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# Culture: Building Block or Obstacle for Transnational European Identities

A Conference of the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence  
A Consortium of the University of Miami and Florida International University

**February 25-26, 2010**

Florida International University - MARC International Pavilion

### PROGRAM

#### Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**5.00 – 6.30 p.m.**      **Keynote Address: Michael D. Kennedy, the Howard R. Swearer  
Director of the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown  
University**  
*“System, Agent, Issue and Event in the Cultural Formations of the European  
Union”*  
Sponsored by The Ruth K. and Shepard Broad Distinguished lecture Series

#### Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**8.30 – 9.00 a.m.**      **Coffee, light Breakfast and Registration**

#### **9.00 – 10.30 a.m.**      **Panel I: European Culture and the Uses of History**

Panelists:

- Dr. Joseph F. Patrouch  
Associate Professor, History Department, FIU  
*“The role of the Holy Roman Empire in Understanding European identity”*
- Dr. Raymond Taras  
Professor, Political Science, Tulane University  
*“Islamophobia and the Use of Counter Histories”*
- Dr. Felice Lifshitz,  
Professor, History Department, FIU  
*“Action! Camera! Roots! Cinematic Medievalism and European Identities”*
- Dr. Mishel Pavloski  
The Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje, Macedonia  
*“History, Identity and the (Balkan) Powder Keg”*

**Panel Discussion chaired by Dr. Rebecca Friedman**

Co-Director, Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence  
Director, European Studies  
Associate Professor, History, FIU

**10.45 – 12.15 p.m. Panel II: European Integration and Political Cultures**

Panelist:

- Dr. Sophie Duchesne-Guilluy,  
Senior Researcher, Sciences Po, France  
*“National Cultures, Debates and a European Identity”*
- Dr. Milena Neshkova,  
Assistant Professor, Public Administration, FIU  
*“Public Opinion and Commission Decision-Making”*
- Dr. Tatiana Kostadinova,  
Associate Professor, Political Science and International Relations, FIU  
*“Corruption and Popular Attitudes towards National Institutions, the EU, and Democracy”*
- Dr. Markus Thiel,  
Assistant Professor, Political Science & International Relations, FIU  
*“Xenophobia & Inclusion: The Status quo of European Civil Society”*

**Panel Discussion chaired by Mattias Sundholm**

Deputy Spokesperson/Deputy Head of Press & Public Diplomacy  
Delegation of the European Union to the U.S. in Washington D.C.

**1.45 – 2.45 p.m. Panel III: Roundtable on Transnational Identity:  
National Perspectives**

Panelists

- Mattias Sundholm  
Deputy Spokesperson/Deputy Head of Press & Public Diplomacy  
Delegation of the European Union to the U.S. in Washington D.C.
- Hon. Kevin McGurgan  
British Consul General Miami
- Hon. Klaus Ranner  
Consul General of Germany
- Hon. Beata Paszyc  
Honorary Vice Consul of the Republic of Poland

**Panel Discussion chaired by Dr. Nicol Rae**

Senior Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, FIU

**3.00 – 4.45 p.m. Panel IV: Cultural Practices in Everyday Life**

Panelists:

- Dr. Marion Demossier  
Senior Lecturer in French and European Studies, University of Bath  
*“Territorial Regional Identities & Wine Culture”*
  
- Dr. Homero Gil-de-Zuniga  
Assistant Professor, School of Journalism, University of Texas  
*“Mass Media/Social Networks and EU”*
  
- Dr. Dario Gaggio  
Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Michigan  
*“Tourism and Transnationalism”*
  
- Dr. Matthias Kaelberer  
Associate Professor, Political Science, University of Memphis  
*“The Euro & pecuniary identity”*

**Panel Discussion chaired by Dr. Sarah Mahler**

Associate Professor of Anthropology  
Global & Sociocultural Studies Department, FIU

**5.00 – 5.30 p.m. Closing Remarks**

Dr. Michael D. Kennedy  
The Howard R. Swearer Director of the Watson Institute for  
International Studies, Brown University