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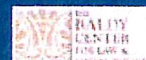
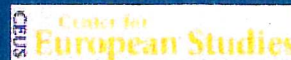


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Co-organized by **Deborah Reed-Danahay, Michael Halberstam, and Vasiliki Neofotistos**

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Where: University at Buffalo Law School (North Campus), 509 O'Brian Hall

Registration: Attendance is free and open to the Public.

As many scholars have argued in recent years, there is a particular urgency to interrogate what Professor Rodolphe Gasché (2009) calls the "infinite task" of Europe. This conference speaks directly to this task by creating a forum for an interdisciplinary discussion that will critically reflect upon The Lisbon Treaty of the European Union (which went into effect in December 2009) and its socio-cultural, political, legal, scientific, and historical implications.

The Lisbon Treaty complicates understandings of European consciousness even as it seeks to strengthen Europe (both at home and abroad) and European subjectivity. The EU is an emergent "imagined community" with new symbolic and rhetorical forms (such as its flag, anthem, and slogan "unity in diversity") and new sources of funding to support its policies at the local, regional, and national levels. Realizing Europe is a conference organized to enhance better understandings of Europe, both as an idea and as a political project, through dialogue across disciplinary and international borders.

The conference organizers have invited a small number of distinguished presenters from Europe and North America who will discuss various themes related to such topics as EU citizenship, immigration, education, science and technology, law, cultural policy, and Europe and its nation-states.

Conference Website: <http://www.baldycenter.org/realizingEurope/>

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Thursday, April 28, 2011

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. – Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - Welcoming Remarks

Errol Meidinger, Director, Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy and Professor of Law, University at Buffalo Law School

Deborah Reed-Danahay, Director of the Center for European Studies and Professor of Anthropology, University at Buffalo

Stephen C. Dunnett, Professor & Vice Provost for International Education

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. – Keynote Presentation I

"Europe, Under the Sign of the Other: Karl Jaspers' Notion of the 'Axial Age'"

Rodolphe Gasché, Distinguished Professor and Eugenio Donato Chair of Comparative Literature, University at Buffalo

Moderator: **Michael Halberstam**, Associate Professor of Law, University at Buffalo Law School

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. – Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. – Keynote Presentation II

"From Rome to Lisbon: The Constitutional Challenge in Europe"

Daniel Halberstam, Eric Stein Collegiate Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School

Moderator: **Errol Meidinger**, Director, Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy and Professor of Law, University at Buffalo Law School

12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. – Lunch

1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. – Afternoon Session

"Europe: Political, Not Cosmopolitan"

Alexander Somek, Charles E. Floete Chair in Law, University of Iowa College of Law

Moderator: **Vasiliki Neofotistos**, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University at Buffalo

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Break

3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. – Round Table Discussion: *The Present and Future Directions of Europe*

Moderator: **Sasha Pack**, Associate Professor of History, University at Buffalo

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – Conference Reception, Saturn Club RSVP by April 25th

Friday, April 29, 2011

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. – Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. – Morning, Session I

"The Lisbon Strategy and the Bologna Process: Implications for Higher Education in Europe and Beyond"

Hans de Wit, Professor of Internationalization, School of Economics and Management of the Hogeschool van Amsterdam, University of Applied Sciences

Moderator: **John J. Wood**, Senior Associate Vice Provost for International Education, University at Buffalo

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. – Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 a.m. – Morning Session II

"European Citizenship: a Missed Rendez-Vous for an Actually Renewed Conception?"

Catherine Neveu, Director of Research, Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)

Moderator: **Tilman Lanz**, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University at Buffalo

12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. – Lunch

1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. – Afternoon Session I

"Research Technology and Innovation in the Context of the Lisbon Treaty"

Aires Soares, Minister-Counselor, Head of Science, Technology and Education, European Union Delegation in Washington, D.C.

Moderator: **Kenneth M. Tramposch**, Associate Vice President for Research, University at Buffalo

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. – Break

2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. – Afternoon Session II

"Which Unity in which Diversity? European Identity in Perspective."

Anne-Marie Thiesse, Director of Research, Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)

Moderator: **Deborah Reed-Danahay**, Director of the Center for European Studies and Professor of Anthropology, University at Buffalo

4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. – Closing Remarks

Wolfgang Wölck, Emeritus Distinguished Service Professor of Linguistics, University at Buffalo

4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Closing Reception at Baldy Center