The European Union Constitution and the Future of Europe: Convention, Constitution, Impasse and Approval

April 15-16-17, 2004

This conference is organized by the Miami European Union Center,

a partnership between the University of Miami and Florida International University, sponsored by the European Commission.

The organizing theme of the conference is the European Union Constitutional Treaty with particular emphasis on the following sub-topics:

- a historical background: enlargement and institutional reform
- juridical content of the draft: constitutional differences and similarities
- the impasse: interpreting the causes
- predicting the future outcome
- the view from the Americas and Europe
Thursday, April 15, 2004

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Pre-Conference Workshop: “Spain in the Constitutional Debate: Before and After the March 14 Elections”

Location: 126 Ferré Building

7:30pm

Welcome dinner

Location: To be announced

Friday, April 16, 2004

9:00am

Welcome: Richard Williamson, Chair, Department of International Studies, University of Miami

Ralph Clem, Director of the Miami European Union Center, Florida International University

Joaquín Roy, Director of the Miami European Union Center, University of Miami

Location: Cuban Heritage Collection Board Room, Richter Library, 2nd Floor

***All sessions and events will be held in the Cuban Heritage Collection Board Room, Richter, Library, 2nd Floor unless otherwise specifically noted***
9:00 am – 10:15 am

Session 1:  
*Identity and the Nature of the EU*

Panel Chair: **Caroline Bradley**, University of Miami

**Markus Thiel**, University of Miami  
“The Constitution and the Citizens – (Not) Much Ado About Nothing?”

**Joaquín Roy**, University of Miami  
“One of a kind?”

**Albert Galinsoga**, University of Lleida  
“The EU as a juridical entity”

10:15 am – 11:30 am

Session 2:  
*Treaty or Constitution?*

Panel Chair: **Louise Davidson-Schmich**, University of Miami

**Carlos Hakannson**, University de Piura, Peru  
“Constitutional Patterns of the EU”

**Andreu Olesti**, University of Barcelona  
“Treaties and Constitutions”

**José Ignacio Martínez-Estay**, University de los Andes, Chile  
“Reflections on the EU’s Constitutional Treaty”

11:30 am - 11:45 am

Break

11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Session 3:  
*Regional Integration and the Model of the EU*

Panel Chair: **Pedro Gomis-Porqueras**, University of Miami

**Josep Acosta**, University of Girona  
“International Law and the EU Constitution”

**Francesc Granell**, University of Barcelona  
“The Economic Stability Pact”

**Aimee Kanner**, University of Miami  
“The EU Constitution: Considerations for MERCOSUR and the Andean Community”
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Lunch

Introduction: **Ambler Moss**, University of Miami

Speaker: **Roger Goebel**, Fordham University
“The EU in Transition: Enlargement in Sight, Constitution in Doubt”

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Session 4: *The EU enlargement: Challenges and Power*

Panel Chair: **Felipe Agüero**, University of Miami

**Alejandro Chanona**, UNAM, Mexico
“EU enlargement: challenges”

**Nuray Ibryamova**, University of Miami
“Why Enlargement?”

**José Ignacio Torreblanca**, UNED Madrid
“The Distribution of Power in an Enlarged Union”

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Session 4: *Foreign Policy and Defense*

Panel Chair: **Bruce Bagley**, University of Miami

**Roberto Domínguez Rivera**, University of Miami
“The Constitutionalization of EU Foreign Policy”

**Nanette Neuwahl**, University of Montreal
“Echternach in Reverse? Unity vs. Diversity in EU Foreign Relations Law “

**Gabriela Marin-Thorton**, University of Miami
“Security and Defense”

**Francisco Aldecoa**, Complutense University of Madrid
“Foreign Policy in the EU Constitution”
8:00 pm

Dinner

Location: Holiday Inn (South Dixie Highway, across University of Miami)

Key note speaker: Rudolf Geiger, University of Leipzig, Germany
“The German Fundamental Law and the EU Constitution”

8:30 am

Working Breakfast

Workshop for Jean Monnet professors

7:30 pm

Closing Dinner in honor of Sven Kunst Von Burgssdoff, Head of the Delegation of the European Commission in Havana, Cuba

Location: TBA

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