The CES is offering an European Union (EU) Studies Minor to all UF undergraduates beginning in Spring of 2004. Completion of the minor will require 18 hours of course work in addition to participation in either an EU related internship or an EUSP approved study abroad program, currently including the Brussels, Prague, and the Salzburg summer abroad programs. The minor will offer students a chance to study the EU across a wide array of disciplines, including business, sociology, political science, history, and foreign languages. For more information on the minor please go to www.clas.ufl.edu/ces/ or http://www.clas.ufl.edu/eustudies/

Announcing the European Union Studies Minor

The new Center for European Studies (CES) housed within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) at the University of Florida (UF) is a Title VI National Resource Center funded in part by the US Department of Education, with significant contributions from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Division of Sponsored Research and the Office of the Provost. The primary goal of the new CES is to serve as an organizational hub for the myriad of activities already occurring across the campus related to the study of Europe broadly defined. To this end the CES will act to facilitate activities within and between diverse centers and assist in the development of new interdisciplinary programs, courses, and events. The CES will pursue its goals through a number of diverse outlets that promote faculty and student development as well as significant outreach to the broader Gainesville and Florida community. The CES will also be working with the UF Smathers Library to expand our current holdings related to Europe, with particular emphasis on foreign language resources, and with the Tandberg Language Lab (Turlington Hall) to expand our European language resources.
From the Director

It is my great pleasure to introduce the new Center for European Studies (CES). The CES is a National Resource Center sponsored in part by the US Department of Education and is one of only eleven such centers in America dedicated to the study of Europe. The establishment of the CES at the University of Florida represents the culmination of several years of hard work building Europe-related resources at UF. The CES, like the other Title VI area studies centers on campus, is a broad interdisciplinary organization working to support and foster Europe related teaching and research across the campus. Key activities include course and program development, a speaker series, and annual workshop, outreach activities to the community, K-12 schools and community colleges, as well as local and state businesses and the media. Of special note is the planned two week summer intensive language pedagogy course, open to both UF TAs and local K-12 language teachers. This project is being organized in conjunction with the Transnational and Global Studies Center (TGSC) and Partners in Global Learning (PGL). Also worth noting is our Business Outreach workshop on doing business in the “New Europe” organized in conjunction with the UF Center for International Business and Education Research (CIBER) and the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission (EDC) (see below for more information).

The faculty and staff of the CES would like to thank Provost David Colburn, Vice President Winfred Phillips and Dean Neil Sullivan as well as the folks in the CLAS main office and the Dept. of Political Science for all of their support during these early months as we have set up our offices and begun to develop our programs. Their support has made all the difference. Now, thanks to all of their help, we can look forward to a long and fruitful future at UF and we hope that all of you will share with us your ideas, hopes and aspirations for the CES. Working together we can help the CES to truly flourish and continue to build our momentum in fostering European Studies at UF!

Doing Business in the “New Europe” March 5th, 2004

Location: Disney/SBA National Entrepreneur Center (Orlando, Florida)
Featuring: Dr. Preston Keat (Eurasia Group), Dr. Antal Szabo (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe), Mr. Pavel Sterba (Czech Trade USA, Chicago) and Mr. Wieslaw Wodyk (The Economic Office, Embassy of Poland) with Mr. Denis Chaibi (European Commission) as the keynote speaker.

Workshop Topics:
Panel 1: The EU & Florida: The Basics
Panel 2: The Business Environment in Central & Eastern Europe
Panel 3: Doing Business in the EU: Pitfalls & Opportunities
2003-2004 Events

**Highlights**

Four graduate students from the UF Political Science Department attended the 49th annual NATO Parliamentary Assembly meeting in Orlando, FL. Neal Wollenberger, Sam Austin, Eric Moody, and Brano Kovalcik were official observers of NATO’s Defense and Security Committee and Political Committee. Thanks to the help of Dr. Zachary Selden, Director of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly’s Defense and Security Committee, and Dr. Amie Kreppel, Director of the Center for European Studies at UF, the students got a firsthand experience of the work in the NATO’s parliamentary committees. They also had a chance to be involved in informal discussions with parliamentarians from NATO’s 19 member countries as well as its associate members.

