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Chris Piening Memorial Endowment

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On December 8, 2001, all of us at CWES/EUC lost a dear friend, and the European Parliament lost one of its most accomplished officials. Chris Piening, our European Union Fellow for 1995-96, died at age 56 in London of amyloidosis.

Those of us who were lucky enough to know Chris well will never forget his warmth, wit, ebullience and dedication to the mission of the European Union. During his year at the UW, he managed to write an excellent book (*Global Europe: The European Union in World Affairs*, published by Lynne Rienner), teach two courses, co-organize two conferences, give numerous outreach talks in Seattle and throughout the Northwest, and serve as an invaluable resource to graduate students and faculty planning research on the EU.

It should be noted here that one of the students he advised, and later helped wend his way through the corridors of power in Brussels, would go on to win the 2001 European Union Studies Association Dissertation Prize. Chris was very proud that Joe Jupille's award-winning thesis, *Procedural Politics: Issues, Interests, and Institutional Choice in the European Union*, combined an insider's perspective on procedural bargaining in the EU with sophisticated social science theory. In part because he loved his teaching here at the UW, Chris decided to pursue a D.Phil. at the London School of Economics and had hoped to spend some years after retirement from the EU as a professor. The

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COMFED Consortium Launched with FIPSE Grant

The UW Center for West European Studies, along with five institutional partners, has received a grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) and the European Commission to establish a trans-Atlantic consortium promoting the comparative study of the American federal system and the developing quasi-federal institutions of the European Union.

The UW's COMFED partners on this side of the Atlantic are New York University and the University of Pittsburgh; our three European partners are the University of Birmingham, the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris and the Université Libre de Bruxelles. Plans for the COMFED program are to be finalized this academic year, with instruction to begin in 2002-03. The program should be of interest to graduate students

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Meet Our New Outreach Assistant



The European Union Center and Center for West European Studies are pleased to welcome our new Outreach Assistant, Dean LaRue, to our professional staff. Dean will be responsible for the majority of public events, outreach activities, and K-12 curriculum work, as well as this newsletter and the Centers' websites.

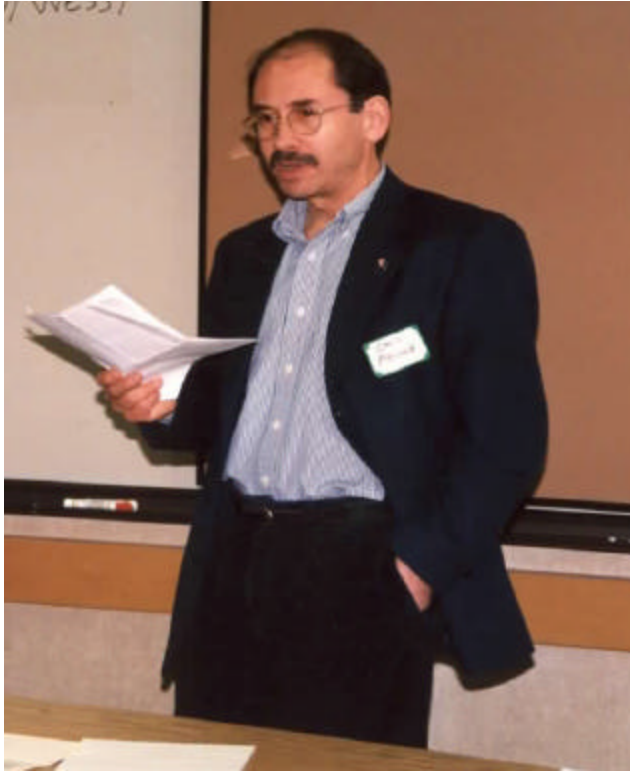
This new position marks a return to the Jackson School of International Studies for Dean. He was an International Studies major here until 1993, when he was offered a position with the United States Information Agency (now a part of the US State Department) as a Foreign Service Officer. Dean served in the Public Affairs offices of USIA in Washington DC and in the US embassy in Bonn, Germany before returning to Seattle in late 1996. "It's great to be back in the Jackson School," says Dean. "I greatly enjoyed my time here as an undergraduate, and I'm very much looking forward to contributing to the EU and Western Europe programs as part of the Centers' team."

