



# Newsletter



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## National Euro Challenge Competition: We have two Winners from Florida!



On Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the two Florida high schools selected in Miami at the Local Euro Challenge Competition on March 13<sup>th</sup>, (Nova High School, and Trinity Preparatory School) went to New York to represent Florida at the national Euro Challenge Competition, a program created and run by the Delegation of the European Commission, with assistance from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and support from The Moody's Foundation, Credit Suisse and Deloitte & Touche.

The two teams consisted of five 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>-grade students each were accompanied by their teachers.



Nova High School students receiving their award from Frances G. Laserson, Moody's Foundation's president - New-York, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The students were really excited and proud to compete nationally and present their economic challenges and European countries ("Estonia and Aging"; and "Germany and Sustaining the Social Welfare System") before a panel of prestigious judges from the European Community: ambassadors, consuls, EU Delegation officials, and financial experts. Our two teams made it to the finals and won 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place.

After a long day of competition for the 25 teams from around the country at the Federal Reserve Bank of New-York (semi-finals in the morning, and finals in the afternoon), all the students were invited to the Recognition and Award Reception on the 20<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Moody's Foundation (7 World Trade Center). Our winning Florida teams had the privilege to receive a check from the Moody's Foundation president and be congratulated for their outstanding presentation. They also had the privilege to meet and talk to Ambassador João Vale de Almeida, Head of Delegation, European Union Delegation to the United States of

America.

America.

"We are very proud to represent Florida at the national competition, and this is an excellent opportunity for our students to shine. It has been seven years since the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence began to recruit and organize the local Florida Euro Challenge Competition. This year, we are extremely proud of our schools. We have two winners: Nova High School,



## National Euro Challenge Competition: We have two Winners from Florida!



and Trinity Preparatory School. They made it to the finals and won 5th and 4th place respectively. Since 2007, the MEUCE has selected seventy-three Florida high schools from Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Lee, and Orange counties, and sent nineteen to New York to compete nationally. Ninety-four students have gone to New York representing their schools," said Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Associate Director, MEUCE-FIU and organizer and recruiter of the competition in Florida. "This competition has become a showcase for our Florida schools, and it will continue to grow due to the tremendous response we have received from our local schools".

► To view competition's photo gallery, click here: <https://plus.google.com/photos/101832858099366193320/albums/6010127160285334865?banner=pwa>

► To view press release, [click here](#)



Trinity Preparatory School waiting for the results between the semi-final and final. From left to right, Nathaniel Saffran, Teacher Michael Vigars, Oliver Trapp, Amber Yang, Varun Bathia, Justin Graham

*By C. Caly-Sanchez*



Frances G. Laserson, Moody's Foundation President announcing the five Euro Challenge Competition Winners.

Of the top 25 performing schools in the United States, the two representatives from Florida made it to the final round of 5 finalists and won 4th place (Trinity Preparatory School), and 5th place (Nova High School).



Trinity Preparatory School, FL, 4th place, receiving their award from Moody's Foundation President, Frances G. Laserson.

From left to right: Amber Yang, Varun Bathia, Oliver Trapp, Nathaniel Saffran, Justin Graham





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## Euro Challenge Contestants Give Testimonials



Over the course of the past seven years, the number of South Florida high schools participating in the Euro Challenge has constantly increased. Eleven schools from the counties of Miami-Dade, Broward, Lee, St. Lucie, and Orange Counties entered this year's competition and impressed the juries with creative and well-researched projects. All of the teams gave ambitious presentations at the final regional round, which took place at FIU on March 13. On April 30<sup>th</sup>, the best two teams from South Florida

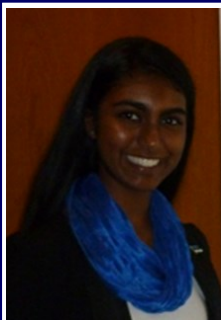
- **Nova High School**
- **Trinity Preparatory School**

even traveled to New York City and made it to the finals and won the 4th and 5th place at the national competition.

MEUCE as Florida's recruiter and organizer of the Euro Challenge would like to thank all the students, teachers, the FED Miami Branch, and jury members for the time and effort they put into making 2014 competition a memorable event for everybody involved.

In the following, this year's Euro Challengers talk about their personal experiences as participants. It is because of such overwhelmingly positive feedback that MEUCE is very much looking forward to the next Euro Challenge in 2015.

*By C. Caly-Sanchez*



**Preethi Alturi**

**Nova High School**  
Grade 10

Prior to the Euro Challenge, I would not have been paying attention to what the current situation is in Europe economic wise and I would not have known even the most basic economic concepts. With this challenge, I am able to take those concepts and apply them in current events. My team had to work extremely hard and become knowledgeable about the European Union and how it works and the Eurozone. The Euro Challenge greatly improved my presentation skills as well as awareness of what is happening in the world. I am able to answer questions on the spot with the information I have in my head and with the information that I have researched. This isn't something that can be accomplished overnight- it is a process. It is not something that is easy and that is what makes this challenge so rewarding. We really had to push ourselves to be the best that we could possibly be. We met every single day after school for meetings and practices. We spent hours of time to-

gether and that fostered our teamwork and cooperation. The Euro Challenge builds on and improves skills such as public speaking, confidence, knowledge, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

I would like to sincerely thank the Federal Reserve Bank, the Moody's Foundation, and the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence for making this whole challenge possible and for encouraging and supporting students all over the nation to participate. It is a wonderful, exciting opportunity and I am extremely proud of my teammates and all that we have achieved. Last but most definitely not the least, I want to thank my teacher, without whom I wouldn't even be writing this. She is the heart and soul of our team and she has spent so much of her time to make sure that we succeed and enjoy every moment. She kept us motivated, strong, and confident throughout the whole competition and we couldn't have asked for anyone better.

