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Message from the Director

As interim Director between our founder, Amie Kreppel (Political Science), and our future Director, Alice Freifeld (History), I (also History) will continue the tradition of developing European Studies at UF in coordination with other centers, groups and organizations on campus and in our community. In the second year of our Title VI renewal grant, and in spite of some serious federal budget cuts, we are able to continue our support for faculty and graduate students in European Studies with course development grants, summer research and travel money, and the sponsorship of workshops and visiting speakers. We will also continue to give Foreign Languages Area Studies Grants.

This fall the International Studies Major, which offers a concentration in European Studies, is up and running. Undergraduates interested in pursuing this wonderful new opportunity should contact Tamir Sorek, Associate Professor of Sociology, and the academic advisor for this program (tsorek@ufl.edu). Thanks to an agreement signed with CLAS this September, students at UF now have the opportunity to study at the University of Warsaw for a semester or a full academic year starting this spring of 2012. Students can receive UF credit to study both Polish and a wide range of classes, in English, in almost every conceivable discipline. Anyone interested should contact our UF contact person and new CES faculty member in Polish studies, Anna Muller (anmuller@ufl.edu).

We will be continuing our popular cooking classes, and are making preliminary plans for our VIVA EUROPE! event for the spring. We are hard at work on an outreach initiative expanding

upon the already existing dual enrollment program that allows local high school students to enroll at UF. We will be working with local guidance counselors to encourage more local high school students to take advantage of the wide range of language courses available at UF thanks to the existence of the Title VI Centers.

My main goal for the year is to continue to nourish the community of scholars here at UF whose interests intersect in Europe—not only materially, through all of our grants, but also intellectually, by providing opportunities for those of us in diverse departments and colleges to meet each other, share work, and have productive conversations. To that end we will continue our brown bag series; this weekly forum gives graduate students from across the university the opportunity to present their research. The student who gives the best talk will receive a \$500 award in research and travel funds. Our speakers' committee is also accepting

proposals for visiting scholars: we especially encourage faculty members to consider ways to organize workshops that involve themselves, their students, as well as outside scholars. This spring I will be organizing such a workshop on postwar Europe, in which faculty from the Departments of History and of Languages, Literatures & Cultures will be involved.

I look forward to working with everyone in the community interested in pursuing

European Studies. If we haven't met yet, if you haven't yet figured out how to have our center help you in your research, please stop by and let's start having that conversation.

—Sheryl Kroen



UPCOMING EVENTS

Let's Get Cooking!

The CES is planning a new series of cooking classes for Fall and Spring. Last year, the classes were very popular and there were some people who attended each class! For the coming year, the CES has lined up **Georgia Bianchi, Jessica Lancia, Lia Merivaki and Koralia Ziogas, Edith Kaan, Richard Sher and Aida Hozic, and Geraldine Nichols.** Italian, German, Greek, Dutch, French, and Catalan recipes will be showcased. For those of you who have taken the Italian and Greek lessons last year, these classes feature totally different recipes.

The \$25 fee covers all food and the CES cookbook, *A Taste of Europe*, in addition to a prepared appetizer and a sit down dinner to enjoy the food created by the class.

Pre-registration is required at www.takeawaygourmet4u.com. Classes are held at 6:00-8:30 pm at the Take Away Gourmet at 3345 SW 34th Street, at the corner of 34th and Archer Road, in the back of the plaza behind Carrabba's.

Here's the schedule:

- October 13: Italian food with Georgia Bianchi
- November 16: German food with Jessica Lancia
- November 30: Greek food with Lia Merivaki and Koralia Ziogas
- January 23: Dutch food with Edith Kaan
- February 9: French food with Richard Sher and Aida Hozic
- April 16: Catalan food with Geraldine Nichols



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Global Challenges of International Sales Law Conference

On November 11 and 12, the UF Center for International Business Education & Research and the Warrington College of Business Administration will host a Conference on the Impact, Problems, and Issues relating to the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). Sponsors include the CES, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), and the Institute for International Commercial Law (Pace University). The conference will bring together 35 scholars, practitioners, and representatives of international organizations from 20 countries to present papers in their areas of specialized expertise. This conference will provide information on multiple levels—understanding the rules of the CISG, the application of the CISG by signatory countries, theoretical insights, and its use by international transactional attorneys.

For more info, go to <http://conferences.dce.ufl.edu/SalesLaw/default.aspx?page=842>

The CES wants you...

to win \$500 and present your research at the Graduate Student Brown Bag Series

The CES would like to offer graduate students in any discipline, the opportunity to give a talk about his or her research. The CES provides the audience; the speaker gets good feedback. The talk must have some European connection, interpreted in a broad sense. Talks are scheduled for Wednesdays at 11:45 am in TUR 3312.

A \$500 prize will be awarded to the student presenting the best talk of the academic year. Submit a 150-word proposal by email to Gail Keeler at gskeeler@ufl.edu and the speaker's committee will respond.

RECENT EVENTS

The Language Teacher Summer Institute (LTSI) was attended by 11 middle and high school foreign language teachers this past July. The



two-week, technology-intensive course is one of the best ways for teachers to learn the latest technological advances that can improve their teaching skills and outcomes. The hands-on class typically gets the very highest ratings with comments such as, "The information I learned will help me achieve completion of integrating technology into my lessons and tasks for students. The LTSI program has helped me become a 21st century education professional. Thank you."

The CES also tabled at both the Major and Minor Fair and the Study Abroad Fair. Jim Robbins and faculty spoke to lots of students about our programs.



VIVA EUROPE!

A very big event is being planned for April 7, 2012 called **VIVA EUROPE!** This one-day festival will promote awareness of many aspects of the European culture, including food, music, dance, art, and languages. The University of Florida and Santa Fe College will collaborate to bring this international learning opportunity to the Gainesville and north Florida community.

