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The Center for European Studies Workshop on the “New Face of Europe”



On February 27-28, 2004 the Center for European Studies held a workshop on the “New Face of Europe,” which served as an opportunity for academics and practitioners from across America and Europe to discuss recent events in Europe. Workshop participants presented on a wide range of topics in five different panels. James Pond, a member of the Cyprus Negotiating Team in the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Enlargement, and Dale Smith, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at Florida State University, participated in the first of two EU Enlargement Panels, in which they discussed the difficulties and implications of the enlargement process. The second EU Enlargement panel included Dorothee Bohle and Bela Greskovits from Central European University in Budapest, and Milada Anna Vachudova, an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. The theme of the second panel was Eastern and Western perspectives on the respective costs and benefits of EU enlargement. After these two panels, the participants and invited guests attended lunch with Olle Westberg, the Consul General of Sweden in New York. The afternoon sessions dealt with issues related to the EU Constitution. Kieran Bradley, a member of the Legal Service of the European Parliament, and Clem Fatovic, a visiting Assistant Professor at Vassar College, discussed what the constitution could mean for the future of Europe. Agnes Hubert, an adviser to the President of the Women’s Rights Committee of the European Parliament, and Terri Givens, an Assistant Professor in the Government Department at the University of Texas, Austin, discussed the notion of a European demos, including the role of women, minority rights and the development of European citizenship. After a very full day, the participants convened at the Keene Flint Faculty Center for a banquet dinner with the Hungarian Ambassador to the US, Andras Simonyi as keynote speaker. The second day of the workshop consisted of the final panel and a concluding session. In the morning panel questioning “What is the ‘new’ Europe?”, Sheryl Kroen, an Associate Professor of History at the UF, and Paul Kubicek, a specialist on Turkey from Oakland University, discussed the changing concepts of “Europe,” in terms of its borders and meaning throughout history. In the concluding session, Dr. Amie Kreppel, Director of the Center for European Studies, led the discussion as the participants worked to connect the various themes and develop a better sense of the “new Europe.” A follow up workshop is tentatively scheduled to be held at the University of Florida’s Paris Research Center in Spring 2005 and will lead to the publication of an edited volume consisting of the final versions of papers presented by the participants, which should be a welcome addition to research on issues related to a changing Europe.

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From the Director

As the Center for European Studies at UF approaches the end of its first year it is worthwhile to reflect on all that been accomplished and all that we look forward to accomplishing in the months and years to come.

When we first learned that the proposal to establish a Title VI Center for Europe at UF had been approved we were happy that our hard work had paid off. What we soon learned, however, was that the really hard work had yet to begin. From late nights painting our temporary offices in Turlington to long hot days moving furniture across campus, initially we focused on getting ourselves organized and setting up shop. By September we were already initiating the early stages of a number of events including the Workshop on the New Face of Europe, the related workshop on Doing Business in the New Europe for SMEs across the state and an impressive number of outreach events at local K-12 schools.

We also worked to ensure that the mission of the CES to assist in the development of European Studies across the campus was being fulfilled. From adding a new European Union Studies Minor, to working with the Germanic and Slavic Studies Department to build a new Polish Studies Program, to promoting new summer study abroad programs in Prague and Salzburg, the CES has helped to insure the continued growth of European Studies at UF. These efforts include working with the UFIC, the France-Florida Research Institute and the Center for Gender Research and Women's Studies among others to bring in an impressive selection of guest speakers with broad interdisciplinary appeal to UF, supporting students and faculty across campus in their Europe-related teaching and research through a number of grant opportunities and working with key library staff to selectively fund the purchase of a wide array of new books and resources important for the study of Europe.

Although our accomplishments this year have been significant, we believe that the 2004-2005 academic-year will be even more exciting. We will be joined in the fall by six new CES faculty members representing new hires in Polish Studies (Chris Caes and Ewa Wampuszyc), Hungarian Language (Edit Nagy), History (Peter Bergmann), Political Science (Connor O'Dwyer) and Sociology (Alin Ceobanu). These new faculty members will join our existing CES core and affiliate faculty members in the creation of more new courses. They will help develop new programs and increase our links to the world through new study abroad programs, innovative use of technology in their courses and active participation in filling our academic speakers programs.

We also expect to host a follow-up workshop on the New Face of Europe at the Paris Research Center in Spring 2005, and are working with the Institute of European Studies in Brussels to jointly organize a conference on transatlantic legal conflict and coordination. Already this summer in July the CES, together with centers and departments from across the campus, will host our first annual Summer Intensive Language Pedagogy Training Program. We will of course sponsor a number of visiting speakers and work with departments and colleagues from across the campus to continue to develop and support European Studies at the University of Florida. Information on all of these activities can be found on our website.