We won first place in the regional competition and went to New York- a journey that I will always remember. The Euro Challenge is an experience that I will never forget and it is, and always will be, an experience that is very near and dear to my heart.



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## Euro Challenge Contestants Give Testimonials (cont'd)



**Juan Bedoya**  
Nova High School  
Grade 10

It's very hard to describe the wonderful experience I've had with words. Throughout this journey that I embarked on with my fellow teammates, we were not only able to meet actual people from the European Union, the Delegation, and professional economists, but we were able to learn economic terms that worldwide economists and analysts use every day. Because of the Euro Challenge I was able to expand my knowledge about the European Union, the Eurozone, and most importantly Estonia. It's very surprising how the EU does things differently when compared to the United States, and the fact that I am one of the few students that are able to explain the political, economic, and social difference between the U.S. and the EU makes me feel extraordinary. Without this challenge I wouldn't have been able to expand my overall economic concept, learn about a small country that has a huge impact on the people around it, and just step outside my comfort zone and learn about a whole new world located in Europe. The fact that my team was able to place 1st in Regionals and make it to the top 5 in New York, assures me that all the learning that took place and the night and day sweat put into practice paid off in the short and the long run. Yeah sure, this experience only lasted for a year, but in the long run I know that this is a one in life time opportunity that only a few are lucky enough to obtain and that the Euro Challenge has made me a well rounded individual, both educationally and socially. Finally I would like to thank three people that helped us reach NY, that would be my teacher, who without we would have not gotten anywhere without her, my team members, who I now consider my second family, and finally Christine Caly, who was there to guide us through our first year of competing in the challenge.



**Olivier Trapp**  
Trinity Preparatory School  
Grade 10

The Euro Challenge was extremely organized and gave high school students the opportunity to explain economic concepts to a prestigious panel of judges. Overall, the Euro Challenge was a great opportunity to learn about the European Union and the global economy. On the other hand, New York was also incredible. We stayed at a hotel in the heart of Manhattan and we truly felt like we experienced the city in the best way possible.



**Amber Yang**  
Trinity Preparatory School  
Grade 9

The Euro Challenge is a wonderful learning experience from the research to the actual competition day. Understanding the economics and history of the Euro Union is a difficult task that not many students are able to take on, and I am very grateful to have learned so much. The Euro Challenge has sparked a great amount of interest in me towards learning more about the economic policies of our world. The Euro Challenge provided a different educational experience rather than rote reading and memorization. Instead of preparing a presentation about the policies that currently exist in the Eurozone, my teammates and I were presented with the challenge of how to change the current problems in today's world. The presentation and speaking facet of the competition allowed me to truly gain a comprehensive view of the Euro Union. The preparation of the presentation also improved my research skills. I was able to link the knowledge that I gained to the current situations of the world. The Euro Challenge provided a very professional atmosphere, and I especially enjoyed the question and answer session with the judges. It was an honor to present the history and solutions to problems in the Eurozone.

My teammates and I worked very hard throughout the year to prepare for our presentation, and we were overjoyed to learn that we qualified for the National competition in New York City. It was a great opportunity to present the Welfare System of Germany in the Federal Reserve Bank, and qualifying to the final round of the national competition was a "dream come true." Being a Freshman this year, I am most definitely looking forward to learning more about the Euro Union next year.

*By C. Caly-Sanchez*



**For more information on the Euro Challenge Competition, visit the following page:**

<http://miamieuc.fiu.edu/outreach/euro-challenge/>





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## Euro Challenge Recognition Award for Broward county



From left to right: Dr. Louise Ball, Teacher Shawna Ionescu, and Christine I. Caly-Sanchez



From left to right: Dr. Louise Ball, Dang Le, Swathi Chittlur, Juan Bedoya, Teacher Shawna Ionescu, Gamer Mohammed, Preethi Atluri, Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Principal John Lacasse

A Recognition Award Ceremony for the student team members in Broward County who won the regional and national divisions of the 2014 Euro Challenge Competition—Nova High School, was held at the respective school on May 20<sup>th</sup>. **Dr. Louise A. Ball**, Social Studies Curriculum Supervisor, School Board of Broward County, FL, awarded the students and teacher Shawna Ionescu an “Exemplary” medal. Dr. Ball congratulated and thanked the students for their effort and the great job they did representing Florida at the National Competition in New York on April 30<sup>th</sup>. She was very proud that one school from Broward County was selected at the national level, and won 5th place.

Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Associate Director, MEUCE, FIU, and organizer and recruiter of the Euro Challenge Competition in Florida, took part of the ceremony. She warmly congratulated the students, teacher and principal John Lacasse. She thanked Dr. Louise Ball for her support.

