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**10<sup>TH</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, unless otherwise indicated.*

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## **Friday March 27**

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**12:30-1:00pm Registration (Pittsburgh Athletic Association (PAA), 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

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## **3:00pm - Coffee Break**

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**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*

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

*Please see folder insert for directions to the Babcock Room.*

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**Saturday March 28**

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**9:00- 9:30am Breakfast**

**(PAA, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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"*  
and

*"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

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**11:15am - Coffee Break**

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**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

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**1:15 - 2:30pm - Lunch**  
**PAA Library**

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**2:30-4:15pm Panel IV: Investing in Knowledge: Science, Technology & Dialogue (Patrician Crown Mural Room)**

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

*"The European Heritage Label: A Critical Review of a New EU Policy"*  
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*

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**4:15pm - Coffee Break**

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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

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**6:30pm - Wine & Cheese Hors D'oeuvres**

**7:00pm - Dinner**  
*(By Invitation Only)*

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