9th Annual Claremont-UC Undergraduate Research Conference on the European Union
April 7-8, 2011 | Scripps College, Claremont, CA

The European Union Center of California is hosting the joint Claremont-UC Undergraduate Research Conference on the European Union on April 7-8, 2011 at Scripps College in Claremont. This year’s conference will host 57 students from 25 institutions from around the country. A list of the conference panels and locations are included on the next page. All events are free and open to the public. Panels will take place on the Scripps College campus.

The conference will include a keynote speech that is open to the public:

EU’s Foreign Policy: Its Architecture and Effectiveness
Friday, April 8 at 1:00pm | Hampton Room, Scripps College

**Speaker: Ambassador Karel Kovanda**

Does the European Union have its own foreign policy? If so, how does it work and how effective is it? Dr. Kovanda will discuss recent changes in the architecture of EU's foreign service and reflect on the contributions it makes. In addition, he will touch on the EU-US relationship.

Dr. Kovanda recently completed five years of service as the Deputy Director-General of External Relations in the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium. As Deputy Director-General, he was responsible for the Common and Foreign Security Policy (CFSP), multilateral relations and human rights, and relations with North America, East Asia, Australia, New Zealand and (non-EU) Western Europe, and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). Dr. Kovanda holds an MBA from Pepperdine University and a PhD in Political Science from MIT.
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| 1. On Nationalism: The Greatest Threat to Continued European Integration Chris Yench, Christopher Newport Univ |
| 2. The Influence of Sociotropic Costs on Public Opinion of the European Union in France and Ireland Rachel Feinstein, Univ of Pittsburgh |
| 3. France's Identity Crisis Jennifer Leopold, UCLA |
| 4. Inclusive and Exclusive Concerns of National Identity as Determinants of French Citizens' Attitudes towards European Union Integration Amanda Knorr, Univ of Pittsburgh |
| 5. Regional Identity and its Effect on European Integration Jasmine La-roche, Unvé of Pittsburgh |

| Panel 3: Environmental Policy Discussant: Steven Casper (Keck Graduate Institute) Panel Location: Balch 219 |
| 1. Meeting the Environmental Standards in the European Union: Is there an Inherent Tension between Environmental Sustainability and Economic Advancement? Carmina Franchescas del Mundo, USC |
| 2. The European Union's Use of Carbon Capture and Storage to Mitigate Climate and Achieve 2020 Goals Alissa Klein, Westmont College |
| 3. Public Participation and Political Power: The Development of the Water Framework Directive Christopher Young, Pitzer College |

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| Panel 5: Social Challenges and Maneuvers Discussant: Valentina Padula (UCSB) Panel Location: Balch 220 |
| 1. An "alternative" way for Gender Equality in the European Union? Successes and weaknesses of Hard and Soft Law and Gender Mainstreaming in addressing Social Policy in the EU Luisa Rispo, UCSC |
| 2. Cohabitation and Fertility in the European Union Margarita Chudnovskaya, UC Berkeley |
| 3. Same-Sex Marriage on the Iberian Peninsula: The Church and Franco's Competing Legacies Noah Jennings, Univ of San Francisco |
| 4. Peet Talk: The Rationales and Consequences of the ERASMUS program on student migration and how "studying abroad" became a political maneuver Julia Gueran, Claremont McKenna College |

| Panel 6: Turkish Accession to the EU Discussant: Thomas Ilgen (Pitzer) Panel Location: Balch 219 |
| 1. Turkey and the EU Question Jennifer Tuohy, Christopher Newport Univ |
| 2. The Issue of Cyprus in EU Accession of Turkey Melike Basturk, Pitzer College |
| 3. The European Union Turkish Accession: A Social Perspective Lauren Parater, Univ of Florida |

| Panel 7: Security and Stability in the EU Discussant: Jennifer Taw (CMC) Panel Location: Hampton Room |
| 1. Future Stability in the European Union: Realist, Constructivist, and Liberal Perspectives Maya Swisa, USC |
| 2. Establishing Europol Catherine Veeneman, USC |
| 3. The Economic Crisis and ESDP: Friends or Foes? Amelia Adams, Brigham Young Univ |
| 4. The Evolution of Terrorism in the European Union Nadia Kim, USC |
| 5. "And you dare to call me a terrorist": The IRA and the "Troubles" Through Song and Art Arielle Badger Newman, Brigham Young Univ |

| Panel 8: Exploring the EU-Africa Relationship Discussant: Lako Tongun (Pitzer College) Panel Location: Balch 220 |
| 1. The External Nature of European Power: The Relationship between the EU and Africa and the Cotonou Agreement Kellogg Brengel, USC |
| 2. Transcontinental Integration: Eurafrica in the Rome Treaty Alice Mirlesse, Claremont McKenna College |
| 3. The Politics and Dynamics of Foreign Aid Shree Pandya, Sirah Hosni & |
Session 4  
Friday, 2:15 – 4:00 p.m.

Panel 9: Fiscal Policy: Crises & Concerns  
Discussant: Wade Jacoby  
(Brigham Young Univ)  
Panel Location: Hampton Room

1. From Europhoric to Europhobic? Europe and the fear of Fiscal Union  
Sean Jackson, UC Santa Barbara

2. European Union Economy and Membership: Aftermath of the Financial Collapse  
Aryn O’Donnell & Jonathan Rogowski, Miami Univ

3. The Euro and the Greek Crisis  
Fanilla Cheng, UC Los Angeles

4. U.S. Credit Rating Agencies and the European Debt Crisis: Defining the causes and current hindrances of Credit Rating Agencies on the EU's recovery effort following the 2010 Euro Crisis  
Jemal Harris, Christopher Newport Univ

Panel 10: Impact of (Im)migration  
Discussant: Patricia Dillon  
(Scripps College)  
Panel Location: Balch 219

1. The Schengen Agreement and Wages  
Andrew Roe, Univ of Colorado Boulder

2. Challenges in Migrant Emergency Care: how Berlin’s Health Care System has Responded  
Janet Ma, Pomona College

3. Alien Citizens: Female Genital Mutilation and the Relationship Between Citizenship and Integration in Western Europe  
James Jacquier, Brigham Young Univ

4. The Identity Crisis of North African Immigrants in France  
Katherine Beeson, UC Santa Barbara

Session 5  
Friday, 4:15 – 6:00 p.m.

Panel 11: Justice and Democracy  
Discussant: Beverly Crawford  
(UC Berkeley)  
Panel Location: Balch 220

1. The Application of Democratic Principles to the Functioning of the EU  
Saloni Shah, Loyola Univ Chicago

2. A Democratic Attempt at Supranationalism  
Myles Lock, USC

3. The European Ombudsman: The Saint of the Citizens, the Savior of Democracy  
Eugene Kobiako, Univ of Washington

Alisa Shekhtman, UC Berkeley

Panel 12: Politics in Eastern Europe  
Discussant: Jeffrey Pennington  
(UC Berkeley)  
Panel Location: Balch 220

1. Architects of Independence and their Political Instrument: The European Union  
Delvina Kolic, Univ of Michigan Ann Arbor

2. Should the EU Allow Kosovar Membership?  
Elizabeth Rapalee & Ina Prifti, Miami Univ

3. Long-term Ramifications of EU Conditionality in the Baltic States: The Case of Russian Minorities  
Regina Topolinskaya, Univ of Florida

Panel 13: On Security: NATO and CSDP  
Discussant: Mai’a Cross (USC)  
Panel Location: Hampton Room

1. The Transatlantic Alliance  
Kimberly Brown, USC

2. An Ever Closer Union: The Common Security and Defense Policy in the Last Frontier of European Integration  
Dan Stepanicich, UC Berkeley

3. A Safe European Home?: The State of European Security  
Kevin Wallentine, Claremont McKenna College

4. NATO Russian Missile Defense Cooperation: A Path to Russia’s European Integration?  
Lisa Bergstrom, Univ of Washington

5. The Kosovo War: NATO’s Opportunity  
Sead Osmanli, Brigham Young Univ

Students enjoying the opening reception from last year’s conference
STATE OF THE EU ADDRESS

For some time now it is has been our tradition to invite the Consul General of the Presidency State to deliver a "State of the European Union Address" during the appropriate semester. The purpose of this event is to brief students and faculty from the Claremont Colleges, and members of the Los Angeles consular community, on the priorities of the country holding the Presidency of the European Union Council, and to provide an assessment of the current situation. The State of the EU Address generally attracts about a dozen Consuls Generals, together with an audience of students, faculty, professionals, and members of the community.

THE CURRENT EU PRESIDENCY

This term, Hungary holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The EU Center of California has invited Balázs Bokor, Consul General of Hungary in Los Angeles, to deliver the address titled "Where do we stand in the European Union - a Hungarian Presidency perspective." This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring your lunch to the talk.

BIOGRAPHY

His Excellency Balázs Bokor was appointed consul general in 2007, having served previously as chief of state protocol in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2005–07); nonresident ambassador for Beirut and Amman and ambassador to Damascus (2000–05); non-resident ambassador to Nicosia, Cyprus (1993–95); and ambassador to Beirut (1992–95). Bokor had also served in diplomatic service as director general (1999–2000) and deputy director general (1996–1998) for the Department of Middle East and Africa and as advisor for the Department of Policy Planning (1995) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and various other appointments since his first post in 1981 as an attaché in the Hungarian embassy in Aden, Yemen. His academic studies include an MA in political sciences from Moscow State University of International Relations and an MA in economics from Budapest University of Economics, graduating with distinction from both. A native of Budapest, he speaks Hungarian, Arabic, English, Russian, French, Italian, and basic Hebrew.
ROLE OF THE HUNGARIAN EU PRESIDENCY

The Presidency of the Council of the European Union is a rotating presidency and a member state takes over the tasks bound to it for a period of six months. The country in office must organise the work of the Council in cooperation with the Secretariat-General and hence lead the Union and ensure its continuity and smooth functioning.

During the six months, the Presidency in office plays a decisive role in the choice of affairs to which the Council directs its attention, and is in a position to strongly influence the way the EU manages political and economic affairs. The member state in office organises its work according to its own priorities. Most of these priorities make up the general agenda of the EU, as they are the “inherited” affairs in progress; the member state in office can, however, give new impetus to the Union’s collaboration in specific fields on which it places importance.

The Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union has built its political agenda around the human factor, focusing on four main topics: growth and employment for preserving the European social model; stronger Europe; citizen friendly Union; enlargement and neighbourhood policy. The human factor is the basis for intelligent, sustainable and inclusive growth when dealing with all other issues ranging from the economy, through common policies to the issue of enlargement.

The three member states which succeed each other in the Presidency also cooperate closely as a “trio”: they can share experiences, help one another in their preparations, and collaborate closely in achieving their tasks, mainly in dealing with affairs that last longer than six months, and need the adoption of similar positions. The Trio Presidency was “institutionalised” by the Treaty of Lisbon coming into force.

The Spain–Belgium–Hungary trio is the first Presidency to function totally in accordance with the Lisbon rules. The three countries commonly elaborated the programme of the 18 month long Presidency period. This programme determines the planning of dossiers and legislative proposals that will form part of the agenda, as well as the planning of events, mainly the meetings of heads of state and government, and meetings at ministerial levels. The three countries also have a shared logo for the Presidency. The presidential trios hold regular discussions as well. Hence, Hungary puts strong emphasis on cooperating with the Polish Presidency, the first in office of the next trio. Particularly those issues are in focus, which are related to the common energy policy and the eastern dimension of the EU's neighbourhood policy.

Sources:
http://www.eu2011.hu/current-presidency
http://www.eu2011.hu/priorities-hungarian-presidency
Claremont-UC Undergraduate Research Conference on the European Union
April 7-8, 2011 | All Day
Scripps College

The primary purpose of the annual Claremont– UC Undergraduate Research Conference is to enhance the undergraduate training in and knowledge of the European Union and U.S.– European Relations. In addition, the conference allows students with expertise in different areas to interact with each other as well as with faculty; fosters inter-campus cooperation; and recognizes excellent work achieved by students. Envisioned as an intercampus undergraduate seminar, the participating campuses simultaneously offer courses on the issues relevant in Europe today, integrating the conference with the student’s curriculum to encourage student– initiated research and presenta-

EU’s Foreign Policy: its Architecture and Effectiveness
April 8, 2011 | 1:00pm
Hampton Room, Malott Commons, Scripps College

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State of the European Union Address: Hungary
Monday, April 18, 2011 | 12pm
Hampton Room, Malott Commons, Scripps College

The State of the European Union is a semi-annual event in which speakers discuss issues relevant to the European Union and provide an assessment of the current situation in Europe. Consul General of the Republic of Hungary in Los Angeles, Ambassador Balázs Bokor, will deliver the address on the Hungarian-EU Presidency.

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**Diary of a Country Priest**

**Friday, April 22 | 7:30 pm**  
**Location:** LACMA  
5905 Wilshire Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90036  
**Ticket Information:**  
323-857-6010  
http://www.lacma.org/programs/FilmListing

*Diary of Country Priest* is one of the most profound emotional experiences in the history of film. A young priest arrives in the rural hamlet of Ambricourt in northern France to attend to his first parish. Confronted with an indifferent and often hostile congregation, he’s thrown into a crisis of faith that plays out on the pages of his private journal. As he commits himself to overcoming the villagers' apathy at all costs, he pursues an ascetic life sustained by a diet of bread, sweetened wine and contemplation. The film’s restraint—low-key performances, elliptical edits, unobtrusive compositions takes—intensifies the spiritual journey of a man approaching sainthood. This film has brought the director international acclaim and cemented his stature as France's preeminent postwar auteur.

**South East European Film Festival**

**April 28 — May 2nd, 2011**  
**Locations:** Goethe Institute Los Angeles  
570 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 100  
Los Angeles, Ca 90036  
James Bridges Theater  
UCLA campus Westwood  
www.seefilmla.org/

South East European Film Festival, SEE Fest is the only festival in the United States devoted exclusively to this part of the world. It presents films from 15 countries and educates about the South East Europe's region, its troubled history, and cultural diversity. SEE Fest educates about the cultural diversity of Southeast Europe and fosters cultural exchange through its annual presentations of films from this region. This year's festival will include the US premieres of films from Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Hungary and Croatia.

**French Ballet: *Giselle***

**May 14, 2011 | 7:30pm**  
**Location:** FREUD PLAYHOUSE, UCLA  
MacGowan Hall, UCLA Campus  
Los Angeles, CA 90024  
**Ticket Information:** 310-998-7782;  
http://www.losangelesballet.org

Giselle was the first ballet at the Paris Opéra to have an original dramatic plot and to have strength within the music. Before then ballets were set to a collection of danceable popular tunes that were unrelated in musical style. *Giselle* set a new course. The ballet was conceived by the influential French poet, author, critic and possibly the greatest champion of the Romantic ballet, Théophile Gautier. *Giselle* was created to honor the ballerina Carlotta Grisi, whom Gautier not only admired for her dancing, but with whom he was in love.
2012 German Bundestag Internship Program
Deadline: June 30, 2011
www.bundestag.de/ips

The German Bundestag invites you, in cooperation with the Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität Berlin, and Technische Universität Berlin, to apply for an International Parliamentary Scholarship (IPS) to spend five months in Berlin.

The IPS program is aimed at highly qualified young men and women who will return home after the program with the determination to play an active and responsible role in shaping their countries’ democratic future.

The German Bundestag, the German Parliament, offers young people the opportunity to get to know the German parliamentary system and political decision-making processes and to gain practical experience of parliamentary work during a 15-week work placement with a Member of the Bundestag.

Requirements:
— US citizenship
— University degree
— Very good knowledge of German
— Under the age of 30 at the start of the scholarship

Scholarship:
— 450 euros per month
— Free accommodation
— Insurance and travel expenses

Additional information is available from the German Embassy, online at: www.bundestag.de/ips, & on the program’s poster in the European Union Center’s office at Scripps College.

Spring University Prague 2011
April 14-25, 2011
Charles University
Prague, Czech Republic

The topic of this year’s Spring University Prague 2011 is “Central Europe between Germany and Russia”. The objectives of the 12-day course are to provide students a broad understanding of the historical, political, economic, social and cultural development of Central Europe and to analyze Central Europe’s role as an international political and economic player and its relations with its biggest neighbours – Germany and Russia.

The course is based on an interdisciplinary approach and combines different methodologies such as lectures, workshops, round-table discussions, group-work and students’ presentations. Additionally, culture, sport and fun activities accompany the academic program.

The price of the program is 740 EUR (approx 980 USD), which includes tuition, culture and social events, reading materials, housing at the Hall of Residence, and two meals per day (breakfast and lunch).

European Summer School 2011: “What Europe in 2020—Ever Closer, Ever Larger”? 
July 9—19, 2011 
EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy
Prague, Czech Republic

Deadline: May 17, 2011
http://www.europeum.org/ess2011

EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy associated with the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in European Studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University has launched the ninth year of summer school to discuss different issues which the European Union is facing.

If you are an undergraduate/graduate student interested in the region of Central Europe and in the current political and economic problems – this Summer School is just for you!

Bringing international students to Prague for the intensive ten days school is intended to be fruitful academic and cross-cultural experience combining workshops and informal social interaction with your colleagues – students of diverse educational and cultural backgrounds. Living and studying in Prague, the most fascinating capital of Central Europe, will enable you to explore the richness and beauty of Central European culture.
Master's Degree Programs
Institute of International Studies
Charles University
Prague, Czech Republic
**Deadline: June 30, 2011**

The Institute of International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague offers three new Master’s Degree Programmes taught in English:

**Balkan, Eurasian and Central European Studies (BECES)**
The BECES programme addresses the English speaking audience with a deep and versatile exploration of "the East", understood as a territory composed of Central Europe, the Balkan peninsula, and the Post-Soviet area, including the Caucasus and Central Asia. Primary attention is paid to modern history, politics and diplomacy, as well as to fundamental social, cultural and economic problems. It also offers students the chance to learn or improve their knowledge of the Czech language and some other languages of the area.

**Central European Comparative Studies (CECS)**
The CECS programme focuses on the region composed of Germany, Austria and the Visegrad countries (the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland and Hungary) with an overlap onto neighbouring countries. It offers a thorough comparative and multidisciplinary understanding of the historical, political, economic and cultural developments of the above listed countries. The programme is offered either in the form of a full-time study or as a part-time study (optimised for working people and with classes on Friday afternoons).

**European Studies (ES)**
The ES interdisciplinary programme provides students with a profound knowledge and understanding of European history and politics, the European integration process and other EU related issues from a legal, political and economic perspective from a Central European point of view. The programme focuses not only on the developments in the EU member states but offers a study of the European integration process in all its complexity and variety. It is designed especially for students who plan to enter positions in EU institutions, international organizations, national administration or non-governmental organizations.

M.Sc. Degrees in Political Science
School of Social Science & Philosophy
Trinity College Dublin
Dublin, Ireland
**Deadline: June 1, 2011**
[http://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/](http://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/)

The Department of Political Science at Trinity College Dublin is currently accepting applications for its one year taught masters programs, which are designed to prepare graduates for careers in government, international organizations and the private sector, and for Ph.D. programs in Political Science.

**M.Sc. in Political Science**
The M.Sc. in Political Science offers students a broad training in the main sub-fields of political science combined with a rigorous research training. The course includes modules on public opinion, government institutions and policymaking. The M.Sc. examines both domestic and international politics and the interplay between the two. The course covers the Department’s research strengths in the areas of European governance and EU politics, as well as politics in other regions and international organizations.

**M.Sc. in International Politics**
The M.Sc. in International Politics offers graduate students a combination of rigorous training in the study of international politics with a comprehensive empirical approach to understanding many prominent problems in contemporary world politics, especially topics where domestic and international politics cannot be understood in isolation from each other. These topics include democratisation, international cooperation, development and foreign aid, international conflict as well as the politics of many environmental issues and their implications for the politics of developing countries. Students will also receive training in research methods.

Deadline for September 2011 entry is **June 1, 2011**.
Prague Summer Schools 2011
The Prague’s Centre for Public Policy
July 2-9, 2011
Prague, Czech Republic
Early Bird Deadline: May 13, 2011
www.praguesummerschools.org

The Prague’s Centre for Public Policy (Centrum pro verejnu politiku - CPVP) is pleased to announce the forthcoming Prague Summer Schools 2011 on the following topics:

1. European Summer Institute on the Future of Europe: Lobbying in Brussels
The aim of the European Summer Institute is to provide students with an opportunity to deepen their own expertise by enhancing their knowledge of changing European Union (EU) politics and exchanging ideas with academics, EU policy practitioners and fellow students from different cultural environments.

Two full-fledged academic courses will be taught during the seven-day intensive academic program. The first part of the program will focus on the main aspects of European integration and evolution of the EU institutions. The future of enlarged European Union and the need for the EU institutional overhaul will be also addressed. The second part will discuss the role of the separate EU actors in the decision making process and lobbying mechanisms employed. Each course consists of eight lectures/workshops, two guest lectures, summary session, and final exam. Despite the heavy course schedule, students will also have a chance to share experiences in less formal environment.

