



**20<sup>th</sup> UNDERGRADUATE  
RESEARCH CONFERENCE  
ON THE EUROPEAN UNION**

HOSTED BY  
**The European Union Center of California  
at Scripps College**

**Scripps College, Claremont, CA  
Thursday & Friday, April 7-8, 2022**

## Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to the 20th annual Undergraduate Research Conference on the European Union. This is the oldest and largest academic conference in the United States dedicated to undergraduate research on the EU. We do hope you enjoy this conference and that it adds to your learning and professional growth.

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- ❖ *Gregory Treverton, USC*
- ❖ *Adam Zientek, UC Davis*

## DISCUSSANTS

- ❖ *Menna Bizuneh, Pitzer College*
- ❖ *Mietek Boduszynski, Pomona College*
- ❖ *Steve Casper, Keck Graduate Institute*
- ❖ *Ian McManus, Emerson College*
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You are responsible for your own local transportation. The conference venue is within a walking distance from the hotel, but the hotel also offers a free shuttle for those who may need it. The shuttle must be requested ahead of time. For airport-hotel rides, we recommend using Uber or Lyft.

### **Conference Meals**

The following meals will be provided:

#### **APRIL 7:**

DINNER @ Margaret Fowler Garden, Scripps College (outdoor venue)

#### **APRIL 8:**

BREAKFAST @ DoubleTree Hotel (for those staying at the hotel)

LUNCH @ Tent Classroom #3, Scripps College (outdoor venue)

DINNER @ Sicilian Court, Scripps College (outdoor venue)

#### **APRIL 9:**

BREAKFAST @ DoubleTree Hotel

### **After the Conference**

If you are looking for something to do Friday night, we encourage you to visit the charming Downtown Claremont aka The Village, which is a 20-minute walk from the Claremont Colleges or Doubletree. Your conference packet includes a map of the Claremont Village.

### **Conference Journal**

Approximately 8-12 of the best papers from the conference will be published in our annual conference volume. Faculty discussants will nominate exceptional papers. Best papers will not necessarily be selected from each panel; rather, papers will be evaluated in reference to the larger pool of all conference papers. The conference volume is now published in both print and online format through the Claremont Colleges Digital Library, which allows greater dissemination of the selected papers - the publication comes up in searches through databases like WorldCat. You can view previous conference journals at:

<http://scholarship.claremont.edu/urceu/>.

### **Travel Awards**

Top two presenters will be sponsored by the European Union Center of California to participate in one of the following summer school courses offered by the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands: (1) *European Politics and Economy*, or (2) *European Encounters: Diversity and Integration from West to East*. More information about the courses can be found at: [utrechtsummerschool.nl/courses](http://utrechtsummerschool.nl/courses).

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## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Thursday, April 7, 2022		
3:00 PM	Hotel Check-In	DoubleTree Hotel
5:00 PM	Conference Registration	Margaret Fowler Garden
5:30 PM	Welcome and Dinner	Margaret Fowler Garden
6:00-7:00 PM	Keynote Lecture	Margaret Fowler Garden
7:30-8:45 PM	<b>CONFERENCE SESSION A</b> Panel 1: <i>Crisis, Conflict &amp; Decision-Making in the EU</i> Panel 2: <i>Data Privacy, IA &amp; Knowledge Economy</i>	Humanities Building Room 201 Room 202
Friday, April 8, 2022		
6:00-8:30 AM	Breakfast at DoubleTree Hotel	DoubleTree Hotel
8:30-10:00 AM	<b>CONFERENCE SESSION B</b> Panel 3: <i>EU Values and Cultural Diversity</i> Panel 4: <i>European Lessons in Policy</i>	Humanities Building Room 201 Room 202
10:00-10:15 AM	Break	Humanities Museum
10:15-11:45 AM	<b>CONFERENCE SESSION C</b> Panel 5: <i>EU Neighbors</i>	Humanities Building Room 201
12:00-1:30 PM	Lunch & Keynote Lecture	Tent Classroom #3
1:30-2:00 PM	Break	Humanities Museum
2:00-3:30 PM	<b>CONFERENCE SESSION D</b> Panel 6: <i>The Politics of Trade</i> Panel 7: <i>European Identity</i>	Humanities Building Room 201 Room 202
3:30-5:00 PM	Break	Humanities Museum
5:00-6:00 PM	Dinner & Awards Ceremony	Sicilian Court
Saturday, April 9, 2022		
6:00-9:30 AM	Breakfast	DoubleTree Hotel
12:00 PM	Hotel Check-Out	DoubleTree Hotel

\*\*Please be advised that the Humanities Museum (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Humanities Building) will serve as a break room throughout the day on Friday, April 8. Refreshments will be provided.\*\*

**THURSDAY NIGHT KEYNOTE | April 7, 2022, 6:00-7:00pm**

## **Europe at the Third Inflection Point**

**GREGORY F. TREVERTON**

University of Southern California

The last few years mark the third inflection point in global politics in the last half century, one tragically punctuated by the war in Ukraine. The previous two were the end of the Soviet Union and 9/11. Both of those seemed to come with a user's guide, which wasn't entirely right but wasn't entirely wrong either. For this one, there is no guide, and applying labels like "new Cold War" is unhelpful in thinking about relations either with China or Russia.

The roots of the Ukraine war are a tangle including some "might have beens" – none of which, however, remotely justify Russia's all-out, unprovoked attack. So far the hallmarks of the war have been Putin's brutal miscalculation and the unity of what we used to call the "West." That Europe and America joined quickly in responding firmly – with Germany moving further in two weeks than in previous decades – suggests new possibilities for a coalition of democracies. That the war was both bloody and illegitimate has forced fence-sitters to choose sides. Perhaps even China will come to realize that siding with Putin is to lose with a loser.

### **About the Speaker:**



Gregory F. Treverton stepped down as Chair of the National Intelligence Council in January 2017. He is Chair, Global TechnoPolitics Forum and senior adviser to the Transnational Threats Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and a professor of the practice of international relations and Spatial Sciences at the University of Southern California. Earlier, he directed the RAND Corporation's Center for Global Risk and Security and before that its Intelligence Policy Center and its International Security and Defense Policy Center. He has served in government for the first Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, the National Security Council and Vice Chair of the National Intelligence Council. He has taught at Harvard and Columbia universities, in addition to RAND, been a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and deputy director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. He holds an AB summa cum laude from Princeton University and an MPP (Master's in Public Policy) and PhD in economics and politics from Harvard. His latest books are *Telling Truth to Power: A History of the National Intelligence Council*, (edited, with Robert Hutchings), Oxford University Press, 2019; and *National Intelligence and Science: Beyond the Great Divide in Analysis and Policy*, (with Wilhelm Agrell), Oxford University Press, 2015.

**FRIDAY NOON KEYNOTE | Friday, April 8, 2022, 12:30-1:30pm**

# **Renaud Camus, Éric Zemmour, and the Great Replacement**

**ADAM ZIENTEK**

University of California, Davis

The Great Replacement is a racist conspiracy theory that holds the super-rich elites of the 21st century seek to replace the white inhabitants of Europe with immigrants from Africa and the Middle East. It is, on the one hand, ludicrous and incredible; but it is, on the other hand, arguably the most powerful movement in the west against universal human rights in the 21st century—not only in Europe, but in America too, where the Great Replacement theory is a staple of right-wing media. I will consider in detail the work of the French thinker Renaud Camus, the global prophet of the Great Replacement theory and explain the nature of his theory. I will then proceed to discuss how the Great Replacement theory has influenced the political thought of one of France's most important, prominent, and xenophobic contemporary political figures, Eric Zemmour, who is currently running for President and coming in third. I will conclude with some brief comments about the upcoming French presidential election.

## **About the Speaker:**



Adam Zientek is Assistant Professor of History at the University of California Davis. Zientek is a historian of modern Europe with a focus on France. He is interested in the social history of war, the history of military medicine and psychiatry, and the history of alcohol and drugs. Professor Zientek's research focuses on the experience of trench-fighting in the First World War. He investigates how soldiers mitigated the psychological pressures of fighting by analyzing soldiers' daily practices and rituals. His current manuscript, *Wine and Blood*, considers the role that state-sponsored alcohol consumption had in shaping the French experience of the war. He is also interested in using recent research in the neurological and cognitive sciences to help historians make sense of human behavior in the past.