► To view Euro Challenge Competition Recognition Award Ceremony at Nova High School, please visit: <https://plus.google.com/photos/101832858099366193320/albums/6015681633714308609?banner=pwa>

► For more information on the Euro Challenge Competition, please visit: <http://miamieuc.fiu.edu/outreach/euro-challenge/>

*By C. Caly-Sanchez*



From left to right: Dang Le, Swathi Chittlur, Gamer Mohammed, Preethi Atluri, and Juan Bedoya, presenting their project “Estonia and Aging Population”



At the Reception—Nova High School—May 20, 2014  
From left to right: Swathi Chittlur, Preethi Atluri, Dang Le, Juan Bedoya, and Gamer Mohammed,





## MEUCE Celebrates Europe Day



### 2014 Recognition Award For European Studies Certificate Earners



2014 European Studies Program students awarded for their certificates in European Studies. From left to right: Dr. Volker Anding, Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Vittorio Levi, Omar Roig, Bianca Blanchard, Jamie Rentz, Stephanie Kelly, Dr. Rebecca Friedman, and Dr. Joaquin Roy

On May 9th, Europe Day, a holiday that marks each year the pivotal Schuman declaration of 1950 in which Robert Schuman (French foreign minister) proposed the creation of a supranational European community, an idea that laid the foundation for the EU. May 9th celebrates the EU and European integration. In honor of Europe Day, the MEUCE held a screening of the Franco-Austrian film "Nous nous sommes tant haïs" (How we hated each other!). The Franco-Austrian film is a love story that takes place in France and Germany in 1950 and depicts the birth of the European Union.

Also, on that day, a group of aspiring scholars and professionals gathered at Florida International University's (FIU) Modeste A. Maidique campus to be honored for their incredible accomplishments. These young men and women, all recent graduates, some of undergraduate studies and a select few of graduate school, were presented with their European Studies Certificate in a recognition ceremony. These students, by applying their academic energies to understanding more about

European history, politics, and culture, earned this prestigious honor that designates their familiarity with European civilization. The [European Studies program](#) at FIU was designed to enhance a student's understanding of European politics, society, and culture, drawing on a broad range of courses in the arts and sciences and thereby to complement the student's major course of study." These certificates, which are available to any undergraduate or graduate student who has an interest in European civilization and culture, requires additional [work](#) by students in courses focused on European languages and cultures. Some of these graduates even augmented their experience by participating in study abroad programs, and were able to experience Europe intimately. Whether in honors college courses in Normandy, or European Art history classes at FIU's Wolfsonian University, these students have exerted maximum effort to learn about the many nations and peoples of the European community.

On May 9th, the hard work was done, and these students were prepared to be recognized for



## MEUCE Celebrates Europe Day (cont'd)



### 2014 Recognition Award For European Studies Certificate Earners

their achievement. The ceremony began with a discussion of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) by MEUCE Co-Director Dr. Joaquín Roy of the University of Miami. Dr. Roy, an expert in this field, presented each student with a copy of his most recent book, entitled "The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the European Union and the United States." Following Dr. Roy's remarks, students were congratulated by Dr. Volker Anding, the former Ambassador from the Federal Republic of Germany. These exemplary students were well aware of the prestige of these two speakers, and were visibly excited to hear these scholars and political figures speak.

Finally, Dr. Rebecca Friedman, MEUCE co-director and FIU professor of history addressed the collected students, faculty, and families. Dr. Friedman indicated that many of these graduates had been her students, and indicated her pride at having been part of their education experience. As FIU also offers a graduate certificate in European Studies, we at FIU hope that many of these students return to increase their familiarity and expertise with the nations of Europe. Once more, a hearty congratulation to these recent graduates.

High school freshmen and sophomores from Miami-Dade, Broward, Lee, Orange, and St Lucie counties, who participated in the regional divisions of the 2014 Euro Challenge Competition on March 13<sup>th</sup> were also recognized at the award ceremony by Christine I. Caly-Sanchez.

*By Jason Chohonis*



Dr. Joaquín Roy presenting his latest book on TTIP: The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the European Union and the United States



From left to right: Dr. Volker Anding, Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Dr. Rebecca Friedman, and Dr. Joaquín Roy



Michelle Perez receiving her graduate certificate in European Studies



For more information on the certificate in European Studies, visit the following page:

<http://europe.fiu.edu/certificate-programs/undergraduate-advising/>





## MEUCE Celebrates Europe Day (cont'd)



### 2014 Recognition Award For European Studies Certificate Earners



**Bianca Blanchard**

My name is Bianca Blanchard and in April 2014 I graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations and a certificate in European Studies. I first heard of the certificate program in the fall semester of my junior year while I was sitting in Prof. Markus Thiel's class learning about European Politics. By then I had already realized how much I enjoyed studying European culture, literature and history and so I

decided to enter the program. Who would have thought that this would be one of the best decisions I would ever make during my time at FIU. Not only had I already completed some of the course requirements for the certificate by taking core International Relations classes but through it I was able to enrich my education with networking and internship experience.

The first opportunity which was presented to me through the certificate program was my internship at the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence under the supervision of Associate Director Christine Caly-Sanchez. Mrs. Caly was a pleasure to work with. As a student assistant, I helped her organize lectures and roundtables on European politics and culture during which students were able to meet European ambassadors, ministers and consuls. She taught me how to plan out room reservations, flyers, sign in sheets and email notifications to professors and students studying Europe. During my time at the MEUCE, I was thus able to encounter many European officials, one of which was Ms. Sophie Delporte, Head of the Public Affairs Department at the French Consulate in Miami.

