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Past Events: 2006

Teacher's Workshop: Migration, Immigration, and Changing Borders: Causes, Benefits, Challenges, Impact

Date: December 1, 2006

Description: This workshop reviewed the effects of the current immigration surge on the European countries, and the challenges faced by host countries to house, feed, educate, employ, and assimilate the constant influx of immigrants. Also addressed was the influence of these issues on current and new EU and U.S. immigration policies. The border conflict between the U.S. and Mexico was used as another example of an immigration conflict zone.

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Visiting Scholar: Dr. Chad Damro, Europa Institute, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Date: November 1, 2006, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Description: Dr. Damro, Senior Lecturer of Politics and Associate Director of the Europa Institute, visited with faculty from the Political Science Department and gave two lectures. The first lecture, Transatlantic Competition Policy: Domestic and International Sources of EU-U.S. Cooperation, focused on collaboration and competition in transatlantic policies and was presented to graduate students in the Mays Business School, the Political Science Department in the College of Liberal Arts, and the George Bush School of Government and Public Service. The second lecture, The EU and International Environmental Politics, was attended by approximately fifty undergraduate students registered in the EU Business and the EU Politics certificate programs. This lecture focused on the evolving political role of the EU since the 1970's and the system by which the European Commission and the Member States collectively and individually represent, sign, ratify, and implement agreements reached at UN level.

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Public Servant Visitor: Ms. Benita Ferrero-Waldner, European Commissioner for External Relations and European Neighborhood Policy

Date: September 25, 2006, 12:00 pm - 1:45 pm

Description: Ms. Benita Ferrero-Waldner visited Texas A&M University and gave a presentation titled European Union: A Global Power? at The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

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Presentation: Dr. Johan Lembke, Director European Union Center of Excellence

Date: September 19, 2006, 11:30 am - 1:45 pm

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Description: Dr. Johan Lembke participated as a speaker on the Baltic Sea Region at the Texas A&M University Senior World Passport Program.

Cosponsors: European Union of Excellence and Texas A&M University Office of International Programs and the City of College Station Parks and Recreation Office.
EUCE program funding source: European Commission

Scholar-in-Residence: Dr. Radu D. Rugescu, University Politehnica of Bucharest, Romania

Dates: September 1, 2006 - March 1, 2007

Description: Dr. Radu D. Rugescu, Associate Professor at the University Politehnica of Bucharest, Romania, received a Fulbright award to conduct research on environmental policies by orbital surveillance at Texas A&M University under the invitation of Dr. Daniele Moratari, Associate Professor, Department of Aerospace Engineering at Texas A&M. During Dr. Rugescu's visit, the European Union Center of Excellence facilitated a formal agreement of collaboration between Texas A&M University and the University Politehnica of Bucharest that will run from September 2006 through September 2012.

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Curriculum Development:

Dates: August 16, 2006 - May 16, 2007

Description: During the academic year 2006–2007 the European Union Center of Excellence facilitated the development and enhancement of European curriculum in the College of Liberal Arts, the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, the College of Education and Human Development, and the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, tailored to the specific needs of each one of the colleges. In addition, it provided support to the College of Liberal Arts as they work on the initial stages of development for the new MA and PhD programs.

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Business Seminar: Conducting Business with the European Union: Trends, Ideas, and Approaches

Date: July 21, 2006

Description: The European Union Center of Excellence sponsored a half-day seminar titled Conducting Business with the European Union Trends, Ideas and Approaches at the St. Thomas University campus in Houston for the small and medium size business community in Houston. The program attracted an audience of over 40 and included members of regional Chambers of Commerce and the Greater Houston Partnership.

Cosponsors: European Union of Excellence and the Center for International Business Studies at Texas A&M University, the UK Trade and Investment Office (the business arm of the British Consulate General), and the University of St. Thomas' Center for International Business.

EUCE program funding source: European Commission

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Ambassador Visit: The Honorable Euripides L. Evriviades, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the U.S.

Date: May 8, 2006, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Description: The Honorable Euripides L. Evriviades gave a lecture titled Cyprus and the European Union at the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center in the Bush Library Complex. The event was organized in partnership with The George Bush Presidential Library Foundation.

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EUCE program funding source: European Commission

Conference: Labor and Human Resource Management in a Knowledge Based Global Economy: Challenges Facing the European Union and the U.S.

