



Institute for European Union Studies at SUNY Annual Conference

The Future of Europe
April 12-13, 2024

Hosted by SUNY Buffalo State University

Friday, April 12

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Buffalo City Hall Briefing in Council Chamber

65 Niagara Square

Briefing at Buffalo City Hall by Buffalo City Common Council President, the Honorable Chris Scanlon. Tour observation deck.

If staying at the Best Western on the Avenue, we will leave the BW on foot for City Hall at 9:30 a.m. Otherwise, arrive at City Hall by 10 a.m. The briefing will begin in the Common Council Chamber. Attire is business casual. Wear comfortable shoes.

2:00– 4:00 p.m.

Conference Check-in

Registration Table -

located outside of the Campbell Student Union, Social Hall

Campus Parking Permits Not Required

4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Keynote Speaker

Campbell Student Union – Social Hall

Mr. Ryan Meilak

Head of Outreach-Congressional Liaison

European Parliament – Washington, D.C.

includes Q & A

Saturday, April 13

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Service

Caudell Hall Lounge (near elevator)

9:30 -10:30 a.m.

The William Andrews Lecture

Caudell Hall 233

Introduced by Greg Rabb, IEUSS Board Chair

Dr. Włodzimierz Batóg (University of Warsaw, Poland)

“Mentality of the Invasion: Why Russia Rolled into Ukraine in the 21st Century: A Psychological and Sociopolitical Point of View”

11:15 - 11:55 a.m.

Plenary – Expert Witnesses

Bulger Lecture Hall 217

Raymond Rushboldt (Moderator, SUNY Fredonia University)

Panelists:

Dr. Włodzimierz Batóg (University of Warsaw, Poland)

Carolyn Dudek (Hofstra University)

Mert Kartal (St. Lawrence University)

Ryan Meilak (European Parliament)

Amy Forster Rothbart (Hartwick College)

12:00-1:00 p.m.

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Bengal Kitchen

Campbell Student Union

1:30-2:45 p.m.

The European Union: Year in Review

Moderator: Laurie Buonanno

Panelists

Carolyn Dudek (Hofstra University)

Mert Kartal (St. Lawrence University)

Ryan Meilak (European Parliament)

Caudell Hall 233

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Conference Dinner

Hosted by IEUSS at Giacobbi’s Cucina Citta

59 Allen Street, Buffalo - corner of Franklin Street

Bios of Presenters

Włodzimierz Batóg, PhD is Professor of History at the American Studies Center of the University of Warsaw where he specializes in World and European History after 1945 and teaches American History and Culture. Dr. Batóg is a Kościuszko Foundation Canisius and Damen Universities Visiting Scholar.

Laurie Buonanno, PhD is Professor of Political Science & Public Administration at SUNY Buffalo State University and is IEUSS Director. She is PI for Buffalo State's Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Module.

Carolyn Dudek, PhD is Department Chair and Professor of Political Science at Hofstra University where she coordinates the European Studies Program and is PI and Campus Coordinator for Hofstra's Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Module. Dr. Dudek's current research focuses on EU's antidiscrimination policy, including Antisemitism Policy.

Mert Kartal, PhD is Associate Professor of Government at St. Lawrence University where his research focuses on international organizations and good governance.

Ryan Meilak is Head of Outreach-Congressional Liaison European Parliament – Washington, D.C. Ryan has been a resident fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States, and a European Parliament Fellow at the George Mason University.

Greg Rabb is IEUSS Board Chair. Greg was one of the founding faculty advisers of SUNYMEC (as SUNYMEU was then called) and is Professor Emeritus, SUNY Jamestown Community College. In his "retirement," he is Field Services Coordinator for Preservation Buffalo Niagara.

Amy Forster Rothbart is Associate Professor of Political Science and Coordinator of the First Year FlightPath Experience, Hartwick College. Dr. Rothbart specializes in comparative politics and international relations, including Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies.

Raymond Rushboldt, MA is Lecturer at SUNY Fredonia. He has served as both Director and Co-Director of SUNYMEU and is a long-time member of the IEUSS Board of Directors.

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