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**Culture: Building Block or Obstacle for
Transnational European Identities****Conference Participants: Biographical Notes***February 25-26, 2010***KEYNOTE SPEAKER****Michael D. Kennedy***The Howard R. Swearer Director of the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University*

Areas of Interest: Globalizing knowledge institutions and networks, cultural articulation of democracy, peace, and energy security in Europe and Eurasia.

Watson Institute Director **Michael D. Kennedy** came to the Institute from the University of Michigan, where he had been on the faculty since 1986. Most recently, he was a professor of sociology, the Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of European and Eurasian Studies, and founding director of the Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia and the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies. He was Michigan's first vice provost for international affairs, and served as the director of a number of other units including the International Institute, Center for Russian and East European Studies, Center for European Studies/European Union Center, and Program for the Comparative Study of Social Transformations. Kennedy is also a member of the Social Science Research Council's board of directors and chair of its executive committee.

Alongside this administrative experience, Kennedy studies knowledge institutions and networks, evident in co-edited volumes, *Globalizations and Social Movements: Culture, Power, and the Transnational Public Sphere* (University of Michigan Press, 2000) and *Responsibility in Crisis: Knowledge Politics and Global Publics* (University of Michigan Scholarly Publishing Office, 2004), and numerous articles and chapters. Beyond his work in the sociology of globalizing knowledge, Kennedy is currently researching the cultural politics of energy security in Europe and Eurasia.

This builds on his past scholarship on the cultural and social transformations of Eastern Europe, reflected in two monographs, *Cultural Formations of Postcommunism: Emancipation, Transition, Nation, and War* (University of Minnesota Press, 2002) and *Professionals, Power and Solidarity in Poland* (Cambridge University Press, 1991). For his contributions to scholarship and education about Poland, in 1999 Poland's president, Aleksander Kwasniewski, presented Kennedy with the Gold Cross of Merit.

Kennedy has won grants and fellowships from a number of organizations, including the American Council for Learned Societies, Ford Foundation, Mellon Foundation, National Science Foundation, and Open Society Institute. At the University of Michigan, he received four awards for teaching. He has taught a wide range of courses, from introductions to sociology and the sociology of martial arts to advanced graduate seminars on social theory, cultural sociology, and global transformations. In 2009, he received the Distinguished Diversity Scholarship and Engagement Award from the National Center for Institutional Diversity at the University of Michigan.

He graduated with a BA in sociology and anthropology from Davidson College, and received a PhD in sociology from the University of North Carolina.

ROUNDTABLE OF MIAMI EU CONSULS GENERAL

Mattias Sundholm

*Deputy Spokesman/Deputy Head of Press and Public Diplomacy
Delegation of the European Union to the US in Washington D.C.*

Mattias Sundholm has been the Deputy Spokesman for the European Commission Delegation to the US, Washington, DC, since September 2006. He is also the Deputy Head of the Delegation's Press and Public Diplomacy Section charged with promoting the EU's positions and policies throughout the United States.

Prior to his current position, he was Information and Communications Coordinator in the Directorate General for Development in the Commission Headquarters in Brussels, a department in charge of relations between the European Commission and Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific in terms of development assistance.

From 2002 to 2004, Sundholm worked as a Swedish diplomat serving with the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He also worked as Spokesperson for the Ministry and as Desk Officer for the Western Balkans. In the latter capacity, he was briefly posted to the Embassy of Sweden in Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina). He was also posted to Zimbabwe as Second Secretary at the Embassy of Sweden in Harare, where he was reporting on political and economic issues, including media, parliamentary affairs and the controversial land reform.

Furthermore, he has worked as a consultant for French consultancy firm *FI System*, based in Brussels--and focused on European Affairs and public relations--and for three years as a journalist for Scandinavia's biggest daily in print and on the web: *Aftonbladet*. Sundholm has an M.Sc. in Political Science from Uppsala University and the Institut d'études politiques (Sciences-Po) in Paris, and an M.A. degree in European Political and Administrative Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium). He is fluent in Swedish, English and French.

Hon. Kevin McGurgan

HM British Consul General

Kevin McGurgan took up his appointment as Her Majesty's Consul-General in Miami in December 2009.

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1971, Kevin joined the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) in 1990. He comes to Miami from southern Afghanistan, where he spent 2008/9 as Deputy Head of the NATO Provincial Reconstruction Team in Helmand province.

