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Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs



Panel Discussion: “The Death Penalty: European Union and International Perspectives”
By European Consuls General in Miami, Diplomats, and Law Experts

Thursday, Oct. 10th, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Florida International University – Modesto A. Maidique Campus
11200 SW 8th Street – Miami, FL 33199 – FIU College of Law – Courtroom RDB 1000

Panel Discussion Participants: Biographical Notes

Moderator and Panelist



Professor Stephen K. Harper

Director Death Penalty Clinic
FIU College of Law

B.A., Haverford College
J.D., Northeastern University School of Law

Stephen K. Harper teaches a course on the death penalty and is the supervising attorney in the death penalty clinic.

For 29 years he worked at the Miami-Dade Public Defender’s Office, the last 17 as Co-coordinator of the Capital Litigation Unit. He was primarily responsible for the gathering and presentation of mitigation evidence in capital cases. From 1989 –1995, he served as the Chief of the Juvenile Division. In 2002, he took a two year leave of absence to coordinate the Juvenile Death Penalty Initiative, a project ending with his oversight of the drafting and filing of amicus briefs in *Roper v Simmons*.

Harper has lectured nationally and internationally on both juvenile and death penalty issues. He worked on the American Bar Association’s American Bar Association’s Guidelines Advisory Committee and participated in the revision of ABA Guidelines for the Appointment and Performance of Counsel in Death Penalty Cases. He has consulted with and advised the military defense team in case involving a child soldier in Guantanamo under the Military Commissions Act — *USA v Omar Ahmed Khadr* and has consulted in the death penalty cases of *Abdul Kabir v Quarterman* and *Brewer Quarterman*.

In 1998, he received the American Bar Association’s Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award for “outstanding dedication and advocacy on behalf of delinquent youth.” In 2005, he received the Southern Center for Human Rights’ Frederick Douglass Award for “his demonstrated brilliance and tenacity in defense of human rights in the criminal justice system and in 2011 the James “Jim” Evans Slater Award for “your outstanding representation of indigent persons charged with capital crimes, and your relentless pursuit of justice” presented by the Florida Public Defender Association.

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ACADEMIC PANELIST



Professor Jeffrey Pokorak

*Professor of Law and Director of the Supreme Court Clinic
Suffolk University, Boston*

BA, State University of New York
JD, Northeastern University

Current: Vice Provost Pokorak's Responsibilities focus on faculty and curricular development throughout the University. Directly responsible for the University's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and the Institutional Review Board, Center for Teaching and Scholarly Excellence, Moakley Archives and Sawyer Library (supporting all non-law undergraduate and graduate programs). Work closely with the Provost, the Vice Provost for Student Success and the Associate Provost for Institutional Research and Assessment to develop appropriate metrics for evaluation and reporting. Specific efforts include guiding the development of several of the University's firsts including: shared core curriculum, the University Faculty Handbook, program review process, periodic (post-tenure) review and tenure denial appeals process. Also work extensively on compliance management, incident support, community college articulations and STEM student pipelines.

Previous: After graduating from Northeastern University School of Law, Prof. Pokorak worked as an assistant public defender in Miami, Florida, clerked for Federal District Court Judge Joe Eaton, and later acted as an assistant public counsel in Roxbury, Massachusetts. Leaving trial work, Prof. Pokorak went to Texas in 1989 to act as Senior Staff Attorney at the Texas Resource Center, a federally funded organization dedicated to the representation of indigents on death row in their post-conviction appeals. In 1993, Prof. Pokorak joined the faculty at St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas. In 2000, Jeff had the pleasure of visiting at the University of New Mexico, School of Law where he taught evidence and trial practice.

In 2001 he left Texas to join the faculty at Suffolk University Law School. Professor Pokorak is also actively involved in rule of law endeavors. He has practiced extensively in the United States Supreme Court, trained trial and appellate attorneys; presented at numerous criminal law and legal education conferences; moderated victim forums in the death penalty context; worked on several accesses to justice cases; and testified before state legislatures. Jeff publishes in the area of race and prosecutorial discretion, victims' access to equal justice in the criminal law system, curriculum innovation and is currently conducting research in the scholarship of teaching and learning. <https://www.suffolk.edu/academics/faculty/j/p/jpokorak>

EUROPEAN PANELISTS



Gabriel Cremades Ventura
Deputy Consul General of Spain in Miami

Gabriel Cremades is the Deputy Consul General of Spain in Miami. Born in Valencia (Spain), he has a Master Degree in Law and joined the Spanish Diplomatic Service in 1999.

