

**The 2012 Spring Conferences**  
**Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies**  
**Miami European Union Center of Excellence**  
**Florida International University**

**MARC Pavilion**  
**March 8-9, 2012**

*Thursday, March 8*

**Changing Patterns of Nationalism, Ethnocentrism, and Immigrant Accommodation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (sponsor: Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies)**

**Description**

Over the last few decades the United States has experienced a major transition in the composition of its population, as immigration and declining birth rates of native-born citizens have combined to dramatically alter prevailing ethnic, racial, and religious profiles. Numerous European countries have experienced similar shifts. Such changes are almost always a source of social and political tensions, but contemporary conditions of economic recession, financial crisis, high unemployment, diminished social safety nets, and concerns over international terrorism, among other factors, have presumably exacerbated these tendencies. This conference will explore how these tensions concerning nationalism and national identity, exclusionary and ethnocentric claims, and immigrant adaptation are reflected in contemporary public discourse and the political arena.

**Sessions**

10:00 am – noon. ***Formation and Reproduction of Nationalist and Immigrant Identities***

- Sarah Mahler, Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University. **“No-one is Born Integrated: Applying Insights about Infant Enculturation and Culture as Comfort to Immigrant Acculturation and Integration”**
- Matthew Stearmer, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University. **“Diaspora Populations, Nationalism and Radicalization: The Role of Host Country Integration on Home State Radicalization”**

- Cynthia Malakasis, Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University. **“Our Ancestors’ Bones Will Rattle:’ The Discursive Use of the Nation’s Past(s) in Contemporary Immigration Debates”**
- William Westermeyer, Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. **“Discourses of Government Power and ‘Proper’ American Citizenship among Tea Party Chapters in Central North Carolina”**

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm. ***Religion, Diversity and Ethnocentrism in Nationalist Politics***

- Patricia Ehrkamp, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky. **“Immigration, Places of Worship, and the Politics of Citizenship in the US South”**
- Louisa Roberts, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University. **“Leftist Anti-Semitism and the Influence of Nationalistic Thought in France, Germany, and Britain from the French Revolution to World War II”**
- Nicola Pasini, Department of Social and Political Studies, University of Milan, Italy. **"Immigration, Nationalism, Multi-Ethnicity, and Right-Wing Parties in Western Europe"**

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm ***The Politics of Place in Immigrant Labor Markets and Accommodation***

- Andrew Schrank, Department of Sociology, University of New Mexico. **“The Politics of Immigration in the Southwestern United States: A Comparison of Arizona and New Mexico”**
- Alex Stepick, Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University. **“Miami: Still the City on the Edge?”**
- Peo Hansen, Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society, Linkopings University, Sweden. **“Circular Migration or Labor Migration without the Migrants? Managing the ‘Demographic Deficit’ in an Anti-Immigration Europe”**

5:30 – 6:45 pm. **Joint Keynote Address**

- Alberto Martinelli, professor emeritus of political science and sociology, University of Milan, and past president of the International Sociological Association **“Nationalism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A European and United States Comparison”**

***Friday, March 9***

**Nationalism in a Globalized Europe (sponsor: Miami European Union Center of Excellence)**

**Description**

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 will highlight how national identities are best conceptualized in contemporary Europe. How do current economic, social, and cultural transformations produce insecurities and how do they impact the political landscape across EU member states?

**Sessions**

**9:00 – 10:45 am. “What’s New about Nationalism in the EU, or Here We Go Again?”**

- David Art, Department of Political Science, Tufts University. **“The End of Europe? The Great Recession in Historical Perspective”**
- Aurora Morcillo, Department of History, Florida International University. **“National-Catholicism and the International Re-habilitation of the Franco’s Dictatorship”**
- Ovunc Kutlu, Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University. **“Constructing the ‘Other’ on the Outside, Excluding the One ‘Within’”**

**11:00 am – 12:45 pm. “Rise of the Right-Wing/Populist Parties: Political Realities”**

- Diego Acosta Arcarazo, Faculty of Law, University of Sheffield, and Andrew Geddes, Faculty of Political Science, University of Sheffield. **“From vincolo esterno to capra espiatorio? The EU as an Antipopulist Constraint on Italian Immigration Policy and Politics”**

- Terri Givens, Department of Government, The University of Texas at Austin. **“EU Responses to the Rise of Radical Right Parties”**
- James Mitchell, Faculty of Government and Public Policies, University of Strathclyde. **“State and Sub-State Nationalisms in the UK Compared with Reference to the ‘Other’”**

**2:15 – 3:15 pm. “Rise of Right-Wing Nationalism? Social and Cultural Questions”**

- Marco Martiniello, 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”**
- Anja Hennig, Faculty of Comparative Politics, European University Adriana, Frankfurt. **“Religion and Right-Wing Homophobia: Poland and the US in Comparison”**
- David Abraham, School of Law, University of Miami. **“Immigration and Social Solidarity in a Time of Crisis: Europe and the US in the New Century”**