Since 2005 he has worked predominately on international security issues. Until 2007 he was Deputy Head of the Iraq Policy Unit, responsible for political and security advice to British Ministers on the situation in southern Iraq and delivery of security and justice sector reform programmes. He then worked at the Home Office, providing UK Ministers with advice on countries, regions and institutions of strategic importance to the UK.

This is Kevin's second posting to the United States. From 1997 – 2000, he was the lead UK negotiator at the United Nations in New York on multilateral sanctions regimes.

Kevin's earlier diplomatic career has seen him serve short tours in Russia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Syria (1993-4); as a press officer in the UK's Permanent Representation to the European Union (1994-5); as a political and consular officer in Bosnia (1996-7) and from 2003-2005 as Head of the Political and Economic team in Sweden with a specific focus on European policy issues and counter-terrorism.

Hon. Klaus Ranner

Consul General of Germany

Klaus Ranner hails from the Bavarian city of Augsburg, home of playwright Bertolt Brecht, the Diesel engine and the Messerschmidt airplanes. There he completed high school in 1971. After military service in signal intelligence he studied law at Augsburg and later Tübingen universities. At the latter he received his law degree in 1978. A year of legal practice at a High Court preceded his entry into the senior foreign service of Germany in 1980, starting with two years studies at the Foreign Office's Diplomatic Academy in Bonn.

His foreign assignments include Warsaw (deputy head of legal and consular department), Buenos Aires (press spokesperson), Tehran (head of economic and commercial department), Stettin (consul general – head of mission) and Bombay (consul general – head of mission). In between these assignments he pursued his career at the Foreign Office's headquarters in Bonn and after Germany's unification in Berlin, in the cultural, political, economic and European departments, the most recent position held by him being minister plenipotentiary and director of a task force for external business promotion. His private business experience dates from working with Siemens Transportation Systems as head of their co-operations unit.

Klaus Ranner is married to Barbara Zesewitz and has three grown-up children. Apart from his native German and some mid-Atlantic style English he speaks fluent Polish and some Spanish and French.

He took up his post as consul general of the Federal Republic of Germany for the state of Florida, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands with office in Miami on August 17th, 2007.

Beata Paszyc

Honorary Vice Consul of the Republic of Poland

Beata M. Paszyc holds an MA in Literature and Linguistics from the A. Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland. She has also completed graduate courses in Sociolinguistics at Georgetown University in Washington DC.

Mrs. Paszyc has been an Honorary Vice Consul of the Republic of Poland in Miami since 2003. She is responsible for building and maintaining relationships with diplomats, government officials, educators and media. She provides information on various consular matters and helps Polish citizens in distress. She arranges visits and coordinates meetings of foreign dignitaries.

Since 1999 Beata Paszyc has been working as an Executive Director at the American Institute of Polish Culture in Miami. She is responsible for overall leadership and management of the organization. She develops and implements multicultural programs, seminars, conferences, festivals, large scale VIP galas and fundraising events often working in partnership with: Florida International University, University of Miami, Miami International Film Festival, Miami International Cultural Alliance, Consular Corps and Embassy of the Republic of Poland. Mrs. Paszyc produces magazines and promotional materials for the Institute. She also supervises the Scholarship program and special events. She is an avid promoter of Polish culture, traditions and business.

In years 1993 -1999 Mrs. Paszyc has worked as a translator and interpreter for government agencies and various companies in the US.

ACADEMIC PANELISTS

Marion Demossier

*Senior Lecturer in French and European Studies
University of Bath, UK*

Marion Demossier has been trained as a social anthropologist at the EHESS in Paris where she gained her PhD. She is the author of various works on wine producers, drinking cultures and wine consumers in France and has published on cultural identities in France and Europe. Her first monograph, *Hommes et vins: une anthropologie du vignoble Bourguignon* (1999, Editions universitaires der Dijon) won the Prix Lucien Perriaux. She has also edited a book entitled *The European Puzzle, the political structuring of cultural identities in Europe* (2007, Berghahn) and her second monograph *Wine Drinking Culture in France: A National Myth or a Modern Passion?* is due to be published in summer 2010. She has worked for many years with the wine industry and is currently involved in a Unesco project.