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2003-2004 Events

Highlights

“Doing Business in the New Europe” Business Workshop



On March 5, 2004, the CES held a business workshop in Orlando for the Florida business community on how to do business in Europe after the May 1, 2004 EU enlargement. The workshop was co-sponsored by CIBER at UF and the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission. Each participant received an information booklet on the economies of the EU and EU applicant countries. Panel topics included a summary of the economic relationship between the EU and Florida, the overall business environment in Central and Eastern Europe, and pitfalls and opportunities of doing business in the EU. Leading the panels were the following speakers:

Dr. Preston Keat (Eurasia Group)

Mr. Wieslaw Wodyk (Embassy of Poland)

Ms Jennifer Gothard (The Central & Eastern Europe Business Information Center)

Mr. Pavel Sterba (Czech Trade, USA, Chicago)

Outreach

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 K-12 Tampa Areas Studies Seminar 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

Immigration & Refugees 6/15/2004 Local K-12 Teacher Training Workshop with the Transnational & Global Studies Center

The Melting Pot 6/16/2004 Local K-12 Teacher Training Workshop with the Transnational & Global Studies Center.

Highlights

“Religion & the Dynamic of Women”

On March 25, 2004, the Center for European Studies and the Transnational & Global Studies Center held a workshop for local K-12 teachers on the topic of “Religion and the Dynamic of Women.” Presenters included **Susan Cooksey** (Harn Museum) who spoke on the topic of African Art, **Laura Corpus** (UFIC) and **Christopher Hayton** (Alachua Learning Center) who presented on the topic of women and Islam in Europe, and **Laurie Wilkins** (Florida Museum of Natural History) who discussed the topic of the Chiapas.

Center for European Studies Grants

For Faculty

Faculty Course Enhancement Grants: The CES awarded 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. These grants will be offered annually.

The CES would like to congratulate the following recipients of the grants:

Dr. Ido Oren (Political Science), Dr. Galina Rylkova (Germanic & Slavic Studies), & Dr. Mary Watt (Romance Languages & Literatures)

Faculty New Course Development Grants: The CES awarded three course development grants for Summer 2004 of \$4,000. The grants are designed to assist current UF faculty in the development of new interdisciplinary courses with a substantial European focus. These grants will be offered annually.

The CES would like to congratulate the following recipients of the grants:

Dr. Montserrat Alás-Brun (Romance Languages & Literatures), Dr. Roy Graham (Architecture), & Dr. Charles Perrone (Romance Languages & Literatures)

European Travel Grants for Faculty: The CES awarded five grants of up to \$1,000 each during the Spring 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. These grants will be offered annually.

The CES would like to congratulate the following winners of the grants:

Dr. M. Alas-Brun (Romance Languages & Literatures), Dr. John Biro (Philosophy), Dr. Diani Boxer (Linguistics), Dr. A. Kwolek-Folland (Women's Studies), Dr. Michael Leslie (Telecommunication), Dr. Geraldine Nichols (Romance Languages & Literatures), Dr. Ido Oren (Political Science), & Dr. Mary Watt (English)

For Students

European Travel Grants for Graduate Students: The CES awarded five travel grants of up to \$1,000 each to UF graduate students during the Spring 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. These grants will be offered annually.

The CES would like to congratulate the following winners of the grants:

Will Bruce (Classics), Joshua Clark (Law), Hongli Fan (Romance Languages & Literatures), Sophie Ganchaud (Romance Languages & Literatures), Afshin Hafizi (English), Henri Blanc-Hoang (Romance Languages & Literatures), Maria Jordan (Romance Languages & Literatures), & Sandrine Savona (Romance Languages & Literatures)

Undergraduate Study Abroad Grants: The CES awarded three undergraduate study abroad grants of \$500 each to students participating in one of the CES affiliated study abroad programs: the Brussels Program, the Salzburg Program, and the Prague Program. These grants will be awarded annually.

The CES would like to congratulate the following winners of the grants:

Andrew Beaton (Political Science), Nicholas Panagakos (History), & Lauren Shaw (Public Relations)

Faculty News

The CES welcomes six new faculty members in Fall 2004.

Two will be housed entirely within the CES, while the other four are joint hires. All are the result of much hard work by the CES and the respective search committees and faculty in the departments of Germanic and Slavic Studies, History, Political Science, and Sociology.