Given my fluency in French, this opened the door for me to complete an internship there as an apprentice translator and news reviewer. I got to work with the Consulate Press attaché Mrs. Cluzet-Bertot, meet the French Consul General Philippe Létrillart and even shake the hand of one of the French ministers while he was visiting!

Choosing to pursue this European Studies Certificate as part of my undergraduate career was one of the best decisions I made for myself while at FIU and I would recommend it to anyone who's interested in studying Europe.

*By B. Blanchard*



#### CERTIFICATE IN EUROPEAN STUDIES

- The European Studies Certificate program is open to all who have an interest in any aspect of European civilization, past or present.
- It is an interdisciplinary program that draws on a broad range of courses from throughout FIU to complement a student's own interests.
- Approved study-abroad courses, including those offered by the Honors College, may be accepted for certificate credit.
- The program also offers a senior colloquium, "European Identities", that allows students the opportunity to engage in research on topics of their own choosing in close conjunction with a member of the Program Faculty.
- The certificate program is open to all students enrolled at FIU and to interested individuals in the community.
- Since Spring 2011, 96 Students obtained their Certificates in European Studies.

#### Requirements

**The program requires 15 credits hours (5 courses) from at least 3 departments, distributed as follows:**

##### ► Language Requirements (3 credits)

One course in a European language at the intermediate (2000) level or above.

##### ► Breadth Requirement (9 credits)

- **Three courses at 3000-level or above**, not all of which can be in either Social Science or in Humanities.
- Courses must be from an approved list published in the class schedule each term, or else contain substantial European content and approved by the Director. Such courses are offered by the Departments of:
  - Art and Art History,
  - Economics,
  - English, Environmental Studies,
  - History,
  - Humanities,
  - International Relations,
  - Modern Languages,
  - Philosophy,
  - Political Science,
  - and Religion, among others.

##### ► Exit Requirement (3 credits)

**Interdisciplinary Colloquium**, focused on a broad European topic  
For more information on the program, visit the following page:  
<http://europe.fiu.edu/certificate-programs/undergraduate-advising/>





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### 2014 Recognition Award For European Studies Certificate Earners



My name is Mauro Bagnariol, and I recently graduated Cum Laude from FIU with a BA in International Relations (Double Major in International Relations and Political Science). The paths that led me to the European Studies Certificate program are twofold: My father is Italian, & thus, holding Italian citizenship, my areas of interest have gravitated toward European themed topics. Also, a big wish of mine once I began my time at FIU was to participate in a study abroad program. Much to my delight and fortune, the Genoa, Italy Study Abroad program debuted in the summer of 2011. Participation in this program allowed me to take courses in Italy that would count toward the earning of my European Studies Certificate, and also to fulfill my desire of studying overseas while soaking up the local culture. The Genoa Study Abroad program, in particular, was designed to encourage students to mingle with the locals and to live like a local. There were 15 other students who participated in the program. We were divided accordingly and paired up as roommates. My month in Genoa in this program is an experience that I will never forget. Spending an entire month in a country like Italy, studying European history and Italian history with Italian professors, while also indulging in the routines of a local, going grocery shopping for Genoese ingredients, and later cooking at my apartment and having my other group members over for dinner, is but one of the many very cherished memories from my time there. As part of the official program itinerary, we visited hubs of the Italian economy, such as Turin, which is the home of the Italian automotive industry, home to FIAT, and also visited Milan, one of the most important design capitals of the world. As a bonus, our group had the opportunity to visit a Milanese designer and the people inside were gracious enough to give their time to explain how the industry as a whole works, the importance of the Italian fashion industry and Italian design as a whole, and how it contributes greatly to the Italian economy and how its creativity and ingenuity has influence in other



Mauro Bagnariol

countries. During our free time, my group mates and I did weekend excursions and visited Rome, Venice, Florence, Pisa, and several other smaller cities. Renting bikes in the city of Lucca (on the advice of one of my group mates), and cycling around the city walls while taking in the Tuscan countryside still, to this day, remains one of the best memories of my time spent in Italy. It is not hyperbole to say that doing a program like this will change your perspective on life, broaden your horizons immensely and make you a much more well-rounded person. Upon returning to Miami, I knew I most definitely wanted to take more courses in European area studies to further expand my knowledge of the continent, its history and politics. The European Studies Certificate program has allowed me to do the aforementioned; to realize my dream of studying in a foreign country, as well as connecting more with my Italian roots. I very highly recommend any student to consider participating in the Genoa Study Abroad program and to pair it with a European Studies Certificate. You will be all the more enriched by having done so, both as an individual and academically. All the very best to everyone on their paths in school and in life!

