John, and Dr. Carlos Quenan

The second Panel was about *The Politics of EU-Caribbean Relations*. Dr. Eric Dubesset, Dr. Carlos Quenan, and Miss Taminasha John convened the panel, which was chaired by Dr. Markus Thiel.

Dr. Eric Dubesset, a researcher at the Montesquieu Center for Political Research at the Montesquieu Research Institute at the University of Bordeaux, France, tackled the role of the Caribbean in the EU-CELAC Strategic Relationship. In his presentation, he emphasized the challenge of strengthening the involvement of the Caribbean in the CELAC and the Bi-Regional Strategic Partnership because, from his perspective, the EU remains important for Latin America and the Caribbean and Latin America and the Caribbean remain important for the EU.

Dr. Carlos Quenan, an Economist and Professor at IHEAL (Institut des Hautes Etudes de l'Amérique Latine) at the University Paris III, addressed the evolution of Chinese strategy in the Caribbean and the consequent reaction of the US. Furthermore, he analyzed the implications for Europe of the China-US geostrategic rivalry in the Caribbean.

Taminasha John, a Ph.D. Candidate of International Relations at FIU, focused on the EU-Caribbean relations from World War I to the present from the perspective of the Caribbean migrations and labor pools to and from the EU. The audience engaged in the conversation by asking very interesting questions.



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- Panel II: Carlos Quenan, click here



Panel 3, from left to right: Dr. June Soomer, Jean-Yves Lacascade, Dr. Desmond Thomas, and Dr. Anthony Maingot

Looking to the future of EU-Caribbean Relations was the title of the last panel that was chaired by Mr. Jean-Yves Lacascade, a Research Associate at the MFJMCE. Her Excellency Dr. June Soomer, Dr. Desmond Thomas, and Dr. Anthony P. Maingot were the panel members.

Dr. Anthony P. Maingot, a Professor Emeritus and Founding Professor of Sociology at FIU, was the first speaker. His presentation revolved around Eastern Caribbean vulnerabilities and the rational use of reparations that aimed at modifying concepts of sovereignty and colonialism. By focusing on the cases of Guadeloupe, Martinique, Dominica, and St. Lucia, he proposed to confront the Eastern Caribbean vulnerabilities, repair legacies of colonialism, and assert sovereign consent.

Dr. Desmond Thomas, a Visiting Scholar at the FIU Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center, placed the spotlight on the role of CARICOM services sectors and economy, made a case for putting service industries at the center of development strategies of CARICOM countries and small countries in general, and emphasized the importance of attention to the services initiatives in EUCARIFORUM relations.

Her Excellency Dr. June Soomer closed the last panel. She is the Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean States at the Office of the Secretary General ACS Secretariat, Trinidad. Her presentation, titled "Uniting Efforts in the Caribbean to Face Climate Change: Regional Climate Change Actions and The Role of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) in the Greater Caribbean," concluded that the Caribbean needs focused attention on research to understand those issues. with targeted advocacy and capacity building to address complex and interlinked environmental social - economic challenges centered around relationship with the women's environment. Therefore, she recommended that women be part of the planning, resilience building, as well as the recovery process. She highlighted that economic, gender, and racial disparities must be addressed when we analyze topics concerning climate change.

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Her Excellency June Soomer

Dr. Anthony P. Maingot



From left to right: Anthony P. Maingot, Jean-Yves Lacascade, Taminasha John, Patsy Lewis, Percy Hintzen, Eric Dubesset, Carlos Quenan, Oliver R. Mair, June Soomer, Markus Thiel, Desmond Thomas, and Christine I. Caly-Sanchez



Lady Blanka Rosenstiel Lecture Series

Conference: "Democracy: Past and Present in Central Europe"



Oct 28, 2019 - MARC Building - FIU



From left to right: Mrs. Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, His Excellency Piotr Wilczek, Hon. Catalin Ghenea, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mrs. Beata Paszyc, and Dr. Anna Pietraszeck

Commemorating eighty years since the German invasion of Poland and 30 years since the Fall of the Berlin Wall, the European and Eurasian Studies Program at FIU, in collaboration with The American Institute of Polish Culture and The Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland, held a conference on Democracy in Central Europe in the framework of the Lady Blanka Rosenstiel Lecture Series. Authorities of the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland and FIU experts from diverse fields engaged in this remarkable topic and brought unique and important perspectives on the past and present of democracy in that region. The conference took place on October 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Management and Advanced Research Center (FIU) and consisted of two panels.

John F. Stack, Jr., Founding Dean of the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs (FIU), and David J. Kramer, Director of the

European & Eurasian Studies Program and Senior Fellow in the Václav Havel Program for Human Rights and Diplomacy (FIU), opened the conference. Dr. Stack welcomed the audience and specially recognized Lady Blanka Rosenstiel for her continuous support and dedication to bring excellent programs to FIU on the history, politics, and culture of Poland.





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His Excellency Piotr Wilczek, Polish Ambassador to the US

Mr. Kramer introduced the Polish Ambassador to the US, His Excellency Piotr Wilczek.

ln opening remarks, the Ambassador his emphasized the importance for Poland of the year 1989—and therefore, its 30th Anniversary in 2019. He invited the audience to view the anniversary in a broader context that includes not only Poland but within Central other nations Europe. The anniversary represents an end of a long and hard process that engaged the entire region. He recognized that, although they had the West's moral support, which is always deeply valued, the nations from Central Europe can be proud of the effort that led them to be where they are now. This anniversary represents a starting point for the nations of the region in the quest for prosperity, security, and social harmony. Ambassador Wilczek finished by inviting the panelists and the audience to tackle the question of what we have learned from the events of 1989. He made some questions that guided the debate. "We must ask ourselves: Did the Fall of the Berlin Wall really end the Cold War? What kind of victory was it? And, are we safe?"

H.E. Piotr Wilczeck Polish Ambassador to the United States

Ambassador Piotr Wilczek was born on 26 April 1962, in Chorzów, Poland. A prolific literary scholar, intellectual historian, writer, and translator, he graduated in 1986 from the University of Silesia in Katowice, where he also received his Ph.D. (1992) and Habilitation (2001). Recruited by his Alma Mater, he remained there until 2008 as a professor and Faculty Dean. His interests include comparative literature, philology, and intellectual history that form the culture and geography of knowledge across time. In 2006, he received the title of Professor of the Humanities from the President of the Republic of Poland. In 2008, he joined the University of Warsaw faculty at the new, experimental Artes Liberales program. He became the Founding Director of Collegium Artes Liberales (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) where he helped establish and chaired Centre for the Study of the Reformation and Intellectual Culture in Early-Modern Europe. Since 2010, he has also been at the helm of the Artes Liberales Doctoral Studies Program. An international scholar active in Europe and the United States, he has been promoting liberal arts education, which breaks the existing barriers between narrow fields of specialization traditionally favored in the continental Europe.

His commitment to interdisciplinary approach to learning draws on his own engagement with international studies, scholarly exchanges, and cultural diplomacy. A recipient of numerous grants and scholarships, he conducted postgraduate research in intellectual history at Oxford's St Anne's College in 1988 and completed two postdoctoral projects at the Warburg Institute, University of London, in 1996 and 1998. Twice, he was visiting translator at The British Centre for Literary Translation, University of East Anglia. In the United States from 1998 to 2001, he taught Polish literature and language as a visiting professor at Rice University, the University of Illinois, and the University of Chicago. He was invited to give public lectures at Harvard University and the University of Texas at Austin and conducted research as a visiting scholar at Boston College and Cleveland State University. Piotr Wilczek is an active member of the Warsaw-based non-partisan American Study Group at the Polish Institute of International Affairs, which brings together experts, journalist, and academics who comment on political and cultural developments in the United States and analyze their implications for Poland, Europe, and the trans -Atlantic alliance. Until his diplomatic appointment in the US, he was Representative in Poland of the New York-based Kosciuszko Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educational, cultural, and artistic exchange between the United States and Poland. He also served as President of the Foundation's affiliate in Warsaw.

