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Conference Participants: Biographical Notes

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Damien Levie

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Damien Levie heads the Trade and Agriculture Section of the European Union Delegation in Washington, DC.

Before coming to Washington, he was a member of the Cabinet (personal office) of EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht from 2009 to 2012. He subsequently headed the USA and Canada team of the Directorate General for Trade at the European Commission. During that period, he contributed to the pursuit of an ambitious EU trade policy agenda with the Americas, in particular the launch of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations between the U.S. and the EU, for which he was deputy chief negotiator.

Damien joined the European Commission in 2001, working on issues including merger control policy and REACH, the EU's basic chemical regulation. From 2005 to 2009, he served in the Cabinet of Louis Michel, EU Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid. During that period, he worked on economic development policy in Africa as well as European economic integration issues.

Damien Levie has law degrees from KU Leuven and the University of Chicago Law School and an economics degree from UC Louvain. He was a lawyer at a major US law firm in Brussels and New York from 1994 to 2001.

CONSULS GENERAL PANELISTS

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.

David Prodger

British Consul General in Miami

David Prodger took up his appointment as British Consul General in Miami in August 2014.

David has served in a number of roles, both in the UK and overseas, within the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) since joining in 1999. Prior to this, he worked in the private sector as a land surveyor, project manager and business development manager.

His previous post was as Deputy Head of Security Policy in FCO London where he led the UK's European security policy including: NATO; the EU Common Security and Defence Policy; bilateral security policy relations with EU and NATO allies as well as other partners; conventional arms control in Europe; and UK space security policy.

David has also served as Deputy Head of Mission and Consul General at the British Embassy in Brussels. Before that, he was Head of the Commercial Team at the British Embassy in Buenos Aires. He has also held other posts in the FCO covering the Middle East and Latin America.

Prior to joining the FCO, David was a Chartered Surveyor, working with the UK's national mapping agency, Ordnance Survey, on projects to assist international land reform in Central and Eastern Europe, sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean. He has also worked as a computer analyst in market research and in the upstream oil exploration and production business with BP and others across a range of locations from Papua New Guinea, the Persian Gulf, the North Sea and Colombia.

ACADEMIC PANELISTS

Francisco Acosta Soto

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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).

Canan Balkir (PhD)

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Canan BALKIR is a Professor of Economics, Jean Monnet Professor on European Economic Integration and former chairperson of EU Studies Department and the coordinator of Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir Turkey. First person in Turkey to receive the research grant of the EC Commission in 1982, has been a Fulbright scholar in U.S.A, research fellow at the Institute of Development Studies, UK; British Council Scholar at the University of Exeter UK. She worked four years with the government as an advisor to the Minister of Economics during 1987-91, with Chambers of Commerce for many years, and as consultant to various corporations. She is currently a co-editor of a book titled *'The EU's Expanding Trade Policy: Challenges for the Customs Union with Turkey'* with Gent University, Belgium.

Her recent publications in English include: "A Reality Check to Migrant Entrepreneurs: The Case of German Turkish Entrepreneurs (in coll.Hove) in International Innovation Networks and Knowledge Migration"; "Europeanization of Trade Policy: an Asymmetric Track", in Europeanization of Turkish Public Policies, 2016; "Different Trajectories yet the Same Substance: Croatia and Turkey" (coll.Aknur), in The Substance of Democracy Promotion, 2015; "A Comparison of Residence, Social Security and Citizenship Strategies of Turkish Return Migrants and Dutch Retirement Migrants in Turkey" (coll.Böcker) in Waves of Diversity, 2015; edited book on Europeanisation of Public Policy in Southern Europe, (eds. in coll. Bolukbasi, Ertugal), 2015.

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David S. Bullock is a Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He received his Ph.D. from the Department of Economics at the University of Chicago in 1989. The major focus of his current research is on the economics agricultural technology and information. He has published widely in prestigious economics, agricultural economics, and agronomy journals, including the *Journal of Political Economy*, the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, and *Agronomy Journal*. He has been cited numerous times for outstanding teaching of graduate courses. He has recently taught PhD courses in agricultural policy and political economy analysis, economic equilibrium, and applied welfare economics.

Melanie Goergmaier

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Melanie Goergmaier is a PhD. Student, Teaching and Research Assistant as well as Assistant Editor for the European Union Center at the University of Miami Department of International Studies. Her specializations are International Relations and International Political Economy with a focus on European Union Studies.

She holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Elon University in North Carolina as well as a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Catawba College in North Carolina.

Melanie Goergmaier was born and raised in Munich, Germany. As a European Union citizen, she has participated in numerous EU global study abroad programs in France, Australia, Jamaica (Hofstra University Campus), Costa Rica (Centro Pan Americano), Chile, and Argentina.