Sophie Duchesne-Guilluy

*CNRS Research Professor
Sciences Po (Paris), France*

Sophie Duchesne (PhD) is a CNRS research professor at Sciences Po (Paris) and an associate member of the Department of Politics and International relations at Oxford. She is coordinator of the Oxford Sciences Po research group in social sciences. Over the last four years she has coordinated a comparative qualitative research project on attitudes towards European integration (http://oxpo.politics.ox.ac.uk/projects/discussion_political/index.asp). She also teaches at Sciences Po. Her main research interests deal with issues of citizenship and identity in France and Europe, as well as with the methodology of qualitative research. Among her recent publications in English, are 'Waiting for European identity...: Preliminary thoughts about the identification process with Europe', in *Perspectives on European Society and Politics*, vol.9/4, December 2008, 397-410; « National and European Identifications : a Dual Relationship », *Comparative European Politics*, 2008/6, 143-168 (with André-Paul Frogner) and "Accepting or Avoiding Conflict in Public Talk", *British Journal of Political Science*, vol.37/1, January 07 (With Florence Haegel); She is currently editing the next issue of *Politique Européenne* which will focus on a critical approach to the concept of European identity.

Rebecca Friedman

*Co-Director, Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence
Director, European Studies
Associate Professor, History Department
Florida International University*

Rebecca Friedman, Co-Director of the MEUCE, is Associate Professor of History and Director of European Studies at Florida International University. Her research focuses on gender and the family in modern Russian in the context of Russia's relationship to modern European institutions and ideologies, with a special emphasis on masculinity, domestic interiors, and childhood. She is the author of *Masculinity, Autocracy and the Russian University, 1804-1863* (Palgrave/MacMillan, 2005) and (with Barbara Clements and Dan Healy) the collection *Russian Masculinities in History and Culture* (Palgrave, 2002), which is the first volume in English to focus on the growing field of Russian masculinity studies. She is currently working on a monographic study of gender, childhood and the domestic interior from the middle of the 19th century through the first decades of Bolshevik rule.

Dario Gaggio

*Associate Professor, Department of History
University of Michigan*

Dario Gaggio holds a Ph.D. in history from Northwestern University and is associate professor of history at the University of Michigan, where he also directs the Center for European Studies-European Union Center.

His book, *In Gold We Trust: Social Capital and Economic Change in the Italian Jewelry Towns*, was published by Princeton University Press in 2007. His research interests include history and political economy, European environmental history, and the history of technology. His current project is titled *Beyond the Tuscan Sun: Agriculture and the Landscape Beautiful in the Age of Mass Tourism*.

Homero Gil de Zúñiga y Navajas

*Assistant Professor
University of Texas, Austin*

Homero Gil de Zúñiga y Navajas, assistant professor at University of Texas – Austin, obtained a Ph.D. in European Studies at Universidad Europea de Madrid (2006) and a second Ph.D. in Mass Communication at University of Wisconsin – Madison (2008). His education also includes being participant of the National Communication Association's Doctoral Honors Seminar at University of Oklahoma (2005) and the Summer Doctoral Program at the Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford (2006).

Prof. Gil de Zúñiga heads the *Center for Journalism and Communication Research* in the School of Journalism at UT. His research interest focuses on all forms of new technologies and digital media and their effects on society. In particular, he investigates the influence of Internet use in people's daily lives as well as the effect of such use on the overall democratic process. Articles illustrating his research framework have been published in a diverse number of peer-reviewed journals such as *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, *Communication Research*, *IT & Society*, *New Media & Society*, *Journalism: Theory, Practice and Criticism*, *Mass Communication & Society*, *Computers in Human Behavior*, *Human Communication Research* and *Comunicación y Ciudadanía* among others.

Matthias Kaelberer

*Associate Professor, Political Science
University of Memphis*

Matthias Kaelberer (PhD Princeton University 1997) is Associate Professor and Chair of the Political Science Department at the University of Memphis. His research has focused on various aspects of European politics and international monetary relations. His book *Money and Power in Europe: The Political Economy of European Monetary Cooperation* (Albany: State University of New York Press 2001) used theories of bargaining power to explain the formation of rules in European monetary cooperation. His recent and current research projects look at the role of collective identity, political community, trust and democracy in the context of European monetary unification. His articles have appeared in such journals as *Review of International Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, the *European Journal of International Relations*, *Global Society*, *Contemporary Politics*, the *Journal of European Public Policy*, and *German Politics and Society*.