Piotr Wilczek authored and edited 22 published monographs and more than 100 journal articles which appeared in Poland, the UK, and the United States, both in English and Polish. He belongs to a number of professional groups and associations and is a board member of various international scholarly journals, book series, advisory councils, and academic and educational initiatives in Europe and the United States. In May 2017 he was awarded an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Cleveland State University. On 21 October 2016 the President of the Republic of Poland nominated him Ambassador to the United States and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.



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From left to right: Beata Paszyc, H.E. Piotr Wilczek, Dr. Martin Palouš, Dr. Rebecca Friedman, and Dr. Suzanne Zwingel

The first panel, which was moderated by Beata Paszyc, Honorary Vice Consul of the Republic of Poland and Executive Director of the American Institute of Polish Culture, included Rebecca Friedman, Associate Professor in History, Director of the Wolfsonian Public Humanities Lab, and Faculty Fellow of the Office of the Provost (FIU); Martin Palouš, SIPA Senior Fellow and Director of SIPA's Václav Havel Center for Human Rights and Diplomacy initiative; and Suzanne Zwingel, Associate Professor in Politics & International Relations (FIU).

Beata Paszyc presented an animated film on a brief history of Poland. The film synthesized the last century of Poland in 8 minutes. (The film, titled "Animated History of Poland" is available here.) After the video, the first speaker was Martin Palouš. He gave his perspective on the events of 1989 and especially focused on his personal experience of freedom after years of totalitarianism. He stressed the importance of the connections between the past events and the future, and he concluded that 1989 is history but is still an ongoing process in light of 2019.

Rebecca Friedman discussed aspects of memory and commemoration in Russia and the Soviet Union. The question that guided her presentation was "How do the Russians and those who resided in the Soviet Union remember the experiences of September 1, 1939?" – the day Nazi Germany invaded Poland. Such invasion was a military operation supported by the Soviet Union. After an engaging presentation of painful personal experiences and stories, she concluded that "memory—and war-time memory in particular—is a very strange thing from the political to the personal."

Suzanne Zwingel focused on a different historical moment and geographical area, namely the process after the Fall of the Berlin Wall in Germany. Her perspective is one of "a hopefully informed private citizen who reflects on those moments." Her academic work is on human rights and gender equality. Thus, as a West German citizen and a scholar, she focused on ideas that underpin democracy, such as inclusion and representation of the voices of all during that period. She elaborated on the young democratic experience of Germany in the last thirty years, and she highlighted the strengths and weaknesses of Democracy in that country and the Central European region.

► To view Dr. Rebecca Friedman presentation PPT, click here



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Dr. Rebecca Friedman



H.E. Piotr Wilczek and Dr. Martin Palouš



Beata Paszyc and H.E. Piotr Wilczek



Dr. Suzanne Zwingel



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Second panel: Dr. Markus Thiel, Ted Kontek, Dr. Tatiana Kostadinova, and Ian Brzezinski

The afternoon panel was chaired by Markus Thiel, Associate Professor in Politics & International Relations and Director of the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence (FIU). He explained that this second panel would focus on the questions of Democracy in the Present of Central Europe. "In the last thirty years," he affirmed, "we have seen that there has been a lot of significant improvement in the region, which is called the democratic consolidation." Besides, these countries are also part of two very important international institutions, namely NATO and the EU. Despite the political achievements and economic growth in Central Europe, Dr. Thiel drew the attention to possible democracy hazards. After setting the scene, he put a question to the panel: "How can we make sure that the democratic achievements over the past 30 years can develop further and how can we maintain them?" The panelists who addressed the question were Ian Brzezinski, American foreign policy and military affairs expert; Ted Kontek, Former Foreign Service Officer at U.S. Department of State: and Kostadinova, Professor in Politics Tatiana International Relations at SIPA (FIU).

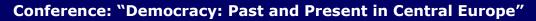
Ted Kontek started by reading some media's headlines from western countries that speak about the danger of democracy in Poland in the last couple of years. In his presentation, he confronted these headlines and similar perspectives, especially by challenging the Western understanding and

expectations on how democracy should be in Central European countries. He argued that "to a large degree many of the complaints do not concern democratic practices but concern policies." He concluded with four relevant affirmations that summarized his perspective: Poland has a vibrant and well-functioning democracy. Some sub structural changes do not need to be made to "de-communized" the system. Populism is not inherently anti-democratic, and the government has not made fundamental changes that would threaten democratic structures and institutions. However, he asserted that there are some warning signs in Poland, as they are in every democracy around the world, so citizens, civil society, and international institutions must remain vigilant.

Tatiana Kostadinova emphasized the emotional meaning that 1989 has for many people who lived in the region at that moment, like herself. She addressed the achievements and challenges for democracy in Central Europe after the Fall of the Berlin Wall. People who marched and gathered in the streets and squares of the main cities of the region had the same three slogans: democracy, markets, and Europe. She asserted that, after 30 years, we can see success in all these three areas throughout the region. She illustrated each area with current examples from different Central European countries. She also remarked some threats to democracy, such as xenophobia, some perspectives on migration and



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Ted Kontek

Dr. Tatiana Kostadinova

refugees, the deliberate weakening of the institutions, populism, crisis of representation, and issues related to the communist past, among others.

Lastly, Ian Brzezinski stated that the Fall of the Berlin Wall is the monumental event that symbolizes the breaking down of barriers, the opportunity created for the restoration and advancement of liberal democratic governance, independence, and global cultural institutions in Central Europe. The question that led his presentation was why this democratic

process is relevant to the US and the US national security policies. He gave three reasons. First, shared values are the most powerful foundation blocks for enduring, resilient, and reliable alliances and partners. Second, peace in Europe is largely due to the fact that these nations share national commitments to democratic principles, institutions, and freedom. Third, American global power significantly rests on the stability of not just economic and military capacities of its allies and partners, but also the political legitimacy they bring as a community of democracies.





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In the audience, 1st row Lady Blanka Rosenstiel next to His Excellency Piotr Wilczek, Polish Ambassador to the US

Both panels were followed by engaging discussions, comments, questions, and answers from the audience. Thus, this successful event on these timely and imperative matters in democracy showed the connection of the past and present events in the

processes of the Central European countries and the international community and the necessary commitment of the region, the EU, and the US to strengthen democracy.

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From left to right: Dr. Markus Thiel, Dr. Tatiana Kostadinova, Ted Kontek, Ian Brzezinski, David J. Kramer, Dr. Martin Palouš, Beata Paszyc, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, His Excellency Piotr Wilczek, Dr. Rebecca Friedman, and Dr. Susanne Zwingel



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"Beauty and Kindness: The Poetry of Zbigniew Herbert"







Actors Krzysztof Jasińskithe, Maria Nowotarska, and Agata Pilitowska

On November 15, the Mary Ann Wolfe Theater at FIU Biscayne Bay Campus treated an enthusiastic audience to a charming theatre play on the Poetry of the Polish author Zbigniew Herbert. The European & Eurasian Studies Program at FIU, in collaboration with The American Institute of Polish Culture, and The Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland hosted this theatrical evening which brought many of Herbert's poems to life and was presented in Polish with English subtitles projected onto a screen.

