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Nationalism in a Globalized Europe

A Conference of the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence
A Consortium of the University of Miami and Florida International University

March 8-9, 2012

**Florida International University – Modesto A. Maidique Campus
11200 SW 8th Street – Miami, FL 33199 - MARC International Pavilion**

PROGRAM

Our Spring 2012 conference on *National Identities in a Global Europe* will explore the salience of nationalism in Europe. Despite much rhetoric about the erosion of nationalism, national identities have not receded. In fact, globalization has produced counter-movements rooted in cultural affinity and ethno-religious and linguistic belonging, and nationalism has been reasserted by populist politics playing with fears over global economic changes, immigration and European integration.

This conference – with a keynote and three scholarly panels over two days – will highlight how national identities are best conceptualized in contemporary Europe. How do current economic, social, and cultural transformations produce insecurities and how they impact the political landscape across EU member states? This conference will focus on this persistent yet ever-changing phenomenon and explore its significance from a variety of academic perspectives. Scholars will ask how discourses of nationalism are being reframed within the US and Europe under these conditions. How and to what extent are nationalist and exclusionary attitudes toward immigrants groups inter-related? What are the most salient fault lines of perceived differences and conflict? What variations in national, regional, and local context are significant? And how are these conflicts expressed in political arenas? The conference will be a collaboration between the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence, FIU and relevant departments in SIPA, including History, Global and Sociocultural Studies, and Politics and International Relations as well as the International Consortium on Regional Migration and Nationalism, which includes our European partners.

Thursday, March 8th, 2012

5.30 – 7.00 p.m. **Keynote Address: Dr. Alberto Martinelli**
Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Sociology
President of the Degree course in Political Sciences and of the Post-graduate course in Politics and Government.
University of Milan, Italy
International Sociological Association, President 1998-2002

“Nationalism in the 21st Century: A European and United States Comparison”

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **Reception (by invitation only)**

Friday, March 9th, 2012

8.30 – 9.00 a.m. **Coffee, light Breakfast and Registration**

9.00 – 10.45 a.m. **Panel I: What’s New about Nationalism in the EU or Here We go Again?**

Conceptual/Historical in orientation

Panelists:

- [Dr. David Art](#)
Associate Professor, Comparative Politics, European Politics
Department of Political Science, Tufts University
“The End of Europe? The Great Recession in Historical Perspective”
- [Dr. Aurora Morcillo](#)
Professor, History
Florida International University
“National-Catholicism and the International Re-habilitation of the Franco’s Dictatorship”
- **Ovunc Kutlu**
PhD Graduate Student, Politics & International Relations
Florida International University
“Constructing the “other” on the outside, excluding the one “within”

**Panel Discussion chaired by Dr. Rebecca Friedman, Director
Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence and European Studies,
Florida International University**

11.00 – 12.45 p.m. Panel II: Rise of the Right-Wing/Populist Parties: Political Realities

This panel might explore how the various crises across Europe have affected the rise of right-wing political parties; what are the issues most salient to politics: religion, immigration, etc.? How have states/governments responded to the crises and to the shifting political landscapes across Europe? What role have EU actors and institutions played in these changing political realities? What is national variation and why?

Panelists:

- [Dr. Diego Acosta Arcarazo](#)
Lecturer in Law
University of Sheffield

- [Co-authored with Dr. Andrew Geddes](#)
Professor in Political Science
University of Sheffield
“From vincolo esterno to capra espiatorio? The EU as an anti-populist constraint on Italian immigration policy and politics”

- Murat Altuglu
PhD Graduate Student of Political Science
Florida International University
“Which Nationalism? A meta-level Analysis of European rightist parties”

- [Dr. James Mitchell](#)
Professor and Head of the Government and Public Policies School
Humanities and Social Sciences College
University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom
“State and sub-state nationalisms in the UK compared with reference to the ‘other’”

**Panel Discussion chaired by Dr. Tatiana Kostadinova
Associate Professor, Politics and International Relations,
Florida International University**

1.00 – 2.00 p.m. Lunch

2.15 – 3.45 p.m.

Panel III: Rise of Right-Wing Nationalism?: Social and Cultural Questions

This panel will focus more on the social and cultural realities at stake with the rise of right-wing populism. How do these political realities interact with social life, including family life, body politics and socio-cultural diversity?

Panelists:

- [Dr. Marco Martiniello](#)
Director, Center for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM)
University of Liege, Belgium
*“We are all anti-multiculturalists now!
The Europeanization of Immigration Integration Debates and the Rise of Neo-Assimilationism”*

- [Dr. Anja Hennig](#)
Lecturer and Researcher, Chair of Comparative Politics
European University Adriana, Frankfurt (Visitor: University of Texas, Austin)
“Religion and Right-Wing Homophobia – Poland and the US in Comparison”

- [Dr. David Abraham](#)
Professor of Law
University of Miami
“Immigration and Social Solidarity in a Time of Crisis – Europe and the US in the New Century”

**Panel Discussion chaired by Dr. Markus Thiel
Assistant Professor, Politics & International Relations
Florida International University**