

SPRING 2022 NEWS

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Dear Friends of the Institute of European Studies,

I am sending you our Spring 2022 newsletter at a time when Europe is facing its greatest crisis since World War II following Russian President Putin's decision to invade Ukraine. IES condemns this act of aggression in the strongest possible terms. We stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine as well as all of those in Russia and elsewhere who oppose this invasion. IES also dedicated great attention to the ongoing war in Ukraine and did so in cooperation with our sister organization, the Institute of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies and the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. We hosted a Rapid Response Event to discuss the immediate and long-term consequences of the invasion for NATO and the European Union to which we invited Sören Urbansky, Head of Office of the German Historical Institute-Pacific Regional Office, and Zachary Shore, Professor of History at the Naval Postgraduate School and Senior Fellow at IES. We also had a chance to discuss the situation in Ukraine with Jean-Arthur Régibeau, Ambassador of Belgium to the United States and former Belgian ambassador to the Russian Federation, as well as the Austrian Parliament Member Helmut Brandstätter. Finally, IES co-hosted a poetry reading entitled "Poetry in a Time of War: Voices from Ukraine and Russia."

We also paid attention to other matters of great importance to Europe, such as the federal elections in Germany and the presidential elections in France. One of the highlights of the semester was our conference, organized in cooperation with the Austrian Marshall Foundation and the Botstiber Institute for Austrian-American Studies on "Far-Right Politics in Austria, Europe, and the United States: Recent Trends and Transatlantic Connections."



In this newsletter you will find an overview of these and other activities, made with the assistance of our team of undergraduate reporters led by Alexandra Desmedt. If you regret to have missed one of our events, please check out the IES Youtube Channel where you will find a selection of our lectures.

The organization of these activities would not have been possible without the support of the US Ministry of Education Title VI Program, the DAAD, the France-Berkeley Fund, the EU Jean Monnet Program, the Austrian Marshall Foundation and BMBWF, as well as our partner organization, the Pacific Regional Office of the German Historical Institute. I would like to thank my colleagues Gia White, Duarte Pinheiro, Akasemi Newsome, Lotta Weckstrom, as well as Heike Friedman and Ray Savord from the German Historical Institute for their support. Special thanks go to our Program Directors, in particular Mark Bevir, Catherine Flynn, Mia Fuller, Mark Sandberg, and Larry Hyman for their assistance in the organization of events during the semester. I am also grateful to our team of Undergraduate Research Apprentice students.

We have many more online events planned for next year and are proud to offer those to you at no charge. As always, we appreciate any support you can give to help us sustain our high quality interdisciplinary programming on Europe. To donate, please consult [our website](#) or contact me personally and I will be pleased to tell you more about the Institute's funding opportunities.

I hope you will all stay safe and, more than ever, I hope to welcome you again to one of our events at IES in the next year. With warm regards and my very best wishes for the upcoming holidays,

Jeroen Dewulf  
Director  
Institute of European Studies

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF AFFILIATES

This semester, IES was delighted to welcome our new Program Manager, LAURA MORELLO. Since 2013, Laura has worked in international education at universities in Canada and the United Kingdom. Her experience focuses on international mobility, partnerships, events and student support. She holds a MA in Cross-Cultural Communication and Education from Newcastle University and has moved to the Bay Area from Toronto, Canada. At IES, Laura manages the France-Berkeley Fund. She is also responsible for managing the IES visiting scholars' program and providing support to the Austrian Studies Program, the Center for British Studies, the Irish Studies Program, the Modern Greek & Hellenic Studies Program, the Program for the Study of Italy, and other IES programs.



LOTTA WECKSTRÖM joined IES this semester as the Associate Director of the Nordic Studies Center. Lotta earned her Ph.D in Applied Language Studies from Jyväskylä University and a M.Phil in Speech Communication, Rhetoric and Argumentation Analysis, from the University of Amsterdam. Lotta has been working in higher education since 2005, in classroom and on-line courses, development and execution. She has teaching experience in language pedagogy in higher education, sociolinguistics and online learning. Lotta has been a Finnish language lecturer since 2017 in the UCB Department of Scandinavian, and the Nordic Language program coordinator since 2021. At the Nordic Center, Lotta focuses on the humanities side of the operation: student pathways to the Nordics, language course tailoring, close collaboration with UCB Study Abroad, conferences, symposia, and collaborating with Cal Performances. Lotta is also responsible for the Nordic Center humanities grant programs.

The Pacific Regional Office of the German Historical Institute (GHI-PRO), based at IES, is pleased to welcome a new fellow, NINO VALLEN. Nino is a historian of Latin America and the Pacific World. He studied history at Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands, and received his PhD from the Institute for Latin American Studies at Freie Universität Berlin. Having studied Mexico's transpacific connection during the colonial period in his first book, his current research project explores the role of the Chinese migrant worker in the stories that people in South America told in disputes about the exploitation of natural resources during the second half of the nineteenth and first half of the twentieth centuries.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO GIA WHITE



On April 13th, 2022 IES Administrative Director, Gia White, received the 2022 Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Award. Gia was instrumental to the founding of the Institute of European Studies, and continues to be a vital member of both IES And GIAS. She has served the University for more than 30 years, benefitting students, staff, faculty, and visiting scholars alike. This distinction recognizes her exceptional dedication to IES, GIAS, and the entire Berkeley community. We are very proud of you, Gia, congratulations!

# AFFILIATE NEWS

Starting THIS FALL, all IES grant applications for research at European partner universities are due **November 1st**. If you are interested in applying for [one of these grants](#) for the 2023 calendar year, you must do so by November 1, 2022.



Karin Liebhart

Karin Liebhart is a senior lecturer at the Department of Political Science at the University of Vienna. Her research, teaching and publications focus on visual political communication, cultural studies, and gender studies, with an emphasis on political iconography and advertisements; political self-representations; visual representations of political memory; and visual representations of gender. Among her teaching appointments, she previously served as Fulbright Visiting Professor at the Department of Political Science and the Institute for Global Studies, University of Minnesota (2018), and as Visiting Professor and Marshall Plan Anniversary Chair at the Department of Political Science, University of New Orleans (2014-15). She is also a member of the Executive Team of the Postgraduate Program "Global Citizenship Education", based at the University of Klagenfurt.

The Austrian Studies Program at IES was delighted to welcome Dr. KARIN LIEBHART (University of Vienna) as the inaugural Botstiber Visiting Professor for 2022. Dr. Liebhart taught the Spring 2022 UC Berkeley Botstiber Compact Seminar in Austrian Studies, on the topic of "Right-wing Politics and Political Communication in Austria." Offering an overview of right-wing politics, discourses and related imagery from the mid-1980s to the present, this graduate seminar considered recent trends and phenomena related to both right-wing party politics and civil society activism in Austria. The course shed light on how these developments are reflected in verbal and visual political communication such as political rhetoric, campaign material, and social media.