Zbigniew Herbert is one of the best known postwar Polish artists. He was a poet, playwright, and essayist. He was born in Lwów, a city then in Poland. After World War II, the city became part of Soviet Ukraine and is now called Lviv. During the war, Herbert joined the resistance movement against the Nazi occupation. His poetry, marked by a direct language and a strong moral concern, was shaped by his experiences under both the Nazi and Soviet dictatorships. Herbert is recognized as one of the great Polish poets of the 20th century, and he gained an international reputation upon the publication of his works into 38 languages. He was nomi-

nated several times for a Nobel Prize in literature. His poetry is intense yet inspiring with a strong social conscience. His poems explore the deepest and most personal human emotions, but they also impart a sense of joy and hope, beauty and kindness. Such emotions inspired the title of the play: "Beauty and Kindness: The Poetry of Zbigniew Herbert."

It is worth noting the emotional, sincere, and heartfelt work of the three starring actors who gave life to Herbert's poetry. They were mother and daughter Maria Nowotarska and Agata Pilitowska, and Krzysztof Jasińskithe. The beauty and truth of their performance drew a warm round of applause from members of the audience who were no doubt pleased to have experienced this piece of art.



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A Ballad That We Do Not Perish

by Zbigniew Herbert

Those who sailed at dawn but will never return left their trace on a wave—

a shell fell to the bottom of the sea beautiful as lips turned to stone

those who walked on a sandy road but could not reach the shuttered windows though they already saw the roofs—

they have found shelter in a bell of air

but those who leave behind only a room grown cold a few books an empty inkwell white paper—

in truth they have not completely died their whisper travels through thickets of wallpaper their level head still lives in the ceiling

their paradise was made of air of water lime and earth an angel of wind will pulverize the body in its hand they will be carried over the meadows of this world





Dr. Markus Thiel, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Ms. Beata Paszyc, and her little daughter





Conversations on Europe Fall 2019-Spring 2020







Sept. 19, 2019: "Gilets Jaunes" in France



Oct.8, 2019: Germany since 1989

Conversations on Europe is a virtual roundtable series that connects top experts from the US and the EU to discuss contemporary issues in the context of Europe and the transatlantic relationship. The conversations were held every Tuesday of each month during the academic year 2019-2020. Video conference technology allowed for an interaction among the experts and the audiences. Furthermore, technology also enabled us to record some of the events which are available online for the general public. (Find the links in each Conversation.)

The European Studies Center—a Jean Monnet European Union Center of Excellence at the University of Pittsburg—hosted the events, which were co-sponsored by UCIS, the European Union Center at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, the Georgia Tech Center for European and Transatlantic Studies, the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at the University of Florida, and the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at FIU. These events are possible through the generous support of the European Commission.

The Conversations held in Fall 2019 addressed a diversity of current issues and offered the participants many thought-provoking insights.

Sept. 17, 2019: "Gilets Jaunes in France: Understanding the Yellow Vests"

The first Conversation on Europe of the academic year took place on September 17, 2019. The interactive virtual roundtable discussion revolved around the "Gilets Jaunes," also known as yellow vests. They are members of a grassroots political movement that began in France in October 2018 with widespread protests disrupting travel for months. The panel of experts discussed who the Gilets Jaunes are

and elaborated on their demands. Furthermore, in order to have an accurate understanding of the movement, they explained the larger context of French street protests and European politics. The role of digital activism in organizing the movement was also tackled during the event.

The experts who took part in this Conversation were Sheri Berman (Department of Political Science, Barnard College, Columbia University), Cole Stang (Freelance Journalist, Paris), and Célia Belin (Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings Institution). The moderator of the session was Jae-Jae Spoon (Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh).

Oct. 8, 2019: "Germany since 1989: Do Differences Persist after the Reunification?"

For the second installment of *Conversations on Europe*, the discussion was on the legacies of the two Germanys that existed between 1949 and 1990. Thirty years after the fall of the Iron curtain, do differences between east and west still persist in Germany? since 1989; our panel of experts provided historical context and discussed if the differences persist after the end of communism.

The experts who took part of the discussion were Hope M. Harrison, George Washington University; Jonathan Olsen, Texas Woman's University; Jan Musekamp, University of Pittsburgh; Consul General David Gill, German Consulate General New York; e moderator of the session was Jae-Jae Spoon (Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh).

► To watch Oct. 8, 2019 "Germany since 1989", click here



Conversations on Europe Fall 2019







Nov. 12, 2019: "The Mediterranean and Migration"

Migration across the Mediterranean has been on the global and national agendas for the past years. Broad public awareness of migration patterns and contemporary domestic and international politics has developed. However, this is not the first time one could speak of a "migration crisis." Migration around the Mediterranean has a long history. In this session of *Conversation on Europe*, our panel of experts took a long historical look back at migration patterns and trends within the region, from the Renaissance to the present day.

The experts who took part in this Conversation were Felicita Tramontana (University of Warwick), Heath Cabot (University of Pittsburgh), Emanuel Rota (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Julia Clancy-Smith (University of Arizona), and Martina Cvajner (University of Trento). The moderator of the session was Jae-Jae Spoon (University of Pittsburgh).

Dec. 3, 2019: "Assessing Democratic Backsliding in Poland and Hungary"

Our third and last Conversation of Fall 2019 took place on December 3. Four panelists tackled the issue of Democracy in Poland and Hungary. Although these countries transitioned to democracy nearly 30 years ago, there is now increasing evidence that the actions of their leaders are working to erode democracy in their respective countries. Some questions guided the conversation: What is motivating this erosion of liberal democracy? What are the implications of these actions for democracy in these countries and in the region more generally? What is the role of the European Union in preventing democratic backsliding in two of its Member states?

Moderated by <u>Jae-Jae Spoon</u> (University of Pittsburgh), the experts who integrated the panel and shared their perspectives about these questions were <u>Iza Ding</u> (University of Pittsburgh), <u>Zsolt Enyedi</u> (Central European University), <u>Milada Vachudova</u> (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), and <u>Anna Gryzmala-Busse</u> (Standford University).

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Conversations on Europe Spring 2020







Jan. 21, 2020: "An Update on Brexit"

The first installment of *Conversations on Europe* for Spring 2020 consisted of "An Update on Brexit." The panel of experts focused on recent news on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU. The novel events arose a wide variety of opinions, comments, and questions that the panelists tackled. They were Pablo Fernandez-Vazquez (University of Pittsburgh), Timothy G. McMahon (Marquette University), Anand Menon (King's College London), and Jae-Jae Spoon (University of Pittsburgh), who moderated this exciting Conversation.

Feb. 18, 2020: "Monuments and Contested Memory in Europe"

As part of the ESC's 2019-2020 Year of Memory and Politics Series at the University of Pittsburgh, February 2020's session of Conversations on Europe explored the discussion on contested monuments in the US and Europe. While some of them have generated lots of public notice, others may be less familiar. Our panel of experts consisted of Kirk Savage (University of Pittsburgh), Jennifer Sessions (University of Virginia), and Katja Wezel (University of Göttingen). They considered and compared recent controversies over confederate and communist statues monuments, and Memorials to World War II and the Holocaust.

Moderated by Allyson Delnore (University of Pittsburgh), the panelists tackled this question: What is he role of public art in creating a shared history and whose history is being displayed?



