



SPRING 2026 ACTIVITIES- EESP-MFJMCE

January 2026

- **Thursday, Jan. 15 | Application Deadline**
MFJMCE EU Research Grants | Announcement: Feb.6
Faculty Curriculum Development Grant
EU Research Grant for Faculty & Graduate Students
- **January 22-29**
Hillel at FIU | Holocaust & Genocide Program |
Jewish Museum of Florida | FIU
FIU's 11th Annual Holocaust & Genocide Awareness Week
- **Tuesday, Jan. 27 | 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm**
FIU | Graham Center | GC 150
MFJMCE Lecture
Power and Promise: Mobilizing the European Green Energy Transition
Kellan Anfinson, Assistant Professor
School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies
University of South Florida, Tampa
- **Friday, Jan. 30 | 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm**
MFJMCE HS Euro Challenge | Via Zoom
Economic Update Webinar: Update on the economic state of the eurozone
Ben Carliner, Senior Economist, EU Delegation to the US

February 2026

- **Friday, Feb. 6 | 10:15 am - 12:00 pm**
FIU-MMC- SIPA II Pavilion —Room 102
German Funding Organizations Visit & Opportunities of funding for faculty and graduate students
- DAAD Regional Office New York (USA & Canada)
- American Friends of the Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation
- Max Planck Society
- Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany
- **Thursday, Feb. 19 | 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm**
EESP Graduate Student Research Presentation
Brown Bag Lecture Series | FIU-MMC- SIPA II—Room 501
Is it time for Revival? Factors Facilitating the Success of Far-right Populism
Ryan Coleman, Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science
- **Friday, Feb. 20 | Zoom**
MFJMCE | **Preliminary Schuman Challenge Competition**

March 2026

- **Thursday, March 5 | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**
FIU-MMC- Graham Center—Room GC 355
EESP Roundtable
Democratic Backsliding in Russia: Ramifications for Europe
Ambassador Kurt Volker
Leadership, Diplomacy, and National Security; Distinguished Fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA)
Lenka Bustikova
Director, Center for European Studies
Professor, Department of Political Science
University of Florida
Ruslan Stefanov
Program Director and Chief Economist
Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia, Bulgaria

March 2026

- **March 9-10**
MFJMCE Annual EU Conference | MARC Pavilion-SIPA II-102
The Environment is for all of us: European and Global Politics of Climate Change Mitigation
 - ▶ **Monday, March 9 | 2:00 - 3:15 pm | MARC Pavilion**
Keynote Speaker: Javier Sancho Velazquez
Head of Global Issues and Innovation
Delegation of the European Union to the United States
 - ▶ **Tuesday, March 10 | 9:15 am - 4:15 pm**
Conference | FIU-MMC- SIPA II Pavilion—Room 102
- **March 12 & 13**
MFJMCE HS Euro Challenge | Via Zoom & in-person
Euro Challenge Regional Competition in Florida

April 2026

- **Wednesday, April 8 | 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm**
FIU- MMC—College of Law | EESP Lecture
How Europe shaped the Western hemisphere and the transatlantic alliance, from the foundation of the United States to today
Julio Crespo MacLennan, Jean Monnet Professor of European History, IE University, School of Politics, Economics & Global Affairs, Madrid
- **April 10-11-12**
Indiana University Bloomington
MFJMCE | **Midwest Model EU Competition**
- **Tuesday, April 14 | 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm**
FIU- MMC—SIPA II—Room 102 | EESP Roundtable
The Arctic at a Crossroads: Strategic Competition and Security in the High North
John Clark, Professor, PIR
Lukas Danner, Adjunct Professor, PIR
Hon. Sylvia Cesaratto, Consul General of Canada in Miami
Katie Laatikainen, Professor & Chair, Dept. Political Science and International Relations, Adelphi University, NY
- **Monday, April 27 | 8:00 am - 6:30 pm**
MFJMCE HS Euro Challenge | NY
National Euro Challenge Competition in NY
Semi-finals and final

May 2026

- **Friday, May 8 | 1:30 pm- 3:00 pm**
FIU | Graham Center | GC 150
MFJMCE | EUROPE DAY CELEBRATION
Recognition Award Ceremony wih EU Consuls
European & Eurasian Studies Program Certificates
Model EU, Schuman Challenge, Euro Challenge competition

Other events will be added during the year