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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Valérie Rouxel-Laxton is an Economist and heads Economic and Financial Affairs at the Delegation of the European Union to the United States in Washington, DC. She is responsible for analyzing and reporting on macroeconomic developments in the US and European economies, and representing the European Union on economic matters in the US.

Before coming to Washington, she worked for the European Commission's economic service in Brussels, specializing in international economic issues, forecasting, and European integration. In this capacity she has written and delivered presentations on a number of economic issues, including the current economic situation, global imbalances, and labour market developments. She holds a PhD in international economics from the Graduate Institute in Geneva, and a Master of Science degree in Political Science and International Relations from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Lyon.

ROUNDTABLE OF MIAMI EU CONSULS GENERAL

Mario Buisán

Trade Commissioner

Embassy of Spain – Trade Commission Miami

Mr. Buisán is the Trade Commissioner of the Embassy of Spain in Miami, Florida. He is responsible for commercial promotion of Spanish goods into the US market, and strengthening business relations and Spanish investments in this area. From 2004 to 2009 he was Director General of Information and Investments at the Spanish Institute for Foreign Trade (ICEX). Prior to this he was Deputy Director General of International Affairs at Banco de España. He also worked at the MIGA Agency of World Bank. He was a former Trade Commissioner of Spain in Düsseldorf, Germany and has occupied several positions in the Ministry of Economics and Finance. Mr. Buisán was an Associate Professor of Applied Economics at Carlos III University in Madrid and a Professor of Law at the Instituto Nacional de Administración Pública and at the Centro de Estudios Comerciales. He was also a member of the Administration Council of SAECA; a Counselor of Compañía Española de Financiación del Desarrollo, S. A. and of the Sociedad Estatal Española P4R, S.A.. Mr. Buisán holds a double Major in Economic and Business Sciences, and a Law Degree. He is a member of the Commercial and Economic Technical Personnel Organization of the Spanish Government. He often lectures in several forums about the globalization of the Spanish economy and businesses. He has written several articles on business and economic globalization; financial, commercial and European Union interests.

Sophie Delporte

Head of the Public Affairs Department

Consulate General of France in Miami

Ms. Sophie Delporte is a former student of the Regional Institute of Administration of Lille, France and a Graduate of the Institute of Political Studies -Sciences Po- of Paris.

As a Foreign Secretary, she has been appointed on August 7, 2009 at the central administration in the Department of French Citizens overseas and Consular Administration (Paris, France), where she was in charge of anti tax evasion agreements.

Ms. Delporte served in the Cabinet of the French Foreign Minister from February to May 2012, as an advisor for Legal and Judicial Affairs, Human Rights and the French Citizens overseas.

In September 2012, she joined the Consulate general of France in Miami as the Head of the Public affairs Department.

Hon. Simone Filippini

Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Miami

Consul General Simone Filippini arrived in Miami Florida on August 1, 2011. In the past four years she served as the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Skopje, Macedonia. She started her career in the Foreign office in 1988 in The Hague, after having worked as a conference manager in a commercial company.

As a career diplomat Ambassador Filippini previously served as the Head of the Gender Department; Leader of the Project Team responsible for setting up a governmental communication strategy on European Integration issues; Coordinator of EU Enlargement; Senior Staff in the Political Department supporting the Director-General for Political Affairs; Deputy Head of the Desk for the Middle East and Gulf Regions; and as desk officer special programs with NGOs.

The Consul General received an MA in Slavic Languages and Literature from Utrecht State University in the Netherlands. She is also an accredited communication and public information expert. Ambassador Filippini has also been active as an elected member of the National Board of one of the Dutch political parties, holding the international portfolio; as member of the Board of the Netherlands Institute for Multi-Party Democracy, and as President of the Board of NOVA International School in Skopje, Macedonia. Moreover she was actively involved in the founding of several professional networks.

In 2010 Ambassador Filippini was awarded the Diversity Award Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the annual MFA management award. Also, she received several awards during her assignment in Macedonia for her personal contributions to the promotion of the environment, film and contemporary dance.

