

2022 IEUSS Teaching and Researching the European Union Conference

This conference is free and open to the public. No registration is required to attend in-person.

Participants can also attend virtually by registering in advance. Registration for the Friday and Saturday sessions is separate. See below.

April 8-9, 2022

Eastern Daylight Savings Time

Each year the IEUSS schedules four public lectures to take place during the SUNY Model European Union on subjects related both to scholarship and teaching of the European Union and transatlantic relations.

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Session 1

Friday, April 8 (1:30-3:00 p.m.)

Location: Bacon Hall, Room 115

If you plan to attend the Friday, April 8th session virtually, please register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEucuggpzgoGN3lp4xpt1rRPu1AwUeB-DfD>

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1:30-2:00 p.m.

The IEUSS William Andrews Lecture

Introduced by Sally Crimmins Villela, Associate Vice Chancellor, SUNY Office of Global Affairs, SUNY System Administration

Greg Rabb, “Nationalism in Comparison: Palestine and Poland – A Personal Perspective”

Defining and understanding nationalism in general can be difficult when done without referencing a particular nation or people. This paper is an attempt to understand nationalism in a comparative perspective as recommended by Benedict Anderson in his book entitled *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism* (2016). Professor Anderson

recommends understanding nationalism by focusing on the western hemisphere (or so called “new world”) rather than analyzing nationalism in the context of the so-called “old world” from a Euro-centric perspective. *Research for this paper funded by University of Illinois International Research Lab Grant*

2:00-2:30 p.m.

James Gingras, Lecture “Military Diplomacy”

The United States’ military diplomats are known as Foreign Area Officers (FAO). These FAOs are the military’s regional experts who lead with diplomacy and reinvigorate our national alliances and partnerships across the world. The (interim) National Security Strategic Guidance provides FAOs with a framework to communicate with current/potential partners to identify and prioritize shared defense/security objectives. They expand the cooperative space in order to work by, with, and through our partners. These goals, enabled by the FAO corps, advance U.S. national security objectives.

1. Enable the United States to operate in support of shared interests
2. Enable partners to operate in lieu of the United States
3. Enable partners to operate alongside the United States

Q & A/Discussion 2:30-3:00 p.m.

Session 2

Saturday, April 9 (1:30-3:00 p.m.)

Location: Ketchum Hall, 219

If you plan to attend the Saturday, April 9th session virtually, please register in advance:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEudu-hrzwoG9cPeh_gXFzvRVQBrc4T7Jki

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1:30-2:00 p.m.

Sara Norrevik, "Variation in Cryptocurrency Regulation in the European Union"

Cryptocurrencies have gained momentum around the world in recent years. Users are estimated to more than 100 million and range from ordinary citizens in developing countries to wealthy

CEOs in advanced countries. Cryptocurrencies, if widely adopted, reduce governments' ability to respond to economic fluctuations through monetary policy. The EU currently displays wide variation in cryptocurrency regulation across member states. To remedy fragmentation, the Commission has negotiated a common Regulation on Markets in Crypto Assets (MiCA), expected to be voted on in the European Parliament 2022. My paper seeks to answer: Which EU governments have adopted crypto-friendly policies, provided the potential risks of undermining the government's own ability to respond to future economic shocks, and why? What explains variation in legislators' preferences toward cryptocurrency regulation?

2:00-2:30 p.m.

Natalia Cugelșan, "The Digitalisation of the Field of European Studies. Mapping the State of Play"

The use of digital technologies is one of the methods that can boost the quality of the teaching process, and the EU has adopted several key documents to support and guide the member states in the last years in building digital learning environments. The Digital Education Action Plan and Communication from the Commission on a Renewed Higher Education Agenda are representative in this direction. A new impetus for digital skills-based educational dimension was also reinforced through the VdL EU Commission agenda, which aims to make the European Educational Area a reality by 2025. However, despite a rich literature on the integration of Web 2.0 instruments in the research process, there are limited contributions on the digitalisation of the teaching process in the field of EU Studies. This paper aims to respond to this gap and addresses the contribution of the field of European Union Integration Studies. *Research funded by the Erasmus+ Programme, Jean Monnet Module, Universitatea Babeș-Bolyai Cluj-Napoca.*

Q & A/Discussion 2:30-3:00 p.m.

