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Conference Participants: Biographical Notes

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Renate Hahlen

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Dr. Renate Hahlen is Minister Counsellor (Development) at the European Union Delegation Washington since fall 2014. She follows the EU relations in the area of development policy and international cooperation with the US, the World Bank, the IMF and the Inter-American Development Bank (IaDB).

She has been a European Commission official since 1996 with extended experience in EU external action and development policy. In 2013-2014 she was Head of the Unit Aid and Development Effectiveness and Financing at the Directorate General International Cooperation and Development. For many years she steered the relations of the European Commission with EU Member States as development actors. As a specialist in development finance and aid and development effectiveness she also closely followed the UN work in view of the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on development finance and the Agenda 2030 on sustainable development, the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation and the Official Development Assistance (ODA) reform of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC).

Previously she worked on the EU relations with Algeria, Jordan, Vietnam and Laos. Prior to joining the European Commission she worked at the German federal ministry for international cooperation and development, on international debt issues, on the EU partnership with Sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) and on the Euro-Mediterranean partnership.

Dr. Hahlen studied in Germany, Switzerland and Turkey, graduated in law and holds a PhD in international private and comparative law (Freiburg University).

ACADEMIC PANELISTS

Olufemi A. Babarinde

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Olufemi A. Babarinde is on the faculty of Thunderbird School of Global Management, a unit of Arizona State University. His academic degrees are in Economics and in Political Science. At Thunderbird, his research and teaching expertise have included Global/Economic Development, Global Political Economy, Regional Trade/Economic Agreements, Business Environment of SSA and of Europe, Emerging Market of South Africa, and Business Environment of Kenya. Some of his recent (co-authored) publications include “Reforming Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation,” “Africa-EU –EU Partnership on Trade and Regional Integration,” “Africa-EU Partnership on the Millennium Development Goals,” “Implications of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership for Africa,” “The Private Equity Market in Africa,” “Africa on the move: ignore the continent at your own risk,” and “The African Union and the quest for security governance in Africa.” He also serves on the editorial boards of a number of academic journals, and has consulted for companies/organizations on a variety of issues, including, but not limited to Doing Business in Africa, Doing Business in Europe, Exports-based jobs creation, and Political Risk assessment.

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Bibek Chand is a PhD candidate at the Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University. His research interests include small states in international politics, international relations of South Asia, Nepalese politics, and Sino-Indian power dynamics.

Erin Damman

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Dr. Damman received her Ph.D. from Northwestern University in Political Science, an M.A. from the University of Natal-Durban in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. Her research areas cross the boundary between Comparative Politics and International Relations, and include African political development and security studies, collective action and regional integration in Africa, and qualitative and mixed-method research techniques. Dr. Damman's dissertation, *Peacekeeping for Approval: The Rise of African-led Interventions*, explores the institutional transformation of African regional bodies beginning in the 1990s that culminated in the African Union's formal codification of the use of armed intervention in member states' humanitarian crises. Currently, Dr. Damman is working on an article that looks specifically at Rwanda's regional peacekeeping behavior and the effects it has had upon the political development of the state. She is also finishing a piece (with Kendra Koivu) on qualitative methodology that examines an underspecified cause known as a sufficient but unnecessary part of an insufficient but necessary cause (SUIN).

Lukas K. Danner

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Mr. Lukas K. Danner completed undergraduate and graduate coursework at Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (LMU), as well as a year studying abroad at Beijing Foreign Studies University. After earning an M.A. degree from LMU in Sinology, American Cultural History, and International Law in 2011, he entered the Ph.D. program in International Relations at FIU in August of the same year. Mr. Danner's research revolves around East Asian international relations with a focus on China's foreign affairs, regional security dynamics in the Asia-Pacific, and the political economy of Northeast Asia. In his dissertation entitled *Civilizational Causes of China's Contradictory Grand Strategy*, Mr. Danner aims to explain China's ambivalent international behavior in its economic and diplomatic policies as well as its military strategy. Mr. Danner has been teaching various undergraduate courses at FIU since Spring 2014.

Alexandre Met-Domestici

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Alexandre Met-Domestici is a Maître de Conférences -Associate Professor- with the Institute of Political Science -Sciences Po- in Aix-en-Provence, France. After graduating from Sciences Po and the Faculty of Law, he completed two Master's degrees in Business Law and EC Law. He then completed his PhD in 2004. He has been teaching at university since 1999.

He teaches European Law and Public Law. He has been awarded in 2010 a Jean Monnet Module about “The EU's role in the fight against corruption and money laundering”. He has then been awarded a Jean Monnet Chair on “The EU's Role in the Fight against Economic Crime” in 2014. He was also an International Program Advisor with Sciences Po's Department of International Relations from 2008 to 2015.

Alexandre Met-Domestici is a visiting professor at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic and at Mykolas Romeris University in Vilnius, Lithuania.

