

12th Annual Graduate Student Conference on the EU
March 17-18, 2017
University of Pittsburgh

Toward a New EU

Venue:

Pittsburgh Athletic Association (PAA)
4215 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Friday, March 17

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| 11:30 am | Registration | PAA 2 nd Floor |
| 12:30-2:00 pm | Panel 1: EU Institutions

Chair and discussant: Prof. Carolyn Ban, GSPIA

Ryuya Daidouji, Waseda University, "The EU in inter-organizational relations: From 'inward-looking' toward 'intersecting' legitimation"

Ivona Zegrean, the University of British Columbia, "The Access to Justice and Compensation Chimera: A Critical Assessment of Directive 2014/104/EU"

Asli Baysal, University of Florida, "The Evolution of the Executive in the European Union: From a Bureaucratic to a Political Executive" | Library, PAA |
| 2:15-3:45 | Panel 2: Migration and Identity in Europe

Chair and discussant: Prof. Ettore Recchi, Sciences Po

Rachel Peters, University of Toronto, "Understanding the Refusal: Does Historic Hungarian Nationalism Affect Hungarian Refugee Policy?"

Benjamin Globberman, Carleton University, "What Happened? The Europeanization of Asylum Policy in Crisis"

Hakan Erdagoz, University of Utah, "Muslim Minorities and National Political Community in France and Russia" | Library, PAA |
| 3:45-4:00 | Coffee break | |
| 4:00-5:30 | Keynote Address: Matthew Goodwin, University of Kent
"Voting for Brexit and the Radical Right - Examining new data in the United Kingdom" | Schenley Lounge |
- A **wine and cheese reception** will be held immediately after the talk from 5:30-7:00. A special thanks to our co-sponsors, the European Union Studies Association, for sponsoring this reception.

Saturday, March 18

9:30-10:45 am **Panel 3: The EU as a Global Power** Library

Chair and discussant: Prof. Charles Skinner, GSPIA

Dinara Pisareva, City University London, "Examining the EU's Democratic Promotion and Russia's Authoritarian Diffusion in Ukraine"

Kyle Wolfley, Cornell University, "The Evolution of European and Central Asian Stability through Joint Military Exercises"

Matthew Shelden, Georgia Tech University, "The Role of NATO in Protecting European Cooperation in the 21st Century"

10:45-11:15 Coffee break Patrician/Crown Mural

11:15-12:30 **Panel 4: European Political Economy** Library

Chair and discussant: Prof. Martin Staniland, GSPIA

Silvia Merler, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, "Income Convergence in the EU: Arrested Development?"

Grace Ballor, University of California Los Angeles, "Back to the Future: A Historical Analysis of the Private Sector Partnerships at the Core of the EU's Common Market Success"

Dimitrios Koutsoupakis, London School of Economics, "On the (Central & Commercial) Banking Nature of the First Apolitical/Programmable Money; the Bitcoin Network"

12:30-2:00 BREAK

2:00-3:15 **Panel 5: Public Opinion and Democracy in the EU** Library

Chair and discussant: Prof. Jae-Jae Spoon, Political Science

Luke Wood, Indiana University, "Anti-Intellectual Attitudes and Populist Politics in Western Europe and the United States"

Cory Braux, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, "Domestic Referendums in Europe: Helping or Hurting Democracy?"

Thomas Lehner, University of Salzburg, "Government and Opposition – The effect on the European Parliament"

3:15-3:30 Coffee Break Patrician/Crown Mural

3:30-5:15

Panel 6: Populism, the Far Right, and the EU

Library

Chair and discussant: Anna Brigevich, North Carolina Central University

Nora Weber, UNC – Chapel Hill, “EU Democracy in the Digital Age: Social Media as a Mobilizing and Institutionalizing Factor for Far-Right Parties”

Lucia Kovacikova, Tulane University, “Brexit: A new chapter in British exceptionalism”

Marta Lorimer, London School of Economics, “Europe from the Far Right Perspective: The Case of the French Front National”