What’s Been Happening at the Benelux Program in 2015?

University of Luxembourg Cooperation Agreement

In September, UC Berkeley and the University of Luxembourg signed a cooperation agreement with the goal of fostering cooperation at the Ph.D. and faculty level between both institutions. As the seat of the European Court of Justice and the European Investment Bank, Luxembourg offers interesting research opportunities to Berkeley scholars. The cooperation agreement between UC Berkeley and Luxembourg will be supported by the Luxembourg National Research Fund FNR.

Student Support

URAP Spotlight

Jenny Lu is an undergraduate student at UC Berkeley studying Political Science and Media Studies. Jenny’s studies have mostly focused on American politics and mass media, but, after studying abroad in the BENELUX countries, she has developed a stronger interest in expanding her knowledge of international relations and affairs, especially related to Europe.

Designated Emphasis in European Studies

Beginning in Fall 2016, the Benelux Program will sponsor the country’s first Designated Emphasis in European Studies program for graduate students interested in exploring European affairs in their respective fields. Click the following links for more information about program admissions and requirements.

Graduate Student Conference

Graduate students probed questions of energy policy, foreign relations and legal regimes in the inaugural graduate student conference in European Studies entitled “Breaking and Building Borders in Europe.” Read more about the April 2015 conference here.
Meet Anze Erbeznik, our EU Fellow

Anze Erbeznik is a lawyer and administrator in Justice and Home Affairs at the European Parliament in Brussels. During his fellowship term, he will pursue a comparative project on the harmonization of federal criminal law in both the US and the EU. Erbeznik will focus on the extension of the US Bill of Rights and the EU’s Charter of Fundamental Rights to states.

Benelux Lecture Series Spotlight: Ronald Leopold

Ronald Leopold, Executive Director of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, visited the Berkeley campus from October 11-12 and delivered an exciting lecture on the legacy of Anne Frank. His talk, entitled “Remembering the Past, Facing the Future: The Power of the Anne Frank House's Empty Rooms," gave an overview to the House's rich history and its role in both the local and global communities. To read more about his visit, click here.

BIG GIVE

BIG GIVE, Berkeley’s annual 24-hour fundraising extravaganza, is quickly approaching! On November 19, you can join thousands of alumni, students, parents, and friends in supporting Berkeley by giving to the Benelux Program. Together, we’ll ensure that Cal students and faculty in European Studies continue the dynamic scholarship needed to maintain our position as the No. 1 public university in the world. Donate to the Benelux Program here.