ACADEMIC PANELISTS

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Sait Akşit, (PhD Middle East Technical University), is an Assist. Prof. Dr. in the Department of International Relations at Gediz University, İzmir, Turkey. He previously worked as a research assistant at the Department of International Relations; as a post-doctoral researcher and project manager at the Center for European Studies of the Middle East Technical University; and as a part-time lecturer at the Department of International Relations, Hacettepe University. His main research interests are economic and political transformations in Eastern Europe and the Balkans, Turkish foreign policy, EU enlargement and Cyprus. Some of his publications include 'The Turkish Cypriot Presidential Election of April 2010: Normalisation of Politics', South European Society and Politics, Vol. 17, No. 2, 2012, pp. 175-194; 'The Turkish Parliamentary Elite and the EU: Mapping out Attitudes on the European Union', South European Society and Politics, 2011, vol. 16, no. 3, pp. 395-407 (with Ö. Şenyuva and I. Gürleyen); Turkey Watch: EU Member States' Perceptions on Turkey's Accession to the EU (coedited with Ö. Şenyuva and Ç. Üstün, Ankara: Zeplin, 2009).

Dr. Nursel Aydiner Avşar

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Nursel Aydiner Avşar is an Assistant Professor of Economics at Gediz University. She received her BS in Management Engineering from Istanbul Technical University (ITU) in 2002 and her MA in Economics from the same university in 2005. She worked as a Research and Teaching Assistant in the Economics Branch of Management Engineering Department at ITU during 2002-2005. She received her PhD in Economics from the University of Utah in the USA in 2011. She worked at the University of Utah as a Research Assistant in the 2005-2006 academic year and as an Instructor from 2006 to 2010. Her main research interests lie in the fields of labor economics, development economics and the economics of gender. She worked on the labor market implications of trade liberalization policies in Turkey during her Masters and PhD studies. Her dissertation was on trade and wage structure in Turkey. In addition to her PhD studies, she worked as a researcher in an international project funded by the Ford Foundation on integrating economic policies with human rights during 2007-2009. She recently contributed to UN Women's Progress of the World's Women Report 2013-2014 on trade and social policy issues.

Dr. Beverly Barrett

PhD Candidate International Relations

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Beverly Barrett is a doctoral candidate at the University of Miami. Current research interests include international political economy, regional integration, and governance with particular emphasis on education and economic development. She participated in a University of Miami doctoral fellowship that has included work with its European Union Center of Excellence. Following the M.A. program at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Bologna, Italy and Washington, D.C, where she specialized in International Economics and American Foreign Policy, she spent several years working in public affairs with the U.S. House of Representatives, the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs, and the Department of State as Assistant to the U.S. Ambassador in Helsinki, Finland. Afterwards she was the Program Director for Literacy Texas and Public Affairs Representative at the Houston Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. She graduated from Vanderbilt University, B.S. cum laude in Human and Organizational Development, with minors in Art History and Spanish that included an internship with the Peggy Guggenheim Collection in Venice, Italy and study at the Universidad Complutense in Madrid, Spain.

Dr. Rebecca Friedman

Co-Director, Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence

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Rebecca Friedman, Co-Director of the MEUCE, is Associate Professor of History and Director of European Studies at Florida International University. Her research focuses on gender and the family in modern Russia in the context of Russia's relationship to modern European institutions and ideologies, with a special emphasis on masculinity, domestic interiors, and childhood. She is the author of *Masculinity, Autocracy and the Russian University, 1804-1863* (Palgrave/MacMillan, 2005) and (with Barbara Clements and Dan Healy) the collection *Russian Masculinities in History and Culture* (Palgrave, 2002), which is the first volume in English to focus on the growing field of Russian masculinity studies. She just co-edited *European Identity and Culture* (Ashgate, 2012) with Dr. Markus Thiel. She is currently working on a monographic study of gender, childhood and the domestic interior from the middle of the 19th century through the first decades of Bolshevik rule.

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Gaye Güngör, Assistant Professor of International Relations at Gediz University, received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Florida International University-Miami, FL (2008). Prior to joining Gediz University, she was a “Max Weber Post-Doctoral Fellow” at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. Her dissertation, entitled the European Parliament, Membership Expansions, and Organizational Change, examined the structural and procedural effects of the successive European Union enlargements on the European Parliament. Her research interests include organization theory, legislative reform and policymaking, formal institutions and institutional change, political parties, public opinion and elections.