Before arriving in Miami in August 2018, Gabriel Cremades has held different positions and responsibilities, both in Spain and abroad. Among them:

- First Secretary, Spanish Embassy in Nicaragua (2000-2002).
- First Secretary, Mission of Spain to UN, New York (2002-2007).
- Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Spain in Serbia (2007-2009).
- Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Spain in Malta (2011-2015).
- Senior Adviser at the Department for International Affairs, Office of the Spanish Prime Minister (2009-2011; 2015-2016).
- Head of Department for Cooperation with Sub-Saharan Africa at the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development (2016-2018).



Hon. Laurent Gallissot
Consul General of France in Miami

Laurent Gallissot took office as Consul General of France in Miami on September 3, 2019, when Hurricane Dorian hit our constituency in Florida and in the Bahamas. Crisis management was thus his first practical exercise, supported by the entire team of the Consulate General and his predecessor.

Mr. Laurent Gallissot joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1996 and held numerous posts abroad and in France (Jerusalem, Ottawa, Brussels, Rome) as a co-operation counselor, special and political advisor and multilateral negotiator. He has also worked with the European Commission.

In 2014, he led for two years the mission of French language and education within the ministry. In 2016, he was one of the first diplomatic advisors working with regional Prefects and joined the city of Marseille as advisor to the regional Prefect of Provence-Alpes Côte d'Azur.

He then took up the position of Secretary General for "One Planet Summit", a platform for private and public engagement launched by the President of the Republic to implement the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Mr. Laurent Gallissot was a researcher in political science at the European University Institute in Florence. A graduate of the Sorbonne in literature and sociology, he also holds a European Masters degree in cultural management. <https://miami.consulfrance.org/spip.php?article5748>



Luuk Nijman

Deputy Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Miami

Luuk Nijman took up his position as Deputy Consul General in Miami in August 2019. Prior to this, he covered political affairs and headed the press and public diplomacy section at the Dutch Embassy in Belgrade. He also served at the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the European Union, covering trade and development. His postings at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Hague involved work on economic diplomacy and trade, including with the United States. In addition to his work for the Ministry, Luuk completed assignments in Washington, DC, at the World Bank and the European Union Delegation to the United States. Luuk holds Master's degrees in International Public Policy from University College London and in Economics from the University of Amsterdam.



Hon. Andreas T. Siegel

Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Miami

Andreas Siegel is a career diplomat with a broad range of international experience in strategic, political, lege of Europe, Bruges/Belgium and a Master degree of French, English and American literature/linguistics of the University of Freiburg/Germany.

Andreas has had a long-time connection and affinity with the United States: he was an AFS exchange student in Michigan during the Bi-Centennial year 1975/1976. In the early 1990ies he served as a Vice-Consul at the German Consulate General in Boston, Mass.

Before coming to Florida in July 2019, Andreas headed the German Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Before that he was Head of the Strategic Planning Division for External Cultural Policy in the Directorate General for Culture and Communication at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin.

From 2010 to 2013 he was posted in Brussels/Belgium as First Counsellor at the Permanent Representation to NATO, coordinating in particular arms control and counter-terrorism matters. Prior to this, he worked for 6 years in Strasbourg/France, first as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe (CoE), then – on leave from the Foreign Service – as Director of Strategic Planning, reporting directly to the Secretary General of the CoE. From 2001 to 2004, Andreas worked in the European Directorate General in Berlin, dealing mainly with European cultural policy and cross-border cooperation.

During the first 12 years of his career, Andreas occupied two posts in (the then capital) Bonn and three abroad: after two years of diplomatic training, he started off as a desk officer for Poland at the Foreign Office to move on to Boston/USA as Vice-Consul. He then spent three years in Lilongwe/Malawi (South-Eastern Africa) as Deputy Head of Mission and Chargé d'affaires. Back to Bonn, he worked at the Federal Chancellery, dealing with international strategic issues. Another assignment led him to Rabat and Casablanca/Morocco, where he served as Head of the economic section of the Embassy and Consul General, respectively.

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