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FLAS Winners

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships are awarded to students combining graduate work in an academic discipline with European area and language studies. Fellowships are offered for any one of the lesser and least commonly taught European languages: Czech, Hungarian, Italian, Modern Greek, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, or Turkish. Each FLAS fellow receives \$15,000 stipend and tuition waiver for 12 credit hours.

Summer 2009 Recipients

- Lauren Cheek (Anthropology/Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian)
- Scott Feinstein (Political Science/Russian)
- Rachel Rothstein (History/Yiddish)
- Stuart Strome (Political Science/German)
- Tristan Vellinga (Political Science/Turkish)
- Charlotte Winters (Architecture/French)

Academic Year 2009–2010 Recipients

- Sarah Appleyard (Architecture/Italian)
- Scott Feinstein (Political Science/Russian)
- Johanna Mellis (History/Hungarian)
- J. Melissa Roby (History/Russian)
- Rachel Rothstein (History/Hungarian)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The CES is soliciting proposals for its Graduate Student Brownbag Series. UF graduate students in any discipline, whose research focuses on Europe (broadly defined), are encouraged to submit proposals. There is no deadline for submissions. Proposals will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Students whose proposals are selected will be invited to present their research at the weekly brownbag series on Wednesdays during 5th period. The CES provides sandwiches, chips, and sodas for the talks.

Proposals should consist of a short (150 words) description of the research project and its relevance to European studies and should be sent by e-mail to Petia Kostadinova (petiak@ufl.edu) or in hard copy to:

The CES Speakers Committee, Re: Graduate Student Brownbag Series,

3324 Turlington Hall, PO Box 117342,
Gainesville FL 32611-7342.

There will be one \$500 annual award for the best graduate brownbag paper. In order to be considered for the award, students whose proposals are selected for the series will be asked to also submit a research paper (on the topic of their brownbag talk). A hard copy of the paper will be due on the day of the presentation at the above address.



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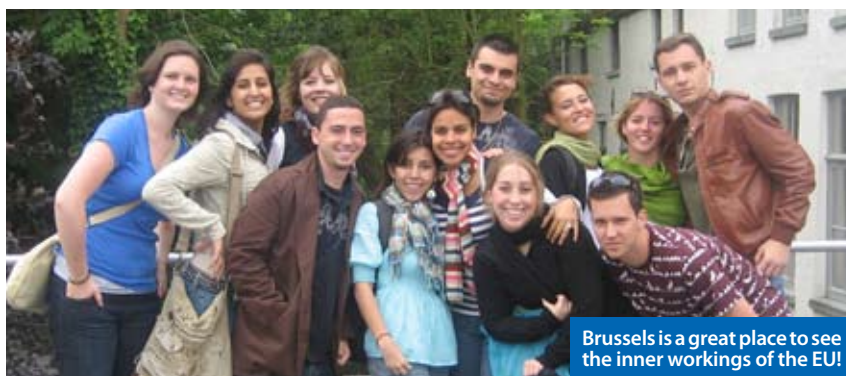
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Capstone Program in Brussels this Spring

The CES offers students an opportunity to earn 1-2 UF credits in Brussels, Belgium over Spring Break 2010. The Brussels Capstone program is intended to supplement the course EUS 4931/ POS 4931: *The History of Turkey and Europe, the Future of Turkey in the EU*. This course, which is taught by Dr. Amie Kreppel and Dr. Sinan Ciddi explores the challenges faced by the European Union through the experiences of the Turkish accession process. However, students wishing to participate in the program ARE NOT OBLIGED TO REGISTER FOR EUS4931/POS4931 (even though it is recommended).

During their week in Brussels, students will get to meet with representatives of Turkish business and cultural organizations, directly involved in promoting Turkish accession to the EU. Students will be responsible for collecting a variety of information, based on their meetings with the groups mentioned and also be asked to conduct face-to-face interviews with Turkish immigrants in the Turkish neighborhoods of Brussels.

Application deadline is January 20. Please apply online at: www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu

The CES Receives Grants From The Institute Of Turkish Studies

The CES Turkish Studies faculty member Sinan Ciddi was awarded two grants by the Institute of Turkish Studies—a Matching Lecture Series Grant, *Turkey and the West* and a Library Grant.

