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**The European Union as a global actor  
in the post-Lisbon Treaty period****Conference Participants: Biographical Notes***March 10-11, 2011***KEYNOTE SPEAKER****Luc Véron***Minister-Counselor (Political) and Head of the Political, Security and Development Section  
Delegation of the European Union to the United States – Washington D.C.*

As from August 2007, **Minister-Counselor (Political) and Head of the Political, Security and Development Section**- Delegation of the European Union to the United States, Washington DC. Mr Véron deals with US politics, US foreign policy, development assistance including the relations with International Financial Institutions, law enforcement issues and co-ordinates the EU role as permanent observer to the Organization of American States.

March 2002-April 2007: Deputy then Acting Head of Unit for relations with the United States and Canada in the External Relations department of the European Commission.

January-July 2006: Luc Véron was seconded to the Private Office of the European Commissioner in charge of External Relations and the European Neighbourhood Policy, as Adviser on Mediterranean, Middle-Eastern and Transatlantic issues.

Previously, he served as Commission's spokesman for budget, antifraud and parliamentary affairs (1999-2002), administrator in the Small and Mediumsized Businesses Department (1994-1997), antidumping case-handler in the External Economic Relations Department (1991-1994) and desk officer for Germany in the Economic and Financial Affairs Department (1989-1991).

Prior to becoming an EU official in 1989, Mr Véron was an economist at the French Central Bank (Balance of Payments Division) and a naval officer (he was awarded the Médaille de Bronze de la Défense nationale in 1986).

Luc Véron is a career European official who was born in Le Mans (France). He graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris in 1983 with an M.A. in economics and international relations and in 1988 earned a post-graduate degree in economics from the École Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration économique (Paris-France). He was European Union Fellow and visiting scholar in 1997-98 at the School of International Relations, University of Southern California.

## **ROUNDTABLE OF MIAMI EU CONSULS GENERAL**

### **Hon. Cristina Barrios Almazor**

#### *Consul General of Spain in Miami*

Cristina Barrios Almazor is Consul General of Spain in Miami. She has been Ambassador at Large for the Reconstruction of Haiti, in Spain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. Her extensive diplomatic career includes appointment, in 1998, as Ambassador of Spain to Sweden and Latvia, and in 2002, as Ambassador of Spain to Mexico. She was later designated Ambassador at Large for Climate Change, attached to the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. Prior to her ambassadorial assignments she served in many positions, including director for Foreign Diplomatic and Consular Personnel, and for International Organizations Personnel, at the Protocol, Chancery and Orders Office. In 1982 she became Deputy Consul General of Spain in Dusseldorf. In 1986 she was made first Deputy Chief of Protocol at the Protocol, Chancer and Orders office, and in 1990 became Senior Chief of Protocol.

### **Hon. Eva Alexandra Countess Kendeffy**

#### *Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Miami*

After being Associate Lecturer at the College of Administration in Berlin/Germany (1980-1982), Countess Kendeffy entered the diplomatic Service at the Federal Republic of Germany (1982-1984). From 1984 to 1989, she was appointed Desk Officer in the Political Department of the Foreign Ministry of the Federal Republic of Germany in Bonn/Germany where she was responsible for the whole of Germany and Berlin and the Quadripartite, and from 1986 to 1989 she served as First Secretary of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in San José/Costa Rica – Press and Cultural Affairs. From 1989 to 1994, she was the Counselor Political Affairs at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Washington, D.C. with responsibilities for the transatlantic relationship between Europe and the United States. After her post in Washington, Countess Kendeffy became the Deputy Head of the Berlin Branch of the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin/Germany until 1999 with the responsibility for the relocation of the Foreign Office from Bonn to Berlin following reunification. Later in 1999, she was appointed Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Dominican Republic until 2004, when she became the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany to Florida, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands in Miami/Florida. From 2007 to 2010, she was appointed Head of the Protocol Department, State and Official Visits of the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin/Germany. Since August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, she is the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany to Florida, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.

### **Hon. Gaël de Maisonneuve**

#### *Consul General of France in Miami*

Gaël de Maisonneuve is a graduate of the prestigious Paris's Institute of Political Studies known as Sciences Po Paris, an elite French school focusing on the full range of social sciences. He is also a graduate of the ESSEC Business School (Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Economiques et Commerciales), an academic institution of excellence that has been training leaders since 1907.