Presenter Bios

Natalia Cugelșan

(PhD Universitatea Babeș-Bolyai Cluj-Napoca -România)

Dr. Cugelșan is Lector at Universitatea Babeș-Bolyai Cluj-Napoca, Facultatea de Istorie si Filosofie, Cluj-Napoca Romania. Dr. Cugelșan directs the Jean Monnet Module, Digital teaching and Learning in the Field of EU Integratoin Studies in the New Member States (2020-23). She has directed Jean Monnet Modules in Multi-level Governance, been awarded a Jean Monnet Chair in Governance and Community Policies, and served on multinational projects such as the Atlantis Mobility Project in Transatlantic Public Administration (co-funded by the European Union and the US Department of Education). She has also served on national projects, including "Multi-level Governance in Romania" and "Romania and the Future of Europe." Dr. Cugelșan's most recent publication is "Romania and Post Accession Compliance with Environmental Law," în: Arpad Todor and Florența-Elena Helepciuc(eds.), *Limits of in the Europeanization of Environmental Policies in Recent EU Member States. Understanding the*

EU's Capacity Building in Environmental Policies, Springer, 2021. Dr. Cugelşan is co-editor of *The New Transatlantic Relationship: Politics and Policy Perspectives* (Routledge, 2015). [Faculty webpage](#)

James Gingras

(MA Humanitarian Diplomacy, Institute of Diplomatic Sciences, Marseille, France, MA University of Oklahoma)

Lieutenant Colonel James Gingras is an instructor of Political Science at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado. Lieutenant Colonel Gingras was commissioned in 2001, upon graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy with military distinction. He has served in various positions as both a civil engineer and European foreign area officer. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Deputy Chief, Civil Engineer Division at the Space Force's Space Operations' Command at Peterson Space Force Base. As a foreign area officer, he commanded an Air Base Squadron and USAF installation in Ankara, Turkey and served as a military diplomat to the United Kingdom, responsible for maintaining and enhancing the relationship between the Royal Air Force and the United States Air Force. While on exchange to the French Air Force Academy as a major, Lieutenant Colonel Gingras was the first foreign officer to command a French Air Force Academy cadet squadron, in addition to teaching academic courses in Political Science and Engineering. Lieutenant Colonel Gingras has served in multiple overseas contingency deployments, in support of both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. As the chief of development for the Kapisa and Parwan Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan, Lieutenant Colonel Gingras was responsible for construction of over 70 infrastructure projects, using infrastructure development to help combat the insurgency and achieve national security goals. [Faculty webpage](#)

Sara Norrevik

(PhD, University at Buffalo - SUNY, M.Sc. Stockholm University)

Dr. Norrevik teaches courses in international relations, comparative politics, and environmental politics, including the European Union and Russian Politics. She has published several papers and book chapters on the European Union and peace & conflict in *European Union Politics*, *Journal of Peace Research*, and *International Studies Quarterly*. The European Union Studies Association - Canada awarded Dr. Norrevik with the Best Paper, Junior Scholar at their 2018 conference. Prior to her career in the academy, Dr. Norrevik served in the Ministry of Defense in Sweden as a political adviser to the Minister of Defense. She is an EU Fulbright Scholar. [Faculty webpage](#).

Greg Rabb

(MUP, University of Illinois, JD, University at Buffalo -SUNY)

Dr. Rabb is Professor and Coordinator of Global Education, Jamestown Community College and a Lecturer at SUNY Buffalo State. Professor Rabb was a member of the inaugural faculty team that launched the SUNY Model European Community at SUNY Brockport in 1988 and currently

serves as IEUSS Board Chair. He has also served in government in many capacities including as Executive Director of the West Side Neighborhood Housing Services (Buffalo), President and Member at Large of the Jamestown City Council and currently as Chair of the Jamestown Redistricting Commission. Professor Rabb has also served as Executive Director, The Rockefeller Institute of Government's New York Municipal Clerks He is a Fulbright Scholar (the Netherlands). [Faculty webpage](#).

IEUSS sponsors The William Andrews Lecture. This lecture is named for Dr. Andrews, a scholar of French politics and founder of the first intercollegiate and transatlantic simulaton of the European Union. The IEUSS Board of Directors selects the honoree.

2022 IEUSS Conference Chairs: Dr. Laurie Buonanno & Dr. Atta Ceesay (SUNY Buffalo State, Department of Political Science & Public Administration)



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