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The 36th Annual SUNY MODEL EUROPEAN UNION

March 30-April 1, 2023

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116 East 55th Street
New York City

Welcome to the SUNY Global Center!

Welcome to the IEUSS 2023 SUNY Model European Union (SUNYMEU) back again live and in person in the beautiful SUNY Global Center in NYC. This is an exciting opportunity to actively learn about the European Union by “being” the European Union led by our student directors. SUNYMEU, established in 1988 as the original SUNY Model European Community as it was then called, is looking forward to several intensive days of collaboration and learning. We are delighted to meet with you and work with you.

Sally Crimmins Villela, Associate Vice-Chancellor, SUNY Office of Global Affairs

Gregory Rabb, Board Chair, Institute for European Union Studies at SUNY

Thursday March 30

3:00– 4:00 p.m.

Conference Check-in (Lobby)

Coffee Service
Global Classroom Reception Area

4:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Opening Ceremony

Global Classroom

Master & Mistress of Ceremonies
SUNYMEU 2023
Graduate Student Directors
Tirzah Peters & Derek Smith

Dr. Gregory Rabb
Board Chair
Institute for European Union Studies at
SUNY

Ms. Sally Crimmins Villela
Associate Vice Chancellor
SUNY Office of Global Affairs

4:45 – 5:45 p.m.

Keynote Speaker

His Excellency Ambassador Olof Skoog
Head of the European Union Delegation to the United
Nations in New York
Followed by Q & A

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner
Global Classroom Reception Area

7:15-8:00 p.m. **SUNYMEU 2023 Officially Opens**

Global Classroom

The General Secretariat opens SUNYMEU to answer “housekeeping” questions. The SUNYMEU Student Leadership Team (SLT) – the Council Presidency (Sweden), the European Council President, the European Commission President, and the High Representative/VP of the Commission – introduce themselves. The Swedish Presidency announces the general rules of debate and presents the four agenda items to be debated and by which functional group (European Council, Foreign Affairs Council (FAC), EcoFin Council, and Coreper II).

The President of the European Parliament makes a speech laying out the EP’s position on each of the agenda items.

Member States that have submitted alternative proposals are invited to present their proposals.

The General Secretariat conducts a vote on the alternative agenda items the delegates wish to discuss should their committee achieve consensus on their assigned agenda item on or before the Saturday morning session.

(Please see your conference packet for a copy of the agenda items, explanation of agenda items, and the alternative agenda items. The agenda is also downloadable from the SUNYMEU 2023 website.)

Followed by organizational meetings from 8:00-8:30 p.m. as follows:
European Council (Global Classroom), FAC (Tiered Classroom), Ecofin (Seminar Room 303), Coreper2 (Seminar Room 202)

SUNYMEU adjourns for the evening.

Friday March 31

- 8:30–9:00 a.m. **Coffee Service, Grab & Go Breakfast Items**
Global Classroom Reception Area
- 9:00-10:30 a.m. **Functional Meetings: Morning Session**
European Council – Global Classroom
FAC – Tiered Classroom
Ecofin – Seminar Room 303
Coreper II – Seminar Room 202
Faculty advisers – Boardroom
- 10:45-11:55 a.m. **Plenary**
Global Classroom
- Expert Witness Panel (Briefing/Q & A)
PANEL
Greetings and Briefing - Mr. Joseph Dunne,
Director of the European Parliament Liaison Office
in Washington, DC
Dr. Natalia Cugleşan, Babeş Bolyai University, Romania
Dr. Carolyn Dudek, Hofstra University
Dr. Nikolaos Zahariadis, Rhodes College
Moderator: Dr. Laurie Buonanno, IEUSS Director
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
- Pick up boxed lunches in the Global Classroom
Reception Area.
- 1:15-3:15 p.m. **Functional Meetings: Afternoon Session 1**
European Council – Global Classroom
FAC – Tiered Classroom
Ecofin – Seminar Room 303
Coreper II – Seminar Room 202
Faculty advisers – Boardroom

Friday, March 31 (continued)

3:15-3:30 p.m.

Coffee Break

Global Classroom Reception Area

3:30-5:15 p.m.

Functional Meetings: Afternoon Session 2

European Council – Global Classroom

FAC – Tiered Classroom

Ecofin – Seminar Room 303

Coreper II – Seminar Room 202

Faculty advisers-Boardroom

5:15-6:00 p.m.

Plenary & Press Conference

Global Classroom

**Progress Report from the Swedish Presidency, European Council
President, European Commission President, and the High Representative**

Followed by questions from the SUNYMEU Press Corps

SUNYMEU adjourns for the evening.

SATURDAY, April 1

8:30-9:30 a.m. **Coffee Service, Grab & Go Breakfast Items**

Global Classroom Reception Area

Meet up with your Member State delegation/European Commission from 9:00-9:30 a.m.

9:30-11:15 a.m. **Functional Meetings: Morning Session**

European Council – Global Classroom
FAC – Tiered Classroom
Ecofin – Seminar Room 303
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11:30 a.m. -
12:00 p.m.

Plenary – Global Classroom
Swedish Presidency updates participants on progress
Electronic voting for SUNYMEU 2023 Awards Begins
at Noon, voting closes at 1 p.m.

12:00-1:00 p.m. **LUNCH**

Pick up bagged lunches in the Global Classroom Reception Area.

1:15-3:15 p.m. **Functional Meetings: Afternoon Session 1**

European Council – Global Classroom
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Coreper II – Seminar Room 202
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Saturday, April 1 (continued)

3:15-3:30 p.m.