G. de Maisonneuve began his professional life abroad carrying out his national service in the Republic of Singapore, at the French Embassy, Cultural affairs bureau. After three years in Paris, working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Asian desk, he was appointed Second Secretary to the French Embassy in Tokyo.

In 2002, he served as Deputy Ambassador of France in Sri Lanka.

In 2005, he returned to Paris where he first worked on budget and administrative reform in the general division for political and security affairs at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs; he later joined the private office of Mr. Bernard Kouchner, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, as Advisor on Asia, reform and consular matters. Meanwhile, he carried out numerous duties in different associations in Paris.

Gaël de Maisonneuve was appointed to his current post as Consul general on August 14, 2009.

## **Hon. Joseph Weterings**

### *Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands*

Joseph Weterings, the new Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, arrived in Miami on 16 August 2010.

Prior to this appointment he was Ambassador for the Netherlands in Libya (2003-2006) and Zimbabwe (2006-2010). He has been in the Dutch Foreign Service since 1978 with postings in Addis Abeba, Lima, Pretoria, Moscow, Yaoundé and Oslo, the last two as Deputy Head of Mission, and in The Hague as Head of the Latin-America Department. He has been awarded several foreign decorations.

Joseph Weterings studied Commercial Law, with specialization in Maritime Law, at the University of Leiden. He is a Reserve Officer in the Dutch army, where he studied Russian. He speaks English, German, French and Spanish as well.

## **ACADEMIC PANELISTS**

### **Stephanie Anderson**

#### *Associate Professor of Political Science and Adjunct Professor of International Studies and Gender and Women's Studies*

#### *University of Wyoming*

Stephanie B. Anderson B.S.F.S. (Georgetown), M.Sc. (Econ), Ph.D. (*Cantab.*) is associate professor of political science and adjunct professor of international studies and gender and women's studies at the University of Wyoming. More specifically, her research area focuses on EU Security and Defence Policy, identity-formation, and crisis management. Her book, *Crafting EU Security Policy: In Pursuit of a European Identity* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2008) is based on research undertaken as a Senior Fulbright Research Scholar at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP). She has also published in several journals and edited volumes including *Armed Forces and Society* and *European Foreign Affairs Review*. Dr. Anderson was elected to the European Union Studies Association's (EUSA) Executive Committee (1997-1999) and is Co-Chair of the European Union as a Global Actor interest section (2007-2011). In addition, she is an outside reviewer for the European Science Foundation (ESF).

### **Astrid B. Boening**

#### *European Union Center/Jean Monnet Chair Postdoctoral Fellow and Editor*

#### *University of Miami*

Astrid Boening, PhD in International Studies (University of Miami) has also studied international economics and marketing at the Rome campus of Georgetown University, and Latin American economics and marketing in Costa Rica, Chile and Brazil through George Washington University, as well as at the United Nations in New York. She was recently a visiting scholar at New York University's Center for European and Mediterranean Studies, and is the Associate Director of the European Union Center at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida.

Her research interests are the security implications of Global Governance and regional integration, and have focused on the EuroMed Partnership/Union for the Mediterranean, supported by grants from the European Commission through the Miami Florida European Union Center. Her master's thesis fieldwork was undertaken in Trieste, Italy, at the Central European Initiative. She represented the U.S. Atlantic Council as junior researcher at the Palermo Atlantic Forum on the Mediterranean in Sicily as well as the Atlantic Association's US junior delegation at the 2008 transatlantic meeting in Berlin.

Astrid Boening has worked extensively on all continents for several MNC's in the telecommunications, air transport and finance fields, and is currently Associate Director of the University of Miami European Union Center.

She frequently presents her work internationally, and has published numerous articles on multilateralism and security in the greater Euro-Mediterranean region, as well as i.a. in Icfai's Professional Reference Book: "Managing a Multicultural World: Policy and Practice". 2008; in Joaquín Roy and Roberto Domínguez (eds.), *The European Union, Fifty Years after the Treaty of Rome (March 25, 1957): The EU model in the Americas, Asia and Africa*. Miami: European Union Center/Jean Monnet Chair, 2008, p. 101-110; in Joaquín Roy and Roberto Domínguez (eds.), *Lisbon Fado*. Miami Florida European Union Center, 2009, and in Stelios Stavridis, Charalambos Tsardanidis, Panagiotis Tsakonas, and Dimitris Xenakis, *EU–Mediterranean Relations: The Regional Dimension*. 2011.

