



## **The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the EU Treaties of Rome and its meaning for Europe today**

A Panel with European Consuls General and FIU EU Faculty Experts

**Florida International University – Modesto A. Maidique Campus**

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The Treaty of Rome, signed in 1957, established the European Economic Community (EEC) and is seen as a major stepping stone in the creation of the EU. The 60th anniversary in March 2017, when the Treaty of Rome will be celebrated, is an opportunity to reaffirm the commitment to a stronger Union with the involvement of all the EU Member States that share the need to continue on the path to integration based on the set of shared values, ideas and hopes of the Founding Fathers.

**Welcome:** Dr. John F. Stack, Jr., Inaugural, Dean, Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs, Florida International University

### **Opening remarks:**

- Hon. Gloria M. Bellelli, Consul General of Italy in Miami
- Hon. Clément Leclerc, Consul General of France in Miami; EU Local Chair

### **Panelists**

- **Dr. John G. Oates**, Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations, FIU
- **Dr. Francisco Acosta Soto**, EU Fellow at University of Miami – European External Action Service Americas Department

### **Consuls General Panelists:**

- **Hon. Gloria M. Bellelli**, Consul General of Italy in Miami
- **Hon. Clément Leclerc**, Consul General of France in Miami; EU Local Chair
- **Hon. Nathalie Olijslager-Jaarsma**, Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Miami
- **Mr. Michael Kröner**, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany

**Moderator:** Dr. Markus Thiel, Associate Professor, Politics & International Relations; Director, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence and European & Eurasian Studies Program

## Panel Participants: Biographical Notes

### CONSULS GENERAL PANELISTS



**Hon. Gloria Maria Bellelli**  
*Consul General of Italy in Miami*

Gloria Marina Bellelli started her diplomatic career in 1998, first at the Directorate General for Economic Affairs and subsequently (December 1998 to May 2004) at the General Directorate for Economic and Financial Multilateral Cooperation, where she was engaged in scientific and technological cooperation, financial politics in international organizations and cooperation in Defense.

She was appointed Chief of Commercial Affairs at the Italian Embassy in Algiers (2004/2008) and as Consul at the Embassy of Italy in Israel (2008/2012).

In 2012 she returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome as Director General for Country Development. She helped organize large-scale events such as the ongoing Italy in US program ([italyinus.org](http://italyinus.org)), a one-stop portal to Italian cultural and commercial activities in the United States. As head of the Office for Cultural Politics she helped promote the image of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the promotion of the “Collezione Farnesina”, an art display of contemporary Italian artists hosted at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome.

On September 14th, 2015, she assumed her duties as Consul General at the Consulate General in Miami, with jurisdiction for Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Bahamas, Jamaica, St. Marten, St. Eustatius, Saba, American Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Turks & Caicos, and Bonaire.



**Mr. Michael Kröner**  
*Deputy Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Miami*

Mr. Kröner has been the Deputy Consul General of the German Consulate General in Miami since 2013.

During his more than 30 years of diplomatic career he was appointed to many countries around the world. His last post before coming to Miami was Kingston.



**Hon. Clément Leclerc**  
*Consul General of France in Miami*

Clément Leclerc assumed office as Consul General of France in Miami on September 5, 2016.

Upon joining the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2003, Mr. Clément Leclerc was assigned to the Department for the United Nations and international organizations.

In 2006, he was appointed First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations in New-York, where he served in the Security Council team.

In 2009, he joined the Office of the President of the French Republic as technical advisor for Sub-Saharan Africa.

From 2012 to 2016, he served as First Counselor, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of France in Mexico.

Clément Leclerc, who holds a Master in International Law, is also a graduate of the Paris Institute of Political Studies and of the French National School of Government (ENA).