- ► To watch Jan. 21, 2020 An Update on Brexit, click here
- ► To watch Feb. 18, 2020 Monuments & Contested Memory in Europe,
- ➤ To view March 17, 2020 Borders & Contested Memory in Northern Ireland, click here
- To view Spring 2020 Program, click here

March 17, 2020: "Borders and Contested Memory in Northern Ireland"

March brought an interesting discussion that explored borders and contested memory in Northern Ireland. Our panel of experts, consisting of Jonathan Blake (RAND Corporation), Katy Hayward (Queen's University), **Jennifer Keating** (Carnegie Mellon University), and Connal Parr (Northumbria University) analyzed the conflict over territory and identity in Northern Ireland and how that has played out at the border and in other spaces. They also discussed what has changed since the Good Friday/Belfast Agreement and what may happen as a result of Brexit and the last elections in the Republic of Ireland. Given the Covid-19 pandemic, the conversation was conducted virtually.

April 14, 2020: "The Importance of the Cathedral"

Also conducted virtually, the last installment of Conversations on Europe for Spring 2020 focused on one building in the center of Paris: the Notre Dame Cathedral. On the one year anniversary of the devastating fire that destroyed its roof, this virtual discussion highlighted Notre Dame's standing a lieux de mémoire for the French, as well as its significance outside of France. The Conversation also addressed our current crises: What has been the importance of cathedrals as social gathering points throughout history? What is the role that such places have in shaping local and global communities? What is the impact of disasters/crises such as fire and the current pandemic on heritage sites and other cultural institutions? and What role do the arts and cultural heritage sites play during such disasters?

The panelists were <u>Jeremy Wells</u> (University of Maryland), <u>Caroline Bruzelius</u> (Duke University), and <u>Julia Walker</u> (Binghamton University). The moderator of the session was <u>Christopher Drew Armstrong</u> (University of Pittsburgh).

The eight conversations held at FIU were well attended by students and faculty from interdisciplinary programs on Tuesdays in GL 156 and virtually. The MFJMCE at FIU is looking forward to participating again this Fall 2020.

By Christine I. Caly-Sanchez

EURO CHALLENGE

Virtual Euro Challenge Competition Spring 2020





Gulliver Preparatory School: Winning team 2020

Despite the bad conditions in Florida and New York, amid the Covid-19 pandemic, our Florida high schools were able to compete virtually for the preliminary regional and national Euro Challenge Competitions this year. "We are extremely proud of the work accomplished and the performance achieved by the four schools we selected in Florida from Miami-Dade, Alachua, and Orange Counties," said Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Associate Director of Jean Monnet Center of the Miami-Florida Excellence, FIU, and recruiter and organizer of the competition in Florida since 2008. The Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence has been participating in this wonderful project since the beginning, and 2020 marks the 15th anniversary of the Euro Challenge Competition.

Thanks to W!se (Working in Support of national organizer of the Education), the competition, prestigious judges from New York were able to evaluate the Florida schools recruited in Miami via video conference on March 31st and April 8th. The 9th and 10th grade high school students from Gulliver Preparatory High School, Miami-Palmetto Senior High School, P.K Yonge Development Research School, and Trinity Preparatory School showed their knowledge and understanding of the European economy and the euro, the currency shared by 19 countries of the euro area. They examined an economic problem at the country level and identified policies for responding to that problem. France, Germany, Italy,

and Slovenia were the countries the students chose, and demography and aging populations; and innovating for long term growth were the economic challenges chosen by the Florida high schools.

Gulliver Preparatory School was selected to advance to the virtual national semi-final on May 13th and finals on May 19th among the best national schools and present the following country and economic challenge: "Germany" and "Innovating for long-term Growth and the Future of Work." **Gulliver Preparatory School won fourth place at the finals!**

2020 Virtual Competition CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our Florida team, Gulliver Preparatory School, for winning fourth place at the finals in the 2020 Euro Challenge Competition! We are proud of you! Thanks for your hard work and enthusiasm. You are awesome; Congratulations to the following students:

- Daniel Bellatin
- Lucas Figueroa
- Alex Gilliland
- Antonia Lemann
- Elizabeth Rivabem

Thank you, Mr. **Kamal James**, for your commitment and leadership. Your teaching and dedication made this win possible.

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For more information on the Euro Challenge, click here



Virtual Euro Challenge Competition Spring 2020



Five High School Teams Received Awards for Their Euro Knowledge on May 19th.

After a long day of virtual competition for the 5 finalists, Gulliver Preparatory School was invited with the 4 other winning teams to the Virtual Recognition Award Ceremony. Ambassador Stavros Lambrinidis, Head of the European Union Delegation to the United States, congratulated the 5 winning teams. He said, "We are pleased that we could hold this unique event for American high school students adjusted to the current distant learning conditions. Congratulations to the winning teams and to all Euro Challenge participants, who showcased impressive knowledge, enthusiasm and creativity in addressing complex economic issues. Given the unprecedented human and policy challenges posed by COVID-19, the competition this year couldn't be more timely. The Euro Challenge teaches critical skills as students put themselves in the shoes of policymakers and consider new solutions to shared problems in order to build better societies."

Gulliver Preparatory School won 4th place. The five winning teams received monetary awards generously provided by the Moody's Foundation.

More than 90 teams from across the United States participated in the Euro Challenge. The teams in this year's competition came from high schools in 16 states: Connecticut, California, Florida, Washington, Texas, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Massachusetts, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland and the District of Columbia. 25 teams were selected to advance to the virtual semi-finals, where Gulliver Preparatory School was selected among the five best schools to compete for the virtual final and the monetary awards.

The Euro Challenge is a program launched and supported by the Delegation of the European Union to the United States and is managed on the Delegation's behalf by W!se (Working in Support of Education). The Moody's Foundation sponsors the monetary awards, and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York serves as program advisor.

The Euro Challenge is supported by BNP Paribas, Florida International University, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Illinois, the University of Texas at Austin, University of Washington, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Detroit Branch), the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, the World Affairs Council of Seattle, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Miami Branch).

The Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence has been the recruiter and organizer of the regional competition for the last 15 years. "Since 2008, MFJMCE has selected one hundred and fifteen Florida high schools from Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Lee, Orange, and Alachua counties and sent twenty-three to New York to compete nationally. One hundred twenty-four students have gone to New York representing their Florida schools, and for the first time

Virtual Award Ceremony 2020 CHALLENGE





Congratulations Gulliver Preparatory School for winning this year Euro Challenge Competition's 4th place!

this year, one school has represented Florida virtually and won 4th place. This competition has become a showcase for our Florida schools, and we are proud to participate," said Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Associate Director of the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, FIU.

By Christine I. Caly-Sanchez

Virtual Award Ceremony 2020 CHALLENGE

The Winning Teams of the Virtual Final Round | May 19, 2020

- Greenwich High School , Greenwich, Connecticut (1st place),
- Princeton High School, Princeton, NJ (2nd place).
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Manhattan, NY (3rd place),
- Gulliver Preparatory High School, Pinecrest-Miami, FL (4th place),
- West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North, Plainsboro Township, NJ (5th place).
- For photos of the completion, please see: @EUintheUS and @wisenewyork #EuroChallenge2020

MFJMCE FACULTY CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT GRANT AND FACULTY & GRADUATE STUDENTS EU RESEARCH GRANTS And the winners are...