### **Mai'a K. Davis Cross**

*Assistant Professor of International Relations  
University of Southern California*

Dr. Mai'a K. Davis Cross is Assistant Professor of International Relations at the University of Southern California. She researches and teaches about issues of European security, diplomacy, and public diplomacy, especially in the context of the EU. She is the author of two books: *Security Integration in Europe: How Knowledge-based Networks are Transforming the European Union* (University of Michigan Press, forthcoming 2011) and *The European Diplomatic Corps: Diplomats and International Cooperation from Westphalia to Maastricht* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007). Her current research project (working title) "Transatlantic Security Networks: Global Elites and Smart Power" investigates the nature of EU-US security cooperation. In addition, Dr. Cross writes about a number of related issues, such as the role of EU security agencies (Sitcen, EDA), Europe as a "smart power", EU public diplomacy, the new EU foreign service, and a cross-regional comparison between ASEAN and the EU as regional security actors. Dr. Cross holds a Ph.D. in Politics from Princeton University, and a bachelor's degree in Government from Harvard University. In 2009, she was a Fulbright fellow as well as a visiting fellow at the EU Institute for Security Studies.

### **Rebecca Friedman**

*Co-Director, Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence  
Director, European Studies  
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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 Russia 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.

## **Gaye Gungor**

*Max Weber Fellow, 2008-2009; Visiting Fellow, 2009-2010*

*European University Institute - Max Weber Programme*

Gaye Gungor earned her Ph.D. degree in Political Science from Florida International University in Miami, FL. Her dissertation, entitled the European Parliament, Membership Expansions, and Organizational Change, examined the structural and procedural effects of the successive European Union enlargements on the European Parliament. Her research interests include organization theory, legislative reform and policymaking, formal institutions and institutional change, political parties, public opinion and elections.

Gaye Gungor has been a visiting lecturer at University of Miami (Spring 2007), University of Florida (Fall 2004), and Vesalius College in Brussels (Summer 2003). Also, she was a visiting scholar at the Center for European Studies, University of Florida, in Fall of 2004. She has taught courses on International Relations, Comparative Politics, and EU politics and institutions.

Gaye Gungor's article on the European Parliament was published in an edited volume, *Towards the Completion of Europe: Analysis and Perspectives of the New European Union Enlargement* (Miami-EU Center of Excellence, University of Miami Press, 2006). She is also the co-author of an article (with Amie Kreppel), "Institutional Integration of an Expanded EU or How 'New' European Actors Fit into 'Old' European Institutions" in *IHS Political Science Series*, March 2006.

## **Ronald Hall**

*EU Fellow, European Commission*

Dr Hall joined the European Commission in 1989 and worked until 1998 in the Directorate General responsible for EU regional development policies. His duties were principally in the field of policy development and the preparation of reports on the state of the regions and regional policy.

In 1998, he was appointed the head of division in the Directorate General for Agriculture with responsibility for rural development programmes and initiatives in twelve Member States. In September 1999, he was appointed Deputy Chief Adviser to Michel Barnier, European Commissioner responsible for regional policy until May 2004 and then to his successor Jacques Barrot.

Since November 2004, Dr Hall has been director in the Directorate General for regional policy with responsibility for information and communications, international relations, the outermost regions and legal advice.

Prior to joining the Commission, he was employed as an economic adviser in the Department of Finance and Personnel in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

He has published articles on European regional policy and a book with Alasdair Smith and Loukas Tsoukalis, *Competitiveness and Cohesion in EU Policies* (Oxford University Press, 2001). In 2009, he was appointed to the British Academy of Social Sciences. He is currently Visiting EU Fellow to the University of Miami, under the US-EU exchange programme.

## **Paul A. Kowert**

*Associate Professor of Politics and International Relations*

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Dr. Paul A. Kowert is Associate Professor of Politics and International Relations and Director of the International Relations graduate program at Florida International University. He is the author or editor of four books and numerous articles in scholarly journals such as *Governance*, *Security Studies*, *Political Psychology*, the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, and the *Journal of Personality Assessment*. He is the recipient of research grants from the National Science Foundation, the Social Science Research Council, and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. In 2008-2009, he was a Fulbright Visiting Fellow at Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan.

Dr. Kowert teaches undergraduate and post-graduate courses on foreign policy making, international relations theory, national security, political psychology, U.S.-Japan relations, the international relations of East Asia, and research design. In 2006, he received FIU's Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award.