Date: April 29, 2006

Description: This event, which took place in Houston, Texas, attracted an audience of 60+ regional business people interested in international labor markets. The Keynote speaker of the event was Mr. John Hofmeister, President of Shell Oil Company, and former Director of Human Resources for Shell in The Hague, The Netherlands. Panel speakers were: Mr. Richard Carlson, Professor of Law at the South Texas School of Law in Houston, TX; Dr. Sandrine Henneron, Deputy Head of Department of Law at EDHEC Business School in France; Jonas Malmberg, Professor of Law at the National Institute for Working Life, Sweden; Dr. Jan Ottosson, Associate Professor at Uppsala University, Sweden; Dr. Sheila M. Puffer, Professor of International Business at Northeastern University, Boston; Mr. John Haggerty, Managing Director of Executive Education at the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations; and Dr. Stuart Youngblood, Professor of Management in the MJ Neeley School of Business, Texas Christian University. The EUCE also moderated one of the panels.

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EUCE program funding source: European Commission

Business Seminar: Business and Labor Markets in the Transatlantic Economy

Date: April 28, 2006, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Description: The focus of the seminar was to explore critical issues of labor market rigidities and human resource management strategies, as they impact U.S. and European multinational corporations within the framework of EU enlargement. An audience of 50 Houston-area regional business professionals interested in international labor markets attended the seminar. The program included Keynote Speaker Mr. John Hofmeister, President of Shell Oil Company, and former Director of Human Resources for Shell in The Hague, The Netherlands.

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Ambassador Visit: The Honorable Oleh Shamshur, Ambassador of the Ukraine to the U.S.

Date: April 17, 2006, 1:00 - 6:00 pm

Description: The Honorable Oleh Shamshur spoke and served as panelist for a program titled The March Elections in Ukraine and Ukraine's Energy Needs that was held at the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center in the Bush Library Complex. The European Union Center of Excellence partnered with The George Bush Presidential Library Foundation for this event and Dr. Roman Popadiuk, Executive Director of the Foundation, and the European Union Center of Excellence participated in the panel.

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Visiting Scholar: Ludwig Kreitz, University Robert Schuman, France

Dates: April 17, 2006 - April 18, 2006

Description: Dr. Ludwig Kreitz, Director of International Relations and Associate Professor of German Studies, Strasbourg Graduate School of Management, Robert Schuman University in France made three class presentations at the Mays Business School to undergraduate seniors on The Challenges Facing EU Expansion. Dr. Kreitz also participated in the European Union Center of Excellence Public Lecture Series, giving a talk on The Critical Issues Limiting European Union Expansion.

Cosponsors: European Union Center of Excellence and Mays Business School, Texas A&M University

EUCE program funding source: European Commission

Seminar: Dr. Gabriela Thornton, EUCE 2005–2006 Fellow

Date: April 3, 2006, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Description: Dr. Gabriela Thornton, University of Miami, and the Texas A&M University European Union Center of Excellence 2005–2006 Fellow, gave a presentation titled European Security in the Post-Cold War Era: Whither Europe? The seminar was organized in partnership with the George Bush School of Government and Public Service.

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EUCE program funding source: European Commission

Scholar-in-Residence: Dr. Sara Ulrich, University Paris-South XI

Dates: April 2, 2006 - June 30, 2006

Description: Dr. Ulrich, Secretary General, Center for Analysis of Disputes and their Modes of Settlement (CADMOS), University Paris-South XI, was selected as a 2005–2006 Scholar-in-Residence at the Texas A&M University European Union Center. The Bush School of Government and Public Service served as the academic host providing overall support to her research project entitled The Hurricane Katrina Effects, Opportunities and Challenges: Is a Transatlantic-led Civilian Crisis Management Concept a Utopia? Also

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during her stay, Dr. Ulrich participated in various undergraduate and graduate classes as a guest speaker, and presented several lectures for the university and local communities. Dr. Ulrich's activities at Texas A&M included:

May 2006: Conference on A country's presentation: France for the City of College Station, Texas series on country profiles, sponsored by the European Union Center of Excellence

May 2006: Lecture on the EU and NATO Mediterranean security relations given to The George Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University

April 2006: Conference on The recent social crisis management in France: from the riots in November to the Youth Labor Law for the Brown Paper Bag series, George Bush School of Government and Public Service and the European Union Center of Excellence