The topics to be covered in the lecture series include:

- Turkey and the US Strategic Partnership post 9/11
- Islamist Mobilization in Turkey: Causes and Implications
- Turkey and the EU: Past, Present, and Future
- Turkish European Experiences

The library grant will fund the purchase of over 50 books related to Turkish studies (contact Sinan Ciddi (sinanciddi@ufl.edu) if interested in reviewing the full list). These are a variety of classic and new texts. The books will be given to the UF Library.



New Grant From Jean Monnet

The CES received a new Jean Monnet Lifelong Learning Program Module Grant: *The History of Turkey and the EU, the Future of Turkey in the EU*. This is the third Jean Monnet Module grant received by the CES faculty. This course will be team taught by Professors Ciddi and Kreppel (beginning Spring 2010). It will functionally replace the previous module taught by Professors Kostadinova and Kreppel on EU enlargement (past 5 years). The Kostadinova-O'Dwyer module (Economic Integration) will continue to be offered.

New summer study abroad program in Istanbul, Turkey!

The CES has reached an agreement with Sabanci University in Istanbul to offer a study abroad program beginning summer 2010. Sabanci is one of Turkey's most highly regarded English speaking universities. Courses include "Survival Turkish" as well as a UF faculty taught course, "Turkey's European Ambition" and additional courses taught by Sabanci University faculty.

Istanbul, as modern Turkey's largest and most vibrant city, offers students the opportunity to immerse themselves in thousands of years of history, while at the same time to study in the continents of both Europe and Asia. The city is vast and offers diversity in lifestyles, entertainment, and cultural richness.

All area studies courses will include Turkish and other

international students, thus maximizing the multi-cultural learning experience.

The program will work to engage and focus student's attention towards a deeper understanding of Turkey's pending European Union membership in the context of Turkey's history and unique role as intermediary between the West and the Middle East. The program will be

especially beneficial to students who are interested in comprehending the challenges of EU enlargement for both Turkey and the EU as a whole, in addition to those who would like to see how a democratic system functions within a predominantly Muslim country.



Mary Somerville
Self Portrait

Brown Bag Award Winner

The CES awarded Michal Meyer with this year's Graduate Student Brown Bag Best Paper Award. Her talk was titled *Speaking for Nature: Approaches to Empire and Nature in Nineteenth-Century Britain*.

Michal says, "The nineteenth century saw a boom in the public culture of science. A focus on self-improvement, increasing literacy, and a growing supply of inexpensive books all fed this boom. Within this culture, Mary Somerville found a niche in writing about science. In my talk I focused on only one of Somerville's books, *Physical Geography*, which was first published

in 1848 and went through several editions, the last in 1877. I looked at this work through three different lenses: landscape, conduct, and the public and private. In the book, Somerville connected Romanticism, imperialism, industry, and science.

"I used my Brown Bag award to pay the registration at the XXIII International Congress of History of Science and Technology. The panel organizers intend to produce an edited collection of which my expanded paper will form a part. The rest of the award was used to pay for books relating to science in the nineteenth century."

MINI LANGUAGE LESSON

What are you doing tonight?

Czech: Co dnes večer děláš?

Greek: Τι κάνεις απόψε;

Hungarian: Mit csinálsz ma este?

Polish: Co robisz dzisiaj wieczorem?

Turkish: Bu akşam ne yapacaksın?

SAY THIS:

Tso d'ness vay-chair dyeh-lash?

Ti kanis apopse

Meet chee-nas mah esh-teh?

Tso roh-beesh jee-shy vee-ehch-orehm?

Bu ac-sham nee yap-ha-jac-sen?

Engaging Migration IN EUROPE



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme

The CES is entering its final semester of events for the project Engaging Migration in Europe, which is sponsored by the EU Commission and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence. Coming up are an interdisciplinary mini-workshop, which will bring key international scholars to

UF, a teacher workshop, a public lecture, and a photo exhibit. (See schedule of upcoming events). The overall objective of this initiative is to promote the development of new research and expand general awareness about issues related to EU and transatlantic migration.

Check the CES webpage (www.ces.ufl.edu/JMCE) for scheduled events. For further information, please contact the coordinators of the program: Dr. Esther Romeyn (esromeyn@ufl.edu) and Dr. Maria Stoilkova (stoilkov@ufl.edu).

Iron Curtain Series



AUDIO-VISUAL COLLECTION, RONALD REAGAN LIBRARY

Hoisting babies up so that family members separated by the wall could see.