Dr. Kowert's research addresses questions such as: how do leaders differ in their use of information and advice, how do people form perceptions of other countries, and how do leaders incorporate normative principles into their policy choices? His publications include: *International Relations in a Constructed World* (1998, with Vendulka Kubáľková and Nicholas G. Onuf), *Groupthink or Deadlock: When Do Leaders Learn from Their Advisors* (2002), *Cultures of Order: Leadership, Language, and Social Reconstruction in Germany and Japan* (2007, with Katja Weber), and *Ideational Allies: Psychology, Constructivism, and International Relations* (forthcoming, with Vaughn P. Shannon).

### **John McCormick**

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John McCormick is Jean Monnet Professor of EU Politics at the Indianapolis campus of Indiana University. His research focuses on transatlantic relations, the global role of the European Union, and the political, economic and social identity of Europe. He has a Ph.D from Indiana University and an M.Phil from University College London, and has held visiting positions at the University of Sussex, Exeter University, and the College of Europe. He is the author of two dozen book chapters and 11 sole-authored books, including the best-selling texts *Comparative Politics in Transition* (Wadsworth, seventh edition forthcoming 2011) and *Understanding the European Union* (Palgrave Macmillan, sixth edition forthcoming 2011). He is also author of *The European Superpower* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007) and *Europeanism* (Oxford University Press, 2010).

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Francesco Ortoleva is a PhD candidate in the Department of Politics and International Relations at FIU. His doctoral research is on normative power in foreign policy and on the changing identity of the EU as a foreign policy and security actor. He is currently a fellow at the FIU Graduate School and is researching in Brussels this spring. He has taught classes at FIU in Security Studies, Foreign Policy Analysis, International Relations of Europe and European Foreign and Security Policy.

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### **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.

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Her most recent publications include: “*United Nations Politics: International Organization in a Divided World*.” Upper Saddle River: Longman Prentice Hall, (co-edited with Donald J. Puchala, and Roger A. Coate - 2007); and “*The European Union and the United Nations: Intersecting Multilateralisms*”, (co-edited with Karen E. Smith - (2006). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

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Nicole Warmington-Granston is a PhD. student in the Department of Politics and International Relations. She has a MSc. in Government with a specialisation in Comparative Politics and Political Theory and a BSc. in Economics and Political Science (Upper 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Honours) from the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. She has had 3 years of teaching experience in the capacities of Assistant Lecturer, Lecturer and Part-time Lecturer at the University of the West Indies (Mona), the Management Institute for National Development (MIND), Jamaica and the FIU affiliated University College of the Caribbean (UCC), Jamaica respectively. Her area of interest lies within the field of Comparative Politics with a focus on issues relating to regional integration, particularly within the Caribbean region. Her MSc. thesis was entitled *The Caribbean Union: Rethinking Ideas of the West Indies Federation*. She wishes to continue along these lines for her PhD. dissertation and she continues to do research on past and present manifestations of regional integration worldwide with the view of providing the Latin and Anglo-Caribbean with a workable solution to Caribbean unity.

### **Michael Williams**

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Dr. Michael Williams is Lecturer in International Relations at Royal Holloway, University of London. His functional expertise lies in strategic aspects of international relations. His regional focus is on US-European relations and US foreign policy. He is particularly interested in NATO's role as a global risk manager, most recently in Afghanistan.

His most recent book is ‘The Good War: NATO and the Liberal Conscience in Afghanistan’ (January 2011). He is the author of ‘NATO, Security and Risk Management from Kosovo to Kandahar’ (2009) and the editor of the critically acclaimed ‘Power in World Politics’ (2007). His research has been published *International Affairs*, *International Peacekeeping* and *Cooperation & Conflict*. Dr. Williams is also a regular contributor to The Guardian and he is a panelist for Connect the World on CNN International. He has also contributed evidence to Parliamentary committees on various aspects of international relations, including the war in Afghanistan.

Dr. Williams is a member of the Research Partnership on Post-War State Building, a collaborative research project involving 14 scholars from six countries, funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York examining how to conduct sustainable peace-building. Dr. Williams' contribution examines NATO's relationships with other international organizations in “post-war” state building enterprises. This applied research has been applied to Dr. Williams' work with policy-makers in Canada, the UK, the UK and across Europe.

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