**Speakers**

- **Dr. Zachary Selden** Director, Defense & Security Committee, NATO
  11/13/03 in 216 Anderson Hall
  “The Future of Transatlantic Relations”

- **Dr. Peter Behr** Former German Ambassador to Madagascar
  12/3/03 in 216 Anderson Hall
  “Germany & the European Union”

- **Dr. George Tsebelis** Professor at UCLA, 1/26/04 at 3:00pm in 216 Anderson Hall
  “The EU Constitution & Veto Players”

- **Dr. Kalypso Nicolaidis** Professor at St. Antony’s College, Oxford
  3/04 TBA*

  *to be confirmed

**Outreach**

- **Presentation in Pensacola** 1/6/04 Pensacola K-12 Teacher Inservice Day with the Transnational & Global Studies Center & the Latin American Studies Center

- **The Global Environment** 1/29/04 Local K-12 Teacher Training Workshop with the Transnational & Global Studies Center

- **Women’s Studies & Other Issues** 2/16/04 Areas Studies Seminar for K-12 Teachers in Tampa with all other UF NRCs

- **Religion & the Dynamic of Women** 3/25/04 Local K-12 Teacher Training Workshop with the Transnational & Global Studies Center

- **Sante Fe Community College Brown Bag Series** Spring 2004

**Highlights**

**International Student Talks at Terwilliger Elementary School**

Two members of our CES staff, English Literature graduate student Natasa Kovacevic and Political Science graduate student Brano Kovalcik were among UF’s international students who participated in Terwilliger Elementary School’s International Day on November 21, 2003. Ms. Kovacevic and Mr. Kovalcik had interactive presentations on their native Serbia/Montenegro and Slovak Republic, respectively.
Center for European Studies Grants

For Faculty

Faculty New Course Development Grants: The CES is offering three course development grants for Summer 2004 for $4,000. The grants are designed to assist current UF faculty in the development of new interdisciplinary courses with a substantial European focus. Completed application must be turned in by February 15, 2004. For more information, please contact the CES or check the CES website at www.clas.ufl.edu/ces.

Faculty Course Enhancement Grants: The CES is offering three course enhancement grants of $2,500 for Summer 2004. The grants are designed to assist current faculty in the enhancement of existing courses to incorporate new technologies, to broaden the scope of the course to make it more interdisciplinary, or to create a capstone experience add-on unit that incorporates a study abroad visit to Europe. To be eligible, courses may be in any area or department, but must include substantial European content. Completed applications must be submitted by February 15, 2004. For more information, please contact the CES or check the CES website at www.clas.ufl.edu/ces.

European Travel Grants for Faculty: The CES is offering five grants of up to $1,000 each during the Spring and Summer of 2004 to UF faculty. The grants are designed to assist UF faculty with travel to Europe to pursue research, course development, course enhancement, or to present work at a scholarly conference or workshop. The original deadline of January 1st, 2004 has been extended to January 31st.

For Students

European Travel Grants for Graduate Students: The CES is offering five travel grants of up to $1,000 each to UF graduate students during the Spring and Summer of 2004. These grants are designed to assist UF graduate students with travel to Europe to pursue intensive language study, dissertation research, or to present a work at a scholarly conference or workshop. The original deadline of January 1st, 2004 has been extended to January 31st.

Summer Study Abroad Grants for Undergraduate Students: The Center for European Studies (CES) in conjunction with the European Union Studies Program (EUSP) will be offering three $500 grants to undergraduate students participating in one of the EUSP approved summer programs: Brussels (VUB), Salzburg, and the Prague (Charles University). To be eligible for this grant students must apply to participate in one of these programs and enroll in the relevant EU related course within the program. All grants will be made tentative to the fulfillment of these requirements. Deadline for applications is March 2nd. Applications should be submitted using the form available on the CES website or from the CES main office in 3340 Turlington.

We welcome your input!

Please visit us at 3340 Turlington Hall or call us at 392-8902

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Faculty News

Introducing Chrysostomos Kostopoulos

Mr. Kostopoulos has a BA in Classical philology from the University of Ioannina-Greece and an MA in Classics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he is also completing his Ph.D. His research interests are diverse and range from the role of astrology and related sciences in the formation of various political and social ideologies in the Greco-Roman world to various aspects of Greek and Roman history and civilization. He taught courses on Latin as well as Greek language, Literature and the Arts, and Classical Studies at the University of Wisconsin, and he served for many years as treasurer and secretary of the Hellenic Students Association of UW-Madison. At UF he is teaching courses on Greek language and literature (GRK 1131 and GRK 4300) as well as a course that examines the relationship between Greek culture and the formation of a new European identity (CLAS 3930).

