

# 2012 Regional Faculty Conference

**“Researching and Teaching the EU: Best Practices and Current Trends in EU Scholarship”  
A Working Conference for Regional College Faculty**

*Sponsored by:*

**The European Union Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

*Conference date and location:*

**January 13-14, 2012**

**DePaul University School of Public Service**

**Richard and Maggie Daley Building, Suite 1600 (16th Floor)**

**14 E. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago**

***NOTE: Registration is now closed.***

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## **About the Conference**

This conference will bring together regional college faculty with the aim of increasing research on and teaching of the European Union at universities and four-year and two-year colleges in Illinois and the Midwest. It will facilitate the building of a dynamic network for regional educators with interests in EU studies. The conference will include panel discussions in which participants can present their research on the EU, as well as sessions on effective teaching of EU-related subjects. Select papers may be published as part of the online EUC working papers series.

In response to feedback about previous faculty working conferences, this year we will be organizing a pre-conference workshop devoted to providing an **introductory overview** of governmental institutions, foreign, and social policies of the EU. This portion of the workshop will take place during the afternoon on January 13 and is open to all working conference attendees, but is especially intended to help orient those participants who do



not specialize in the EU. Please indicate if you plan on attending the pre-conference workshop when you submit your online registration.

### Why Attend?

- Great networking opportunity
- Strategize about teaching about the EU
- Discuss research/teaching interests with colleagues
- One-night of free accommodations at Club Quarters Hotel in downtown Chicago
- Travel reimbursement grant of up to \$150 available for participating faculty
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### Schedule - [[download PDF version](#)]

<b>Friday, January 13th</b>	
<b>1:30 – 1:40 pm</b>	<b>Registration for Pre-Conference Workshop</b>
<b>1:40 – 1:45 pm</b>	<b>Welcome Remarks for Pre-Conference Workshop: Introduction to the EU</b> <i>Matt Rosenstein, Associate Director, European Union Center, University of Illinois</i>
<b>1:45 – 2:30 pm</b>	<b>The Institutions of the European Union – An Overview</b> <i>Robert Pahre, Professor of Political Science, University of Illinois</i> <a href="#">Presentation slides</a> (.pdf)
<b>2:30 – 3:15 pm</b>	<b>Europe as a Global Actor – EU Foreign Policy</b> <i>Rebecca Steffenson, Assistant Professor, School of Public Service, DePaul University</i> <a href="#">Presentation slides</a> (.pdf)
<b>3:15 – 3:20 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:20 – 4:05 pm</b>	<b>European Union Agricultural Policy – A Closer Look at CAP and Its International Effects</b> <i>David Bullock, Professor of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois</i> <a href="#">Presentation slides</a> (.pdf)
<b>4:05 – 4:50 pm</b>	<b>Social Policies of the EU – Current Practices and Future Trends</b> <i>Patrick Ireland, Professor of Political Science, Illinois Institute of Technology</i> <a href="#">Presentation slides</a> (.pdf)
<b>5:00 – 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Free time (Hotel Check-in, time to explore the Chicago Loop)</b>

<p><b>7:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Conference Registration and Welcome Dinner</b>  <i>Hosted by Bryan Endres, Director of the European Union Center &amp; Associate Professor of Agricultural Law, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and Rebecca Steffenson, Assistant Professor, School of Public Service, DePaul University. Location TBA.</i></p> <p><b>“The EUROpean Crisis: Economic Challenges to the Monetary Union”</b>  <b>Welcome Dinner and Workshop Keynote Address</b>  <i>Elisabeth Oltheten, Assistant Professor of Finance, University of Illinois</i></p> <p><a href="#">Presentation slides</a> (.pdf)</p>
<p><b>Saturday, January 14th</b></p>	
<p><b>8:30 – 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee and pastries</b></p>
<p><b>9:00 – 9:15 am</b></p>	<p><b>Introductory Remarks</b>  “Introduction to the European Union Center”  <i>Bryan Endres, Director of the European Union Center &amp; Associate Professor of Agricultural Law, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</i></p> <p><a href="#">Prezi</a></p>
<p><b>9:15 – 10:30 am</b></p>	<p><b>Panel 1 – EU Power Projections and External Regional Relations</b>  “Institutional Innovation and Interest Diversion in the Transatlantic Market”  <i>Rebecca Steffenson, Assistant Professor, School of Public Service, DePaul University</i></p> <p><a href="#">Presentation slides</a> (.pdf)</p> <p>“ASEM and the Bridging of the Human Security Gap”  <i>Martyn de Bruyn, Assistant Professor, Political Science, Northeastern Illinois University</i></p> <p><a href="#">Presentation slides</a> (.pdf)</p>
<p><b>10:30 – 10:45 am</b></p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p><b>10:45 – 12:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Panel 2 – Political Power, Behaviors, and Leadership in the EU</b>  “Breaking Up the Family? Migrants, Homophobia, and the Political Left in Europe”  <i>Patrick Ireland, Professor of Political Science, Illinois Institute of</i></p>

	<p><i>Technology</i></p> <p><a href="#">Presentation slides</a> (.pdf)</p> <p>“Authoritarianism and Euroskepticism”</p> <p><i>Erik Tillman, Assistant Professor of Political Science, DePaul University</i></p> <p><a href="#">Presentation slides</a> (.pdf)</p> <p>“Improving Transatlantic Relations through Intercultural Understanding: An Analysis of Italian and American Cultural Aspects of Leadership and Management”</p> <p><i>Marco Tavanti, Associate Professor, School of Public Service, DePaul University</i></p> <p><a href="#">Presentation slides</a> (.pdf)</p> <p><a href="#">Conference Paper</a> (.pdf)</p>
<b>12:00 – 1:00 pm</b>	<p><b><i>Working Lunch – How to Organize an EU-focused Event – Best Practices Presentation &amp; Discussion</i></b></p> <p><i>Andrew Weeks, Professor of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, Illinois State University</i></p>
<b>1:00 – 2:30 pm</b>	<p><b><i>Panel 3 – United in Diversity? The EU Melting Pot in Labor, Education, and Culture</i></b></p> <p>“European Trade Unions Addressing Diversity”</p> <p><i>Monica Bielski Boris, Assistant Professor, Labor and Employment Relations, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign</i></p> <p><a href="#">Presentation slides</a> (.pdf)</p> <p>“Making Music in the Ruhrgebiet: Examining the Culture in EU Cultural Policy”</p> <p><i>Reneé Gordon Holley, PhD candidate, Musicology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign</i></p> <p>Contact</p> <p><a href="#">Reneé</a> if you would like to learn more about her research.</p>
<b>2:30 – 2:45 pm</b>	<b><i>Break</i></b>
<b>2:45 – 4:15 pm</b>	<p><b><i>“Strategies for Teaching the EU – A Roundtable Discussion”</i></b></p> <p>Syllabi available <a href="#">electronically</a>.</p>
<b>4:15 – 4:30 pm</b>	<b><i>Closing remarks and evaluations</i></b>