**Conference Session A**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022 • 7:30pm–8:45pm**

**Panel 1: CRISIS, CONFLICT & DECISION-MAKING IN THE EU**

Discussant: Jeffrey Pennington, University of California, Berkeley  
Humanities Building, Room 201

*Decision-Making in the European Commission: Collective and Collegial?*  
Alida Schreuders | James Madison University

*LGBT Rights in Poland: The impact of EU Budgetary Intervention*  
Isobel Williamson | University of Washington

*Who Saved Europe?* <sup>ZOOM</sup>  
Marie Seguy | University of California, Berkeley

**Panel 2: DATA PRIVACY, IA & KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY**

Discussant: Steve Casper, Keck Graduate Institute  
Humanities Building, Room 202

*The Path to a Single European Data Space: The GDPR and the Extent  
of Data Privacy Policy Harmonization in the European Union*  
Erika Hsu | University of California, Berkeley

*The EU's Capacity to Lead the Transatlantic Alliance to Establish  
'Ethical and Secure' AI: Last, Best Hope?*  
Varun Roy & Vignesh Sreedhar | Georgia Institute of Technology

*Inequality in Advanced Knowledge Economy:  
Comparison of Ireland and the Netherlands* <sup>ZOOM</sup>  
Zihan Pang | University of Toronto

**Conference Session B**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022 • 8:30am–10:00am**

**Panel 3: EU VALUES AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY**

Discussant: Adam Zientek, University of California, Davis  
Humanities Building, Room 201

*Judging from Above: French Feminists & Their Influence on the Veil Debate*  
Emma C. Delapré | University of Washington

*Integrated or Excluded: The Effects of French Integration Policies  
on Immigrant Communities From 2000-2020*  
Johanna N. Soleil | University of Washington

*Cultural Diversity in the Netherlands:  
The Dutch Approach to Diversity in Primary and Secondary Education*  
Anna Graves | University of Washington

**Panel 4: EUROPEAN LESSONS IN POLICY**

Discussant: Ian McManus, Emerson College  
Humanities Building, Room 202

*Realizing a Barrier-Free Europe: Setting the Agenda  
for Disability Mainstreaming in the 2020s* <sup>ZOOM</sup>  
Suzanne Davis | American University

*Lessons to Be Learned From the EU: Implementing Cultural Assimilation Theory  
to Strategize and Reorganize the Future of Healthcare Within the United States*  
Christefano Semilia | Northeastern University

*Lessons from European Energy Transition: Reality or Green Dream?*  
Sky Berry-Weiss | University of San Francisco

*The Game is Afoot: Disinformation Devours the Digital Age* <sup>ZOOM</sup>  
Mishal Mian | George Mason University



**Conference Session C**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022 • 10:15am–11:45am**

**Panel 5: EU NEIGHBORS**

Discussant: Mietek Boduszynski, Pomona College  
Humanities Building, Room 201

*How Retrenchment in Kemalism is Preventing  
the Accession of Turkey Into the European Union*  
Güzin Karagöz | University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

*2015 Syrian Refugee Responses Based on the Strength of Securitization Discourse*  
Jacob DeCarli | Dickinson College

*Post-Conflict Reconciliation in the European Context:  
The Cases of Northern Ireland and the Balkans*  
Vanessa Zelenović | University of Washington

*The Holy See: An Institution like No Other*  
Jace Bartz | Baylor University

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**Conference Session D**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022 • 2:00pm–3:30pm**

**Panel 6: THE POLITICS OF TRADE**

Discussant: Menna Bizuneh, Pitzer College  
Humanities Building, Room 201

*The Twenty-Year-Old Trade Agreement Still Going Nowhere:  
The Deadlock Preventing Ratification of the EU-Mercosur Deal* <sup>ZOOM</sup>  
Samantha Boisvert | University of Florida

*Revising the Belt and Road Initiative: Comparative Analysis  
Through Policy Recommendations for the Cases of Greece and Italy*  
Melissa Alvisi & Jennifer Toribio | State University of New York, Cortland

*Necessary Trade-off or Two-Faced Hypocrisy: Normative Conflicts in EU Policies*  
Florian Bochart | Harvard College

*Analysis on Efficacy of the European Union and the United States’  
Sanctioning of Russia in Response to Breaches of Ukrainian Sovereignty*  
Alexej Latimer | Pomona College

**Panel 7: EUROPEAN IDENTITY**

Discussant: Hans Rindisbacher, Pomona College  
Humanities Building, Room 202

*From Franco’s Nightmare to a Globalized Spain: A Cinematic Analysis*  
Claire Maurer | Denison University

*Refugee Remembrance: The Mediterranean* <sup>ZOOM</sup>  
Emma Culver | Syracuse University

*Jewish People in the German Far-Right:  
How the AfD is Pandering to Jews to Gain Legitimacy* <sup>ZOOM</sup>  
Luca Zislin | University of California, Berkeley

*Historical background of Scandinavian Norse Mythology* <sup>ZOOM</sup>  
Ananda Majumdar | University of Alberta