Coffee Break

Global Classroom Reception Area

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Functional Meetings: Afternoon Session 2

European Council – Global Classroom

FAC – Tiered Classroom

Ecofin – Seminar Room 303

Coreper II – Seminar Room 202

Faculty advisers – Boardroom

5:15-5:45 p.m.

European Council Finalizes Conclusions

Meeting open to European Council & Press Only

Global Classroom

5:45-7:00 p.m.

Closing

Global Classroom

- Formal Vote on Conclusions
- Heads of Government Sign Conclusions
- All Group Photo
- Awards distributed by SUNYMEU Student Directors
- SUNYMEU 2024 Announcement – Dr. Atta Ceesay
- Delegation Photos & Certificates of Completion distributed by SUNYMEU Faculty Directors

Dinner Reception

Global Classroom Reception Area

PROGRAM NOTES

Keynote Speaker

His Excellency Ambassador Olof Skoog

Ambassador Skoog was most recently the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations, and in this capacity served as the Chairman of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission and President of the UN Security Council. He has previously been Director-General for Political Affairs in the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has represented Sweden at the European Union and at the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). He has also been Swedish Ambassador to Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Panama and served as Executive Assistant to Dr. Hans Blix in the UN verification of WMD in Iraq. With the European Union, Ambassador Skoog served as the first Permanent Chair of the EU Political and Security Committee, coordinating the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy. He was then posted as the EU Ambassador to Indonesia and Brunei, also representing the EU to ASEAN. Ambassador Skoog was born in 1962. He is married to Johanna Brismar, currently Sweden's Ambassador to Brazil. They have three children.

Expert Witness Panel

Mr. Joseph Dunne

Mr. Joseph Dunne is Director of the European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington DC, which was set up to foster and develop relations between the European Parliament (EP) and the United States Congress, from October 1, 2019. In 2018, Mr. Dunne was a Senior Resident Fellow at the German Marshall Fund in Washington DC and a Visiting Fellow at the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University. Up to that time, Mr. Dunne was a Director in the Directorate General for European Parliamentary Research Service. He was previously Head of Secretariat for the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee and Deputy Chef de Cabinet for EP President Pat Cox. Before the Parliament, Mr. Dunne served in the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs. He edited the first edition of 'Mapping the Cost of Non-Europe' in April 2014. Mr. Dunne has a B. Mod from Trinity College Dublin and an MA in EU Law from King's College London.

Dr. Natalia Cugleşan

Dr. Cugleşan is Lecturer at Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai Cluj-Napoca, Facultatea de Istorie si Filosofie, Cluj-Napoca România. Dr. Cugleşan directs the Jean Monnet Module, Digital teaching and Learning in the Field of EU Integration Studies in the New Member States (2020-23). She has directed Jean Monnet Modules in Multi-level Governance, has been awarded a Jean Monnet Chair in Governance and Community Policies, and has served on multinational projects such as the Atlantis Mobility Project in Transatlantic Public Administration (co-funded by the European Union and the US Department of Education). She has also served on national projects, including "Multi-level Governance in Romania" and "Romania and the Future of Europe." Dr. Cugleşan research focuses on post-accession compliance and capacity building and transatlantic relations, including as co-editor of *The New Transatlantic Relationship: Politics and Policy Perspectives* (Routledge 2015).

Dr. Carolyn Dudek

Carolyn M. Dudek, Ph.D. is Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science and Director of European Studies at Hofstra University. She specializes in comparative politics with regional focuses in Europe and Latin America. She is the author of *EU Accession and Spanish Regional Development: winners and losers*. In addition, she has published several articles and book chapters on trans-Atlantic agricultural trade and regulatory disparities, Spanish politics, regional nationalism in Europe, European Union regional development policy, EU-Latin American relations, the immigration crisis in Europe and the rise of the far right. She is also a regular editorial contributor to *La Razón*, a national newspaper in Spain. Her current research focuses on the EU's policy to combat antisemitism. Professor Dudek has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Spain and Argentina and was a Jean Monnet Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. In spring of 2021, Professor Dudek was named Mentor of the Year at Hofstra University. She is currently the coordinator for the ERASMUS+ Jean Monnet Module at Hofstra University, which is focused on EU Anti-Discrimination and Hate Crime Policy.

Dr. Nikolaos Zahariadis

Nikolaos Zahariadis is the Mertie Buckman Chair and Professor of International Studies at Rhodes College in Memphis, TN, USA. He researches comparative policymaking at the intersection of domestic and international affairs with substantive emphasis on European political economy. A native of Greece, he has scored a Fulbright hat trick – awards in Germany, Greece, and Italy respectively – and has been a Policy Studies Organization Fellow, National Bank of Greece Senior Research Fellow, Economic and Social Research Council (UK) - Social Science Research Council (USA) Fellow, adjunct scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, visiting professor at Sciences-Po Grenoble, as well as chair of the public policy interest section of the European Union Studies Association, and thrice-President of the International Studies Association-South. He hates Covid-19 and loves travelling and tasting new foods in small and unassuming restaurants.

Guest Wi-Fi

Log-in information posted on the walls of all meeting rooms.

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Derek Smith – Graduate Student Director

SUNYMEU Faculty Directors

Laurie Buonanno (Professor, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, SUNY Buffalo State University, IEUSS Director)

Atta Ceesay (Chair & Associate Professor, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, SUNY Buffalo State University)

Gregory Rabb (Lecturer, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, SUNY Buffalo State University, IEUSS Board Chair,)

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