Dr. Gungor has been a visiting lecturer at Humboldt University (January 2009), University of Miami (Spring 2007), University of Florida (Fall 2004), and Vesalius College in Brussels (Summer 2003). Also, she was a visiting scholar at the Center for European Studies, University of Florida, in Fall of 2004. Recently, she gave lectures at Leeds Metropolitan University through Erasmus Exchange (December 2012).

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Prof. Mariely López-Santana is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Public and International Affairs at George Mason University. She received her PhD from the University of Michigan. Prior to joining George Mason University, she was a Max Weber Post-Doctoral Fellow at the European University Institute. In addition, she was a Mundus MAPP Visiting Scholar in Barcelona, Spain. She has written various articles on soft law, Europeanization, social policy, and welfare state changes. In addition, she is completing a book project on the intergovernmental and governance re-design of welfare states across advanced industrial states.

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M. Burak ÖNEMLİ is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at Gediz University. Dr. ÖNEMLİ has earned his Bachelor's degree in 1999 in Econometrics from Gazi University and his Master's degree in Economics from Akdeniz University in 2003. He has worked as a research assistant in the Department of Economics at Akdeniz University between 2000 and 2004. He then moved to the United States and received his PhD from Kansas State University in 2010. He served as a lecturer at the Department of Economics between 2004 and 2009 and at Department of Statistics between 2009 and 2011 in Kansas State University. His main research interests lie in the fields of industrial economics, regulation economics, statistics theory and the applied econometrics.

Dr. Jane Parpart

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Jane Parpart is a Research Professor at the Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance, McCormack Graduate School. Her areas of expertise are Development, Gender Studies, Social Policy, Conflict and (In)security. She received her PhD from Boston University/

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Parpart is a board member and co-editor of *Politics, Power and Gender Justice in the Anglophone Caribbean*, IRDC-funded project with University of West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago. She is co-editor with Marysia Zalewski of *Rethinking the Man Question: Sex, Gender and Violence in International Relations* (ZED Books, 2008).

Palina Primoskaya

PhD Candidate, Politics & International Relations, Florida International University

Born in Minsk, Belarus, Palina Prysmakova entered the Department of Public Administration, Florida International University (FIU), as a PhD student and a research assistant in fall 2010. Her interest in public and international affairs began when she entered Stanislaw Staszic Public Administration College in Poland, where she earned her Bachelor's degree. In 2008, she was awarded the honorary Konstany Kalinowski Scholarship by the Polish Government. Thanks to it, she successfully completed her Master's Degree in European Studies, focusing on the feasibility of assistance from the European Union to Belarus. For the PhD program, her choice of the school was determined by the long-lasting relations Stanislaw Staszic College has with FIU. As a research assistant, Ms. Prysmakova participates in numerous scientific projects, for instance, funded by National Science Foundation and by National Institutes of Health (USA). These projects are related to the recovery following natural disasters in the resilient rural America; re-housing policies and emotional labor of disaster relief workers after the Haitian earthquake. Ms. Prysmakova was also a member of an evaluation group on City of Miami Gardens' projects for housing rehabilitation and conducted a research on Korean benchmarking of foreign practices, visiting the Seoul Metropolitan Government and Korea University.

Dylan Roberts

Graduate Student in International Studies - Florida International University

A specialist in Latin American and United States politics, Dylan Roberts is in pursuit of his master's degree in International Studies at Florida International University. His research interests delve into many of Latin America's most important contemporary issues, including the strategic and economic roles of a rising Brazil, the new Chinese influence in the region and the future of China's new partnerships, and the modern role of the United States in the Americas. Dylan's recent research related to the EU centered on a comparative analysis of the Greek Debt Crisis of 2010-2011 and the Latin American Debt Crisis of the 1980s. He is currently in the final stages of completing a thesis for publication that compares approaches to the urban crime and insecurity problem in the Americas, identifies competing policy models, and tests the merits of Bogotá's "Miracle" as a roadmap for reducing crime and developing the region's urban areas. Finally, Dylan also holds the distinct honor of serving his country and the State of Florida through his ongoing work in U.S. Senator Bill Nelson's Miami office.