IES faculty affiliates MARK SANDBERG and LOK SIU received the 2022 Faculty Mentor Award. Every year, the Graduate Assembly recognizes members of the U.C. Berkeley faculty who have shown an outstanding commitment to mentoring, advising, and generally supporting academic and professional graduate students.



Mark Sandberg and Lok Siu

This past May, IES Associate Director AKASEMI NEWSOME, IES Senior Fellow MARIANNE RIDDERVOLD, and founder of the European Politics Working Group at IES, MATTHEW STENBERG, participated in the 17th Biennial Conference of the European Union Studies Association in Miami, Florida. Dr. Newsome chaired the panel *EU Foreign Policy: What Continuities with Colonialism?* and presented a talk entitled "Polycrisis and Resilience in the European Union: COVID-19 and Avenues for Future Studies" with co-authors Jarle Trondal (University of Oslo) and Marianne Riddervold (Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences) as part of the panel *Crisis and Post-COVID Governance*. Prof. Riddervold presented a talk entitled "The EU's Vaccination Strategy against COVID-19: An Emerging Uncomfortable Fit between Regional and Global Crisis Response?" as part of the panel *The EU's COVID-19 Crisis Responses -Fragmentation or Unity?* Dr. Stenberg participated in the panel *Defending Democracy and the Rule of Law in the European Union: Promises and Pitfalls*, presenting his work on discrimination alongside Conor O'Dwyer (University of Florida) in a talk entitled "When do Cities Discriminate?"



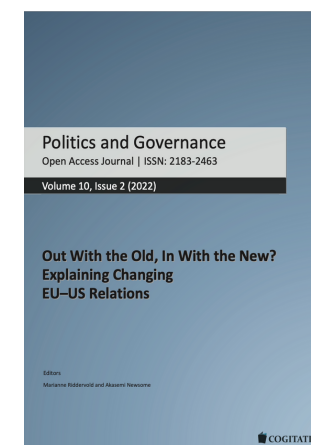
Isabel Richter

The Institute of European Studies would like to wish a fond farewell to DAAD Professor ISABEL RICHTER. During her time at Berkeley, Prof. Richter has collaborated closely with our Institute, most recently on the series *Memory Cultures in Contemporary Germany: Conversations on Remembering Collective Trauma in a Multicultural Society*, organized jointly with the Institute of European Studies at UC Berkeley, the Pacific Regional Office of the German Historical Institute Washington, and the Goethe-Institut of San Francisco. Over the past few years, Prof. Richter has partnered with IES and the GHI to produce a number of events including the virtual panel discussion *Competing Memories: Inter/National Debates about Remembering the Holocaust and Colonialism*, the 2021 *West Coast Germanists' Workshop*, organized jointly with Sheer Ganor (German Historical Institute), the film series *Gehen/Bleiben. Whether to Stay or to Leave* which explored the history, causes, and consequences of international and global migration through the lens of intimate relationships and a history from below approach. Thank you for your many contributions to our Institute, and we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!

LARRY HYMAN, Professor of Linguistics and Director of the France-Berkeley Fund at UC Berkeley, has been named Chevalier in France's prestigious Ordre des Palmes Académiques. Hyman's award recognizes his extraordinary contributions to strengthening French and U.S. collaboration as longtime Director of the France-Berkeley Fund. Working in close partnership with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Higher Education and Research, Hyman has championed over 300 FBF projects bringing together faculty and early-career researchers in California and France. These fruitful connections attest to the continuing impact of the France-Berkeley Fund, which has flourished under Hyman's leadership. The well-deserved honor of Chevalier recognizes the important work Hyman has done and continues to do on behalf of France and French culture.



Larry Hyman [left]



AKASEMI NEWSOME (UC Berkeley) and MARIANNE RIDDERVOLD (Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences) co-edited the May 2022 issue of *Politics and Governance* for Cogitatio Press. Their introduction, "Out With the Old, In With the New? Explaining Changing EU-US Relations" explores the impact of the Ukraine Crisis on the transatlantic relationship. Newsome and Riddervold analyzed the significance of the coordinated EU-US response for longer-term trends in transatlantic relations, contextualizing the modern dynamics of the transatlantic relationship within various structural, strategic, economic, institutional, and domestic factors.

UC Berkeley joined the US network of French Centers of Excellence in 2021 with the generous support of the French Embassy. The Center of Excellence in French and Francophone Studies consists of three pillars: the UC Berkeley Department of French, the France-Berkeley Fund and the Institute of European Studies. The goal of the Center is to promote research in and study of topics relating to France and the Francophone world on the UC Berkeley campus and strengthen UCB's academic, intellectual, and institutional ties to France. The Center is led by JONAH LEVY, professor of Political Science at UC Berkeley.

Congratulations to the IES faculty affiliates whose projects were funded for 2022 by the DAAD grant to IES under the Program for German and European Studies!

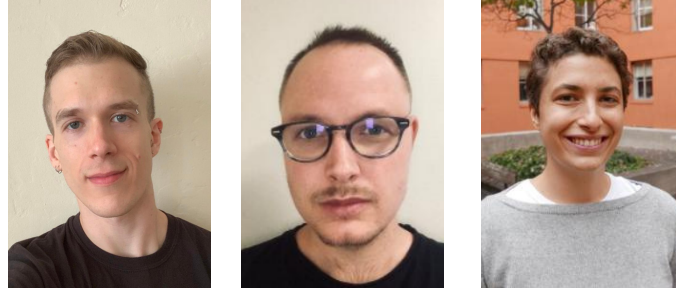


[from left] Mark Bevir, Seth Holmes, Katerina Linos, Jeroen Dewulf, Deniz Göktürk, Robert Braun, Irene Bloemraad

# 2021 GRANTEES

## Berkeley-Cologne Research Fellowship

Andrew Blough (German)  
Kyle Thomson (Italian Studies)



## Berkeley-FAU Erlangen/Nuremberg Research Fellowship

Caroline Durlacher (German)

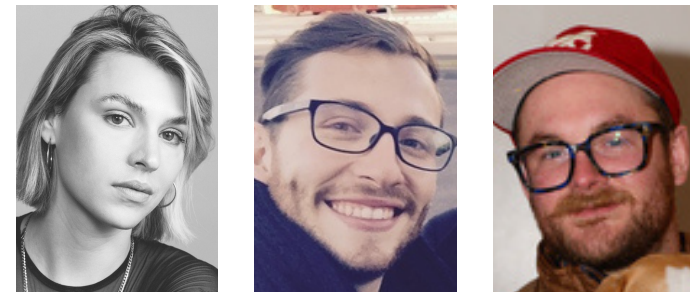
## Berkeley-Greifswald Research Fellowship

Sarah M Harris (German)



## Berkeley-Hasselt Research Fellowship

Ellen Feiss (History of Art)  
Elizabeth Sun (German)



## Berkeley-Freie Universität Berlin Research Fellowship

Robyn Taylor-Neu (Anthropology)  
Ellen Feiss (History of Art)  
Alejandro Munera (Spanish and Portuguese)  
Scott Casleton (Philosophy)  
Esme Bajo (Mathematics)