Dean comes to the Centers with an extensive background in public diplomacy, marketing, and outreach activities. Immediately before joining us, he was working as a field organizer for Washington Conservation Voters, a local nonprofit environmental group. There he focused on grassroots political organizing and campaign work for local and regional political races. Prior to that, Dean spent over three years working for Amazon.com as their International Product Manager, responsible for marketing, public relations, and product development for Amazon.com's export markets. Dean was also deeply involved in the creation and marketing of Amazon.com's first European stores, Amazon.co.uk and Amazon.de, both of which were launched in the fall of 1998.

In his spare time, Dean is pursuing a Master's of Arts in Policy Studies in the new MAPS program at the University of Washington's Bothell campus. His primary areas of study are in International Affairs, Foreign Direct Investment, and Growth Management issues.

Dean is married, has a 2 1/2 year old daughter, and enjoys boating, scuba diving, and racquetball.

Also joining the Centers this quarter are Crina Vasiliu, graduate assistant, and Eric Sieberson, undergraduate assistant. Crina is working on a Master's degree in REECAS, and is a recipient of a FLAS fellowship. She recently finished an internship with the Baden-Württemberg mission to the EU. Eric is working on his undergraduate degree in the Jackson School's International Studies program.



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losing battle with amyloidosis sadly deprived him, and his prospective students, of a chance to fulfill that dream.

Chris made many friends during his year in Seattle, and those of us who knew him well have resolved to do what we can to perpetuate his memory, commemorate his exemplary service as an EU Fellow at the UW, and help to advance the pedagogical cause to which he was dedicated.

We are thus establishing a Chris Piening Memorial Endowment for EU Studies, the principal purpose of which will be to provide Chris Piening Travel Scholarships on an annual basis to highly meritorious students proposing to study or do research on the EU in Europe. Readers of *WES Northwest* who are interested in contributing to the Chris Piening Memorial Endowment should contact me by e-mail (keeler@u.washington.edu) or phone (206-543-1675) for details of the endowment program.

The following letter was sent by European Parliament Secretary General Julian Priestley to EP staff on December 12, 2001 to inform them of the passing of their colleague, Chris Piening.

Dear Colleagues,

It is with the deepest sadness that I have to inform you of the death of our colleague, Chris Piening, who died in London last Saturday, 8 December, aged 56, after a long and painful illness. Chris leaves his wife Marion, and two children, Jenny and Claude.

He began work in the Parliament on 1 May 1973 as a Translator in Luxembourg, becoming an official the following year. He was appointed Administrator in June 1979, Principal Administrator in December 1983 and became Head of Division in 1989. In 1985 he was assigned to Brussels where he worked for DGII, DGIII and then the President's Cabinet. In February 1999 he was appointed Head of our London Information Office.

Chris leaves an indelible impression on his very many friends amongst Members and staff. A convinced European from the first hour, he was a fine public servant with strong convictions. Demanding of others, he gave of himself. Always dedicated to his work, he inspired loyalty and affection in his colleagues, even though his habit of asking difficult questions would sometimes put his hierarchy in a spin.

But it is as a great and loyal friend that we remember him: his love of life, his kindness, his enthusiasm for everything from skiing to books or to good-natured gossip over a good meal. To this list of qualities, and to his wonderful sense of humour, I must add his extraordinary courage and fortitude, particularly over the last two years. I saw him a week before he died, frail but still with his ineradicable sense of humour and bravery.

We will all miss him deeply

Julian Priestley
Secretary General

International Updates 2002: Trends and Transitions in Your World

A lecture-dinner series addressing current international issues, sponsored by the Jackson School Outreach Centers in the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies and by the Center for International Business Education and Research in the School of Business Administration, University of Washington, Seattle

We offer the latest insights from top university scholars, convenient early evening programs, and buffet dinners featuring catered international cuisine in the Walker-Ames Room, Kane Hall, University of Washington, Seattle from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. The Lecture-Dinner fee is \$25.00 per session, per person. Check or money order only, payable to the University of Washington. DEADLINE for registration is one week prior to each session.

2002 INTERNATIONAL UPDATE LECTURE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 30: International Business

“Ethics in International Business: Utopian Illusion or an Idea Whose Time Has Come?”