*By M. Bagnariol*

### STUDY IN GENOA, ITALY

Italy, Sociology, History, & European Studies

**Dates : Summer C 2014**

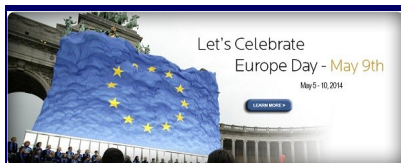
- Abroad-Genoa: May 30-July 12, 2014

**Course**

- SYO 4370 Work and Society
- EUH 4286: Topics in European History: Modern Italian Social History
- FOL 3955: Italian Language and Culture

**Credits: 9**

For more information on the program, visit the following page:  
<http://europe.fiu.edu/study-abroad/study-in-georgia-summer-2014/>



## MEUCE Celebrates Europe Day (cont'd)

**EUROPEAN  
UNION  
FILM  
FESTIVAL**

### ***Women in Europe:*** **European Short Films Festival at FIU | May 5-6**



Christine I. Caly-Sanchez (center) with the members of FIU European Student Association

As part of the weeklong celebration of Europe day, The Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence in collaboration with Eurochannel, Dish network, and FIU Europe Student Association, screened a selection of 29 short films over the course of two days. The selection was from The European Short Films Festival and formed part of the Eurochannel Short Film Tour shown worldwide. The festival offered a glimpse at European cinema through the eyes of 54 pioneering directors, known for their genius, innovation and self-determination. Each day of the film festival at FIU focused on different dimensions of women: "From Women with Love: Film from Women's eyes", "Story of Women", "What Women Want", "European Beauty". Just as there

can be no single definition of woman, there was no single style, attitude, genre or approach in this year's Eurochannel Short Films Tour. Viewers came across both new and experienced filmmakers, who explore the subject of woman in comedy, horror, romance, drama, experimental film and animation. Women and their contributions to European society were the complex and diverse inspirations for this new edition of the Eurochannel Short Films Tour... And God created Woman.

**For more information on the European Short Films Festival please visit:**

<http://miamieuc.fiu.edu/events/general/2014/meuce-european-short-film-festival-fiu-may/>

By C. Caly-Sanchez

#### Short Films Program:

**Monday, May 5 | 12:30.—1:30 p.m.**  
***From Women with Love : Films from Women's eyes***

- United Kingdom: "Door open"
- Czech Republic: "Swimming Pool"
- France: "Date Inc."
- Lithuania: "Emotional Police"
- Estonia: "The Wall"
- Luxembourg: "The father, the son, and Anna"
- Bosnia Herzegovina : "Little Fighters"

**Monday, May 5 | 1:30—3:00 p.m.**  
***Story of Women***

- Ireland: "Birthday Girls"
- Austria: "The Islands where we are"
- Macedonia: "Audition material"
- Latvia: "Zoe"
- Germany: "Test Driving"
- France: "Marionette"
- Portugal: "Returning Isabel"

**Monday, May 5 | 3:00—5:00 p.m.**  
***What Women Want***

- Spain: "2A"
- Serbia: "Tamara"
- Italy: "Children of the Crisis"
- Denmark: "Definitely Dead"
- Ukraine: "Pendulum"
- Croatia: "Umbrella"
- Germany: "iOma"

**Tuesday, May 6 | 2:00—3:30 p.m.**  
***European Beauty***

- Georgia: "One man loved me"
- Armenia: "Silent Dialogue"
- Russia: "The Letter"
- Azerbaijan: "Caspian Bride"
- Belarus: "Please call me later"
- Moldavia: "Ionna"
- Italy: "The night I feel"
- Spain: "036"








## MEUCE Celebrates Europe Day (cont'd)



### Our Dutch friends share their culture and history

 On May 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> as part of the activities for Europe Week, the Miami-Florida European Center of Excellence, in collaboration with the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, screened two Dutch films.

On May 6, 2014, students in attendance were able to learn more about the life of the greatest painter Rembrandt, and took a brief look at many of his masterpieces. It was reminded that Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn was universally regarded as the most important Dutch painter of the 17th century. Besides his paintings, many of his etching and drawings have become world famous. Rembrandt van Rijn was born on July, 15, 1606, but lived and worked in Amsterdam for most of his life. He produced his art in a period of Dutch history generally known as the Golden Age, and era in which Dutch culture, scholarship, trade, international power and political influence all flourished as never before.

On May 8, 2014, students and faculty were able to enjoy "Sonny Boy", a true story, exceptional love story between two apparently ordinary people. Rika a typical Dutch mother of four children, and Waldemar, a Surinam man seventeen years her junior. Their love could survive all the presumptions and obstructions of the cruel world outside, but was finally unable to cope with the brutal and devastating power of war.

These two films were particularly appreciated by the public. We would like to thank the Consulate General of the Netherlands for having given us the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful scenery and culture of the Netherlands.

By C. Caly-Sanchez



Kingdom of the Netherlands

### Europe Week—May 5-9

- **May 5-6** | 12:00-5:00 p.m.  
FIU Graham Center—GC 150  
**European Short Films Festival**
- **May 6** | 12:00-2:00 p.m.  
FIU Graham Center—GC 150  
**European Film : Polish Documentary on John-Paul II**
- **May 6** | 3:30-4:00 p.m.  
FIU Graham Center—GC 150  
**European Film: Dutch Documentary on Rembrandt**
- **May 7** | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Miami Dade High School  
**Presentation on the Importance of the European Union to High School Students**
- **May 8** | 12:00-2:00 p.m.  
FIU Graham Center—GC 150  
**European Concert:**  
**"Love in Portofino" With Andrea Bocelli**
- **May 8** | 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
FIU Graham Center—GC 150  
**European Film: Dutch Film "Sonny Boy"**
- **May 9** | 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
FIU Graham Center—GC 150  
**Book Presentation on "The TTIP"**  
By Dr. Joaquin Roy
- **May 9** | 2:00-3:30 p.m.  
FIU Graham Center—GC 150  
**Recognition Award Ceremony for FIU Undergraduate and Graduate European Studies Students**
- **May 9** | 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
FIU Graham Center—GC 150  
**European Film: Franco-Austrian "Nous nous sommes tant haïs"**  
(How we hated each other) which re-enacts the birth of the European Union.