## Berkeley-FSU Jena Research Fellowship

Irem Inal (Sociology)

## Berkeley-Lausanne Research Fellowship

Clara Turner (City and Regional Planning)

## Berkeley-Muenster Research Fellowship

Kyle Thomson (Italian Studies)  
Elizabeth Sun (German)  
Irem Inal (Sociology)

## Berkeley-Naples Research Fellowship

Lauren R. Pearson (Geography)

## Berkeley-Portugal Research Fellowship

Urte Laukaityte (Philosophy)  
Shoshana Simons (Mathematics)

## Berkeley-Regensburg Research Fellowship

Noah Bender (History)

## Berkeley-Uppsala Research Fellowship

Rebecca Levitan (History of Art)

## Berkeley-St. Andrews Research Fellowship

Ellen Feiss (History of Art)

## Berkeley-Viadrina Research Fellowship

Ambika Athreya (German)

## Gerald D. and Norma Feldman Dissertation Fellowship

Elizabeth Lowe Hunter (African American & African Diaspora Studies)  
Noah Bender (History)

## Helmut Kohl Award in German & European Studies

Frederik Brauner (Architecture)

## Kounalakis Family Fellowship in Greek Studies

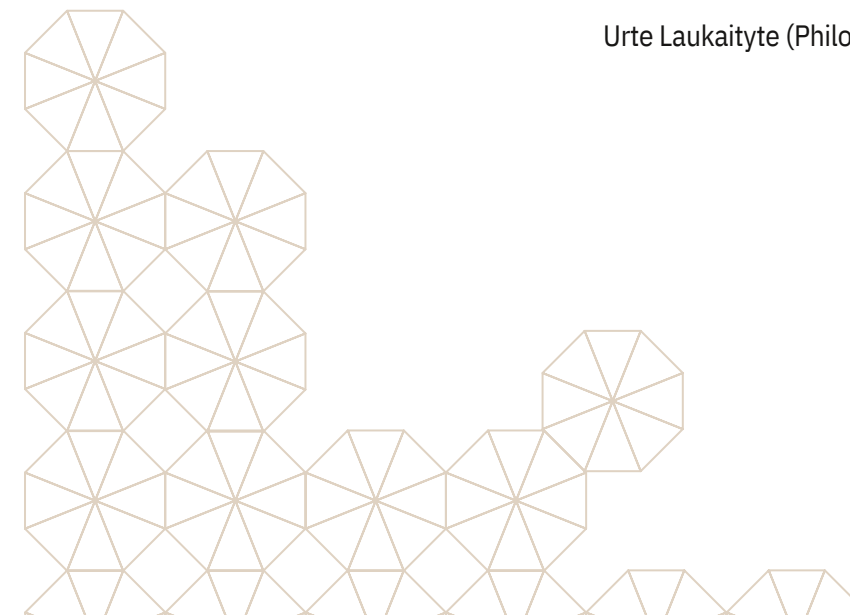
Eylem Taylan (Sociology)

## Modern Greek Studies Foundation Fellowship

Hilal Tümer (History)

## Berkeley-Austria Research Fellowship

Urte Laukaityte (Philosophy)



# Program Spotlight NORDIC CENTER



by Dana Enfinger

The recently launched Nordic Center at UC Berkeley seeks to establish itself as the most comprehensive interdisciplinary hub of its type in the country, fostering dialogue and research to consider Nordic approaches for addressing sustainability, social inequalities, and other systemic issues.

The Nordics represent a hopeful agenda to address the world's most pressing challenges.

"I feel the Nordics stand for social awareness and responsibility toward one another locally and globally," said Barbro Osher. "These elements are part of Berkeley's mission, to illuminate solutions for the public good. And the Nordic Center at UC Berkeley can be at the very heart of it all."

Barbro Osher's belief that the Nordics represent a hopeful agenda to address pressing global challenges inspired her to support the Nordic Center.

The Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation and Bernard Osher Foundation have provided \$2 million in funding for the center for the first two years of operations. The intent during this initial phase is to show the worthiness of the Nordic Center and attract additional funding going forward, said Robert Strand.

Strand, the executive director for the Nordic Center, teaches the course "Sustainable Capitalism in the Nordics" to undergraduate and M.B.A. students at Berkeley Haas. Strand is passionate about the ripple effects that research at the Nordic Center will have at Berkeley and beyond, having lived and studied in the Nordic countries for years and seeing policies and practices at work with his own eyes.

Citizens living in Nordic countries experience some of the highest levels of prosperity, equality, and sustainability performances in the world. Strand notes that the Nordic nations regularly top the annual Sustainable Development Goals Index and related performance measurements. The 2020 World Happiness Report includes a special section about the Nordic region that examines how the Nordics are consistently rated the happiest in the world.

**"No matter whether we look at the state of democracy and political rights, lack of corruption, trust between citizens, felt safety, social cohesion, gender equality, equal distribution of incomes, Human Development Index, or many other global comparisons, one tends to find the Nordic countries in the global top spots." — 2020 World Happiness Report**

The Nordic Center is established at the Institute for European Studies (IES). IES is also home to the Peder Sather Center, which seeks to foster research collaborations between UC Berkeley and a consortium of Norwegian academic institutions. The Nordic Center will be a close partner with the Peder Sather Center. The bulk of activities with the Nordic Center will be executed through a humanities hub at the Department of Scandinavian and a social sciences hub at the Center for Responsible Business within the Institute for Business and Social Impact at Berkeley Haas.

"As home to one of only three independent Scandinavian departments in the United States, UC Berkeley has very unique Nordic competencies," said Mark Sandberg, the center's faculty director and professor with the Department of Scandinavian. "We offer language instruction in five Nordic languages and have unique curricular offerings from Nordic history and literature to the influential cultural contributions of the Nordic societies of more contemporary times."

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute will be a key partner as will other UC Berkeley institutions, including Cal Performances and the Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive.

"UC Berkeley is the ideal place to foster and grow this connection between the United States and the Nordics. Opportunities at the Nordic Center are sure to spark a great deal of inspiration for Berkeley's change makers," said Linda Rugg, associate vice chancellor for research and professor of Swedish literature in the Scandinavian department. "It's really part of the historical tapestry of Berkeley. We are grateful for the longstanding support of Barbro Osher. The Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation also made possible the first endowed chair in the Department of Scandinavian at UC Berkeley."

"Cooperation is a core Nordic cultural norm, and we aim to cooperate across UC Berkeley and beyond to foster a vibrant Nordic constellation. We want to shine a bright global spotlight on the Nordics," Strand said.

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# SPRING 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

## Provincializing Realism: Why the History of an Atlantic Foreign Policy Tradition Matters Today

On January 12th, intellectual historian and IES Senior Fellow MATTHEW SPECTER presented his latest book, *The Atlantic Realists: Empire and International Political Thought Between Germany and the United States*. Specter offered a new interpretation of "realism," the dominant theory in the post-1945 discipline of international relations and a prominent orientation in US foreign policy debates today. Challenging the view of realism as a set of universally binding truths about international affairs, Specter argued that its major features were the product of a century-long transatlantic dialogue and exchange between American and German intellectuals beginning in the late nineteenth century.