Tatiana Kostadinova*Associate Professor**Political and International Relations Department**Florida International University*

Dr. Kostadinova's research and teaching interests include political institutions with a special emphasis on electoral systems and reform, East European democratic transition, and comparative environmental policies. She has been the recipient of several grants, among which are the American Political Science Small Research Grant (2002) for field research on the Balkans and a Fellowship Program award from the German Marshall Fund of the United States (2003-2004) for assessment of the success of European environmental agreements. Her book, *Bulgaria 1879-1946: The Challenge of Choice* (Columbia University Press), explores Bulgarian parliamentary elections, party strategies, and voter behavior. Other publications include book chapters on political representation, and journal articles in *American Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Party Politics*, and *Europe-Asia Studies*. She has conducted field research in Bulgaria, Serbia, and Macedonia. Her professional associations include the American Political Science Association, the Midwest Political Science Association, and the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies.

Her primary teaching area is comparative politics. The courses she has developed for undergraduates are: the lower level "Introduction to Comparative Politics" and the upper level "Russian Politics," "Politics of Eastern Europe," "Comparative Electoral Behavior," and "Presidents and Assemblies of the World." In addition, she has also designed and taught "Introduction to Political Economy" and "Research Methods in Political Science." At the graduate level, she teaches four courses. The "Seminar in Comparative Politics", "Comparative Institutional Choice", and "Democratic Transitions". "Teaching Political Science" is a course created for first-year graduate students and introduces them to the challenges of instruction in political science.

Her most recent article on the effects of corruption on voters, "Abstain or Rebel: Corruption Perceptions and Voting in East European Elections," just came out in the August issue of *Politics & Policy*.

Felice Lifshitz*Professor, History Department**Florida International University*

Felice Lifshitz received her PhD from Columbia University in 1988 and, since 1989, has taught at Florida International University, where she is currently Professor of History. She is the author of two monographs (*The Norman Conquest of Pious Neustria* and *The Name of the Saint*) and of dozens of articles and book chapters, the translator of Dudo of St. Quentin's *Gesta Normannorum*, and the co-editor of two essay collections (*Paradigms and Methods in Early Medieval Studies* and *Gender and Christianity in Medieval Europe*). She is now completing a study of eighth-century women's manuscripts (tentatively entitled *Gendered Transmissions*) and another co-edited essay collection, *Why the Middle Ages Matter*. She has held numerous fellowships and grants, including at the Institute for Advanced Study (2006-2007) and the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (2008-2009). She has been very active in professional service, including as Chair of the Program Committee for the 2009 American Historical Association Annual Meeting and as Editor-in-Chief of the journal *History Compass*.

Sarah Mahler

*Associate Professor of Anthropology
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Dr. Mahler is a cultural anthropologist and specialist on international migration and the transnational ties that migrants sustain and build between their homelands and their adoptive countries, particularly between Central America/ the Caribbean and the United States. In recent years she has pioneered research on how gender relations are negotiated transnationally. The author of two books and numerous articles, she has served as PI on many grants and also directs an EU-US consortium on international migration issues featuring comparative studies and student training and exchanges.

From 2005-8, she served as director of the Center for Transnational and Comparative Studies at FIU where she was in charge of European Studies, Migration Studies, Judaic Studies, FIU's Spirituality Center, and also formed and funded Middle Eastern Studies. Prior to her directorship, she served as Graduate Program Director in our department.

Dr. Mahler holds a PhD and M.Phil. in Anthropology from Columbia University and a B.A. from Amherst College.

(For detailed bio, go to the following link: http://gss.fiu.edu/index.php?name=profile:_sarah_mahler)

Milena Neshkova

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Milena Neshkova is Assistant Professor of Public Administration at Florida International University. She received her Ph.D. from Indiana University–Bloomington in 2008. She also has an MPA degree from Indiana University and an MA in Journalism from Sofia University, Bulgaria. Prior to coming to the U.S., she had a successful journalistic career in a leading national Bulgarian newspaper. Dr. Neshkova's research interests are in political and organizational theories and their applications to public policy and administration.