Andy Wicks, Associate Professor of Business Ethics

Wednesday, February 13: East Asia

“Minorities in China: Conflict or Integration?”

Stevan Harrell, Professor of Anthropology; Curator of Asian Ethnology, Burke Museum

Wednesday, February 27: Middle East

“Middle East Oil and Globalization: Cause and Cure”

Ellis Goldberg, Director, Middle East Center

Wednesday, March 13: Western Europe

“Meeting the Challenge of Global Climate Change: The European Approach”

Maria Marotta, European Union Fellow

Wednesday, March 20: Southeast Asia

“The Politics of Cultural Difference in Vietnam and Thailand”

Charles F. Keyes, Professor of Anthropology and International Studies

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Please mail registration form and fees of \$25.00 per session, per person (payable to the University of Washington) to:

International Updates Registration
c/o South Asia Center
University of Washington
Box 353650
Seattle, WA 98195-3650

Wednesday, April 10: South Asia

“Kashmir between India and Pakistan”

Keith Snodgrass, Associate Director, South Asia Center

Wednesday, April 17: International Studies

“The Political Economy of Ethnic-Religious Conflict”

Murat Somer, Sawyer-Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Ethnic Conflict and Conflict Resolution

Wednesday, May 8: Canada

“Quebec and Canada: Nation-Building in the North”

Marc Boucher, Director, Quebec Government Office, Los Angeles

Wednesday, May 22: Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia

“Eastern Europe: Human Rights and Public Policy in Emerging Democracies”

Bruce Kochis, Director, Policy Studies Program, UW Bothell; Director, Human Rights Education and Research Network

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European Union Center News

EU Center Welcomes New Marshall- Monnet Visiting Scholar: Erik Swyngedouw



Every year the European Union Center of Seattle hosts a prestigious Marshall-Monnet Scholar in Residence, a distinguished European specialist who serves as a visiting professor and contributes to the research, teaching, and outreach programs of the University of Washington.

The 2001-2002 Marshall-Monnet Scholar is Dr. Erik Swyngedouw, University Reader in Geography and Fellow of St. Peter's College, Oxford. His main interests are in political economy and political ecology. His research includes work on technological change and industrial restructuring, urban-regional development in the EU, and the political ecology of water. Publications include *Towards Global Localisation* (1992), *El Problema del Abastecimiento de Agua Potable en Ecuador* (1995) and *The Urbanization of Injustice* (1996). Dr. Swyngedouw was Visiting Professor and Marie Curie Fellow at Aristotle University in Thessaloniki Greece; as well as a Visiting Professor at the University of Leuven, Belgium; University of Seville, Spain; and the College of Europe in Bruges.

This quarter Dr. Swyngedouw is teaching a new course at the University of Washington called "Globalization, Uneven Development, and the Europe of the Regions." The course will consider the tumultuous political-economic reordering of the past few decades with particular emphasis on the combined processes of globalization and rationalization. The course will examine the contested process of globalization from a European perspective, which includes the process of EU formation and the dynamics of uneven geographical development within the EU.

In addition to his teaching, Professor Swyngedouw is using his time at the UW to do research and to expand his study of US policy. He is also giving a series of academic and outreach presentations at various venues. For more information, please call the EU Center at (206) 616-2415.



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European Law At the UW

European Law Initiative

In the 1960s the University of Washington was one of the first law schools in the nation to offer courses on what is today called European Union Law. That's why it's ironic that local law firms have established a presence in faraway places such as Beijing and Shanghai, but have almost no presence whatsoever in Europe. It's all the more astonishing considering that the EU member states represent by far our largest trading partner. In terms of sources of Direct Foreign Investment in the United States, the EU at \$382 billion dollars (1998) dwarfs Asian-Pacific totals at \$148 billion, and is in fact larger than that of all other trading partners combined. In addition, Washington State alone exported nearly \$12 billion dollars worth of goods to European Union member countries in 2000. So what explains the lack of urgency by the legal community in Washington to acquire adequate representation in Brussels? In part, this malaise is simply due to our upbringing, as our Pacific Rim geography and unique ties to Asian markets have steadily pushed our legal institutions in that direction. Of equal importance, though, is that until very recently the entire concept of "European Law" simply did not exist in the minds of most Americans.