## The EU in Crisis

On January 13th, Dr. AKASEMI NEWSOME (UC Berkeley Institute of European Studies), Prof. MARIANNE RIDDERVOLD (Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences), and Prof. JARLE TRONDAL (University of Agder), co-editors of the volume

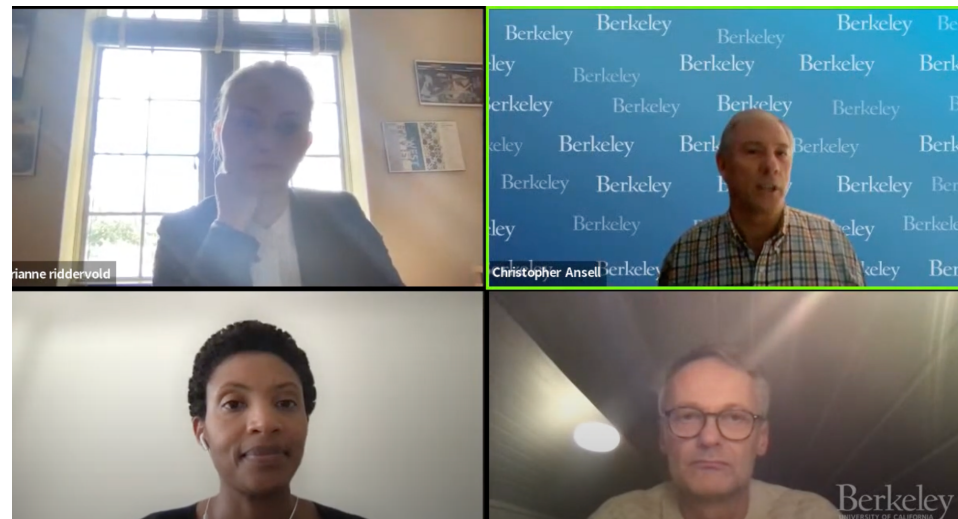


Emily Levine

*The Palgrave Handbook of EU Crises*, discussed their research on the multiple crises facing the EU. Their presentation explored the European Union's institutional and policy responses to crises across policy domains and institutions – including the Euro crisis, Brexit, the Ukraine crisis, the refugee crisis, as well as the global health crisis resulting from COVID-19. Their work contributes to our understanding of how crisis affects institutional change and continuity, decision-making behavior and processes, and public policy-making.

## The Transatlantic Origins of the Modern Research University

On January 26th, Prof. EMILY LEVINE (Stanford University) shared her research on the development of modern standards for higher education in a conversation with MATTHEW SPECTER (UC Berkeley). Drawing from findings in her new book, *Allies and Rivals*, Prof. Levine outlined the ascent of American higher education seen through the lens of German-American exchange. In a series of compelling portraits of such leaders as Wilhelm von Humboldt, Martha Carey Thomas, and W. E. B. Du Bois, Levine showed how academic innovators on both sides of the Atlantic competed and collaborated to shape the research university. Even as nations sought world dominance through scholarship, universities retained values apart from politics and economics. Open borders enabled Americans to unite the English college and German PhD to create the modern research university, a hybrid now replicated the world over.



[from upper left] Marianne Riddervold, Christopher Ansell, Akasemi Newsome, and Jarle Trondal

## Ottomans After Empire: Sephardi Immigrant Space and Daily Life in Interwar Paris

On February 10th, Postdoctoral Fellow ROBIN BULLER spoke at the Center for Jewish Studies to offer insight on how Sephardi immigrants from the Ottoman Empire adapted and contributed to life in interwar Paris, while preserving Jewish culture. Buller is a Tandem Postdoctoral Fellow in the History of Migration at the Pacific Office of the German Historical Institute Washington and a Visiting Scholar at University of California Berkeley's Institute for European Studies. The presentation was moderated by UC Berkeley historian ETHAN KATZ.



Andreas Önnarfors

## Continent of Conspiracies? Conspiracy Theories about Europe and the EU

On February 15, 2022, The Institute of European Studies, in collaboration with the Department of Scandinavian, was pleased to welcome ANDREAS ÖNNERFORS, Dean of Class 1, Humanities at the European Academy of Sciences and Arts in Salzburg, Austria, and current visiting professor at the UC Berkeley Department of Scandinavian Studies. Following a presentation detailing the different conspiracy theories regarding Europe and the EU, JEROEN DEWULF, Director of the Institute of European Studies, and KARIN LIEBHART, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Political Sciences at the University of Vienna, moderated the discussion.



## The Transatlantic Alliance and the Future of the European Relationship with Russia and China

On February 17th, 2022, the IES BENELUX Studies Program was pleased to host JEAN-ARTHUR RÉGIBEAU, Ambassador of Belgium to the United States and former Belgian ambassador to the Russian Federation, who discussed the Transatlantic Alliance and the future of the European relationship with Russia and China. According to Régibeau, the current tensions over Ukraine accentuate the need for cooperation between NATO and the European Union, and emphasize the imperative need of finding a common and compatible solution on both sides.

Ambassador Jean-Arthur Régibeau [center] visits IES

## Unsettled Memories Turned to Stone

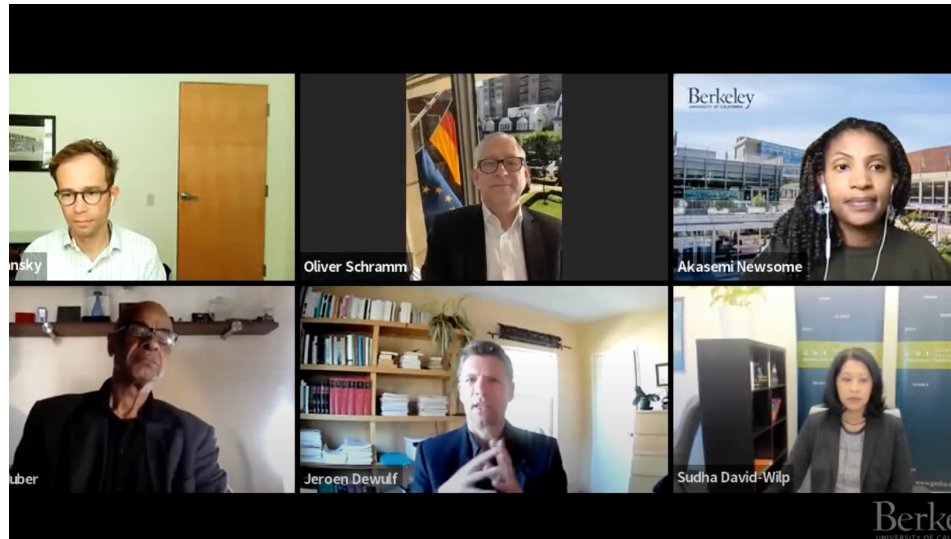
On February 24th, PP Rubens Chair at UC Berkeley NIKOLAAS VANDE KEERE presented a lecture on contemporary iconoclasm and contentious colonial heritage in Belgium and abroad. He placed the debate into a broader perspective and extend the existing strategies for statues with colonial heritage to a museological and architectural context. To illustrate the potential of adaptive reuse in this field, he presented two research-by-design projects of colonial encounter in Belgium and Central Africa.

## Birthing Africa: Womanhood and Citizenship in the Poetry of Conceição Lima

On February 23, The Center for Portuguese Studies at the Institute of European Studies was pleased to welcome Santomean poet CONCEIÇÃO LIMA to speak of the influence of her childhood in São Tomé and Príncipe on her poetry. Particularly central to her work are memories of her grandmother and "aunties," who shared stories of the past in Creole, and of her parents who taught her the power of language and the importance of Portuguese as the "language of mobility."



Conceição Lima



[from top left] Sören Urbansky, Oliver Schramm, Akasemi Newsome, Charles M. Huber, Jeroen Dewulf, Sudha David-Wilp

Rapid Response: The Russian Invasion of the Ukraine and the Consequences for NATO and the EU

Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, IES held a Rapid Response Event to discuss the immediate and long-term consequences of the invasion for NATO and the European Union. IES Director JEROEN DEWULF, IES Associate Director AKASEMI NEWSOME, SÖREN URBANSKY, Head of Office of the German Historical Institute-Pacific Regional Office, and ZACHARY SHORE, Professor of History at the Naval Postgraduate School and Senior Fellow at IES, analyzed the latest developments and took questions from the audience.

Whiteness and Collective Trauma in the Rearview Mirror

On March 4, 2022, IES in collaboration with the German Historical Institute invited journalists ALICE HASTERS and MOHAMED AMJAHID to participate in a panel discussion on the whitewashing of German memory culture. Both authors have written on whiteness as a socially stratifying concept in contemporary multicultural Germany. Hasters and Amjahid discussed the importance of critically questioning and picking apart German memory culture, Whiteness, and the

idea of a Dominanzgesellschaft (dominant society) in Germany. They also examined the link between discourses in Germany and the United States in the transatlantic media landscape.



[from left] Mohamed Amjahid, Alice Hasters and Akasemi Newsome

Being Azorean: Literary and Sociological Portraits

In this conversation, ROSA SIMAS, (Universidade dos Açores), LICÍNIO TOMÁS (Universidade dos Açores), and MANUEL BETTENCOURT, DDS reflected upon the idea of "Being Azorean". The panelists analyzed Azorean identity will from a literary and sociological perspective. The speakers addressed questions such as does geographical displacement impact Azorean identity? Presently, what is the defining aspect of Azorean identity? History, Migration, geography, cultural heritage, economy, are some of the aspects considered in this conversation.

Foreign Policy and the New German Government

On March 16, 2022, The Institute of European Studies, in collaboration with the German Historical Institute's Pacific Regional Office (GHI PRO), organized a panel event on the foreign policy challenges faced by the new government of German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. The panel of experts consisted of CHARLES M. HUBER, Former Parliament Member (CDU 2013-2017) of the German Federal Government; SUDHA DAVID-WILP, Deputy Director of the Berlin Office of the German Marshall Fund of the United States; and OLIVER SCHRAMM, Consul General of the German Consulate General San Francisco. SOEREN URBANSKY, Head of Office of the German Historical Institute Washington, and AKASEMI NEWSOME, Associate Director of the Institute of European Studies, moderated the discussion. At the end, the audience also had the opportunity to ask questions directly to the specialists on issues linked to the topic.

Blind Spots in Shared Memory: Jenny Erpenbeck in Conversation with Lilla Balint and Kurt Beals

On March 18th, the Institute of European Studies welcomed JENNY ERPENBECK, one of the leading contemporary fiction writers in the German language. Erpenbeck's literary oeuvre focuses on Germany's history over the long twentieth century and engages with issues such as migration and transformation. She currently teaches a graduate seminar at New York University. KURT BEALS, who holds a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley and is currently an Associate Professor of German and Comparative Literature and Director of Graduate Studies at Washington University in St. Louis, moderated the discussion



[from top left] Duane Jethro, Isabel Richter and Mirjam Brusius

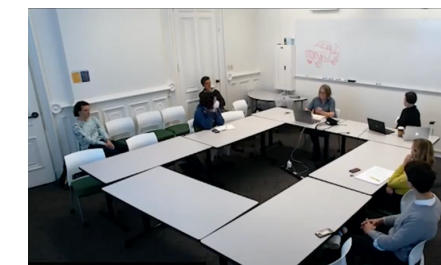
with Erpenbeck along with LILLA BALINT, Assistant Professor of German at UC Berkeley.

Circular Economy in the Textile Industry: a European Perspective

On March 28th, the Institute of European Studies in partnership with the Center of Science, Technology, Medicine, & Society was pleased to host THOMAS GRIES, Professor of Textile Engineering at the RWTH University of Aachen. In this event, Gries discussed the circular economy in the textile industry from a European perspective. The fact that the textile industry is the second-largest consumer sector, and the third-largest economy worldwide, accentuates the need to research and educate about the various recycling methods that can help develop a more sustainable textile industry.

Objects, Cultural Heritage and Belonging

On March 30th, IES in collaboration with the German Historical Institute invited historian MIRJAM BRUSIUS and anthropologist DUANE JETHRO to discuss recent debates on colonial traces and legacies in contemporary German public space such as museums, collections and street names. The speakers examined the role of artifacts and objects for narratives about Germany's past and the relationship of cultural heritage and belonging in contemporary Germany.



Anni Hellman presents her work on AI at the Center for Long-Term Cybersecurity

Poetry in a Time of War: Voices from Ukraine and Russia

On April 4th, the UC Berkeley Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, in collaboration with the Institute of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, as well as the Institute of European Studies, organized a poetry reading entitled "Poetry in a Time of War: Voices from Ukraine and Russia." The event featured a discussion panel comprised of poets, translators, and editors who read and discussed contemporary authors from Ukraine including Serhiy Zhadan, Boris Khersonsky, Marianna Kiyanovska, Lyuba Yakimchuk, Tanya Skarynkina, and Yevgenia Belorusetz. Works were read in both their original and translated languages, and the discussion aimed to underscore the dignity of literature during a time of war.

The computer says no. But can I believe him?: Thoughts on auditing artificial intelligence with Anni Hellman

The UC Berkeley Center for Long-Term Cybersecurity, in collaboration with the Institute of European Studies, the Berkeley Institute for Data Science, and the Center for Human-Compatible Artificial Intelligence Center, had the honor of receiving ANNI HELLMAN, EU Commission Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology. She is a BIDS Visiting Fellow and 2021-2022 EU Fellow with the Institute of European Studies at UC Berkeley, focusing on the mathematics of artificial intelligence, disinformation, and algorithms. Hellman presented an overview of the legal and ethical challenges artificial intelligence (AI) creates, such as biases and fairness within AI, the complex audits of new technologies, and acceptable error rates.