For more information on the program, click on the following link: <http://miamieuc.fiu.edu/events/general/2014/meuce-let-celebrate-europe-day-may-2014-fiu/>



## MEUCE Celebrates Europe Day (cont'd)



### "John-Paul II: I was looking for you"

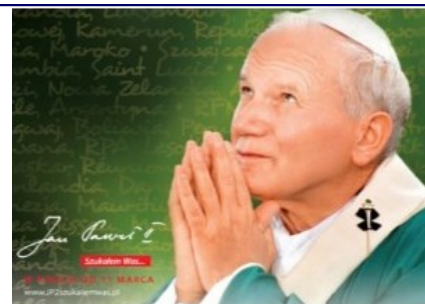


From left to right: Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Associate Director, MEUCE, FIU, And Beata Paszyc, Vice-Honorary Consul of Poland

On May 6, 2014 the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence (MEUCE), alongside the American Institute for Polish Culture and the Honorary Consulate of Poland was proud to air a film showcasing the actions of one of Europe's proudest sons. This film, entitled "[John Paul II: I was Looking for You](#)", explores the life of Pope John Paul II. Students and faculty in attendance were able to learn a great deal about the influential Pope John Paul II, who was canonized as a Saint on April 27, 2014 in Vatican City. This film, entirely in Polish with English subtitles, represents the largest production in Polish Documentary film history, and featured over 90 days of shooting in 13 countries. Included in this documentary are interviews with esteemed religious leaders such as the 14th Dalai Lama and the Patri-

arch of Constantinople Bartholomew I.

John Paul was born Karol Józef Wojtyła on May 18th, 1920 in Wadowice in the Republic of Poland, a tumultuous time for a nation sandwiched between two great European military powers. John Paul II would become a priest during World War II, when Germany was occupied by Nazi Germany. Following World War II, John Paul II would work to better the lives of thousands in Poland during the period of Soviet occupation of Poland. In 1978, John Paul II was elected to the Papacy by the College of Cardinals, where he would serve until his death on April 2nd 2005. The first non-Italian pope since the 16th century Pope John Paul II played a pivotal role in the liberation of Poland from Communist rule with his trips to the country in 1979. The



documentary covered this trip in great detail, and the abundance of commentary makes clear that John Paul II contributed a great deal to the rise of the 1980 Solidarity movement in Poland. One historian went as far as to argue that "When Pope John Paul II kissed the ground at the Warsaw airport he began the process by which communism in Poland – and ultimately elsewhere in Europe – would come to an end."

Pope John Paul II's contributions were not limited to the field of politics. In addition to the role he played in the demise of Communism, John Paul II also canonized 483 Saints, more than his predecessors of the 500 years prior combined. His efforts to create dialogue between those of the Catholic faith and other Christians, Jews, and Muslims has lead to camaraderie and communication between often antagonistic religious systems. Whatever faith one belongs to, it is assured that many of the citizens of Poland, as well as multitudes around the globe, remember Pope John Paul II with sublime reverence.

*By Jason Chohonis*







## Dr. Maxime Larivé's Blog on "European Parliament Elections"



### Europe's Democracy Deficit Lack of voter interest in EU elections could lead to a win for right-wing extremism by Maxime Larivé | on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

On Sunday, May 25, European citizens in all 28 countries of the European Union will vote for their representatives in the European Parliament, one of the key institutions of the EU that has gained increasing influence in recent years. All 751 seats are up for re-election, making it one of the most democratic bodies of the EU. That's the good news. The bad news is that Europeans, in a worrisome trend, have turned out in fewer and fewer numbers to vote since the parliament's first election in 1979.

The history of the European Parliament, however, gives a clear, and unfortunate indication of democratic decline throughout Europe. In 1979, for the first time in the parliament's history, deputies were elected by universal suffrage. Since then, the popular vote for European deputies has decreased, while the powers of the parliament have increased. For instance, the 2009 Treaty of Lisbon increased the role and contribution of the parliament, which now has "more power, more responsibility." Many argue that the EU has, since its inception, been confronting a serious democratic deficit. In some ways, this was inevitable, considering how the EU was created back in 1954 and its current institutional setup. In its early years, the EU was simply a common market of two products, coal and steel, pooled under the supranational institution called the High Authority. The EU was an economic entity, a structure created to strengthen peace and stability on the European continent through economic cooperation. Seventy years later, the EU has succeeded in this mission and continues to do so. War between the largest European powerhouses is unthinkable. At the same time, the EU has become an entity unforeseen. With a more powerful European Parliament, European citizens have a chance to shape the EU of tomorrow.