Each year, FIU-MFJMCE hosts an annual competition that awards research and curriculum development grants to prospective faculty members from FIU and its partner institutions: University of Central Florida, University of North Florida University of South 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.

This year, the jury committee awarded three EU research grants: one Faculty Curriculum Development Grant to a faculty member from Florida Atlantic University (FAU), **Dr. Ilaria Serra**; one Faculty Research Award to a faculty member from the University of South Florida, **Dr. Heide Castadena**; and one Graduate Student EU Research Award to an FIU doctoral student, **Zeynep Kilicoglu.** Congratulations to the three recipients for their great proposals.



FACULTY CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AWARD 2020 GRANTEE

▶ **Dr. Ilaria Serra**, Associate Professor of Italian Studies, Department of Languages, Linguistics and comparative Literature (LLCL) at Florida

Atlantic University. Dr. Serra received this grant for her proposal titled: "European Movement Films of Immigration around the Mediterranean (didactic package).

FACULTY RESEARCH AWARD 2020 GRANTEE



▶ Dr. Heide Castaneda, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology. College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida.

Research: Gender and Solidarity
Networks among Transit Migrants
to the European Union.

GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD 2020 GRANTEE



► Zeynep Kilicoglu, PhD Candidate in International Relations, Department of Politics & International Relations, Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs, Florida International University

Research: Actors vs Bodies: Construction of Women Refugees by Humanitarian Actors in Western Europe.



- ► For more information on the Faculty Curriculum Development Grant., <u>click here</u>
- ► For more information on the EU Faculty & Graduate Students Research Grants., click here











MFJMCE FACULTY CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT GRANT Interview with grantee Dr. Ilaria Serra





Dr. llaria Serra Professor of Italian and Comparative Studies. Department Linguistics Languages, comparative and Literature (LLCL) Florida Atlantic University. She received the Miami-Florida Jean Center Monnet

Excellence Faculty Curriculum Development grant for her proposal titled: "European Movement Films of Immigration around the Mediterranean (didactic package)."

She was kind enough to answer a few questions about her proposal.

MFJMCE: Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

This year, I am proud to have been promoted to Professor in Italian and Comparative Studies, and to have won the University Scholar of the Year Award at FAU. I am a native of Venice, Italy, where I lead a 6-week study abroad every summer for our students. My research deals with Italian American studies, poetic geography of Italy, digital humanities, and Italian history through songs. (Read article from FAU, here, and bio here).

MFJMCE: Can you tell us in a few words what the main focus of your research project is?

We are creating a didactic package with five movies that focus on immigration around the Mediterranean Sea, which were produced in the last few years. They all focus on the same theme, but from different vantage points: Fire at Sea from Return to Italy, Hansala from Spain, Welcome the Hartmanns to from Germany, Capernaum from Lebanon and Tazzeka from France. We will create lesson plans, reading material, pre-viewing activities, a viewing of the movie, linguistic considerations and post-viewing discussion questions.

MFJMCE: Your grant proposal says that you would use this research for classroom teaching. What do you hope students will gain by attending the course you are developing?

We will digitize all the material and make it available for wider use, for teachers and students of colleges or high schools. We will also create a film series at FAU, presented by all of us, and we plan on using this material in our own World Literature courses. We hope that movies will widen the students' points of view and intercultural competence.

MFJMCE: Why do you think the focus of your course has specific interest for students in the U.S.?

Not only US students. In today's globalized world it is ever more important to use films as tools of intercultural comprehension. We need to see the world with other people's eyes, and walk on their streets to attempt to understand them. These movies make us walk in streets that are especially thorny and difficult, and give us different outlooks on the current social issue of immigration.

MFJMCE: Where will your research take you in the future? Do you plan to continue developing this project, or do you have others in mind?

This is surely a repeatable project, and we would be happy to invite new colleagues, new movies and new perspectives from world countries.

By Christine I. Caly-Sanchez









For more information on the MFJMCE Faculty Curriculum Development Grant, <u>click here</u>

In Remembrance of Prof. Aurora Morcillo

Our beloved friend and colleague



Prof. Aurora Morcillo
Presenting her book "Ser Mujer en tiempos de Franco"

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of our beloved friend and colleague, Aurora Morcillo, Professor of History of Modern Europe/Spain in the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs. Professor Morcillo passed away on March 3, 2020. She was a very special person: talented, joyful and passionate. We will miss her a lot.

Dr. Kenneth G. Furton, Provost and Executive Vice President, Florida International University, shared the following words with the University community upon her passing:

"Professor Morcillo, a native of Granada, Spain, came to FIU in 2002 as an Associate Professor of History and Women's studies and soon after became the Associate Director of the Women's Studies Center. She became a full professor in 2011, and in 2014 went on to create the Spanish and Mediterranean Studies Program, of which she served as Director. She advised many doctoral dissertations and MA theses and served in numerous doctoral committees in the United States and abroad. Her research was funded by, among others, Erasmus

Aurora Morcillo Gómez

En cuerpo y alma

Ser mujer en tiempos de Franco



Mundus, the Mellon Foundation, and the Spanish Ministry of Culture. In 2018 she was a visiting fellow at Exeter College, Oxford.

Dr. Morcillo was an internationally known expert on the history of gender in modern Europe, with a focus on Spain during the Franco era. She published her first major historical monograph on gender ideology in Franco Spain shortly after receiving her PhD at the University of New Mexico in 1995. In 2010, Bucknell University Press published Professor Morcillo's

second major book, The Seduction of Modern Spain. The Female Body and the Francoist Body Politic, a further exploration of gender relations during the Franco dictatorship. The book addresses the metaphorical use of gender imagery in the regime's political discourse about the nation, uncovering Franco's attempts to discipline and control women's bodies in the 1950s and 1960s as autarky gave way to consumerism in Spain. Her third book, published in Spanish by Siglo XXI in 2015, En cuerpo y Alma: Ser mujer en tiempos de Franco is a synthesis of her first two books. In addition to these single authored books, Professor Morcillo published two edited works: Cultural and Social Memory of the Spanish Civil War: Realms of Oblivion, Brill 2014; and Sources for The Cultural History Of Modern Spain From The Enlightenment To The Present, Bloomsbury Press, 2018. Dr. Morcillo's most recent manuscript, titled Visible and Invisible: Ordinary Acts of Resistance in the Twilight of Franco's Regime, will be released posthumously in November, 2020 by Verlag. It incorporates oral histories with Spanish homemakers and women and men who joined the student resistance movement in the 1960s.

In addition to being an internationally known scholar, Aurora was also a talented teacher. She created new courses on History and The Body, Historical Memory, and Liquid Continents connecting the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. Her innovative teaching promoted alternative historical analyses to a new generation of students. Her lectures in the World Civilization survey courses were full of humor and wit, and, of course, stories of women.

Aurora was a beloved and dynamic instructor, a caring and dedicated mentor, and a lively colleague. We will remember and appreciate her service and profound impact on the University and the School of International and Public Affairs."

The Aurora Morcillo Spanish Study Fellowship Endowment

An endowment has been established in her honor through the Department of History in the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs. Those interested in commemorating Dr. Morcillo's life and work may visit the webpage by clicking here. The Aurora Morcillo Spanish Study Fellowship Endowment will support graduate students studying abroad in Spain to promote women and gender issues.



Congratulations to the recipients of the 2020 European & Eurasian Studies Certificate







Recipients of the Spring 2020 European & Eurasian Studies Certificate: Juan Miguel Debesa, Christian Sanchez Leon, and Aaron Uranga

Congratulation Grads!

