10TH ANNUAL GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE ON THE EUROPEAN UNION

Still United? The European Union through Enlargement, Crisis, and Transformation

27-28 March 2015

Pittsburgh Athletic Association
4215 Fifth Avenue
and
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
All sessions will be held at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, 2nd Floor, unless otherwise indicated.

Friday March 27

12:30-1:00pm  Registration  (Pittsburgh Athletic Association (PAA), 2nd Floor)

1:00-1:15pm  Opening Remarks and Welcome  (Patrician Crown Mural Room)

Alberta Sbragia, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies

1:15-3:00pm  Panel I: Still United? National and Supranational Legitimacy (Patrician Crown Mural Room)

“The European Public Sphere in the Era of Euroscepticism: The European Commission Initiatives on Creating Transnational Media Networks”
Elena Kaliberda (Carleton University)

“EU as a Visual/Neoliberal Project?”
Johannes Grow (Virginia Tech)

“The (Ill)legitimate Union? The Perception of Legitimacy of the EU in Visegrad Four Member States”
Max Steuer (Central European University)

Chair and Discussant: Dr. David Rossbach, Department of Political Science, Chatham University

3:00pm – Coffee Break

3:30-5:00 pm  Workshop: Gathering Information on and in the European Union  (G-74 Hillman Library)

Ian Thomson, Director, Cardiff EDC, Cardiff University

6:00pm - Evening Reception with Appetizers
Babcock Room, Cathedral of Learning, 40th Floor
(By Invitation Only)

Please see folder insert for directions to the Babcock Room.
Saturday March 28

9:00- 9:30am  Breakfast  
(PAA, 2nd Floor)

9:30-11:15am  Panel II: Building Europe: Internal Capacity and External Influence (Patrician Crown Mural Room)

“The Role of Multinational Firms in European Integration: The Cases of Volkswagen AG, Paribas and Tesco”
Grace Ballor (University of California, Los Angeles)

“The Paradox of Firm-Led European Integration: Pre-Crisis Builders Posing a Post-Crisis Threat”
Grace Ballor (University of California, Los Angeles)

“Foreign Minister of Civilian Power: Analysis of Catherine Ashton’s Performance in Civilian Dimension of CFSP”
Anastasiia Vlasenko (New York University)

“The Federal Republic of Germany, the Great Power Sub-System and Models of Regional Hegemony”
Luke Wood (Indiana University)

Chair and Discussant: Dr. Jonathan Harris, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

11:15am – Coffee Break

11:30-1:15pm  Panel III: Crisis, Conditionality, and Coordination  
(Patrician Crown Mural Room)

“Beneath the Veil of Hope: The Effects of EU Signaling on Foreign Investors’ Sensitivity to Corruption Before and After EU Membership”
Svetoslav Derderyan (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

“Coordination No More: Eurozone Crisis and the Dismantling of Wage Setting Systems in the European Periphery”
Sebastian Schneider (Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies)

“Debt Crises, Fiscal History of the Early American Republic and the Federalisation of the EU”
Tomasz Wozniakowski (European University Institute)

Chair and Discussant: Dr. Martin Staniland, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh

1:15 – 2:30pm – Lunch
PAA Library

“The Social Investment Perspective in the European Union: From Optimism to Skepticism”
Shannon Dinan (University of Montreal)

Simone Kaiser (University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana)

“Funding Science in Europe: The European Science Foundation and European Research Council”
Scott Schorr (University of St. Andrews)

“Normative Power Europe- the field of Higher Education Untraditional Modes of Power and Untraditional fields in International Relations”
Hila Zahavi (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Chair and Discussant: Dr. Muge Finkel, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh

4:15pm – Coffee Break

4:45 p.m.
Keynote Address
Patrician Crown Mural Room

The European Economy in a Changing World Order

Uri Dadush
Senior Associate, International Economics Program
Carnegie Endowment for Peace

6:30pm – Wine & Cheese Hors D’oeuvres

7:00pm – Dinner
(By Invitation Only)

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