Dr. Joaquín Roy

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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, among them *Cuba, the U.S. and the Helms-Burton Doctrine: International Reactions* (University of Florida Press, 2000), *Las relaciones exteriores de la Unión Europea* (México: UNAM, 2001), *Retos de la integración regional: Europa y América* (México: UNAM, 2003), *La Unión Europea y el TLCAN* (México: UNAM, 2004), *The European Union and Regional Integration* (Miami: EU Center, 2005), *La Unión Europea y la integración regional* (Buenos Aires: CARI/ U. Tres de Febrero, 2005), *Towards the Completion of Europe* (Miami: EU Center, 2006) and *A Historical Dictionary of the European Union* (Scarecrow Press / Rowman & Littlefield, 2006), and *The dollar and the euro* (Ashgate, 2007). 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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Tim Shaw, PhD, Princeton University, joins the Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance at the beginning of the fall 2012 semester as graduate program director of the new Global Governance and Human Security PhD program. He has an extraordinary record, both as a scholar and administrator, most recently as professor and director at the Institute of International Relations at the University of the West Indies, St Augustine in Trinidad; associate research fellow at UNU Comparative Regional Integration Studies in Bruges; and senior fellow at Centre for International Governance Innovation at the University of Waterloo.

Shaw previously directed the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London where he remains emeritus professor. And he continues to be visiting professor at Aalborg, Mbarara, and Stellenbosch Universities.

Shaw edits of the international political economy book series for both Ashgate Publishing (www.ashgate.com/ipenr) and Palgrave Macmillan (www.palgrave.com/ipe). His most recent co-edited works include *Diplomacies of Small States* (forthcoming in 2013), *Africa & IR in the 21st Century* (2012), *Rethinking Development Challenges for Public Policy* (2012), *Ashgate Research Companion to Regionalisms* (2011), and *Inter-American Cooperation at a Crossroads* (2011).

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Dr. Thiel's research interests are European (Union) Politics, Nationalism & Identity (Politics), Political Sociology, European Security and Mixed Methods Research Methodology. He has published several EU-related articles and book chapters at the EU Center, University of Miami, as well as in *Transatlantic Monthly*, *Tamkang Journal of International Affairs*, *International Studies Compendium and Perspectives on European Politics & Society*. He just co-edited *European Identity and Culture* (Ashgate, 2012) with Dr. Rebecca Friedman; he published *The Limits of Transnationalism: Collective Identities and EU Integration* (Palgrave, 2011) and also co-edited two volumes, one with Lisa Prügl on *Diversity and the European Union* (Palgrave, 2009) and the other with Roger Coate on *Identity politics in the Age of Globalization* (Lynne Rienner/First Forum Press, 2010). His current research focuses on the promotion of rights policies based on the EU's Fundamental Rights Charter.

He teaches INR 2001 Introduction to International Relations, CPO 2002 Comparative Politics, CPO 3103 Comparative (Western) European Politics, CPO 3104 EU Politics, INR 3214 International Relations of Europe, INR 3502 International Organizations and INR 4204 Ethnicity and Nationalism, as well as graduate courses on European/EU Politics and International Organization.

In addition, Dr. Thiel is a research associate at the Miami European Union Center of Excellence and active in FIU's European Studies Program.

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Dr. Funda Yercan, a Professor of maritime transport and logistics, received a BEng degree in Industrial Engineering and an MSc degree in Maritime Business and Management from the Institute of Marine Sciences and Technology, both at Dokuz Eylul University in Izmir, Turkey, and a PhD in International Shipping, Transportation and Logistics from the Institute of Marine Studies, University of Plymouth in Plymouth, U.K.

Dr. Yercan served as a full-time academic both at state and private universities in Izmir, and was a Visiting Professor at the Department of International Business and Logistics, at Maine Maritime Academy, in the U.S.A. Although she worked as a Business Coordinator in the insulation industry for several years, she is back to academia and is currently teaching at the Department of Management, Gediz University in Izmir, Turkey.

She has a number of published materials, including articles in SCI/SSCI/refereed journals, book sections published by Springer, Kogan Page etc publishers, articles in conference proceedings and three books – two published by Ashgate Publications in the U.K. and one by Chamber of Shipping in Turkey.

She is also a member of several domestic and international academic associations, in addition to her membership to the Council of Entrepreneur Ladies, The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey.