Diplomats and researchers from different disciplines will discuss the creation and evolution of the European Union and the challenges it will face as it moves forward in creating its constitution and strengthening its cohesion. It is extremely important to know what is the European position on immigration, migration, globalization, nationalism, minor languages, NATO, etc. Will EU be able to deliver on all that is expected of it? This conference will address and inform us of the history, culture, politics, and economics that stretch across the Atlantic and are important to the well-being and security of both the United States and Europe.

Free and Open to the Public except for Optional Lunches

**Thursday, April 14, 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

Welcome from Stony Brook University Hosts: Mario B. Mignone, Director, Center for Italian Studies

Wolf Schäfer, Director, Center for Global Studies

Robert McGrath, Provost


Opening Address: Prof. Martin Albrow, LSE London, Centre for Global Governance: *Is A Global Europe Possible?*

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**Friday, April 15, 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

8:30 a.m. Breakfast Refreshments

9:15 a.m. - Greetings from Mario B. Mignone, Director, Center for Italian Studies

James V. Staros, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Panel Discussion: *Does the New Europe Have Boundaries?*

Chair: Roy Gutman, Foreign Editor, Newsday

H. E. Valery Kuchinsky, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations

Hon. Giovanni Di Stasi, President of the Council of European Regions

H. E. Mihnea Ioan Motoc, Permanent Representative of Rumania to the United Nations

Dr. Mikhail V. Pronin, Vice Consul, Consulate General of the Russian Federation in New York

H.E. Ambassador Omer Onhon, Consul General of Turkey in New York

10:30-10:45 Coffee

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Panel Discussion: *How Will the New Europe Find its Identity?*

Chair: Prof. Gallya Lahav, Stony Brook University

Sir Philip Thomas, British Consul General, New York and Director General of Trade and Investment USA

H. E. Mirza Kusljugic, Ambassador Extraordinary, Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations

H. E. Nebojsa Kaludjerovic, Permanent Representative of Serbia and Montenegro to the United Nations

H. E. Andrezej Towpik, Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations

H.E. Garbor Horvath, Consul General of Hungary in New York

12:15-1:45 p.m. Optional Lunch (Reservations and Advance Payment Required: $25 per person. Please call (631) 632-7444)
Saturday, April 16, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Greetings: Shirley Strum Kenny, President, Stony Brook University

Presentations: Envisioning the New Europe
Chair: Prof. Martin Albrow, LSE London, Centre for Global Governance
Prof. Wolf Schäfer, Stony Brook University: Two Perspectives: The “End of European History” in 1955 and the Globality of Europe in 2005
Prof. Gert Schmidt, Universität Erlangen-Nurnberg: Visions of the New Europe on Trial
Prof. Francesco Gui, University of Rome “La Sapienza”: Theories of European Integration

3:15-4:00 p.m. Coffee

4:00-6:00 p.m., Presentations: Euro, Trade, and Global Market
Chair: Prof. Stanislao Pugliese, Hofstra University
Dr. Sue Owen, London, UK Treasury: The British Approach to the Common European Currency
Prof. Martin Heidenreich, Otto-Friedrich Universität Bamberg: The Europeanization of National Economies and Societies
Mr. Charles Gasparino, Newsweek: The Economic Power of the New Europe: The Influence of its Market and its Regulators
Prof. Giuseppe Ammendola, New York University: Investing in the New Europe
Profs. Daniel Pommier, University “Babes-Bolyai” of Cluj-Napoca, Rumania and Giovanna Motta University of Roma “La Sapienza”: Economic Consequences of the New Europe - Euro and Dollar: Competition or Cooperation?

8:30-9:00 a.m. Breakfast Refreshments

9:00-9:15 a.m.
Greetings: Nicholas Rzhevsky, Chairman of the Department of European Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

9:00-10:30 a.m. Presentations: Issues of Integration: The New and the Old
Chair: Prof. Nicholas Rzhevsky, Stony Brook University
Prof. Hugh J. Silverman, Stony Brook University: European Differences: The Question of European Identity
Prof. David Ost, Hobart and William Smith College, Enlargement from the Eastern Perspective
Prof. Herman Lebovics, Stony Brook University: French Culture, Identity and Anti-Globalization Movements

10:30-10:45 a.m. Coffee

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Presentations: The New Europe: Eastern Perspectives
Chair: Prof. Frank Myers, Stony Brook University
Prof. Dmitri Shalin, Las Vegas, Center for Democratic Culture: Is Illiberal Democracy Taking Roots in Russia and Parts of the “New” Europe
Prof. Jane Sugarman, Stony Brook University, “Achieving Europe”. A View from the Southeast of Europe
Profs. Antonello Biagini, University of Rome “La Sapienza” and Andrea Carteny, University “Babes-Bolyai” of Cluj-Napoca, Rumania: Perspective from the New Members: The End of the Socialist Regime and the “Reconstitution” of Europe.

12:15 -1:45 p.m. Optional Lunch (Reservations and Advance Payment Required: $25 per person. Please call (631) 632-7444)

1:45 - 3:00 p.m. Presentations: Language and Culture: The Challenges of Diversity
Chair: Prof. Shikaripur Sridhar, Stony Brook University
Prof. Nick Ceramella, University of Rome “La Sapienza”: EU Babel and Spread of English as Unifying Common Language
Profs. Evelyn Trotter, Florida Atlantic University and Andrea De Capua, New York University: Language: Stereotypes, and Translation
Prof. Claudia Dunlea, Florida Atlantic University: Creation and Evolution of the European Union’s Diplomatic Relations

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Presentations and Discussion: Political, Social, and Cultural Obstacles
Chair: Prof. Fred Gardaphe, Stony Brook University
Prof. Dave Hannigan, Suffolk Community College: The New Europe and Immigration: The Ireland Case
Prof. William Arens, Stony Brook University: Homogeneity, Multiculturalism and the Welfare State: The Swedish Case
Prof. Marcello Sajiia, University of Messina: Panel Discussion: Europe's Difficult Task Toward Eastern Enlargement
Dr. Angela Villani: Slovenia
Dr. Daniela Irrera: Albania
Dr. Giuseppe Lucchese: Serbia

4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Closing Reception