While we can't gather physically, we can still celebrate the accomplishments of our newest Panther Alumni who graduated this Spring 2020 and obtained their European & Eurasian Studies Certificate.

The European & Eurasian Studies Program and the MFJMCE would like to congratulate this year's program Graduates:

CERTIFICATES IN EUROPEAN & EURASIAN STUDIES

Spring 2020 Undergratduate Awardees

- Juan Miguel Debesa (BA in History, Minor in International Relations and Certificate in Pre-Modern Cultures)
- Christian Sanchez Leon (BA in Criminal Justice, Minor in International Relations & Political Science)
- Aaron Uranga (BA in International Relations & Political Science)

Fall 2019 Undergratduate Awardees

- Denzel Alvarado (BA in International Relations)
- Amelia Leon (BA in International Relations & Political Science)
- Mo Masri (BA in International Relations)
- Jennifer Osejo (BA in International Relations)
- Isabella Venturini (BA in International Relations, Minor in Spanish, French, and Business Communications)

Graduate Certificate in European & Eurasian Studies (Fall 2019)

 Rodrigo Ferrando (Master in History)



Graduate Awardee Fall 2019: Rodrigo Ferrando



UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EUROPEAN & EURASIAN STUDIES

- The undergraduate European & Eurasian Studies Certificate program is open to all who have an interest in any aspect of European civilization, past or present.
- It is an interdisciplinary program that draws on a broad range of courses from throughout FIU to complement a student's own interests.
- Approved study-abroad courses, including those offered by the Honors College, may be accepted for certificate credit.
- The certificate program is only open to all degreeseeking students enrolled at FIU.
- Since Spring 2001, 244 Students obtained their Certificates in European & Eurasian Studies.

Requirements

The program requires 15 credits hours (5 courses) from at least 3 departments, distributed as follows:

► Language Requirements (3 credits)

One course in a European language at the intermediate (2000) level or above.

- ► Breadth Requirement (12 credits)
- Three courses at 3000-level or above, not all of which can be in either Social Science or in Humanities.
- Courses must be from an approved list published in the class schedule each term, or else contain substantial European content and approved by the Director.
 - Such courses are offered by the Departments of:
 - Art and Art History,
 - Economics.
 - English, Environmental Studies,
 - History.
 - Humanities,
 - International Relations,
 - Modern Languages,
 - Philosophy,
 - Political Science,
 - and Religion, among others.
- For more information on the program, visit the following page: http://europe.fiu.edu/certificate-programs/undergraduate-advising/

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EUROPEAN & EURASIAN STUDIES

For more information on the requirements, visit the following page: https://europe.fiu.edu/certificate-programs/graduate-certificate-program/requirements/



Spotlight: Isabella Venturini

Fall 2019 Graduate—Certificate in European & Eurasian Studies "My European and Diplomatic Experience"



Isabella Venturini, Fall 2019 FIU graduate
Intern at the European Parliament Office in Washington, D.C.

The Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence and the European & Eurasian Studies Program have the pleasure of featuring two great students from FIU School of International and Public Affairs who recently graduated and obtained a Bachelor's in International Relations and a Certificate in European & Eurasian Studies.

We were pleased to interview Isabella Venturini and Juan Miguel Debesa and hear their amazing experiences in Europe.

Isabella Venturini, a student in International Relations, with a minor in Spanish, French, and Business Communication at FIU, who graduated in Fall 2019, tells us a little bit about herself and the amazing experiences she had in the US and France during and after her studies.

MFJMCE: Could you tell us in few words who you are and what studies you pursued at FIU?

My name is Isabella Venturini and I graduated in December of 2019 with a Bachelor's in International

Relations, Minors in Spanish, French, and Business Communications, and a Certificate in European & Eurasian Studies. I first heard about the European & Eurasian Studies Certificate as a freshman from one of the students in an INR course who was graduating that semester with the Certificate and had also interned for the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet European Union Center of Excellence. I decided to apply for the Certificate because my grandfather is Italian and I wanted to be focused on a region in the world that shares so much history and social and economic relations with the United States. The people, professors, and classes were a bonus to my academic enrichment.

MFJMCE: What was your first experience at FIU which brought you closer to Europe?

In 2017, I interned under the amazing guidance of Associate Director Christine I. Caly-Sanchez and aided her with executing events such as conferences, lectures, and video conversation with other universities to bring awareness of European integration in America. That year was memorable because Hurricane Irma canceled two weeks of classes and we had to reschedule everything for the Fall 2017 semester. (We did it!!!).

MFJMCE: In 2018, you went to France as an exchange student at Science Po Aix en Provence. In a few words, could you tell us your experience being an international student in Europe, what it brought you and what you would recommend to a student who would like to apply for a study abroad in Europe?

At one of the conversations, "European integration through Study Abroad?", I was inspired to apply for a study abroad and was accepted to be part of an international student exchange at Sciences Po Aix en Provence in France for the Spring 2018 semester. Some of the classes I took at the Grande Ecole counted towards my major and the European & Eurasian Studies Certificate. This was a win-win situation, because I was able to take classes with European professors and students from all over the world, which genuinely opened my eyes to new perspectives and beliefs that a student does not have access to while living in the United States' bubble. I highly recommend being an international student for a semester, especially in a country where you imagine yourself wanting to move to in the future, because being exposed to a new education system, language, culture, and attitudes can really show you whether or not you could adapt to a new way of life.

Spotlight: Isabella Venturini

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MFJMCE: After your experience in France, what opportunity did you have when you came back to the US?

Having this experience gave me the opportunity to be a cyber team intern for the Department of Justice's Office of International Affairs in Washington, D.C. during the Fall 2018 semester. It cemented in me the understanding of the legal aspect of cybersecurity and the mutual benefits of order that comes about from sharing electronic evidence via mutual legal assistance requests. Working on different requests from around the world marked the start of how I want to continue to work towards something that would aid those in my own country and those abroad.

MFJMCE: Could you tell us about your diplomatic experience at the Consulate General of France in Miami?

When I arrived back in Miami for the Spring and Summer B 2019, I was able to be a Public Affairs intern under the guidance of Ms. Nathalie Cluzet-Bertot, Press Attaché, Head of Public Affairs for the French Consulate in Miami where I researched political and economic issues that affect the region of Florida and aided in recognizing American World War II Veterans with the French Legion Award by reaching out to candidates and their families and composing their biographies.

MFJMCE: After your graduation in the Fall 2019, what opportunities did you have?

After I graduated in the Fall 2019 semester, I became a trainee for the European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington, DC. I was in charge of creating content for their social media accounts, website, and newsletter. In addition to this, I wrote briefings on Russia, China, Latin America, and transatlantic issues. Lastly, I helped organize events before COVID-19. Despite the quarantine, teleworking for their fabulous office was amazing and was another experience that taught me how important communication skills are when working with teams.



Isabella Venturini (center) with all the team of the European Parliament Office in Washington, D.C.



Isabella Venturini (center) with the other interns of the European Parliament Office in Washington, D.C.

MFJMCE: Do you have any last thoughts to share?

In short, I am so grateful for the many experiences that came about from the doors that opened because of this Certificate and the European and Eurasian Studies Program. I highly recommend that you apply for it too!

Spotlight: Juan Miguel Debesa

Spring 2020 Graduate—Certificate in European & Eurasian Studies "My Internships at the MFJMCE and The Library of Congress in D.C."



Juan Miguel Debesa, Spring 2020 FIU graduate at the Great Hall of the Library of Congress in D.C.