April 2006: Lecture The history of my roots: an example of French-German reconciliation for Dr. Richard Golsan's class, Professor of French and Head of the Department of European and Classical Languages and Cultures, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M

April 2006: Lecture The recent social crisis in France compared to May 1968's French revolution for Dr. Richard Golsan's class, Professor of French and Head of the Department of European and Classical Languages and Cultures, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M

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Student Forum: Videoconference with NATO Secretary General

Date: March 21, 2006

Description: This forum was presented in partnership with the Atlantic Council of the United States and was open to Texas A&M University students. The European Union Center of Excellence moderated this discussion.

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EUCE program funding source: European Commission

Scholarly Visitor: Mr. Geir Lundestad, Norwegian Nobel Institute

Date: March 14, 2006 - 11:30am-1:30pm

Description: Mr. Lundestad, Director of the Norwegian Nobel Institute, and Secretary of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, gave a presentation entitled The U.S. and Europe: Past, Present and Future to an audience of students and faculty from Texas A&M University.

Cosponsors: This event was organized and moderated by the European Union Center of Excellence, Texas A&M University, partnering with the Royal Norwegian Consulate General

EUCE program funding source: European Commission

Conference: The Future of Transatlantic Security Relations

Date: March 8, 2006

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Description: This conference consisted of 3 sessions and a public forum. The public forum, entitled Realigning American Forces in Europe: Demise or Rebirth of the Atlantic Alliance? was sponsored by the European Union Center of Excellence and chaired by the director, Dr. Johan Lembke. European participants in the panel were Dr. Plamen Pantev, Director, Institute for Security and International Studies, and Mr. Rad van den Akker, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, NATO HQ. Panel participants from the U.S. were Dr. Michael Brenner, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, and Ms. Oya Dursun, Department of Government, The University of Texas at Austin. The keynote speaker of the event was Dr. Robert Ivany, President of the University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas, and retired Major General who presided over the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The day-long event attracted an audience of over 200 that included university and local communities, as well as participants from the wider region of Houston and Austin.

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Cosponsors: European Union Center of Excellence; U.S. Army's Dwight D. Eisenhower National Security Series; The U.S. Army War College, Strategic Studies Institute; The George Bush Presidential Library Foundation, and the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University

Diplomat Visit: Mr. Klaus-Peter Gottwald, German Embassy in the U.S.

Date: March 7, 2006, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Description: Mr. Klaus-Peter Gottwald, Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission, German Embassy in the U.S., gave a presentation and discussion on Germany, the U.S. and a World in Turmoil at The George Bush Library and Museum.

Cosponsors: The visit was organized by the Wiley Lecture Series and the Integrative Center for Homeland Security in partnership with the European Union Center of Excellence, Texas A&M University

EUCE program funding source: European Commission

Diplomat Visit: Mr. Viktor Szederkenyi, Hungarian Embassy in the U.S

Date: March 2, 2006, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Description: Mr. Szederkenyi, Deputy Chief of Mission, Hungarian Embassy in the U.S, gave a presentation titled U.S.-Hungarian Relations, A Transatlantic Partnership for the Future

Cosponsors: Organized by the European Union Center of Excellence in partnership with the Department of Political Science, the Department of European and Classical Languages and Cultures, and the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University

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Conference: Europe and Anti-Semitism

Date: February 24, 2006

Cosponsors: Department of European and Classical Languages and Cultures, The Dean of Faculties Office, The College of Liberal Arts, The Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, The Sterling C. Evans Library, and the European Union Center of Excellence, Texas A&M University

Student Activity: European Film Series

Date: February 23, 2006, 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Description: The European Union Center of Excellence partnered with the Texas A&M University Memorial Student Center Visual Arts Committee for an on-campus European film screening of *De Battre Mon Coeur S'est Arrete* (The Beat My Heart Skipped) on campus. Dr. Melanie Hawthorne, Professor of French in the Department of European and Classical Languages and Cultures, served as pre-film speaker.

EUCE program funding source: European Commission

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Scholarly Meeting: Feeling the Heat – European and U.S. Views on Climate Change

Date: February 1, 2006

Description: Organized by the Houston World Affairs Council

Cosponsors: The European Union Center of Excellence and the British Consulate General in Houston. The EUCE moderated the panel.

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