The goal of this event is for the public to increase their appreciation and understanding of the diversity represented in our community through presentations and exhibits by student and community groups along with professional performers. The day will be highlighted with exciting dance and musical performances, culminating in a major act that people won't want to miss. Admission will be free.

VIVA EUROPE! will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2012 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Bo Diddley Downtown Plaza in Gainesville.

With the CES, collaborating organizations are the University of Florida International Center, the University of Florida Department of Astronomy, Santa Fe College International Education Office, and Santa Fe College Multicultural Student Center. The Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies has pledged its support as well.

VIVA EUROPE! is now seeking food vendors, performers, student groups, community groups, and event sponsors for the festival. Call Gail Keeler at 392-8902 x 211 for more information.

Student Club News

This is the time of year when the student clubs are planning activities for the semester. Take a look at these clubs.

The University of Florida **Polish Student Association** is a brand new club and will have their first meeting on October 25. They are on facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/221188624606533/>. Write to **Klaudia Gryfik** at klaudiagryfik@yahoo.com for more info.

The **Czech and Slovak Connection**, another brand new student group will have their first meeting on Tuesday October 11 at 7:30 pm in Matherly 0004. Write **Ondrej Moravec** at bigevil_ondra@yahoo.com for info. The main purpose is to meet other people and establish connections for the future, with the possibility of everyone learning something about the Czech and Slovak cultures. Check out the facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/100209200087686/>.

For more information about the **EU Club**, write **Teodora Latinska** at tedi529@ufl.edu. Check out their facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=6345064165>.

Join the **UF Hungarian Club** in a volleyball game on Sundays! Contact president **Ashley Tanay** at avtanay@ufl.edu or look at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/21452516821/>.

DONATE TO CES

On the navigation bar on the CES webpage you will find a red DONATE button. By clicking on this, you will be taken directly to the University Foundation page where you can donate any amount to the Center for its programming. It's as simple as clicking a mouse.

Faculty, Staff, & Student News

For AY 2011-12, CES Assistant Director **Sinan Ciddi** has been appointed as the Executive Director of the Institute of Turkish Studies (ITS), based at Georgetown University, Washington DC. ITS is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the development of Turkish Studies throughout the United States. Since 1983, it has developed and maintained a generous annual grants program, helping institutions, scholars and students further their knowledge on Turkey across the disciplines. Dr. Ciddi can be contacted via email at sinanciddi@turkishstudies.org and interested persons should browse the pages of www.turkishstudies.org. Grants include and are not limited to library acquisitions grants, lecture series and/or conference grants, as well as dissertation writing and summer language grants.

Congratulate former Gator and member of the UF Hungarian Club, **Csaba Gercsak**, on his win in the 25K open water swim at the FINA World Swimming Championships in Shanghai. Ten of the 29 swimmers dropped out of the race due to extreme heat, but Gercsak stuck it out for just over 5 hours to win the bronze medal. Go Gercsak!

Doctoral candidate **Magda Giurcanu** received the Association for Academic Women's Madelyn Lockhart Dissertation Fellowship Award and the Emerging Scholar Finalist Award from the Women's Studies Department. Her dissertation is titled "*Do European Parliament Elections Matter? European Electoral Characteristics and National Party Systems' Fragmentation in EU Member States.*"

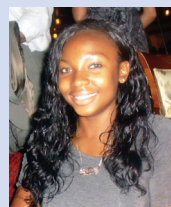
On September 24, former UF student and member of the UF Hungarian Club, **Maria Mamah**, performed on the Hungarian talent show, X-Faktor. See her on youtube here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3FivpMcK-w>.

The CES front office is ably covered this year by **Buket Oztas**. She is a second-year Ph.D. student in the Political Science Department/Comparative Politics field. She got her B.A. in Global and International Affairs from SUNY Binghamton and Bilkent University in Ankara/Turkey. The CES is glad to have her smiling face be seen by visitors when they first walk into the office.



Senior **Lauren Parater** is currently interning at the Public Affairs Department at the US Mission to the European Union in Brussels, Belgium. She will be in charge of the EU Stagiaires Conference for the fall season and working directly with press, programs, and information for the mission. The ten week interning program is through the US State Department and is designed to give students the opportunity to experience working in a foreign affairs environment. Lauren is a fourth year Political Science Major and European Union Studies minor who studied abroad in Brussels, Belgium with CES in 2010.

Brittney Peak is a work-study student employee at CES this year. She is a first year biology student from South Florida who wants to pursue a career



in pharmacy. She is new to Gainesville but would like to get involved in organizations available on campus. Traveling and exploring different cultures around the world fascinates her and she plans to study abroad before she graduates. But overall she loves to experience new things.

The new CES Executive Director is **James Robbins**. Jim comes to the CES from the University of California-Los Angeles where he gained extensive experience as a University Administrator. He holds graduate degrees in modern European history and speaks fluent German and Swedish. In addition to his administrative tasks, Jim will provide academic advising to undergraduate students.



Osman Sahin teaches Turkish language classes as a Fulbright scholar. He studied English Language Teaching at Gazi University in Ankara and earned a bachelor's degree in 2006. He then taught English at a vocational high school for three years and last spring he started teaching English at a University in an eastern city of Turkey.



Osman says, "It has been almost a month since I came here but I still feel awkward sometimes. Everything is so different and so new... and I just started to learn a new Language: Turkish! I've been enjoying the beautiful bike trails and waiting for an alligator to show up and say 'welcome!'"

Tidbits

Visit the Center's facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/ces.ufl> or look up Center for European Studies at the University of Florida

The final project talks for Conor O'Dwyer's EUS 4212: European Economic Integration: Politics and Policy class were filmed and can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/cesuf>.