

Conversations on Europe

The European Studies Center at the University of Pittsburgh's *Conversations on Europe* series of moderated **virtual roundtables** connects top experts from North America and Europe to discuss contemporary issues facing Europe and the Transatlantic relationship. Individual sessions are recorded and posted on the internet along with suggested additional readings and further resources for those interested in learning more. Past Conversations can be viewed at <https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/esc/events/coe>.



For the 2020-21 academic year, the European Studies Center has announced its annual programmatic theme: "Creating Europe." This year's virtual roundtables will speak to this theme. In the Fall semester, each session will explore the EU's motto "United in Diversity" from different perspectives (national, regional, and supranational) to examine the success of, and limitations to, creating a sense of common Europeanness in contemporary Europe. In the Spring semester, sessions will focus in on specific policy areas that are engaged in the process of "creating Europe."

2020-2021 Calendar

Third Thursday of the month (*unless otherwise indicated), 12-1:30 pm Eastern time zone.

September – "70 Years of Creating Europe: United in Diversity?"

October – "Cultural Diversity and Inclusive Community Building in Germany" *in collaboration with German Campus week events and the Department of German at Pitt*

November – "Cementing the Boundaries of Frenchness: Race/Ethnicity and Belonging in a Non-Color-Blind French Republic" *(In collaboration with University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign European Union Center)*

December – "The Scandinavian Model: Social Cohesion, Cultural Diversity, and Trust in Institutions in Northern Europe" (*December 3rd)

January – "Creating Europe Through Crises" *in collaboration with the European Union Studies Association (In collaboration with the European Union Studies Association)*

February - "Creating Europe Through the Built Environment"

March - "Creating Europe Through Multilingualism" *in collaboration with the Center for European Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison*

April - "Creating Europe Through Creative Europe"

Additional events:

November – VIRTUAL BRIEFING “The State of the Transatlantic Relationship in 2020” (reflections on the U.S. Presidential Election) *in partnership with the Transatlantic Policy Center at American University and the Center for European and Transatlantic Studies at the Georgia Institute of Technology*

TBD: A *Conversation on Europe* conducted in a target European language.



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