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## **THE MIAMI-FLORIDA JEAN MONNET CENTER OF EXCELLENCE**

### **The European Year of Development: approaches, issues & results**

A Conference of the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence

**February 22-23, 2016**

**Florida International University – Modesto A. Maidique Campus  
11200 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Miami, FL 33199 - MARC International Pavilion**

### **PROGRAM**

#### **The European Year of Development: approaches, issues & results**

This 1.5 day-long Workshop brings together scholarly experts on Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa to discuss how EU & European development policies are established and implemented with partners around the world. Given the fact that the EU collectively is not only the largest provider of Official Development Assistance, but also that 2015 was the European Year of Development, we center our conference on issues of development and cooperation with nations and regions around the globe. The latter is particularly important as the UN revised the Millennium Development Goals as well. This conference enables us to analyze how the EU advocates and integrates development policy in its external relations and foreign policy, while also placing EU policies within the larger development framework of the UN, and comparing it to the development priorities of the U.S.

Miami's location on the margins of South America and the Caribbean necessitates a discussion of the EU's role in foreign aid and relations among European, Caribbean and African nations in the post-colonial landscape. Since the topic of development is multifaceted, we included scholars from various schools and departments, including Sociology, Economics, Political Science, International Relations as well as all of our relevant area studies centers. We encourage participation from Miami's non-profit and NGO development organizations.

## Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

**5.00 – 6.30 p.m.**      **Keynote Address:**  
**Renate Hahlen**  
Minister Counselor (Development)  
Delegation of the European Union to the United States  
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**6:30. - 8:00 p.m.**      **Cocktail-Reception** (*by invitation only*)

## Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

**8.30 – 9.00 a.m.**      **Coffee, light Breakfast and Registration**

**9.00 – 9:05 a.m.**      **Opening Remarks:**

- **Dr. Markus Thiel**  
Associate Professor, Politics & International Relations  
Director, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, and  
European & Eurasian Studies

**9.05 – 10.45 a.m.**      **Panel I: Approaches towards development**

Panelists:

- **Dr. Alexandre Met-Domestici**  
Associate Professor -Maître de Conférences  
Jean Monnet Chair, "EU's Role in the Fight against Economic Crime"  
Science Po Aix en Provence  
*“Fostering Development through the Fight against Corruption and Money Laundering in the EU’s Neighborhood Policy”*
- **Dr. Olufemi Babarinde**  
Thunderbird University  
*“EU-Africa: trade vs aid”*
- **Dr. Sarah Beringer**  
Friedrichs-Alexander University Erlangen

**Panel Discussion chaired by Prof. Erin Damman**  
**Politics & International Relations (FIU)**

**10.45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Break**

## 11:00– 12.45 p.m. Panel II: EU Development Policies in the wider world

Panelists:

- **Bibek Chand**  
PhD Student, Department of Politics & International Relations  
Florida International University  
*“The EU in the Himalayas: Analyzing the European Union’s Role in post-conflict Nepal”*
- **Lukas K. Danner**  
PhD Student, Department of Politics & International Relations  
Florida International University  
*“China and the EU: Development Competitors or Partners?”*
- **Dr. Silvia Maier**  
Clinical Assistant Professor  
New York University  
*“Women’s empowerment in ME”*

**Panel Discussion chaired by Dr. Rebecca Friedman, History (FIU)**

**1.00 – 2.00 p.m.      Lunch (by invitation only)**

## 2.15 – 4.00 p.m.      Panel III: EU Development pre/post-2015: the Caribbean

Panelists:

- **Dr. Percy Hintzen**  
Professor of Sociology, Global and Sociocultural Studies  
Florida International University  
*“The EU, CARIFORUM, AND CELAC: the new multilateral alliance”*
- **Dr. Wendy Grenade**  
Lecturer in Political Science and Deputy Dean (Outreach)  
Faculty of Social Sciences  
University of West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados  
*“North-South ‘Partnerships’ in a Complex World: The Caribbean and EU”*
- **Dr. Joaquin Roy**  
Jean Monnet Chair “ad personam”  
Director, European Union Center of Excellence  
University of Miami  
*“The EU’s frustration over Cuba’s insertion in the ACP development programs”*

**Panel Discussion chaired by Dr. Markus Thiel,  
Politics & International Relations (FIU)**