He writes articles about European Law and French Public Law. His recently published articles deal with « The Reform of the EU's Anti-Corruption Mechanism » -EUCRIM, Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, n° 1/2012-, « The Reform of the Fight against Money Laundering in the EU » -EUCRIM, Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, n° 3/2013- and « The legal framework of Anti-Money Laundering in the EU » -Revue de l'Union européenne, n° 587, April 2015-.

He was a speaker in international conferences, with presentations such as « The EPPO at the European Level: Institutional Layout and consequences on the Link with the National Level » -

conference « Interactions between the European Public Prosecutor's Office and National Authorities », organized by OLAF and the European Law Research Association, Supreme Court, Warsaw, Poland-, « Ensuring Integrity in Public Procurement », - 12th International Symposium on Public Management, Institute for Public Management and Economic Development, French Ministry of Finance, Paris, France-, « Developments over the last 12 years of the fight against corruption and organised crime in the private sector within the European Union », - conference « Preventing Fraud, Corruption and Bribery committed by and through Legal Entities », Asser Institute and PISM, Warsaw, Poland- and « Preventing Terrorism at the EU Level » - Conference « The EU and the Fight against terrorism », Faculty of Law and Political Science, Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence, France-.

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Rebecca Friedman is Faculty Fellow, Office of the Provost (2015-2017) and is an Associate Professor of History. During her tenure as Faculty Fellow, Friedman works closely with the Office for Faculty and Global Affairs. Her research is focused on modern Russian cultural and gender history. During her 15 years at FIU, Friedman has participated in multiple interdisciplinary programs and served in numerous administrative capacities, including GSIPA, the Humanities Program at BBC and Women's Studies. As Director of the EU Center, she has served as PI for numerous grants from the EU Commission.

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Dr. Wendy C. Grenade is a Grenadian who is a Lecturer in Political Science and the Deputy Dean (Outreach), Faculty of Social Sciences, the University of the West Indies (UWI), Cave Hill Campus. In 2005 she graduated from the University of Miami with a PhD in International Studies with concentrations in Comparative Politics and International Relations. Dr. Grenade is the editor of *Grenada Revolution: Reflections and Lessons* (2015) University Press of Mississippi. She has authored several other publications on politics in Grenada, comparative regionalisms (EU-CARICOM) and security. Prior to joining the UWI, Dr. Grenade taught at the Florida Atlantic University and at the European Union Centre, University of Miami. She was also employed with the Government of Grenada in the Grenada Public Service and the Grenada Diplomatic Service; with postings in Washington D.C. and London.

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Percy C. Hintzen is currently a Professor in the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies at Florida International University and Professor Emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley where he served for thirty-two years as a Professor of African American Studies, Director of the Center for African Studies, co-director of the Multi Campus Research Group on Africa, Chair of African American Studies, Director of Peace and Conflict Studies, and Acting Director of the Center for Race and Gender. He served also as President of the Caribbean Studies Association and as a member of the Advisory Board of the Cultural Studies Association. He earned his Ph.D. in Comparative Political Sociology from Yale University. He is a postcolonial scholar whose research and writing examine relationships among modernity, political economy, and the production of difference.

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Sylvia Maier works on gender, politics, and international relations, with a particular focus on the Middle East. Educated at the University of Vienna, Austria, and the University of Southern California, she previously taught at Georgia Institute of Technology and at NYU's Center for European and Mediterranean Studies. She has authored and co-authored numerous articles and book chapters, and is currently working on a book about women's empowerment in the Middle East.

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Joaquín Roy (Lic. Law, University of Barcelona, 1966; Ph.D, Georgetown University, 1973), is Jean Monnet Professor and Director of University of Miami European Union Center of Excellence. He has published over 200 academic articles and reviews, and he is the author or editor of 39 books. He has also published over 1,400 columns and essays. He was awarded the Encomienda of the Order of Merit by King Juan Carlos of Spain.

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Dr. Thiel's research interests are the political sociology of the EU and European (Union) Politics more generally, Nationalism & Identity (Politics) and Mixed Methods Research Methodology. He has published several EU-related articles and book chapters at the EU Center of Excellence as well as in *Transatlantic Monthly*, *International Studies Compendium*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *Perspectives on European Politics & Society* and the *Journal of European Integration*. He published *The Limits of Transnationalism: Collective Identities and EU Integration* (Palgrave, 2011) and also co-edited four volumes: one with Lisa Prügl on *Diversity and the European Union* (Palgrave, 2009), one with Roger Coate on *Identity politics in the Age of Globalization* (Lynne Rienner/First Forum Press, 2010), one with Rebecca Friedman on *European Identity and Culture: Narratives of Transnational Belonging* (Ashgate, 2012), and the latest one on *Sexual Politics in IR: how LGBTQ claims shape IR* (Routledge, 2015). His current project focuses on focuses on the promotion of rights policies through civil society based on the EU's Fundamental Rights Charter/Agency (forthcoming 2016).