The CES series, FROM THE IRON CURTAIN TO THE EU: 20 YEARS AFTER 1989, is part of a campus-wide commemoration of the collapse of communism which began symbolically and literally with the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989. The aftermath of the Cold War and its effect on Europe and the European Union are particularly emphasized in this series. Three or more scholars will each present a public talk.

For up to the minute event information, check the brand new website at www.ces.ufl.edu/iron_curtain.

The CES is co-sponsoring a series of events with German Studies and the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures called The Fall of the Wall, which includes a film series, symposium, and writing contest. Go to www.languages.ufl.edu/events/wall, for details.

The CES is also working with the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art on their *Project Europa* series. See their website, www.harn.ufl.edu, for program information.

JMCE Visiting Scholar Program

Each academic year, as part of the commitment to the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (JMCE), the CES produces an academic workshop with internationally known experts. The CES also sponsors a visiting scholar.

The scholar this year will be Sergio Fabbrini from University of Trento, Italy. He will be here in mid-March and will give public talks

in addition to teaching an intensive 2-week special topics course on understanding the European Union in a comparative context, which will culminate in a one-day workshop on the same topic.

Recently, Fabbrini has worked on the role of Italy within the EU, the Europeanization of Italian institutions and policies, the implications

of European integration, and on the Italian political crisis in the beginning of the 1990s. He co-directed international research on conflicts of interest in established democracies, financed by the Pew Foundation and the University of California at Berkeley in 2005.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A major event for the Spring semester is the **Greatest Show on Campus** Language Event on January 7 from 11 am–1 pm on the Reitz Union Colonnade. The now famous 5-minute language lessons will be offered in many

different languages. There are 27 languages taught at UF. This is a perfect opportunity to bring them together under one tent so that students can experience each one in a fun and interactive way.

The CES is working with Asian Studies to coordinate the event, which will be complete with performers and refreshments. To sign up to give mini language lessons (for 15 minutes), please contact Gail Keeler at gkskeeler@ufl.edu

Turkey & The West Series

All events are in Pugh Hall Ocora at 7 p.m.

October 29: *Contradictions of Islam and Secularism in Turkey*, Jenny White, Boston University

January 28: *Reading the Residues*, Zeynep Korkman, University of California, Santa Barbara and screening of documentary film *Coffee Futures* by Zeynep Gürsel, University of Michigan

February 16: Talk: *Turkey's Politics and the EU Accession Process*, William Hale, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

March 18: *Issues in US-Turkish Relations*, Akin Unver, University of Michigan

Engaging Migration In Europe Series

October 15, 6 PM, Dauer 215: *Spiritualities in Circulation: Faith, Migration, and the Social Construction of the Global Islamic Ummah*, Kristen Ghodsee, Bowdoin College

From The Iron Curtain To The EU: 20 Years After 1989 Series

November 19, 7PM, Pugh Hall Ocora: *Church and State Since 1989*, Anna Grzymala-Busse, University of Michigan

... And Even More Things to Do

November 18, 3PM, MUB144: *Music, German Modernism, and the Past*, Walter Frisch, Columbia University

November 20, 11AM–1PM, Reitz Union Colonnade: *Translate THIS!* language game show pits students against each other to identify simple phrases in different languages. Also 5-Minute Language Lessons.

December 5, 6PM, Keene Faculty Center Dauer Hall: *Wigilia*, Polish holiday celebration

January 21–February 25: *Collapse of Communism* series at the Institute of Learning in Retirement

February 9, Harn Museum: *Imagining the (Im)possible* art exhibit opening

February 10, 9:30AM, Harn Museum: *The Transatlantic Relationship: Past, Present and Future*, Amie Kreppel for the Retired Faculty of Florida

A poster for the 'TURKEY & THE WEST' lecture series. It features a silhouette of a city skyline with minarets. The text includes:

- ISLAMIST MOBILIZATION IN TURKEY**
CONTRADICTIONS OF ISLAM AND SECULARISM IN TURKEY
Jenny White, Boston Univ.
OCTOBER 29, 2009 @ 7 PM
PUGH HALL OCORA
- TURKISH EUROPEAN EXPERIENCES**
READING THE RESIDUES
Zeynep Korkman, Univ. of California, Santa Barbara
& DOCUMENTARY FILM
COFFEE FUTURES by Zeynep Gürsel, Univ. of Michigan
JANUARY 28, 2010 @ 7 PM
PUGH HALL OCORA
- TURKEY & THE EU**
TURKEY'S POLITICS AND THE EU ACCESSION PROCESS
William Hale, School of Oriental & African Studies, Univ. of London
FEBRUARY 16, 2010 @ 7 PM
PUGH HALL OCORA
- TURKEY & THE U.S. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**
ISSUES IN U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS
Akin Unver, Univ. of Michigan
MARCH 18, 2010 @ 7 PM
PUGH HALL OCORA

At the bottom, it says 'SPONSORED BY THE CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES AND A GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF TURKISH STUDIES. FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. WWW.CES.UF.EDU'.

