

**13th ILLINOIS EU STUDIES CONFERENCE:  
"Who is European? Inclusion and Exclusion Within and Without Europe"  
APRIL 13-14, 2023**

European Union Center, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
Center for European Studies, University of Florida  
Department of History, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

*All panels will take place in Room 306, Coble Hall. All events listed are free and open to the public.*

**Thursday, April 13**

8:30 Breakfast and Opening Remarks

9:30—10:30 Panel 1 – Europe before the European Union

Chair: **John Randolph**, Associate Professor of History, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

"Fascism and the Project of European Unity in the Interwar Period"

**Emanuel Rota**, Associate Professor of French & Italian, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

"Europeans Before Europe: The Idea of Europe in the Context of the EU"

**Murad Gafarov**, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Political Science, University of Florida

Coffee Break

10:45—12:00 Panel 2 – Legal Perspective on European Identity

Chair: **José Luis Gómez-Barroso**, Professor, Department of Applied Economics and Economic History, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED)

"Ukraine and Europe in the Inceptive Aspect: Notes from a Liminal State"

**Monica Eppinger**, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Law, St. Louis University

"Independence in the European Union"

**Francisco Pereira Coutinho**, Associate Professor with Habilitation, NOVA School of Law, Portugal

Lunch

1:45—3:30 Panel 3 – Race and Europe

*Panel co-organized with the International Forum for U.S. Studies, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

Chair: **Jane Desmond**, Professor of Anthropology and Gender and Women's Studies, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

"Syrians in Germany: Challenges and Lessons for the Social Inclusion of Migrants in the 21st Century"

**Günther Jikeli**, Erna B. Rosenfeld Professor in Jewish Studies, Indiana University

"Before Osimhen: Notes on the Circulation of Blackface in Naples, Italy"

**Vincenzo Bavaro**, Associate Professor, U.S. Literature, University of Naples-L'Orientale

"Brown, Spanish *and* Catalanian? Questioning and Revindicating Inclusion in the Works of Rocio Quillahuaman and Miss Raisa"

**Lucía Sánchez-Gilbert**, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Coffee Break

3:45—5:00 Panel 4 – Round Table – War, Ukraine, and the EU: Responses and Observations

Chair: **Emanuel Rota**, Director of the European Union Center, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**Tatyana Deryugina**, Associate Professor of Finance and Shebik Faculty Fellow, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**Markian Dobczansky**, Associate Director, European Union Center, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**Maureen Marshall**, Associate Director, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

**Monika Stodolska**, Professor, Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

## **Friday, April 14**

8:30 Breakfast

9:30–10:30 Panel 5 – Expanding the Idea of Europe

Chair: **Colleen Murphy**, Roger and Stephany Joslin Professor of Law, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

"Revisiting the First Enlargement to Understand Brexit"

**Iliaria Poggiolini**, Chair Professor of International History, Department of Humanities, University of Pavia, Italy

"Compromise, Complicity, and the Rule of Law: Negotiating European Belonging After the Cold War"

**Jessica Greenberg**, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Coffee Break

10:45–12:15 Panel 6 – Europe in the Global Order: Politics and Economics

Chair: **Cynthia Buckley**, Professor of Sociology, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

"Rethinking Europeanness through Political Economy"

**Matteo Capasso**, Marie Curie Global Fellow, University of Venice, Italy, and Columbia University

"Chinese and European Union Methods of Engagement in Global Affairs: Similarities and Differences"

**Konstantinos Kourtikakis**, Teaching Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

"French Debt Discipline: The Track Record of the 21st Century"

**David Cleeton**, Professor, Department of Economics, Illinois State University

Lunch

1:45—3:15 Panel 7 – Political Challenges and Opportunities of EU Enlargement

Chair: **Markian Dobczansky**, Associate Director, European Union Center, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

"Integration into and within the European Union — What the Already Europeans Thought and Think"

**José Luis Gómez Barroso**, Professor, Department of Applied Economics and Economic History, National Distance Education University, Spain

"Europe versus the European Union in Euroskeptic Discourse"

**Lauren Seitz**, Ph.D. student, Department of Communication, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

"Democracy in Eastern Europe: Threats and Opportunities for the European Union"

**Sorin Nastasia**, Associate Professor of Public Relations, Department of Applied Communications Studies, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville