Graduate Student Conference on European Integration
Friday 17 January 2014, 12-5pm
Sedgewick C168

Agenda

13:00  **Keynote Address**  
Amy Verdun, Professor of Political Science and Jean Monnet Chair Ad Personam in European Studies

13:30  **Panel 1: Current Issues Facing the EU**  
Discussant: Dr. Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, Director of European Studies Program and Associate Professor of Public Administration)  
Presenters: Bryan Benner, MA Student, Sociology. *Iceland and Europe: Friends, Foe, and Fish.*  
Maria Konstantinov, MA Student, Interdisciplinary Studies. *In Silent Memoriam: Finding a Place for Roma Genocide Memory in Eastern Europe*  
Iryna Matiienko, Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science. *Politics of the Digital Age for Europe: Towards a European Electronic Identity?*

15:00  **Coffee Break**

15:20  **Panel 2: Democracy, Nationalism, and EU Outsiders**  
Discussant: Dr. Oliver Schmidtke, Professor of Political Science & History, Director of the Centre for Global Studies  
Presenters: Jennifer Blais, MA Student, Political Science. *Reassessing the Democratic Deficit in the Post-Lisbon Era*  
Alex Gunn, Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science. *Minority, Nationalism and the EU: The Challenges and Opportunities for Catalonia*  
Tania Shaban, Ph.D Candidate, Interdisciplinary Studies. *Good Governance in Eastern Partnership Policy: European Integration and Institutional Challenges in Ukraine*

16:45  **Concluding Remarks**  
Dr. Valerie D’Erman, Sessional Instructor with Political Science & European Studies

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