Joseph F. Patrouch

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Joseph F. Patrouch is Associate Professor of History at FIU. He earned his PhD at the University of California, Berkeley in 1991. A specialist on early modern European history, Prof. Patrouch has written two monographs: *A Negotiated Settlement: The Counter-Reformation in Upper Austria under the Habsburgs* (2000) and *Queen's Apprentice: Archduchess Elizabeth, Empress María, the Habsburgs, and the Holy Roman Empire, 1554-1569* (forthcoming, 2009). He edited and translated Heinz Fassmann and Gerhard Hatz's *Understanding Vienna: Pathways to the City* (2006). Prof. Patrouch has been a guest researcher at institutes in Austria, the Czech Republic, and Germany and the recipient of grants from sources such as the Fulbright programs and the Max Planck Society. He has been a guest professor at the University of Vienna and currently serves on the editorial boards of the *Austrian History Yearbook* (Cambridge University Press) and the online discussion group HABSBERG (H-Net). Prof. Patrouch is a member of the Executive Board of the Society for Austrian and Habsburg History and a Past President of the Florida Conference of Historians.

Mishel Pavlovski

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Mishel Pavlovski is a professor on Postgraduate cultural studies on the Institute of Macedonian Literature of "St Cyril and Methodius" University of Skopje, Macedonia, where he teaches two subjects: *Cultural studies-Topics and methods* and *Post-colonial theory*

Dr. Pavlovski holds two PhD degrees in the field of Theory of Theatre, the first obtained in 1999 in Russian Academy of Theatrical arts RATI-GIGIS in Moscow, Russia, and the second in 2003 on the University "St Cyril and Methodius" in Skopje.

His fields of interest are cultural studies, post-colonial theory, theory of theater and theory of literature.

He is Head of *Database of Macedonian Literature* project, as well as Head of Department of Contemporary Literature in Institute of Macedonian Literature.

Dr. Pavlovski has published cca. 200 research papers from his area of expertise in the periodic publications as well as the books *Pure play -the biomechanics in the directing system of V. E. Meyerhold*; *The theatre on Macedonian soil* (co-author) *The Theatre and the Myth* and other works.

For his publishing activities, Dr. Pavlovski was awarded with the prestigious award Mito Hadjivasilev - Jasmin (1999) and Goce Delchev (2003) for scientific work.

Nicol Rae

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Dr. Nicol C. Rae (D. Phil, Oxford University) is Professor of Political Science and Senior Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Florida International University, Miami, Florida. His most recent book (co-edited with Timothy Power) is *Exporting Congress: The Influence of the US Congress on World Legislatures* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, forthcoming). Other books include *Impeaching Clinton: Partisan Strife on Capitol Hill* (with Colton Campbell); and *Conservative Reformers: The Republican Freshmen and the Lessons of the 104th Congress*. Professor Rae has also written numerous journal articles and book chapters on American and European politics and government. He was chosen for an *American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship* in 1995-1996, and was *Gwyllim Gibbon Prize Research Fellow* at Nuffield College Oxford from 1985-1988.

Raymond Taras

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Raymond Taras is a native of Montreal, Quebec, and completed his undergraduate studies at the Université de Montréal. He moved to England where he received postgraduate degrees from Essex and Sussex universities. He obtained his PhD in political studies at the University of Warsaw in Poland in 1981, during the Solidarity period.

Taras has taught at universities in Canada, Denmark, and England, and is currently Visiting Fellow at the Robert Schuman Center at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. In the U.S. he has held visiting positions at the universities of Michigan, Kentucky, Stanford, Harvard, and Colorado, and has been on the faculty of Tulane University since 1984.

Among his fifteen books are *New states, new politics: building the post-Soviet nations*, *Postcommunist presidents* (both with Cambridge University Press in 1997), *Understanding Ethnic Conflict: the International Dimension* (the 4th edition was published by Longman in 2009), and *Europe Old and New: Belonging, Transnationalism, Xenophobia* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2009). His book on *Europe's Rising Islamophobia* will be published later this year.

Markus Thiel

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Markus Thiel graduated in 2005 with a Ph.D. from the University of Miami. His dissertation on transnational European identities is currently being developed into a book manuscript. His research interests are European Union Politics, Nationalism & Identity (politics), Political Sociology and European Security. He has published several EU-related articles and book chapters at the EU Center, University of Miami, as well as in *Transatlantic Monthly*, *Tamkang Journal of International Affairs* and *Perspectives on European Politics & Society*. Most recently, he co-edited (with Lisa Pruegl) 'Diversity in the European Union' (forthcoming with Palgrave, 2009) and he is currently working on an edited volume (with Roger Coate) on identity politics.