Juan Debesa, a student in History and International Relations, with certificates in European & Eurasian Studies, and Pre-Modern Cultures at FIU's School of International & Public Affairs, who just graduated this Spring 2020, tells us a little bit about himself and the amazing diplomatic experiences he had in Miami and Washington, D.C. during his studies.

MFJMCE: In a few words, could you tell us who you are and what studies you pursued at FIU?

My name is Juan Miguel Debesa, and I graduated Cum Laude in May of 2020 with a BA in History, Minor in International Relations, and certificates in European & Eurasian Studies as well as Pre-Modern Cultures. I have always been passionate and intrigued by European culture, politics and society. To this extent, when I began my studies at FIU I wanted to specialize academically in European history, and the European & Eurasian Studies Certificate allowed me to do just that. I was able to take courses that broadened my knowledge of this subject area including the importance of bilateral relations across borders.

MFJMCE: Could you tell us your experience as an intern at the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at FIU?

In my final year at FIU I wanted to focus on gaining professional experience in order to become more competitive in the job market after graduation. Having worked full-time whilst also attending university throughout my time at FIU made it difficult to focus on professional development. However, after speaking with my advisor, Associate Director Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Mrs. Caly offered me the opportunity to be one of her student assistants for the remainder of the semester. Looking back, this was one of my most enjoyable times at FIU. I was able to assist and participate in all of the Jean Monnet European Center of Excellence events alongside other student assistants who have become lifelong friends. Most importantly, working alongside Mrs. Caly, I learned all aspects of event planning and management includina outreach and communications. reservations and set-up, catering, hospitality, networking, and even photography! We hosted diplomats, chambers of commerce, trade commissions and even a European delegation with representatives from most member states, all of whom promoted knowledge and cooperation between Europe and the United States in our community through conferences, lectures, and related activities. It was rewarding to see how everything I was learning through my European & Eurasian Studies Certificate directly correlated with the activities being held by the Jean Monnet European Center of Excellence.

MFJMCE: Could you tell us about your experience as an intern at the Library of Congress in D.C. and what it meant to you?

My time at MFJMCE allowed me to secure an internship position with HACU in Washington D.C. under their Hispanic National Internship Program. I worked as a program assistant within the Internship and Fellowship Division at the Library of Congress. The IFP division is in charge of managing a portfolio of over 80 programs throughout the Library of Congress. My duties consisted of liaising with more than 20 interns throughout the Library. I also coordinated and tracked communications and documentation for the IFP division signature programs. I assisted in the planning and organization of events hosted by the division on behalf of the Library of Congress. I drafted monthly newsletters for the interns and monthly highlights for my division internal staff. Finally, I implemented a revised Library of Congress and HNIP alum directory to be used for outreach, collaborative and special event activities which would serve to further expand the Library's mission of providing broader access to minority students and young professionals. The emphasis on professional development and attention to detail throughout my internship allowed me to practice and develop my public speaking and networking skills.

Spotlight: Juan Miguel Debesa

"My Internships at the MFJMCE and The Library of Congress in D.C."



The Library of Congress in D.C.

In addition, I gained experience using technical software such as Microsoft Excel, Projects, Publisher, and collaborative platforms such as Confluence. Undoubtedly my favorite tasks consisted of hosting the various events and professional development workshops the IFP division held throughout the Library. From informal coffee-chats to meeting Dr. Carla Hayden, the 14th Librarian of Congress, participating in these events provided me with the opportunity to network, view different perspectives, and develop new skills.

The experience of working and living in the nation's capital exposed me to a variety of opportunities which I took full advantage of. In one occasion, I spent an evening at the Embassy of Slovenia where the ambassador hosted a cultural presentation. I also attended a talk by Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch, and even had the chance to meet Jewer Ilham and hear her speak alongside members of the European Parliament and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee about the experiences of her father and the ongoing situation of the Uyghur minority in China. In addition, I benefitted from the FIU in D.C team who regularly held professional and networking events. It was rewarding to visit the many public museums, art galleries, and memorials throughout the city which were filled with historical and cultural significance.

MFJMCE: What advice would you give to future students?

I advise future interns to take advantage of the opportunities FIU and the Jean Monnet European Center of Excellence offers. Attend all events that interest you, network with other students and professionals, and work on your professional development as it will only serve set you apart from others.

MFJMCE: Do you have any last thoughts to share?

I am forever grateful to FIU & SIPA, the Jean Monnet European Center of Excellence, and most importantly Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, for all the hard work and dedication she provides to all FIU students, and for opening the doors to my professional development.



Juan Miguel Debesa
In front of the Library of Congress in D.C.



Juan Miguel Debesa with Slovenia Ambassador Stanislav Vidovic in D.C.



Webinars on COVID-19 and Europe





Webinar: Pandemics and Politics: A EU Perspective with Rebecca Friedman, Martin Palous, Markus Thiel, and David J. Kramer



Webinar: Managing the Pandemic: a Conversation with France and Germany with Consuls General of France and Germany, and David J. Kramer

Since March 16, FIU has transitioned to remote work in response to the coronavirus pandemic, and during this unprecedented period of confinement, the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence and European & Eurasian Studies Program have also adapted to working differently in order to serve our students, faculty, and community.

Since then, we have continued being active on social media and organizing different Zoom meetings and webinars in order to keep everybody updated on the situation in Europe amid the COVID-19. Two of those webinars were organized through the Dorothea Green Lecture Series and in collaboration with the J. Green School of Public Affairs, and the European & Eurasian Studies Program, where David J. Kramer, Senior Fellow SIPA, and Director of the European & Eurasian Studies Program, was the moderator.

WEBINAR ON PANDEMICS AND POLITICS: A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

On April 8th, the Dorothea Green Lecture Series and the European & Eurasian Studies Program held a recorded webinar on Pandemics and Politics: a European Perspective, where our FIU faculty experts gave an update on the situation in Western, Eastern Europe and

David J. Kramer, Senior Fellow, SIPA; Director, European & Eurasian Studies Program, was the moderator, and Public Rebecca Friedman, Director, Wolfsonian Humanities Lab; Martin Palouš, Director, Vaclav Havel Program for Human Rights and Diplomacy; and Markus Thiel, Director, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, were the panelists.

This event was co-sponsored by the Wolfsonian Public Humanities Lab. Vaclay Havel Program for Human Rights and Diplomacy, and the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence.

To watch April 8th video Pandemics and Politics: a European Perspective, click here

WEBINAR ON MANAGING THE PANDEMIC: A CONVERSATION WITH FRANCE AND GERMANY

On the eve of the 9th of May, Europe Day, Laurent Gallissot, Consul General of France; and Andreas T. Siegel, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, cordially accepted our invitation to participate in our webinar on "Managing the Pandemic: A Conversation with France and Germany", where David J. Kramer was the moderator. In this webinar, the two consuls general addressed the challenges of their respective countries and the EU, described the unprecedented support provided by the EU Member States to aid employees and businesses, and presented the phases of the reopening after weeks of lockdown. 2020 marks the 70th anniversary of the 1950 #Schuman Declaration often referred as the Day of the united Europe: a new milestone celebrating peace and unity in Europe. "The EU spirit of unity hasn't die. We keep strong by keeping together in solidarity and cooperation," said the two consuls general.