RECENT EVENTS

The CES held the sixth **Language Teacher Summer Institute** the last two weeks in July. Teachers from 10 counties across the state learned new foreign language pedagogy methods in the mornings and then had afternoon lab instruction in updating their technology skills for the classroom. Instructors Gillian Lord and Christina Overstreet taught the intensive course. Several of the teachers said it was the most useful workshop they had ever taken.

István Hegedüs, from Budapest, talked about Hungary: *Twenty Years after the Regime-Change, Five Years after EU Accession* to a crowd of 125. This was the first talk in the *From the Iron Curtain to the EU: 20 years after 1989* series.

Hegedüs served as a member of the Hungarian Parliament from 1990–1994 and was a participant at the Hungarian political negotiations about the democratic transition in 1989.

Six films *Spare Parts, Fraulein, Inch' Allah Dimanche, La Haine, Breaking and Entering, and Hop* were shown in September and October at the Hippodrome State Theater as part of the Engaging Migration in Europe series.

Petia Kostadinova gave a talk to both the Downtown Rotary Club of Gainesville and the Kiwanis Club of the University City on "European Economic Integration."

CEAS & Study Abroad

The application deadline for International Center summer scholarships is February 5. The CES scholarship application deadline is February 26.

Application deadlines for study abroad programs vary.

Check the CES Study Abroad website for up-to-date information <www.ces.ufl.edu/abroad>.

Benefits of the CES sponsored programs:

- Students receive UF GPA credit for courses taught by UF faculty and transfer credit for all other courses
- CLAS students satisfy their 9-credit summer requirement by taking just 6 credits in the CES-sponsored program
- Students satisfy their International ("N") credit by living in Europe

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UF in Kraków & Wrocław, Poland

The capital of Poland for almost 500 years, Kraków boasts one of the best-preserved medieval city centers in Europe, while offering a lively, contemporary social and cultural life. Wrocław, the "Polish Venice," is a city of islands and bridges located at the geographic and commercial crossroads of Europe. The city enjoys a thriving arts life and a vibrant youth culture.

Students will spend four weeks in Kraków studying Polish language and culture at Jagiellonian University. They will also meet for an interdisciplinary humanities seminar taught by UF faculty that begins in Kraków and continues in Wrocław for the final two weeks of the program. Both cities will be used as the "classroom" providing a living context for the literature, history, architecture, film and art discussed in the course.



UF in Brussels, Belgium

Brussels is the unofficial capital of Europe hosting the headquarters of the EU institutions as well as literally hundreds of related organizations. A primary goal of the program is to introduce students to life in Europe today through examination of the EU. Courses may include visits to the major EU institutions and guest speakers from those institutions to discuss current events like enlargement of the EU, the common currency (the Euro), and the evolving transatlantic relationship between the EU and USA.

UF students participating in the program will be able to partake fully in student life at Vesalius College, an English language international college within the Dutch speaking Belgian Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB). Unless previously discussed and approved by the Program Director, all students must take a 3-unit course, EUS 4950 EU in the World (topic varies by year).

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UF in Prague, Czech Republic

Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. Built on seven hills along the banks of Vltava river, the city is not only a cultural and architectural museum of the Middle Ages but also a vibrant cosmopolitan meeting place, home to Kafka, Kundera, and Mozart. Prague has a special Old World charm. The whole inner city is a protected area with hundreds of ancient houses, palaces and churches offering many opportunities for scenic walks. Museums, concert halls, and theaters are easily accessible to students, as are student clubs, numerous cafés, cafeterias and restaurants.

Students combine an academic curriculum with an in-country cultural experience. Czech language instruction is also available for those interested (but not required). Non-degree and non-UF students also welcome!



