Latin American challenges: 
the role of the European Union

A seminar and publications 
Friday, November 3, 2017

Organization: Jean Monnet Chair/European Union Center, University of Miami
Co-sponsorship:
- Miami-Florida European Union Center (a partnership with Florida International University
- Jean Monnet/Erasmus program of the European Union
- College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Miami
- Department of International Studies of the University of Miami
- University of Miami’s Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas

Place: 1300 Camposano, Room 250, University of Miami.

General context
- The Venezuela crisis: impact on the Community of Latin America/Caribbean States (CELAC) plans
- Consequences of the Lima Declaration and the suspension-delay of the EU-CELAC summit
- The future of Latin American security and economics
- Regional integration and the role of the EU

Program
9.30am. Opening
Angel Kaifer, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Richard Weisskoff, Chair, Department of International Studies

9.45am-10.45am
Session I: A focus of concern: Venezuela

Markus Thiel; Florida International University Chair-Discussant
**Félix Beltrán.** Eastern Washington University, “The challenges of Venezuela”

**Carolina Zaccato,** Universidad de San Andrés, Buenos Aires, Argentina. “Safeguarding Democracy? The regional Democratic Charters and their (lack of) application in Venezuela’s crisis

11:00am- 12:15 pm

**Session II: A priority: Security and its transfigurations**

**Aimee Kanner,** Florida Atlantic University, Chair-discussant

**Roberto Domínguez,** Suffolk University, Boston. “EU Security Capacity Building Policy in Latin America: The Case of Colombia”

**Wendy Grenade,** University of the West Indies, Barbados. “Sovereignty and Human (in)security: an Analysis of nature’s Terror in the Independent and Non-Independent Caribbean”.

**Alejandro Trenchi,** Universidad ORT, Montevideo, Uruguay, “Food security in Latin America in the face of climate change.”

12:30pm-1:30: Lunch

Address by **Ramón Jáuregui Atondo,** Member of the European Parliament, President of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (EUROLAT)

Address by representative (TBA) of Hemispheric and International Organization

1:30-2.30pm

**Session III: Inter-American Integration**

**Ambler H. Moss, Jr.,** University of Miami, Chair-Discussant

**Guillermo Koutoudjian,** Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina, “La fallida Integración Energética en el ámbito de la UNASUR

**Stephan Sberro,** Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Mexico. “What CETA tells us about the global agreement renegotiation: Canada and Mexico facing the EU”

2:30-3.30pm

**Session IV: Regionalism and the European Union**

**Maxime Larivé,** University of Miami, Chair-Discussant
María Lorca, University of Miami, “The U.S. dollar vs the euro in Latin America: A love-hate relationship”

Rita Giacalone, Universidad de Los Andes, Venezuela/University of Calgary, Canada, “A cooperative scenario for Latin American regionalism and international insertion. How can the EU help?”

María Mut-Bosque, Universitat Internacional de Catalunya, Barcelona, “Los problemas jurídicos y retos de la Conferencia Ibero-Americana y su incapacidad para proyectarse internacionalmente”.

3:30-4:30
Session V: Cuba

Joaquín Roy, University of Miami, Chair-Discussant

Andy Gómez, University of Miami, “The Future Relations Between the US and Cuba and its impact on the EU”

Claudia Zanardi, King’s College, London, United Kingdom. “The EU face to the Foreign Policy Diversification of Cuba and its changing political landscape”


4:30-5:30 pm
Statements by members of the Miami Consular Corps
Summary, closing, and Declaration of Coral Gables

Contributors with research papers

José Briceño-Ruiz, Universidad Cooperativa de Colombia –Bogotá, “Venezuela: crisis, autoritarismo y aislamiento regional”

Alejandro Chanona, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Mexico. “Contrastive and complementary security policies in Latin America and Europe”

Vicente Palacio, Fundación Alternativas/Universidad Complutense, Madrid

Carlos Malamud, Real Instituto Elcano/Universidad Nacional a Distancia, Madrid

Alan Fairlie, Univ. Pontificia, Lima, Perú. “Cadenas productivas regionales y convergencia sudamericana”

Other UM authorities and colleagues to be confirmed
EU and international organizations senior staff to be confirmed

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Requirements-details:

**Languages** of seminar and publications: **English** and **Spanish** (no simultaneous translation)

**Paper:** 2,000-4,000 words; abstract (100-150 words) by October 1, 2017; first summary draft (700 words) by October 15; pre-conference draft: October 31; final copy, ready for publication: January 5, 2018.

**Style-format:** Recommended: Policy paper, based on solid facts and evidence, with moderate documentation, centered on analysis and recommendations.

**Publication** in **English and Spanish** in a series of papers by the Jean Monnet Chair/EU Center, by February 1, 2018, on time for a possible celebration of the delayed summit. A selection of the papers will be published in a collective volume through an initial on-line first edition, to be co-distributed by the Argentine Council of Foreign Relations (CARI) and other cooperative think-tanks.

Participants will form a team that will draft a document entitled “The State of European Union-Latin America/Caribbean Relations: the Coral Gables Declaration”. It will be world-wide circulated and sent directly to the leading institutions of the CELAC and the European Union.

**Presentations of volume:** Subject to the celebration of the EU-CELAC summit, a series of presentations of publications and the Declaration will take place in round tables to be organized in Miami, Mexico, Cuba, and in Barcelona during the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) annual conference to be held in May 28-30, 2018. For previous models of collective publications, see EU Center web, (www.as.miami.edu/eucenter/), publications: books