Please join us in welcoming:

Dr. Peter Bergmann (History) CES

Dr. Christopher Caes (Polish Studies) CES and Germanic & Slavic Studies

Dr. Alin-Mihai Ceobanu (Sociology) CES and Sociology

Ms. Edit Nagy (Hungarian) CES

Dr. Conner O'Dwyer (East European Politics) CES and Political Science

Dr. Ewa Wampuszyc (Polish Studies) CES and Germanic & Slavic Studies

Current CES Affiliate Faculty

There are currently over 150 CES affiliate faculty members.

For a complete list and/or to register to become a CES affiliate faculty member, please visit our website at www.clas.ufl.edu/ces/

The CES would like to thank the German and Slavic Studies Department, the History Department, the Political Science Department, the Sociology Department, and the CLAS administration for their hard work and help in recruiting these stellar scholars and teachers.

Summer Language Pedagogy Workshop

The Summer 2004 Foreign Language Pedagogy Intensive Teacher Workshop is designed for middle school and high school language teachers as well as UF foreign language TAs who would like to cultivate new ideas for creating a more exciting and interactive classroom environment for their students. For two weeks, participants will enjoy morning sessions from 9am to 12pm on various topics related to applied linguistics. Afternoon sessions from 1pm to 3pm will be held in a computer lab and will introduce ideas for using technology as a vehicle to maximize language input in the classroom. Topics will be presented in a comfortable, interactive environment to stimulate discussion of new ideas. The dates for the workshop are July 19-30, 2004. The event is being sponsored by the Center for European Studies and is a collaboration of the following UF departments and centers: Center for European Studies, Transnational and Global Studies Center, Center for Latin American Studies, International Center, Department of English, Department of Germanic & Slavic Studies, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, and the Department of African and Asian Languages and Literatures.

This program is being led by Roger Thompson (Linguistics) together with Franz Futterknecht (Germanic and Slavic Studies) and Gillian Lord (Romance Languages and Literatures).

For more information, please contact Nikki Kernaghan, Outreach Coordinator for the Center for European Studies and the Transnational Global Studies Center, at nikkik@ufic.ufl.edu or call at (352) 392-8203.

We welcome your input! Please visit us at 3340 Turlington Hall or call us at 392-8902.

Student News

Fall 2004 Courses

CES Courses

CLA 3930 Greece & Its European Context in the 20th Century

GRK 1130 Beginning Modern Greek 1

GRK 4300 Modern Greek Literature Since 1830

CPO 3614 East European Politics

HIS 3931 19th Century Intellectual & Cultural History

EUH 5934 Nationalism and Idea EU

PLW 4095 Polish 1

PLW 4905 The Absurd in Polish Literature & Theater

PLW 4905 Society & Culture in Poland

RUS 4930 Introduction to Hungarian I

SYA 4930 European Nationalism

FLAC Courses

GER 3332 Topics Film/Culture (with *GET 3200*)

FRE 3224 France & the European Union (with *FRE 3440*)

GRW 4905 Greece & Its European Context in the 20th Century (with *CLA 3930/POS 4931*)

Scholar's Corner

Mandy Warmington, a senior Sociology major with minors in Spanish and Criminology, is writing a thesis that investigates why the homicide rates in Spain are much lower than those in the United States. Warmington argues that, while the two countries have similar politico-economic systems, differences ranging from race relations and media outlets to family traditions and labor laws may contain clues as to their incongruent homicide rates. Specifically, Warmington focuses on the relationship between Spain's machismo and accepted forms of organized violence, such as bullfighting, and a lower crime rate. This, in turn, can lend valuable information to the United States because of a growing Hispanic population. She plans to continue her research in Spain, gathering qualitative data from focus group and individual interviews.

Jason Crockett, a MA/PhD student in modern European history, explores the development of liberal politics and national identity in the Habsburg Empire of the 1860s and 1870s, period of great political and economic restructuring. His current project examines the shaping of Austrian political thought in this period through newspaper essays by Ferdinand Kuernberger, Austrian author and political critic. Research indicates that the late Habsburg Empire nurtured a lively political forum, challenging preconceptions about an archaic Austrian political system. Also, it shows how the Habsburg Empire juggled the creation of a common identity, concession of some independence to its many constituent nations, and issues of unequal power leverage among them. Therefore, this project offers important clues as to problems one may expect during the current process of European integration, which faces some of the same challenges as the Habsburg Empire.

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 and 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 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 and Politics of the European Union," or "Beginning German III." Approximate cost is \$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 was January 30. For more information on this program, please contact the program coordinator, Glenn Kepic at 107 AAC or e-mail him at gkepic@advising.ufl.edu.

The Prague Summer Study Abroad Program: UF students will be studying at Charles v 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 member, Dr. Galina Rylkova. The program cost will include: tuition, accommodation, study material, local excursions, two field trips, UF International Center application deposit, and MEDEX emergency assistance insurance.



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