“Twenty Five Years of Spain’s Membership in the European Union (1986-2011)”

Seminar

- Domestic and European-wide historical balance;
- Impact on the relations with the United States and Latin America;
- The Portuguese dimension.

Date: Friday, February 25, 2011.
Place: European Union Center/Jean Monnet Chair, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida
Room: 4028 School of Communication, University of Miami. 4th floor.

Papers will be shortly available on the web (www.miami.edu/publications, papers) and eventually published in an edited book to be released and presented on May 9, 2011, Schuman/Europe’s Day

8:30am: Registration
8:45am: Opening/Welcome:
Sam L Grogg, Dean, School of Communication, University of Miami.
Joseph B. Treaster, School of Communication, University of Miami

9:00:
Session I: Historical review

Chair: Rebecca Friedman, Florida International University

Cristina Blanco Sío-López, Centre Virtuel de la Connaissance sur l'Europe (CVCE) – Luxembourg, "Spain and the process of European integration: The historical evolution of the discourse and implementation of a mediating role between the EU and Latin America".
Sonia Piedrafita, Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales, Madrid. “Spain’s and Portugal’s understanding of EU membership and their support to the integration process and enlargement.”

Comments: Ronald Hall, EU Fellow, European Commission

10:45: Coffee break
11:00
Session II: Selected EU common policies

Chair: Julián Linares, Founder, Spain Study Group, Miami

Ramon Mullerat, KPMG Abogados (Barcelona), “How Spain Implements European law”
Blanca Vilà, Autonomous University of Barcelona, “The legal added value of European Membership. Some issues of Spain’s case.”
Luis Moreno, Spanish National Research Council, “Spain's membership in the EU and the European welfare state”

Comments: Astrid Boening, University of Miami

1:00: Lunch break

Address: Thomas Leblanc, Provost, University of Miami

Key note presentation: Enrique Barón, Former President of the European Parliament/Jean Monnet Professor/ University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain, “Spain’s contribution in the European Parliament”.

2:00pm
Session III: The economy

Chair: Antonio de Lecea, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation in Washington

Sebastián Royo, Suffolk University, Boston, “Lessons from Portugal and Spain in the EU after 25 years: the Challenges of Economic Reforms”.
Francesc Granell, University of Barcelona, “Spain’s management of the economy since 1986”
María Lorca-Susino, University of Miami, “The economic cycle and the unemployment rate: Spain and the brain drain”

Comments: Mario Buisán, Embassy of Spain Trade Commissioner
4:00pm
Session IV: The exterior dimension

Chair: **Maurice Ferré**, Ferré Associates, Miami

**José Ignacio Torreblanca**, European Council of Foreign Relation/UNED, “A democratic audit of Spain’s foreign policy”

**Haruko Hosoda**, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan, “Spanish affiliation to the EEC and the interrelationship of its NATO membership as seen from the U.S.”

**Vicente Palacio**, Fundación Alternativas, Madrid, “Shaping an EU vision for the Americas: a review of the Spanish role”

**Julie Schmied**, University of Brasilia, “Spain’s membership in the EU and the promotion of regional cooperation with Latin America through regional summits”

Comments: **Ambler H. Moss**, Department of International Studies, University of Miami

5:45: closing:

**Donna Shalala**, President, University of Miami

**Cristina Barrios**, Consul General of Spain

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