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"The Transatlantic Relations After the First 100 Days"

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Biographical Notes

Panelists



Kathleen McInnis

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Kathleen J. McInnis currently serves as an International Security Analyst for the Congressional Research Service, writing on US defense policy and strategy issues. She is also a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council. Prior to these positions, she was at Chatham House in London, working on NATO and transatlantic security matters. Between 2010 and 2012, she cofounded Caerus Associates, a strategic design consulting company. From 2006 to 2010, Ms. McInnis served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Policy), working NATO-Afghanistan matters and stability operations capability development. Before joining the Pentagon, she spent several years at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), analyzing US nuclear weapons strategy, strategic capabilities, NATO, European security, and transatlantic relations. Prior to CSIS, she was a researcher in the United Kingdom (UK) House of Commons, working on NATO, the European Union, and US-UK political-military relations. She was awarded her MSc in international relations from the London School of Economics in 2002, and is currently working on her PhD in the Department of War Studies, King's College London. Her research focuses on coalition warfare.



Michael H. Smith (PhD)

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Mike Smith is Professor in European Politics in PAIS. He was previously Professor of European Politics at Loughborough 1994-2015, and was Head of Department from 1999-2002; previously he was a Professor and Dean at Coventry University. From 2005-2013 he was co-director of the Centre for the Study of International Governance at Loughborough, and a member of the University Research Performance Monitoring Committee; he was also the coordinator of the Department of Politics, History and International Relations submission to the 2014 Research Excellence Framework. He has been the Chair of the University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) and the Standing Committee of Heads of European Studies, and in 2010 was honoured by UACES with their award for Lifetime Achievement in Contemporary European Studies. He was also Chair of the European Studies sub-panel in the UK national Research Assessment Exercise for 2008, and is involved widely in research assessment and research networks in Europe and beyond. He is or has been a member of the editorial boards of a number of leading international journals, including the *Journal of Common Market Studies*, the *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Perspectives on European Politics and Society* and the *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*; he is also on the advisory boards of two book series dealing with the European Union and its external action, published by Routledge and Palgrave Macmillan. He has published widely on transatlantic relations, and on EU-US relations in particular, and is working on a second edition of *The European Union and the United States*, (first published in 2008) which will be published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2018-19.



Alasdair R. Young (PhD)

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Alasdair Young is a Professor in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He co-directs the Center for European and Transatlantic Studies, a Jean Monnet Center of Excellence. He is also Chair of the European Union Studies Association (USA) (2015-17). He has written extensively on policy-making in the European Union, with particular reference to its trade and regulatory policies, and on transatlantic relations. His recent publications include *Parochial Global Europe: 21st Century Trade Politics* (Oxford, 2014); a special issue of the *Journal of European Public Policy* on the European Union as a global regulator (22/9, 2015); and an article on the politics of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership in the *Review of International Political Economy* (2016).

Moderator



Markus Thiel (PhD)

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Dr. Thiel's research interests are the political sociology of the EU and European (Union) Politics more generally, Nationalism & Identity (Politics) and Mixed Methods Research Methodology. He has published several EU-related articles and book chapters at the EU Center of Excellence as well as in *Transatlantic Monthly*, *International Studies Compendium*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *Perspectives on European Politics & Society* and the *Journal of European Integration*. He published *The Limits of Transnationalism: Collective Identities and EU Integration* (Palgrave, 2011) and also co-edited four volumes: one with Lisa Prügl on *Diversity and the European Union* (Palgrave, 2009), one with Roger Coate on *Identity politics in the Age of Globalization* (Lynne Rienner/First Forum Press, 2010), one with Rebecca Friedman on *European Identity and Culture: Narratives of Transnational Belonging* (Ashgate, 2012), and the latest one on *Sexual Politics in IR: how LGBTQ claims shape IR* (Routledge, 2015). His current project focuses on the promotion of rights policies through civil society based on the EU's Fundamental Rights Charter/Agency (forthcoming 2016).

He regularly teaches CPO 3103 Comparative (Western) European Politics, CPO 3104 EU Politics, INR 3214 International Relations of Europe, INR 3502 International Organizations and the European Studies Colloquium, as well as graduate courses on European/EU Politics, International Organization and Research Design in IR. In addition, Dr. Thiel is a director of the Miami Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence and of GSIPA's European & Eurasian Studies Initiative.

