



European Union-Caribbean relations revisited

A Conference of the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence,
African and African Diaspora Studies Program
and Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center

February 17-18, 2020

Florida International University –Modesto A. Maidique Campus
11200 SW 8th Street –Miami, FL 33199 –MARC 290

PROGRAM

This conference will bring together European, Caribbean and US expert to discuss the relations between the EU and the Afro-Caribbean. Panels explore contemporary issues in bilateral relations, such as the impact of Brexit, climate change and the post-Cotonou development partnership. Moreover, the politics between both regions, mediated by forums such as the Caribbean Community of the Community of Latin American & Caribbean States will be analyzed. Lastly, covering the past, present and future of these relations, discussions highlight the post-colonial and critical perspectives needed to understand this complex relationship. This conference is open to the public.

Monday, February 17, 2020

5:00 –5:10 p.m. **Welcome Opening Remarks**
Dr. John F. Stack, Jr.
Founding Dean, Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs

5.10 –6.30 p.m. **Consular Roundtable**
European Union and Caribbean Relations Revisited

- **Hon. Linda Mackey**
Consul General of the Commonwealth of Bahamas in Miami
- **Hon. R. Oliver Mair**
Consul General of Jamaica in Miami

Chair: Dr. Markus Thiel, Associate Professor, Politics & International Relations, and Director, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, Florida International University

6:30. -8:00 p.m. Reception (*by invitation only*)

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

8.30 – 9.00 a.m. Coffee, light Breakfast and Registration

9:00 am – 10:30 a.m. Panel I: Contemporary Issues in EU-Caribbean

Chair: Dr. Percy Hintzen, Director, African and African diaspora Studies; Professor, Global and Sociocultural Studies, Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University

- **Patsy Lewis, Ph.D.**
Visiting Professor, International and Public Affairs, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University
Interim Director, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS), Brown University
'The Caribbean-EU relationship: Towards a more sovereign Caribbean'
- **Eduardo Gamarra, Ph.D.**
Professor of Political Science, Department of Politics & International Relations
Florida International University
'Caribbean Retrospective on 40 years of Democratization'
- **Alexander Bruno**
Ph.D. Student in Political Science
Florida International University
'CARICOM's failure to advance stronger EU and the Afro-Caribbean relations: missed opportunities under the Cotonou agreement'

10:45 am – 12:15 p.m. Panel II: The Politics of EU-Caribbean Relations

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- **Eric Dubesset, Ph.D.**
Researcher at the Montesquieu Center for Political Research at the Montesquieu Research Institute - University of Bordeaux, France
'The Caribbean in the strategic partnership EU-CELAC'
- **Carlos Quenan, Ph.D.**
Economist - Professor at IHEAL (Institut des Hautes Etudes de l'Amérique Latine)
University Paris III, France
Vice- President of Institute des Amériques
'China-United States geostrategic rivalry in the Caribbean: implications for Europe'
- **Taminasha John**
Ph.D. Candidate of International Relations
Florida International University
'Convenient Labor Pools: Analyzing EU-Caribbean Relations from WWI to the Present'

LUNCH (by invitation only)

Chair: Jean-Yves Lacascade, Research Associate, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, FIU

- **Her Excellency Dr. June Soomer, Ph.D.**
Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean States
Office of the Secretary General
ACS Secretariat
Trinidad
*‘Uniting Efforts in the Caribbean to face Climate Change:
Regional Climate Change Actions and The Role of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS)
in the Greater Caribbean’*

- **Desmond Thomas, Ph.D.**
Visiting Scholar, Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center
Florida International University
And Economics Professional at Lead, Inter-American Development
‘Options for Service-dependent Caribbean Economies’

- **Anthony P. Maingot, Ph.D.**
Professor Emeritus and Founding Professor of Sociology
Florida International University
*‘Eastern Caribbean Vulnerabilities and the Rational Use of Reparations: Modifying Concepts
of Sovereignty and Colonialism’*

CONCLUDING DINNER (by invitation only)