Workshop

“The New Face of Europe”
2/27/04 - 2/28/04
216 Anderson Hall

With the following participants:

James Pond (EU Commission)
Dr. Dale Smith (FSU)
Dr. Dorothee Bohle (CEU/Harvard)
Dr. Bela Greskovits (CEU/Harvard)
Dr. Milada Vachudova (UNC)
Kieran Bradley (European Parliament)
Dr. Clem Fatovic (Vassar College)
Dr. Terri Givens (Univ. of Texas at Austin)
Agnes Hubert (European Parliament)
Dr. Sheryl Kroen (UF)
Dr. Paul Kubicek (Oakland University)

Keynote Speaker:
Olle Wastberg, Swedish Consul General
Andras Simonyi, Hungarian Ambassador

Workshop Topics:

Panel 1: The EU Enlargement - Eastern and Western Perspectives
Panel 2: The EU Constitution - Superstate or Int’l Organization?
Panel 3: What is Europe? - Past, Present and Future Perceptions
Kelli Moore, is a Ph.D. student in Comparative Politics and International Relations. She plans to travel to England to conduct research for her dissertation on urban riots between Asians (specifically from the Indian subcontinent) and whites during the summer of 2001. Her study examines the causes behind race riots in English cities like Oldham and Blackburn and the reasons for their prevention in Leicester and Luton, arguing that the answer lies in the behavior of civic organizations. Moore believes this project is crucial not only to England, but to Europe as a whole as it faces immigration from countries that are racially, ethnically, and religiously different and, simultaneously, a growing wave of xenophobia and right-wing extremism. She hopes that her study will produce generalizable results that academics, practitioners, and local communities can use to prevent ethnic and racial conflicts not only in Europe but across the globe.

J. Scott Parker, a senior majoring in Film and French, is currently working on a thesis that explores portrayals of 2nd and 3rd generation North Africans in mid-90s French banlieue films. Banlieue films capture the essence of social problems that run through French working class suburbs, presenting recourse to drugs, violence, and anti-social behavior as a natural result of limited social mobility for North African and other immigrants. In this way, Parker argues, films such as La Haine, Bye Bye, Hexagone and Rai counter the negative stereotypes of North Africans. More broadly, they engage with current redefinitions of French national identity with respect to its colonial past, highlighting France’s slow acceptance of cultural influences from former colonies as enriching rather than threatening.
Study Abroad

The Summer Study Abroad at Vesalius College, VUB in Brussels Belgium: The Vesalius College is an English language international college within the Dutch speaking Belgian Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). The Summer in Brussels Program is part of the EU Studies Certificate/Minor program but is open to all interested students. The program is focused to a certain extent on the European Union and unless previously discussed and approved by the director all students must take POL 334-Current Issues in the Development of the EU (3 units). Program costs include: UF international Center administrative fee, MEDEX insurance, tuition and housing. For more information please visit the CES website at www.clas.ufl.edu/ces/ or the EUSP website at www.clas.ufl.edu/eustudies/ or email Dr. Amie Kreppel at kreppel@polisci.ufl.edu.

The Prague Summer Study Abroad Program: UF students will be studying at the Charles University’s Institute for Language and Preparatory Studies (ILPS), located near the myth-enveloped Vysehrad (a raised settlement that predates Prague and has a magnificent view of the river and Prague Castle). Prior knowledge of the Czech language is NOT required. The Prague Summer Program is a language and culture program combined with an in-country cultural experience. Students are required to take conversational Czech taught by ILPS faculty at all levels, and a culture class taught entirely in English by a UF faculty members, Dr. Galina Rylkova and Dr. Amie Kreppel. The program cost will include: tuition, accommodation, study material, local excursions, two field trips, UF International Center application deposit, MEDEX emergency assistance insurance.

* must take to receive EUSP credit for program

The Salzburg Study Abroad Program: This program is perfect for History and Political Science majors, and those students who want to complete the introductory German language sequence (equivalent to GER 1122) and all other students interested in taking the following courses: “Modern Europe,” “Economics & Politics of the European Union,” or “Beginning German III.” Approximate cost: $3,800, which includes: housing in Austrian homes with an Austrian family (one or two students per home), all meals in Salzburg (breakfast and dinner in the homes, lunch at Salzburg College), a 4-day field trip to Vienna (hotel room, breakfast, events), special events (walking tours, day trips, Palace tours, etc.), all UF International Center fees, and six hours of transfer credit (2 courses from the list above). Application deadline is January 30. For more information on this program, please contact the program coordinator, Glenn Kepic at 107 AAC or email him at gkepic@advising.ufl.edu.

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Help us grow!

Additional funds are needed to help support increased travel funds for graduate students, study abroad scholarships, graduate symposia, guest speakers, and other CES activities.

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$500  $100  $50  $25  ______Other

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