By Christine I. Caly-Sanchez

To watch May 9th video Managing the Pandemic: a conversation with France and Germany, click here



- To watch other webinars on the response to the COVID-19 by Europe, click here
- Read European Commission Coronavirus Global Response pages 48-49



In addition to the different webinars, David J. Kramer Senior Fellow, SIPA; Director, European & Eurasian Studies Program, wrote a series of articles on democracy and developments in Eurasian countries during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can read all of them



Webinar: How to Teach Europe Online June 30, 2020





FIU and Indiana Universities faculty at the webinar on How to Teach Europe Online

On June 30, FIU and Indiana University Bloomington faculty met virtually to share their experiences teaching remotely students amid the COVID-19. The workshop titled "How to teach Europe Online" was organized by the Institute for European Studies at the University of Indiana Bloomington and in collaboration with the European & Eurasian Studies Program and the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at FIU.

During one hour and a half, faculty shared their experiences and challenges teaching remotely, and experts gave tips and advice on how to design and deliver quality online courses, how to keep students motivated and engaged, and how to give assignments and administer exams.

Frank Hess, Director, Institute for European Studies at the University of Indiana, welcomed the audience and stated that this workshop was very important amid the COVID-19 and in view of preparing teaching online for fall semester. As FIU, Indiana University will deliver two thirds of its classes remotely or online.

After participants introduced themselves, Frank Hess spoke about the lessons he learned from last semester and advised professors to listen to students carefully and make them comfortable. He reminded them that it is an unprecedented situation and being at home, students have to confront more difficulties to attend and succeed in an online course. He stressed the fact that students were facing family issues such as illness, stress, and sometimes a lack of access to technology in order to follow a zoom or online course. He stated that it is important to reach out to students who have either personal (health, financial) or technical problems and refer them to the appropriate department of the university for support and help.

David Becker, Quality Matters Lead Coordinator, IU Office of Collaborative Academic Programs, gave a presentation on the advantages of designing and delivering a Quality Matters online course. He pointed out that both universities, Indiana University and Florida International University, have the QM label for their online courses. He described the 6 phases/ General Standards to follow in order to design QM online courses which include the following: a clear course overview and introduction, a description of (competencies), learning objectives assessments and measurements, instructional materials. learning activities and learner interaction, the course technology, the learner support, the accessibility and usability; In other words, everything has to be described clearly on the syllabus: accessibility, visibility, and transparency are essential in the design of an online course.

Esther Ham, professor of Dutch, Germanic Studies, at Indiana University, gave some tips on how to motivate and engage students in Zoom classes: accessibility and visibility are essential; you need to have all the technology working: microphone, webcam, internet, white board, and sms, but you also need students to interact and participate. In order to do that, ask the students to turn the camera on without their pictures so you can interact and see them. If they are uncomfortable via camera to answer a question, ask them to use the "chat" to answer. Break sessions with small group of students (no more than four) was one of the solutions. Quizzes, discussions after the recording of a video, and comments from the students are also good techniques. You can always use annotations, handouts, and clicking on "yes", or "no" to engage your students.

Sharing PowerPoint presentations, movies, videos, and eBooks are necessary to keep students motivated. "Communication and variation are the keys, and don't forget to clarify assignments before the class," added Esther Ham.

At the end of the workshop, each participant received a list of some online teaching resources.

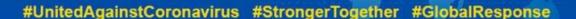
The webinar was a success, and all those who attended are looking forward to participating in another workshop in the near future with the hosts: the Institute for European Studies at the University of Indiana Bloomington, and FIU's European & Eurasian Studies Program.







Coronavirus Global Response





The European Commission is coordinating a **common European response** to the coronavirus outbreak. They are taking resolute action to reinforce their public health sectors and mitigate the socio-economic impact in the European Union. They are mobilizing all means at their disposal to help their Member States coordinate their national responses and are providing objective information about the spread of the virus and effective efforts to contain it.

President von der Leyen has established a Coronavirus response team at political level to coordinate their response to the pandemic.

During these times of crisis, across the European Union, countries, regions and cities are stretching out a helping hand to neighbors and assistance is given to those most in need: donations of protective equipment such as masks, cross-border treatments of ill patients and bringing stranded citizens home. This is **European solidarity at its best**.

The European Union and its member states are working around the clock to fight against the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Protecting the health and safety of the citizens is the EU's top priority. In addition, the EU and its member states are taking resolute action to mitigate the socioeconomic impact of the outbreak and sustain jobs. The

EU is mobilizing all resources available to help member states coordinate their national responses, and this includes providing objective information about the spread of the virus and effective efforts to contain it

EU leaders have agreed on a number of priorities to coordinate the EU's response to COVID-19:

- limiting the spread of the virus
- ensuring the provision of medical equipment
- boosting research for treatments and vaccines
- supporting jobs, businesses and the economy

They also agreed to step up their efforts to ensure that EU citizens stranded in third countries who want to go home can do so.

The 'Global Goal: Unite for our Future' pledging summit organized on June 27 by the European Commission and Global Citizen mobilized €6.15 billion in additional funding to help develop and ensure equitable access to coronavirus vaccines, tests and treatments. The money raised will also support economic recovery in the world's most fragile regions and communities.

This amount includes a €4.9 billion pledge by the European Investment Bank, in partnership with the European Commission, and €485 million committed by EU Member States. This brings total pledges under the Coronavirus Global Response pledging marathon, launched by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on 4 May, to €15.9 billion.

40 governments took part in the summit and committed to ensuring universal access to coronavirus medicines. They also vowed to help rebuild communities that have been hit hard by the pandemic, in a fair and just way. As a landmark of global solidarity, the summit resulted in commitments for the production capacity of **over 250 million vaccine doses** for middle and lower income countries.









For more information on Global Response, go to the European Commission website, click here



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#UnitedAgainstCoronavirus #StrongerTogether #GlobalResponse

On April 24th, EU Ambassador to the US Stavros Lambrinidis joined EU Ambassadors from around the world in calling for enhanced international cooperation to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. Multilateralism is more relevant today than ever before. "*Only by working together can we beat this pandemic*."

Below you will find some excerpts from the EU Ambassadors around the world. To watch the video, click here.



"As European Union Ambassadors around the world, we face the devastation that this novel coronavirus brings everyday, and the tremendous human and economic suffering that it causes. Our hearts go out to the many who have lost their loved ones to the virus and to the many more who are still fighting it."

Stavros Lambrinidis, EU Ambassador to the United States



"During these trying times, we are also heartened by seeing the best of humanity across the continents from volunteers delivering food to the brave nurses and doctors struggling day and night to save lives. Thank you for your courage!"

Patricia Llombart-Cussac. EU Ambassador to Colombia



"We all have to do our part and it's quite simple, actually.

We have to stay and work from home and keep social distancing.

The virus does not respect any borders, and we are going to get rid of it once everyone across the world is rid of it.

So we keep strong by keeping together in solidarity and in cooperation."

Olof Skoog, EU Ambassador to the United Nations in NY



"This crisis has reconfirmed that multilateral cooperation is the only path and it is our collective responsibility to work together to this end for future generations. We owe it to the victims of the coronavirus."

Josep Borell Fontelle, EU High Representative/Vice President, European Commission



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All of us at the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence and the European & Eurasian Studies Program want to thank all of our faculty, students and friends for participating in our events this year.



The activities of the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence will continue in fall 2020.

In the meantime, all of the MFJMCE and European & Eurasian Studies Program team members wish you a safe and healthy summer and look forward to seeing all of you next fall!



For details please visit: <u>miamieuc.fiu.edu</u> - Events or contact Christine I. Caly-Sanchez at calyc@fiu.edu