Since the implementation of the Treaty

of Lisbon, the parliament received new powers in three important areas: political, legislative and budgetary. In terms of political power, the parliament will be electing the president of the European Commission, a supranational body charged with managing important policies and agendas, such as the current negotiations with the United States on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. Additionally, the parliament has seen its role increase over the supervision of EU foreign policy and the European External Action Service, the EU's diplomatic corps. In terms of legislative power, the parliament's decision-making capabilities have increased on policies like justice, freedom and security. Last, but not least, there's the European Parliament's oversight over the budget of the EU. These increases in power are serious and should be understood as such by European citizens.

Unfortunately, popular attention to the upcoming elections remains low, with many Europeans expected to abstain from voting. The lack of interest in this election cycle sends mixed signals to Europe's neighbors, such as Ukraine and Algeria, currently engaged in the fight for democracy in their respective countries. But not all the blame should be placed on European citizens. European deputies in parliament have largely shunned their duties on transparency, limited their interactions with citizens, and contributed to the poor perception of this institution in the European psyche.

In France, political parties have been divided into mostly right- and left-wing factions. With the record unpopularity of current leftist president, François Hollande, the popularity of the right, especially the extreme right, has increased. Such sentiment in France and beyond could reverberate in parliamentary elections this weekend. It is not certain that the French far right will win the majority, but mainstream politicians have been axiomatic in vilifying the European Union throughout its history, and principally since the beginning of the Eurozone crisis. This has been the case of governments in Greece, Spain, Italy, France, the UK and other European countries.

But the upcoming elections will not just have repercussions for Europe, but also for the rest of the world. The EU's soft power lies in its democratic values and institutions. With the threat of far-right parties dominating the elections, espousing narrow political and economic agendas and even xenophobic policies, Sunday's elections could be a stain on European democracy. If European history can tell us one thing, it is that extremes are never the right solution. Only when the majority of citizens mobilize themselves through elections can such extremism be voted down.

*By M. Larivé*

This article can be read at the following link: <http://www.usnews.com/opinion/blogs/world-report/2014/05/22/right-wing-threatens-to-dominate-eu-parliament-election?int=a65109>



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To read all of Maxime Larivé's posts, click on:

<http://foreignpolicyblogs.com/author/maximelarive/>



## Announcement

### Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)



To further intensify the transatlantic economic relationship, in February 2013, the U.S. and the EU agreed to launch negotiations for a comprehensive transatlantic trade and investment partnership (TTIP). Designed to further liberalize all sectors of the transatlantic economy—including manufactured goods, agricultural products, services and investment—TTIP seeks to eliminate border tariffs and investment restrictions while fostering more compatible regulatory requirements.

The ideal TTIP agreement would not only remove the main trading obstacles of the past, but also look toward the future: aiming to prevent new regulatory barriers; establishing mechanisms that enable a further deepening of economic integration over time; and

enhancing cooperation for the development of rules and principles on global issues of common concern.

Negotiations launched in July 2013 in Washington D.C.; the second round of negotiations took place in Brussels in November 2013, and thereafter negotiations alternate between the EU (Brussels) and the U.S. (Washington DC metro area). Talks may continue for around two years, although the actual timing depends on the discussions themselves.

The sixth TTIP negotiation is scheduled for the week of July 14 in Brussels.

To view the brochure "The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership: Benefits and Challenges of an Agreement Fit for the 21st Century?" [click here](http://www.euintheus.org/transatlantic-trade-and-investment-partnership-ttip/)



For more information, visit the European Commission Website: EU-US Trade and Investment Negotiations:

<http://www.euintheus.org/transatlantic-trade-and-investment-partnership-ttip/>



## Announcement

### Workshop: The Future of EU-US Relations

#### What benefits Will the TTIP Bring? - Miami—June 19, 2014



You are invited to join a free workshop on "The Future of EU-US Relations- What Benefits Will the TTIP Bring?"

**June 19, 2014 | 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Venue:

**The Bankers Club of Miami**

One Biscayne Tower, 14th Floor  
Miami, FL 33131

Increase your knowledge and understanding of the EU-US relationship and its importance to the American public. The conference will feature an active Panel Discussion highlighting the benefits of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) for both sides of the Atlantic, and will include an exhibition and networking reception.

#### Keynote Speaker:

**Hiddo Houben**, Head of Trade and Agriculture Section, Delegation of the European Union to the United States

#### Moderator:

Stefanie Jehlitschka, Vice President, German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern United States, Inc.

#### Panelists:

- Hiddo Houben, Head of Trade and Agriculture Section, Delegation of the European Union to the United States
- Skip Jones, Executive Director for Europe and Eurasia, Global Markets, U.S., Department of Commerce
- Christoph Niemann, Oceanfreight Manager MIA-FS, Kuehne + Nagel Inc.
- Lake Ray, Representative, Florida House of Representatives, District 12

► To view detailed agenda, [click here](#)

► To register, [click here](#)  
RSVP by Friday, June 13th

This event is organized by the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern U.S.-Atlanta, hosted by the Delegation of the European Union, and proudly supported by different European Chambers of Commerce in Miami (Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain), European Consulates General in Miami (The Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Spain), the Economic and Development and International Trade in Miami, and the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence in Miami.



