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~ Conference Opening ~
Thursday, November 14th, 2019
3:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Wang Center, Lecture Hall One
~ Proceedings ~
Friday, November 15th, 2019
9:00 am – 5:30 pm
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Saturday, November 16th, 2019
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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
*EU New Parliament and Commission at Work.
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

Giuseppe 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

*Is Europe Too Diverse? Further Reflections on the
Implications of "Super" Diversity for European Citizenship, Identity,
and Political Community*

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-Kołtun, 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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