Helmut Brandstätter

### Last Wakeup Call for Europe

On April 6th, the Institute of European Studies hosted Austrian Parliament Member HELMUT BRANDSTÄTTER for a lecture on Europe's various politico-economic crises over recent years and its so-called "Last Wakeup Call". The event was moderated by KAREN LIEBHART, who is the 2022 Botstiber Visiting Professor at UC Berkeley. Liebhart began by introducing Brandstätter, who has been a member of the Austrian parliament for the liberal party NEOS since 2019. Brandstätter holds a doctorate from the University of Vienna and started his career as a journalist before he became the spokesperson on foreign policy for NEOS in Austria. He has also published several books, including his latest work Last Wakeup Call for Europe, which addresses Europe's tackling of recent crises such as the corona pandemic, the trade war between the US and China, and the emergence of authoritarian regimes in European countries like Hungary and Poland. These challenges have put some values into question and demonstrate that peace is not a given in Europe.



Participants in "New Work in International Relations" at Berkeley City College

Interrogating Identities: Mithu Sanyal in Conversation with Priscilla Layne and Elisabeth Krimmer

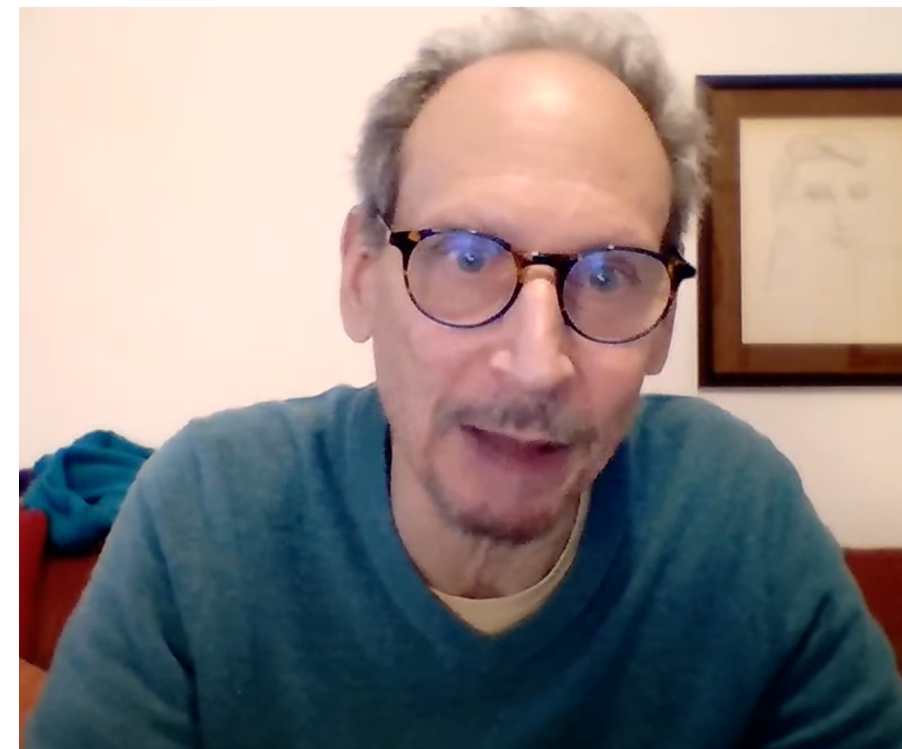
On April 8, the Institute of European Studies welcomed German award-winning novelist, academic, critic and broadcaster MITHU SANYAL for a discussion on her 2021 novel *Identitti*. Sanyal's literary career includes publications for The Guardian on current events regarding the social climate in Germany, and other books centering on female sexual empowerment and experiences with assault and abuse. This event was moderated by ELISABETH KRIMMER, Professor of German at UC Davis, and PRISCILLA LAYNE, Associate Professor in the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

### Blockchain and Crypto Assets : the European Union's Policy and Regulation

On April 12, Senior Policy Officer for the European Commission and former EU Fellow at the UC Berkeley Institute of European Studies LUKAS REPA led a discussion on the European Union's policy for blockchain technologies. The lecture provided an overview of such technologies and their development, and discussed their protection and legislation to regulate them. After making clear that this lecture expressed his own opinions and not necessarily those of the European Commission, Repa first explained the EU's policy for Blockchain and DLT technologies, which included supporting research and development, setting the public sector as trailblazer in these technologies, closing the knowledge gap, supporting global cooperation, and providing legislation and regulatory sandboxes.

### New Work in International Relations

To deepen ties across institutions of higher education in Berkeley and regionally, the UC Berkeley Institute of European Studies and Berkeley City College convened a scholarly panel, "New Work in International Studies," on April 19, 2022. The panel comprised faculty from Santa Clara University, University of San Francisco, and University of Washington. The co-organizers were MATTHEW SPECTER, Senior Fellow at IES, and CHARLOTTE LEE, faculty at Berkeley City College. Professor SADIA SAEED (USF, History) presented on the ways in which international organizations such as the United Nations have become sites for new postcolonial ideologies, while Professor NORA FISHER-ONAR (USF, History) focused on the creation of "regional worlds" outside of



Richard Zimler

Western narratives. Professor DANIEL BESSNER (UW, History) framed US foreign policy formulation in terms of debates between those arguing for imperial expansion versus restraint. Professor Specter (SCU, History) closed the panel with his presentation of themes from his excavation of the transatlantic intellectual history of political realism in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

April 25, Poetics of the People's Revolution: an interview with Richard Zimler

In the celebration of the 48th Anniversary of the Portuguese Carnation Revolution, Center for Portuguese Studies Honorary Fellow DEOLINDA ADÃO interviewed the writer RICHARD ZIMLER about one of the most important political and historical periods of Portugal, April 25, 1974, The Portuguese Carnation Revolution. What were the immediate consequences of the Carnation Revolution on the Portuguese literary scene? What has changed since then? These are some of the questions that Richard Zimler answered, while he discussed his books.

### Tackling Labour Exploitation in the Cocoa Supply Chain

On April 25th, LEONA VAUGHN (Vulnerable Populations Lead, Finance Against Slavery & Trafficking (FAST), United Nations University - Centre for Policy Research) presented her research as part of a joint rapid research project by United Nations University - Centre for Policy Research (UNU-CPR) and Institute of Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA) which explored how the finance sector in Ghana, the UK and Europe could contribute to reducing the vulnerabilities of populations affected by the cocoa sector in Ghana to experiences of 'modern slavery', including trafficking and child labour, in the context of COVID-19 and climate change.

### Forest Management – Development of Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting Strategies, 2nd Colloquium

On April 27th PETER BOSSELMANN (Professor of Urban Design, UC Berkeley), TIAGO MARTINS DE OLIVEIRA (Chairman of the Board of Directors AGIF) and LYNN HUNTSINGER (Professor of Environmental Science, Policy & Management, UC Berkeley) participated in a panel discussion comparing research being conducted at the University of Lisbon and at the University of California, Berkeley, with the actions of citizen groups and government intervention in the critical area of Forest Management and Preservation.

