Diversity and European Integration
A Conference of the Miami European Union Center of Excellence
April 1-2, 2008
Florida International University, Graham Center Building - GC 243
Program

Tuesday, April 1, 2008
2.00 pm  Registration
2.15 - 2.30 pm  Welcome
2.30 – 3.30 pm  Opening address
   Mr. Angelos Pangratis,
   Deputy Head of the EU Delegation in Washington D.C.
3:30 – 3:45 Coffee Break
3:45 – 5:15 pm  Panel 1: Theorizing Diversity and Integration
   Chair: Nicol C. Rae (FIU)
Panelists:

- Markus Thiel (FIU)
  Missing in Action? The lack of diversity and identity politics in European integration theory

- Antje Wiener (University of Bath)
  The Invisible Constitution of Politics: Contested Norms and International Encounters

- Birgit Locher (University of Tübingen)/Elisabeth Prügl (FIU)
  Gender and European Integration

- Jan Nederveen Pieterse (University of Illinois)
  No need for unanimity: Twenty-first century multiculturalism

Discussants:
- Mr. Pangratis, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation in Washington D.C.
- Martin Schain (New York University)
**Wednesday, April 2, 2008:**

**9 – 10.30 am**  **Panel 2: Third Country Migrants**

Chair: Sarah J. Mahler (FIU)

Panelists:

- Helen Schwenken (University of Kassel)
  *Third Country Migrants in the EU: Negotiating complex social inequalities in the frameworks of Gender Mainstreaming, Managing Diversity and Anti-Discrimination*

- Michael Minkenberg (NYU)
  *The radical right and anti-immigrant politics in Europe*

- Martin Schain (NYU)
  *The success and failure of integration policy in France, Britain and the United States*

Discussants:

- Murat Somer (Koc)
- Amy Elman (Kalamazoo)

**10:30 – 10:45**  **Coffee Break**

**10.45 – 12.30 pm**  **Panel 3: Sexual Minorities and Women**

Chair: Aurora Morcillo (FIU)

Panelists:

- Amy Elman (Kalamazoo College)
  *Intersectionality, inequality and EU law (Or, what venue(s) might lesbians use against discrimination?)*

- Gabriel N. Toggenburg (European Academy Bolzano)
  *Sexual orientation and sexual transformation: what the EU’s Constitutional Court had to say (and what it did not say)*

- Snjezana Vasiljevic (Zagreb University/Columbia)
  *Are we defined by our similarities or is it our differences? Precautions against intersectional cases in the EU*

- Katrina Schwartz (University of Florida)
  *Minority Rights After EU Enlargement: A Comparison of Anti-Gay Politics in Poland and Latvia (co-authored)*

Discussant:

- Colin Williams (Cardiff)
- Helen Schwenken (University of Kassell)

**12.30 – 2 pm**  **Lunch Break**
2 – 3.30 pm  **Panel 4: Cultural Minorities**

Chair: John Stack (FIU)

Panelists:
- Colin Williams (University of Cardiff)
  *Let Freedom Reign: The Impress of EU Integration on Minority Survival*
- Dovile Budryte (Georgia Gwinnett College)
  *Social Integration, Adaptation, or Segmentation? Minority Rights Issues and Discourses in Lithuania since EU Expansion*
- Maria Ilcheva (FIU)
  *Keeping An Eye on the Prize: EU Conditionality and Bulgaria’s Minority Issues*
- Lavinia Bucsa (FIU)
  *European Integration and Ethnic Mobilization in Newly Admitted Countries: The Case of the Hungarian Minority in Romania*

Discussants:
- Antje Wiener (Bath)
- Ralph Clem (FIU)

3.30 – 3.45pm  **Coffee break**

3.45 – 5.45 pm  **Panel 5: Islam in Europe**

Chair: Mohiaddin Mesbahi (FIU)

Panelists:
- Amir Mirtaheri (FIU)
  *European Muslims: Caught in the Middle*
- Dusan Ugrina (FIU/ Swiss Forum for Migration&Population Studies)
  *Segmented Assimilation: the Creation of Ethnic / Religious Hierarchy in Europe?*
- Gonül Tol (FIU)
  *Institutionalization of Islam in Western Europe: Beyond EU jurisdiction*
- Murat Somer (Koc University)
  *Political Islam, Social and Political Diversity, and Turkey’s EU Membership*

Discussants:
- Mohiaddin Mesbahi (FIU)
- Jan Nederveen Pieterse (University of Illinois)