**Hon. Nathalie Olijslager-Jaarsma**

*Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Miami*

Nathalie Olijslager started her career in the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Department for European and Economic Cooperation after receiving her MA in International Economic Relations from Leiden University. She also attended Beloit College in Wisconsin as a one-year Fulbright scholar. After headquarters she headed to Pretoria, South Africa as Deputy Head of the Economic Section, where she was involved in the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg. In 2003 her next assignment took her to the Dutch Embassy in Budapest, Hungary, where she was appointed Head of the Economic Section. Both countries in transition. From 2007-2010, Nathalie was employed at the Ministry of Economic Affairs and was the account manager for multinationals like Unilever, Heineken and Akzo Nobel for their global and sustainability strategies. Before being appointed Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Miami, she was part of the management team of the Department for Sustainable Economic Development at headquarters. Emerging markets and sustainability for future generations are her passion.



**Hon. Candido Creis Estrada**

*Consul General of Spain in Miami*

Cándido Creis is a career diplomat in the Spanish Foreign Office. In 1995, he took up his first assignment as Head of Foreign Policy and Security Area at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation in Madrid. In 1996 he joined the staff of the Royal Household of His Majesty the King as Deputy Director of the Department of Protocol. In 2001 he went on to work at the Permanent Representation of Spain to the European Union in Brussels until 2006. From 2006 to 2009 he served as Counselor at the Embassy of Spain in Tel Aviv. In 2009 he returned to Brussels to the Permanent Representation of Spain to the European Union. In 2010 he was Chief of Staff of the Undersecretary of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. Most recently, Cándido Creis was appointed Chief of Protocol of the Royal Household of His Majesty the King of Spain (2011 – 2014). From December 2014 to July 2015, he served as Vice Commissioner of the Spanish Pavilion of the World Expo –Milano 2015 (“Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life”). Since August 2015, Cándido Creis is the Consul General of Spain in Miami for Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Cándido Creis has a Law Degree from the Complutense University of Madrid and a Course of English Law from the University of Kent at Canterbury.

**ACADEMIC PANELISTS**



**Dr. Francisco Acosta Soto**

*EU Fellow at University of Miami – European External Action Service Americas Department*

EU official since 1993. He has worked in EU external relations since 1997, in particular the South Mediterranean, the Middle East and Latin America. For the last four years he has been the Chairman of the EU Council Working Group on Latin America and the Caribbean, and responsible for Regional Affairs at the Americas Department at the European External Action Service. He has served at the EU Delegations in Lebanon and Peru. Holds a Degree in Law and Economy by the University of Deusto (Spain) and Masters in EU and International Law by the University of Louvain and a Master in International Relations by the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Boston).



**Dr. John G. Oates**

*Assistant Professor*

*Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University*

John G. Oates received his PhD in Political Science from The Ohio State University, his MA from the Committee on International Relations at the University of Chicago, and his MS in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. His research focuses on the dynamics of authority and legitimacy in global governance, with a particular interest in the origins of supranational

institutions.

His current book project explores how supranational organizations become legitimate authorities in a world of sovereign states. The book develops a constitutional theory of international organization that locates supranational authority in the dynamics of representing the constituent power of an institutional order, that is, the collective subject in whose name institutional authority is exercised.

Rather than emphasizing the structural conditions of interdependence or the functional calculations of decision-makers, the book locates the origins of supranational organizations in the ideas about the public identity of global governance arrangements and the politics of legitimacy through which these ideas are translated into an institutional reality. This argument is explored in three key cases: the origins of supranational integration in early post-war Europe, the move to supranationalism in the international trade regime with the creation of the World Trade Organization, and the founding of the International Criminal Court. Dr. Oates also has research interests in social theory and international law.

Dr. Oates currently teaches classes on International Law and International Organizations, and has taught classes on Peace Studies, U.S. Foreign Policy and IR theory. He also teaches a graduate seminar on International Organization.

**Moderator**



**Dr. Markus Thiel**

*Associate Professor, Politics & International Relations*

*Director Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, and European & Eurasian Studies*

*Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs  
Florida International University*

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.