2. Summer School on Crime, Law and Psychology
The main topics of the Summer School will be the recent research findings in psychology and current trends in the applicability of psychological knowledge in legal practices. The classes will mainly focus on eyewitness testimony discussing the estimator and system variables, beliefs about eyewitness testimonies, the use of confession evidence, the applicability of expert evidence from psychologists in courts, legal perspectives of psychological profiling, false and recovered memories, false confessions and wrongful convictions.

3. Summer School on Cultural Dimensions of Politics in Europe
The idea of the Summer School is to offer students a variety of perspectives on symbolic and discursive construction of European political and social processes as well as European identities. These perspectives will allow students to gain cultural sensitivity and reflexivity, which no doubt are crucially important for successfully functioning in contemporary knowledge economies as well as global civil society. The idea of the Summer School is also to allow young people from Europe and the world to meet and discuss the cultural aspects of European integration and to enrich each others’ understanding of these processes by introducing varying perspectives. The free time spent together while the School lasts will be as important as classes.

4. Summer School on “China: a World Superpower - Myth or Reality?”
The summer course “China: A World Superpower - Myth or Reality?” will deal with the following two interrelated phenomena: 1) Chinese domestic politics and 2) Beijing’s foreign policy & position in the current world order. The participants will learn about ways in which China has achieved its enviable economic growth as well as what risks and challenges Beijing economic planners are facing in the near future. The specific areas covered will include environmental issues, the state of China’s rule of law development, state-owned vs. private enterprises etc.

The Prague Summer Schools are delivered as seven-day academic programs designed to bring together undergraduate and graduate students of various nationalities and academic backgrounds to enjoy their summer holidays in the unique academic and cultural environment.

We invite you to visit our new website www.praguesummerschools.org for details about upcoming events, online applications, the separate website of the summer school of your interest. We also suggest students to submit their applications to Prague Summer Schools by Early Bird Application Deadline of April 29, 2011. The Final Deadline is May 13, 2011.
For decades, scholars interested in Europe have concentrated their attention on state comparisons and on the institutionalization of the European Union. As the second decade of the second millennium gets under way, we can no longer neglect the deep transformations in Europe’s society that have followed the joint processes of globalization and European integration. Transnationalization is the word that arguably best captures these transformations, for it encapsulates at once the broadening of the Europeans’ economic, political, social, and cultural experiences that has taken place in the last two to three decades. The rise of these transnational pressures and vectors of political pressure stands in tension with the political organization oriented around nation-states in Europe. Transnationalization on today’s scale is a recurring phenomenon in Europe’s history, however, and it works as well as a metaphor for previous periods in which local walls were destroyed and replaced by economic, political and social re-organization on a greater geographic scale. In examining today’s transformations we are thus well-advised to revisit previous processes of transnationalization, so that the analysis of the present helps us understand the past and the analysis of the past helps us illuminate the present.

The Council for European Studies fosters and recognizes outstanding, multidisciplinary research in European studies through a range of programs, including conferences, publications, special events, and awards. The Council’s international conferences bring together scholars from a multitude of countries and a variety of fields for discussion and interdisciplinary exchange.

New Journal:

**Global Constitutionalism – World of Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law**

Global Constitutionalism – World of Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law (GlobCon) is a new journal (forthcoming in January 2012) seeks to promote a deeper understanding on the foundations, limitations and principles of political order and their dynamics over time on a global scale. The journal is interested in work that refers to constitutionalism as a template for empirical, conceptual or normative research on past, present and future political and legal practices, within and beyond the state.

GlobCon invites submissions from scholars of International Law, Political Science, International Relations, Comparative Constitutional Law, Comparative Politics, Political Theory and Philosophy for its first issue to be published in January 2012. GlobCon is a peer-reviewed scholarly journal that seeks to develop interdisciplinary discourse about global constitutionalism. It welcomes submissions on a wide range of topics related to constitutionalism, human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

Any enquiries can be sent via email to the journal’s managing assistant Mr. Sassan Gholiagha, accessible by email sassan.gholiagha@wiso.uni-hamburg.de
Have you ever written about the European Union or European affairs? Would you like to see your name and work in print?

The European Union Center of California is looking to include student work in our monthly newsletter. We welcome submission of political comics and short articles (maximum 1,000 words) pertaining to the EU or European affairs.

Send submissions to Zaynah at zrahman@scrippscollege.edu