### Can the Brazilian Amazon Forest Still be Saved? On the Amazon Fund between Brazil, Germany, and Norway

On April 28th, IES Visiting Scholar HERBERT GONÇALVES MARQUES JUNIOR presented his research on the Amazon Fund which Brazil, Germany, and Norway jointly created with the ambition to stop deforestation by financing sustainable projects and support local communities in the Brazilian Amazon rainforest. In this lecture, Herbert Gonçalves Marques Jr. analyzed and evaluated the results of the Amazon Fund and discussed the challenges it faces since the election of Jair Bolsonaro as the new president of Brazil in 2019.



Herbert Gonçalves Marques Junior



Germany's New China Policy: Will Berlin Revise its Previously Benign Course on Beijing?

On May 2nd, HERIBERT DIETER, (German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin) presented a lecture moderated by VINOD AGGARWAL (UC Berkeley) on the new German government's foreign policy regarding China. Dieter argued unlike previous coalitions, which emphasized the potential benefits from trade and investment, the new German government has embraced a different policy: Like in most other European countries, China is increasingly seen as a competitor and a challenge.

Northern Ireland: Beyond the 'Two Communities' Paradigm

On May 6th, MARUŠKA SVAŠEK (Queens University Belfast, UK) presented the findings of her ethnographic research in Northern Ireland. Her talk challenged widespread images of Northern Ireland as either a 'conflict-ridden' or a 'post-conflict' society – images that have dominated both academic writing and media reportage. Svašek argued that the overemphasis on ethnic or national contestations, reinforced by the 'two-communities' paradigm, limits insights into the histories and spatial practices of individuals and groups in the region, and into the nature of conflict as such.



Maruška Svašek

Belonging, Memory Culture, and the Power of Visual Narratives

On May 4th, IES in collaboration with the German Historical Institute and the Goethe-Institut in San Francisco hosted a talk by author and illustrator NORA KRUG. Central to Krug's artistic work is the goal of coming to terms with the National Socialist era as well as the practice of being historically conscious and actively taking responsibility. Her graphic memoir *Belonging: A German Reckons with History and Home* wrestles with the idea of Heimat or the German word for the place that first forms a person. Krug's memoir draws on letters, archival material, flea market finds, as well as photographs and combines different forms of artistic expression in a highly innovative manner.

The Future was Yesterday: Visions of Portuguese Rural Architecture during the 1960s

In this lecture, IES Visiting Fellow PEDRO NAMORADO BORGES investigated the ambivalent role of the 4-H program in Portugal. Governed by the Estado Novo (1933-1974), the dictatorial regime headed by Oliveira Salazar, nevertheless became part of international organizations belonging to the emerging democratic Western world (e.g. FAO, UN and OECE/OCDE).

Building off of recent discoveries suggesting that the state supported housing program – 'Aldeias Melhoradas' / Improved Villages program (1958-1974), was strongly influenced by the actions carried out by the 4-H organization of the Department of Agriculture in the USA, Borges addressed questions such as how did these influences reach some of the most isolated villages in Portugal? Were there direct contacts between national and American technicians? What were the sources of funding? How did these initiatives take place?

Black Europe Source Material for Community College Curriculum

On June 9th, Dr. MARGARET AMAKA OHIA-NOWAK (Centre for Intersectional Justice) and Prof. KWAME NIMAKO (University of Amsterdam) presented a workshop on Black Europe source material for scholars in world history, comparative government, and comparative literature. Dr. Ohia-Nowak shared teaching and research resources on Black Europe in Poland, historical and empirical resources, images, and videos, links to activists, educational and artistic projects, that chronicle experiences and ideas of Blackness, and challenge the colonial and racist narratives that erase or marginalize Black identities in Central and Eastern European histories. Prof. Nimako shared his work as a specialist on citizenship and Migration in Europe, with a primary focus on the African diaspora in nations across Europe, and its distinctive experiences vis a vis other racialized minorities. He shared his expertise on key dimensions of politics, policy and practice across Europe, past and present; and the ways in which European and nation-specific laws shape Black people's lives.

In Spring 2021, IES was pleased to host three conferences approaching European Studies topics through an interdisciplinary lens.

## 2022 AUSTRIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

Far-Right Politics in Austria, Europe, and the United States: Recent Trends and Transatlantic Connections

*Organized by the UC Berkeley Austrian Studies Program in cooperation with the Botstiber Institute for Austrian-American Studies and the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation. Co-sponsored by the UC Berkeley Department of German; the UC Berkeley Center for Right-Wing Studies; the UC Berkeley Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies; the Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation; and the Department of Political Science, University of Vienna.*

Against the background of the recent rise of far-right ideology, authoritarian political thinking and corresponding politics across Europe and the United States the conference sheds light on both country case studies and transnational exchange and collaboration between relevant groups and political actors.

The contributions focus on relevant developments in Austria and other European countries. Special attention is given to parallels and differences between national political contexts and trends, on the one hand, and transnational/transatlantic influences, connections and co-operations, but also differences, on the other.

Pertinent topics to be discussed comprise the rejection of pluralistic political concepts, the role of antisemitism, racism and xenophobia, hostility towards ethnic and social minorities, appeals to stereotypes and scapegoating, the striking success of conspiracy theories which have been fueled by the Covid-19 pandemic, and last but not least the significant transnational dissemination of far-right political discourse and imagery via diverse social media. The Botstiber Lecture by Karin Liebhart explores the example of Austria and discusses why the country is an interesting case for the study of far-right movements and party politics.

**Keynote Lecture** by Ambassador WOLFGANG PETRITSCH (Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation): "A Watershed Moment for Europe's Democracy - The twin-challenges of authoritarian populism and the return of weaponized power politics"

**Botstiber Lecture** by KARIN LIEBHART (University of Vienna; 2022 Botstiber Visiting Professor, UC Berkeley): "QAnon's Rise in Austria"



Ambassador Petritsch

Panel 1: Moderated by JEROEN DEWULF (UC Berkeley)

- DAVID LARGE (San Francisco Fromm Institute): "Return of the Repressed: The Post-World War II Origins of Far-Right Politics in Europe"
- PÉTER KREKÓ (Eötvös Lorand University of Science): "COVID-Skepticism, Pseudoscience and the Populist Radical Right: A Complicated Relationship"
- LAURA JÁKLI (Harvard Society of Fellows): "The European Far Right's Campaign Strategies in Online Political Ads"

Panel 2: Moderated by DAVID LARGE (San Francisco Fromm Institute)

- MICHAL KRZYŻANOWSKI (Uppsala University): "The New Normal' and the Recontextualisation of Crisis: Discursive Shifts in European (Right-Wing) Populist Imagination during/after the COVID-19 Pandemic"
- MITCHELL ORENSTEIN (University of Pennsylvania)/Maria Snegovaya (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University): "Conservative National Populists in Eastern Europe: Is There an Economic Dimension to Their Support?"
- ANDREAS ÖNNERFORS (European Academy of Sciences and Arts): "'The Great Replacement': A Transatlantic Frame of Radicalized Violence"