Ms. Goergmaier has experience working and teaching in higher education for 15 years.

Deniss Kaskurs

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Deniss Kaskurs holds a bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science from the University of Florida. He is currently a second year doctorate student pursuing his degree in Political Science at Florida International University. His main research interests focus on the political economies of the Baltic States in the post-recession period.

Maxime H.A. Larivé (PhD)

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Maxime H. A. Larivé is Associate Director and Director of Graduate Studies at the European Union Center. Prior to joining the University of Illinois, he held a position of Research Associate at the European Union Center at the University of Miami and worked as an International Expert in Education for the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2013-15). He was also a Consultant for the European Commission/PPMI serving as the country expert for the U.S. on a global project studying the public perception of the EU in several strategic countries. Dr. Larivé holds a Ph.D. in International Studies from the University of Miami, a M.A. degree in Political Science from Suffolk University, and a Maitrise in History and Geography from University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis (France) and has completed a Jean Monnet Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the EU Center of Excellence at the University of Miami. His main areas of research include European security and defense, transatlantic relations, energy security and trade relations between the EU and the US. Dr. Larivé's publications include *Debating European Security and Defense Policy. Understanding the Complexity*" (2014), articles in *European Security, The National Interest*, and *World Politics Review*, and chapters in edited volumes.

Maria Lorca Susino (PhD)

*Professor in Economics and International Studies
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I teach various levels of economics courses at the University of Miami for the Department of Economics and International Studies. Since 2005, I have been working, researching, and publishing under the umbrella of the European Union Center of Excellence at the University of Miami as an Associate Editor.

My academic background has allowed me to become an economic researcher and analyst which has help me produce innovative academic work, take part in conferences, and participate in leading TV programs as economic commentator.

My research interests are in the areas of economics with a link to political events and social issues with special reference to the European Union (EU), unemployment, the euro, and the foreign exchange market. On this note, my research has four focuses. First, my research analyzes the evolution of the European political, economic, and monetary integration process. Second, I study the evolution of the euro and its implication for the Eurozone and the EU from a political, economic and social point of view.

Third, my research focuses on the role of the euro in the foreign exchange market vis-à-vis other currencies. Finally, my work assesses the implication of the European integration development in other countries mainly in Latin America where the integration process has stalled due to internal mistrust and external lack of support.

Mihaela Pintea (PhD)

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In my research I am interested in exploring determinants of long run economic growth and behavior of economies in transition. In this context I focus on public policy and the way governments can affect welfare and growth through taxation and the provision of public goods (such as in infrastructure) with different productive characteristics. I apply the theory concerning the effects on growth of R&D, learning, structural change, international trade, and public capital to different historical episodes. In the case of post WWII Europe, I quantify the direct contribution of these factors to growth using calibration methods.

Most recently I have been concerned with how different types of externalities (in leisure, consumption and/or income) affect economic growth and optimal public policy. In my ongoing research I attempt to apply these concepts to explore the evolution of female labor force participation and female welfare during the 20th century.

Joaquín Roy (PhD)

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Joaquín Roy (Lic. Law, University of Barcelona, 1966; Ph.D, Georgetown University, 1973), is Jean Monnet Chair and Director of the University of Miami European Union Center. He has published over 200 academic articles and reviews, and he is the author or editor of 40 books, among them *Cuba, the U.S. and the Helms-Burton Doctrine: International Reactions* (University of Florida Press, 2000), *The dollar and the euro* (Ashgate, 2007), *The Cuban Revolution (1959-2009): its relationship with Spain, the European Union and the United States* (New York: Palgrave/McMillan, 2009), *Lisbon Fado: The EU under reform* (Miami: EU Center, 2009), and *The State of the Union(s)* (Miami: EU Center, 2012), *The TTIP: The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the European Union and the United States* (Jean Monnet Chair, 2014, <http://www.as.miami.edu/media/college-of-arts-and-sciences/content-assets/euc/docs/books/TTIP.pdf>), and *A New Atlantic Community: The EU, the US and Latin America*. Miami (EU Chair, 2015 <http://www.as.miami.edu/media/college-of-arts-and-sciences/content-assets/euc/docs/books/Atlantic2015.pdf>). He has also published over 1,600 columns and essays. He was awarded the *Encomienda* of the Order of Merit by King Juan Carlos of Spain.

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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 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.

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Michael Wartenbe entered the IR PhD program at FIU in 2011. Prior to this he received a B.A. from University of Central Florida and an M.S. from Florida State University. Michael's research is within critical International Political Economy. He focuses on corporate power structures, neoliberalism, and trade associations. His dissertation is examining the role of the Motion Picture Association of America in organizing the film industry, political influence, industrial cooperation, and shaping international agreements.

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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).