

Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence

Annual Conference

Democratic Values and Civic Participation in Europe and Beyond

Keynote Address

Mon, March 10, 5 PM - 6:30 PM
MARC Pavilion

Panel Discussions

Tues, March 11, 9 AM - 4 PM
SIPA II, Room 260

Florida International University
Modesto A. Maidique Campus
11200 SW 8th St, Miami 33199



Scan QR code
to RSVP



Scan QR code
for full program



Co-funded by
the European Union



Steven J. Green
School of International
& Public Affairs



CONFERENCE KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The European Parliament's Role in Upholding Transatlantic Democratic Values

Walter Goetz, Ph.D.

Head of the European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington, D.C.

In his keynote address, Dr. Goetz will explore the vital role the European Parliament plays in promoting and safeguarding transatlantic democratic values. Drawing on his extensive experience within the European Parliament, he will discuss the challenges and opportunities in strengthening EU-U.S. relations, with a focus on cooperation, shared democratic principles, and the importance of upholding these values in an increasingly complex global landscape.

Walter Goetz became Head of the European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington D.C. on September 1, 2023. Prior to this, he served as Head of Cabinet for Transport Commissioner Adina Vălean. Dr. Goetz has held several roles in the European Parliament, including Head of the Secretariat for the ITRE Committee, TRAN Committee, and the Special Committee on the Financial Crisis. He joined the European Parliament in 2006, initially working in the ITRE Secretariat and later in the Transatlantic Relations Unit. From 2003 to 2005, he was an Administrator at the European Commission in the financial services sector. Goetz began his career in Germany's Federal Ministry of Finance, working from 1998 to 2003. He studied Law and Administrative Science in Germany and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Konstanz.

This two-day conference is free and open to FIU students and the public. For more information, contact Christine I. Caly-Sanchez at calyc@fiu.edu.