Panel 3: Moderated by KARIN LIEBHART (University of Vienna)

- MATTHEW STENBERG (UC Berkeley): "When do Cities Discriminate? LGBTQ+ Discrimination in Poland"
- HANNES RICHTER (Embassy of Austria in the United States and University of New Orleans): "The Far Right and Support for Liberal Democracy in the United States: Beyond the Generation Gap"
- JOHANNA SCHUSTER-CRAIG (Michigan State University): "Anti-Genderism and Trans\*humiliation in Far-Right European Politics"
- JOHANNES VON MOLTKE (University of Michigan): "Media Cultures of the New Right"

## 2ND ETEE CONFERENCE AND SPRING SCHOOL

The Global History and Global Governance of Europe's Transoceanic Encounters

Organized by the Jean Monnet Network 'European Transoceanic Encounters and Exchanges (ETEE)' with the support of the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union in collaboration with UC Berkeley, KU Leuven, University of Amsterdam, Kobe University, UNESP, Seoul National University, Nanyang Technological University, and Jawaharlal Nehru University.

With the support of the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, the Jean Monnet Network European Transoceanic Encounters and Exchanges (ETEE)(link is external) aims at enhancing understanding and teaching about Europe's place and role in today's world by looking at its present and past transoceanic relations and connectivities. Together with the founding partner university KU Leuven, the ETEE Network includes the University of Amsterdam, the University of California, Berkeley, Kobe University, São Paulo State University-UNESP, Seoul National University, Nanyang Technological University and Jawaharlal Nehru University as participating partners.

This second conference aims at advancing ETEE's multidisciplinary agenda for the study of Europe's interactions with world regions. The goal of the second



ETEE conference is to develop research papers for ETEE publications (working paper series, e-book and blog) within the network's academic and research agenda. As such, this second conference is an ideal opportunity for members of the ETEE network to introduce new work for feedback or revised versions of papers presented at the first ETEE conference.

Moreover, the ETEE Spring School for MA level and PhD students will run in parallel to the conference, from 24 to 26 May. Scholars attending the conference are welcome to contribute to the School activities by giving short lectures, serving as discussants or panel chairs for student presentations.

**Berkeley-ETEE Conference Chair:**  
AKASEMI NEWSOME (UC Berkeley)

**KU Leuven-ETEE Conference Co-Chair:**  
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**Keynote Lectures** by SETH DAVIS (UC Berkeley) and YOLANDA MARTINEZ-SAN MIGUEL (University of Miami)

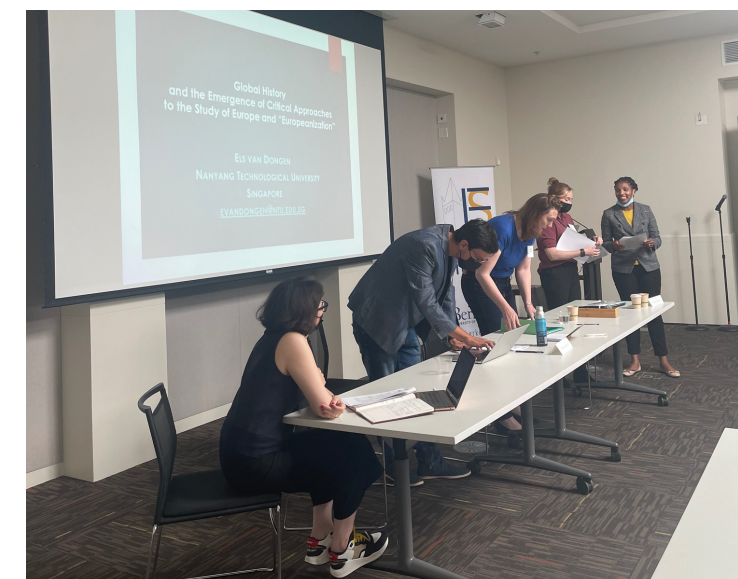
**Spring School Lectures** by LOK SIU (UC Berkeley), JEROEN DEWULF (UC Berkeley), and GULSHAN SACHDEVA (JNU)

Panel 1: Law and Human Rights with chair KARINA MARIANO (UNESP) and discussant MARIANNE RIDDERVOLD (Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences, UC Berkeley)

- MARI TAKEUCHI (Kobe University): "Adoption of or Deviation from European Precedent? Japan's Practice of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in Data Protection"
- RAGNAR WEILDANT (KU Leuven): "Transnational encounters and exchanges in the Euro-Mediterranean space: the case of human, economic and social rights"
- GUSTAVO MÜLLER (KU Leuven): "EU-Latin America Encounters and Exchanges in the field of Human Rights"

Panel 2: Global History Approaches with chair CAIRO JUNQUEIRA (Federal University of Sergipe) and discussant YUKI SEKINE (Kobe University)

- ELS VAN DONGEN (Nanyang Technological University), "Global History and the Emergence of Critical Approaches to the Study of Europe and Europeanization"
- MATTHIJS LOK (University of Amsterdam), "The Nineteenth Century Atlantic as a Monarchist Space"
- MARLEEN RENSEN (University of Amsterdam), "Reframing Chinoiserie: Women and the Asian Influences in James Ensor's Art, 1880-1900"
- JEONGHUN HAN and WOOSIK MOON (Seoul National University), "Transoceanic Encounters of Western Development Model in East Asia"



Panel 3: Perspectives on Governance from the Global South with chair MARLEEN RENSEN (University of Amsterdam) and discussant JARLE TRONDAL (University of Agder)

- CAIRO JUNQUEIRA (Federal University of Sergipe) "Subnational Governments in the European Union and Mercosur: does paradiplomacy reinforce governance at the regional level?"
- BRUNO LUCIANO (San Paulo State University), "Beyond parliamentary ratification: the role of national and subnational parliaments in EU-Mercosur trade negotiations"
- REGIANE NITSCH BRESSAN (UNIFESP) and KARINA L. PASQUARIELLO MARIANO (UNESP), "Regional environmental governance and the European Union-Mercosur Agreement"
- GULSHAN SACHDEVA (JNU) "EU-India and Global Governance"

Student Research Panel with chair LOK SIU (UC Berkeley) and discussant ELS VAN DONGEN (Nanyang Technological University)

- JOSHUA ACOSTA (UC Berkeley), "Trans-Imperial Care: Globalizing Leprosy Treatment and Medical Tourism in the U.S. Colonial Philippines, 1909-1940"
- CLAIRE CHUN (UC Berkeley) "Ugly Bodies and Curative Promises: Transoceanic Ecologies of Korean Beauty"
- JESSICA JIANG (UC Berkeley), "The Scene of Downright Lawlessness": Chinese Migrants and Indigenous Nations at the U.S.-Canada Border"
- LISA NG (UC Berkeley), "Racialized Colonial logics of waste: The global waste trade in Guiyu, China"

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