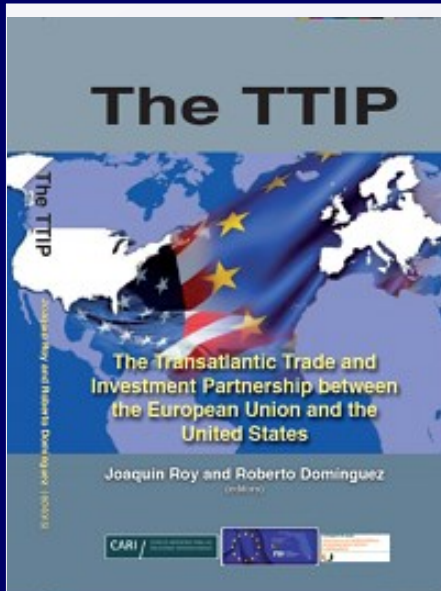
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### Book Announcement:

## "The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the European Union and the United States" by Dr. Joaquín Roy



*The TTIP, The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the European Union and the United States* is the latest book edited by Dr. Joaquín Roy and Roberto Domínguez

This volume studies the plan of the TTIP in depth and points out the impact on other regions of the world. It also discusses similar alliances made by the two partners.

To download the book, click here:

<http://www.as.miami.edu/media/college-of-arts-and-sciences/content-assets/euc/docs/books/TTIP.pdf>



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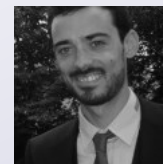
## "Debating European Security and Defense Policy Understanding the Complexity" by Dr. Maxime H. Larivé

*Debating European Security and Defense Policy—Understanding the Complexity* is the latest book edited by Dr. Maxime H. Larivé.

Dr. Larivé questions whether there is such a thing as a European defense and security policy. This book analyzes the integration process by clearly illustrating to the reader the two sides of the argument in order to understand the complexity of the problems in the different stages of the creation and implementation of the European defense policy. In doing so, this study asks the question of why has the process been so halting and of such limited scope? Structured in three parts: Theories, analyzing the theoretical debates raised by the positivist paradigms of neorealism, liberalism and

constructivism on European security; History, reflecting on the impacts of the Cold War, American foreign policy, the 2008 economic crisis, and the evolution of European strategy; and, Actors, by looking at the role of European institutions, Member States, and the CSDP on the transformation of the European defense policy since 1998. Each chapter is composed of sub questions allowing the reader to grasp the different forces explaining the deepening or lack of the deepening process of the CSDP. Ultimately, this book offers a unique base for fostering discussion, understanding and critical thinking on the CSDP.

For more information go to Ashgate:  
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## BILAT Announcement

### EURAXESS Science Slam:

#### Slam your way to a free trip to Europe!



#### EURAXESS Science Slam

In 2014, EURAXESS Links North America is once again looking for North America's best science slammers.



Five finalists will battle it out for the title of "EURAXESS Science Slammer North America 2014" in the LIVE slam to be held at MaRS Discovery District in Toronto, ON, Canada on 22 October 2014.

**The first prize is a free trip to Europe!**

Download the flyer [here](#).

**Online submission of slam candidacies is open between 15 May and 10 August 2014.**

#### What this is about:

EURAXESS Science Slam North America 2014 is the second edition of a contest giving researchers based in North America the chance to showcase their research projects to their peers and the wider public in a relaxed and joyful atmosphere. It is open to researchers of all nationalities and from all fields of research. Every participant at the final slam to be held in Toronto on 22 October 2014 will present a topic related to their research to an audience of non-experts. The slam will be given in English in a max of 10 minutes and can be supported by video and audio material, ppt. slides and any other kind of media available, as well as by scientific equipment. The perfor-

mances of the participants will be judged by the audience and the jury based on conceptualization, style and originality. The winner will be awarded a free trip to Europe where he or she will attend a science communication workshop along with the winners of the other EURAXESS Science Slams organized in ASEAN, Brazil, China, India and Japan. He/She will also have the opportunity to go to a European research institution of his/her choice!

For more information, [click here](#)

To view video, [click here](#)

*By C. Caly-Sanchez*



## BILAT Announcement

### Workshop: Accelerating EU-US Business Collaboration in Health/e-Health Research & Innovation

#### Boston—June 20, 2014



You're invited to join us at valuable (and FREE) workshop:

**"Accelerating EU-US Business Collaboration in Health/e-Health Research & Innovation Opportunities, Barriers and Best Practices"**



**June 20, 2014 | 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

#### Venue:

Atlantic Wharf, Waterfront District  
Fort Point Room, 2nd Floor  
290 Congress Street  
Boston, MA

#### Benefits and goals of the workshop include:

- Learn about funding and partnership opportunities under [Horizon 2020](#), the largest European research and innovation program to date with an approximate budget of €80 billion over the next seven years. This program is FULLY OPEN to the US and other nations.
- Contribute your expertise in focused discussions on transatlantic collaboration in the areas of research, technological development, and innovation (RTDI) with researchers, business executives, and innovators.

- Hear from practitioners in EU-funded programs detail their success and challenges.
- Gain insights on key drivers for health/e-health innovation and promising areas for transatlantic cooperation. Click here to register and view the FULL agenda.
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*We at the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence want to thank all of our faculty, students and friends for participating in our events this year.*



*The activities of the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence will continue in fall 2014.*

*In the meantime, all of the MEUCE team members wish you a great summer and look forward to seeing you all next fall!*

For details please visit: [miamieuc.fiu.edu](http://miamieuc.fiu.edu) - Events  
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