QUO VADIS EUROPEAN UNION?
THE SPRING 2019 ELECTION HAS GIVEN THE EUROPEAN UNION A NEW PARLIAMENT AND GOVERNANCE: IS A NEW EUROPEAN UNION THE RESULT?

November 14th, 15th and 16th, 2019
Thursday, 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 – 5:30 pm

Location: Wang Center, 100 Nicolls Rd.
Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY 11794

Attendance and all proceedings are free and open to the public.

Program:

Thursday, Nov. 14th
Lecture Hall One

3:30 – 4:00 pm Inaugural Session
Chair: Salvatore G. Rotella

Welcome Remarks and Greetings:
Giuseppe Gazzola, Interim Director, Center for Italian Studies

4:00 pm: Perspectives on the European Union:
Martin Schain, Professor Emeritus, New York University

On the Borders of Europe: Fortress Europe and Emerging Europe, a Continuing Tension

Luigi Troiani, Saint Thomas Aquinas University, Rome
Scenarios for the European and Transatlantic Near Future.
Friday, Nov. 15th  
Lecture Hall Two

8:30 am – 9:00 am  
Registration – Breakfast Coffee

9:00 – 9:30 am: **Introductory Session**  
**Chair:** Rick Nasti

**Welcome Remarks and Greetings:**  
Nicole Sampson, Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Stony Brook University

9:30 – 10:45 am: **Perspectives on the European Union** (continued)  
Ugo Intini, Italian Politician, Former Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Journalist

*The EU’s Dilemma between Political Union or Crisis*

Marcello Saija, University of Palermo

*Awareness of Communal Participation and Democratic Deficit in the European Union*

10:45 am – 12:45 pm: **Session I: What Future for the European Union?**  
**Chair:** Gallya Lahav

Bernardo Piciche’, Virginia Commonwealth University  
*Why the European Union is an Irreversible Process*

Giuseppe Poderati, Wuham University Law School PhD, Candidate in International Environmental Law  
*Brexit: Challenges and Opportunities in the EU-UK. Environmental Law & Policy Framework*

Sina Rakutiene, Lecturer, Political Science and Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania  
*Is the EU Building Symmetric Bicameralism within the EU’s Political System? The Role of the European Parliament in External Policy*

12:45 – 2:00 pm  
**Lunch**

2:00 – 3:15 pm  
**Session II: Security within the Union**  
**Chair:** Alessandro Del Ponte

Stefano Dambruoso, Magistrate, Bologna Italy  
*Security in the EU Before and After the Spring 2019 General Elections*

Giusi Bartolozzi, Member of Italian Chamber of Deputies  
*Procedures for the Management of Properties Confiscated from the Mafia in the Italian and European Law System*

3:15 – 3:30 pm  
**Break**

3:30 – 5:30 pm  
**Session III: Integration and Geographic Realities**  
**Chair:** Marcello Saija

Manlio Graziano, Geopolitical Studies, Sorbonne University  
*Europe, A Geopolitical Challenge*

Gaetano Armao, European People’s Party; Member of the European Committee of Regions  
*The Functioning of the Committee of Regions (CoR) in the European Union*

Anthony Messina, Department of Political Science, Trinity College  

Saturday, Nov. 16th  
Lecture Hall Two

8:30 am – 9:00 am  
Registration – Breakfast Coffee

9:00 – 10:30 am  
**Session I: Economic Realities**  
**Chair:** Stefano Dambruoso

Angelo Martelli, Assistant Professor, LSE European Institute  
*The Transition to the Knowledge Economy, Labor Market Institutions, and Income Inequality in Europe*

Alessandro Del Ponte, National University of Singapore  
*Pay Your Debts: Moral Dilemmas of International Debt*
10:30 – 10:45 am  Break

10:45 am – 12 Noon  Session II: A United Europe: Other Perspectives
Chair: Salvatore G. Rotella

Rev. Alejandro Crosthwaite, Pontifical University, Saint Thomas Aquinas University, Rome
Rethinking Europe. A Contribution from the Roman Catholic Tradition to the Future of the European Project
Leonardo Vilei, Professor of Italian Studies, University of Madrid
A Literary Idea of Europe: Iosif Brodskij and the Point of View of a Russian Exiled

12:00 Noon – 1:15 pm  Lunch

1:15 – 3:15 pm  Session III: Conflicts Within The Union
Chair: Vito De Simone

Ewelina Kancik-Koltun, Faculty of Political Sciences and Public Administration, Maria Curie-Sklodowska University, Lublin, Poland
Policy of the Visegrad Group Countries in the European Union
Umut Korkut, International Politics at Glasgow School for Business and Society at Glasgow Caledonian University
and James Foley, Glasgow Caledonian University
The Conflicted Politicization of "Europe": A Study of the Illiberal Conservative European Imaginary in Hungary

3:15 pm  Break

3:30 – 5:00 pm  Session IV: Challenges for a Better Union
Chair: Giuseppe Gazzola

Andrea Schmidt, Dept. of Political Science and International Studies, University of Pécs, Hungary
Does the Varsavian Express Exist?
Challenges of Illiberal Democracy in Hungary and Poland and their Impact in that European Context
Manasi Sinha, Prof., Dept. of Political Science, School of Liberal Arts, Galgotias University, India
Locating Pitfalls in the EU Gender Equality Policy
Harem Karem, Solent University, United Kingdom
European Union: The Mass Politics of Disintegration

Summary and Concluding Remarks

Luigi Troiani,
Saint Thomas Aquinas University, Rome

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