UF in Salzburg, Austria

The Salzburg Summer Program is a six-week summer overseas studies experience open to UF and non-UF students. The program will include courses in Music and European Studies, and students can earn up to 6 credit hours that will count towards University of Florida summer requirement.

Instruction is in English, except for the German language class. Even though the Salzburg European Studies program is perfect for History and Political Science majors, and those students who want to complete the introductory

German language sequence, it is available to students of all majors. The Music department offers a component with studio and music history courses. All courses are offered through the Salzburg College.

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UF in Istanbul, Turkey

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Faculty And Staff News

After graduating from UF with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a minor in European Union Studies, **Jessi Axe**, a valued CES volunteer, will serve in the Peace Corps. Jessi's intention is to be invited to a program that helps small scale farmers in Western Africa learn to grow and sell their crops. This two year commitment will allow her to utilize her French speaking skills and learn a new local African language.

Graduate Assistant **Georgia Bianchi's** article proposal, "Italiani Nuovi o Nuova Italia? Citizenship and attitudes towards the second generation in contemporary Italy" has been accepted for inclusion in a special (double) issue of the *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, to be published in 2011.

Ceyla Eralp is the CES' new Turkish Fulbright Scholar. She graduated from the English Language Teaching Department of Education in Çukurova University, Adana. She has been an instructor at the University of Gaziantep, Higher School of Foreign Languages since 2006. She is teaching Beginning Turkish.

Magda Giurcanu, a CES graduate student, was a recipient of the Haas Fellowship offered by the European Union Studies Association. She also received a Ruth McQuown Scholarship Award

for Outstanding Female Students to conduct fieldwork in Europe. Most of the summer was spent in Europe collecting data on European Parliament (EP) elections. Incipient results on EP elections were presented at the Romanian Fellows Camp, Soros Romanian Foundation, in Bucharest, June 12-13 and at the Western US Graduate Research Workshop on the European Union in Boulder, Colorado June 18-19. In September, with the help of two travel grants from the American Political Science Association (APSA) and from the Graduate Student Council at UF, she participated at the APSA Annual Meeting in Toronto, where she presented a poster on "Institutional Power and Democracy in the Post-Communist Region" and served as a discussant for the panel *Post-Communist Identity Politics*. In Spring 2010, she will teach "Public Opinion and Elections in the EU".

Branislav Kovalcik is the CES' newest lecturer. He will teach "Central Europe: 1850 to Present" this spring. He also was awarded an Academic Department Support Certification as part of the UF HR's PRO3 Series.

Dietmar Schirmer is from the DAAD, the German Academic Exchange Service. He will teach and do research at UF for a year. He will teach "Citizenship and Migration in Europe."

His current research projects are "The Beautiful State: Architecture and Political Authority in Europe since the Renaissance" and "States and National Minorities in the European Union: How does Brussels Shape Attitudes towards Autonomy and Secession."

Administrative Coordinator **Felissa Scott** has relocated to Salt Lake City, Utah. We appreciated her promptness and accuracy with our financial dealings. Taking her place is **Sarah Spaid Ishida**, who has stepped up from her position as the CES program assistant. Sarah has already had training for the position. She is looking forward to working more closely with CES faculty and staff. Welcome, Sarah!

Ioannis Ziogas is a new CES graduate assistant working in the CES front office. He is a PhD student in the Department of Political Science. His academic interests include causes of interstate conflict, environmental politics, and decision-making process theories. He completed his undergraduate studies in Greece and has obtained an MA in International Studies from the University of Sheffield, UK, before working for the Greek Permanent Representation to the EU, as an intern to the Environmental Attaché.



Alex Karnazes holds a cake he designed to thank the CES for his experience as a TA for Tom Kostopolous.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Student clubs associated with the CES meet regularly and are open to new student members. The clubs are: EU Club, Polish Student Association, Hungarian Club, Czech and Slovak Student Association, Greek American Students Association, Bulgarian Club, and the Esperanto Club. Links to all these clubs are at www.union.ufl.edu/involvement/search

The Rotary Foundation offers scholarships for study abroad. These awards are "intended to (1) afford international experience to awardees and to all contacts they make, and (2) promote peace and international understanding through individual contacts." Go to www.rotary6970.org and click on "Ambassadorial Scholarships."

Put your foreign language skills to work! Peace Corps has programs in Eastern Europe in youth development and education. Contact Amy Panikowski at peacecorps@ufl.edu for more information.