The introduction of the euro as the standard currency on the continent will change the way the world perceives the increasing integration of Europe, just as the prevention of the General Electric-Honeywell merger by the European Commission altered the way US businesses understood the transformation of the European business environment. The evolution of EU law has been subtle, however, and since subtlety rarely makes headlines, many area firms will soon be playing catch-up with the revolution underway in Brussels. To better understand and manage this transition from sovereign national legal systems to a unified European Union body of law, Professor Walter Walsh at the UW School of Law is leading the initiative to challenge the way American law students understand Europe's coalescing legal institutions. The European Law Initiative's (ELI) perspective is inherently comparative and is informed by the study of two centuries of American federalism, from eliminating interstate trade barriers to defining fundamental human rights within the US.

Increasingly, the European Legal Initiative will offer a variety of opportunities for American and European scholars and practitioners who wish to study comparative law. These opportunities include short-term research and study visits, student exchanges, visiting faculty programs, intellectual property seminars, externships, and classroom teaching by visiting EU Fellows such as Chris Docksey (European Commission Legal Service) and Maria Marotta (General Secretariat of the EU Council). Recent visitors include Professor Martin Shapiro of UC Berkeley's Law School and Professor James Caporaso of the University of Washington's Political Science Department. The latter program is particularly strong in the area of comparative public law with the recent opening of the Comparative Law and Society Studies (CLASS) Center and the hiring of new affiliated faculty, including Rachel Cichowski, an expert on European law and courts (see story on next page). The study of comparative and European law at the UW has increased rapidly over the last several years and will continue to grow in the future. Ultimately, under the guidance of Professor Walsh, ELI hopes to combine the UW's expertise in theory, politics, and legal history to offer Seattle one of the leading European legal forums in the nation.

For more information about ELI please contact either:

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European Law At the UW

New Faculty Interview: Rachel Cichowski



Assistant Professor Rachel Cichowski holds a joint appointment in the Political Science Department and the Law, Societies, and Justice program. She joins us from the University of California, Irvine, where she recently received her Ph.D., specializing in law and courts in the context of comparative and international politics. Her most recent publications include the forthcoming “Women’s Transnational Activism and the Evolution of European Sex Equality Policy.”

Tell us about your current research.

My current research project is entitled *Litigation, Mobilization, and Governance*. The project examines the role of the European Court of Justice and of transnational activists in changing and shaping governance structures at the EU level and also at the national level in Europe. The study traces this dynamic evolution in two areas of EU law: gender equality and environmental protection. Drawing from public law, institutional and social movement theory, I develop and test a general comparative framework for understanding the interaction between legal institutions and political mobilization and the subsequent consequences for governance structures within and above nations.

What countries in the EU interest you in particular?

This project really looks at 15 countries – at cross national variation throughout the EU – but the majority of my prior experience stems from an interest in British and Irish politics, as well as Germany and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. I worked in London for a British Member of Parliament who was significantly involved in the Northern Ireland conflict. The historical and political developments characterizing these tensions continue to interest me. I also speak German and have spent considerable time in Germany both in the east, Leipzig, and as a visiting fellow at the Max Planck Institute in Bonn. I have also conducted research on the countries in Central and Eastern European that are soon to join the EU. So those are probably the countries I know better. But I really am one of those people who study the newly evolving Europe both in its constituent parts but also as a whole.

I understand you’re offering a new course this quarter. Could you tell us about it?

Yes, I’m teaching two new courses actually, which are offered in both Political Science and the LSJ program. The first course is “Comparative Law and Courts.” It’s a 300 level course that gives an introduction to comparative judicial politics. We critically examine the alleged functions of courts and of dispute resolution. We begin by looking at conflict resolution in a Mayan village, move to constitutional courts in Europe and then finish off looking at supranational and international courts. The purpose of the course is to expose students to the interaction between law, courts and politics in countries around the world. The second course I’m teaching is a small seminar course entitled “Women’s Rights in an Integrated Europe.” This course grows out of my work on EU gender equality law. We examine how gender equality law has evolved in the EU, and the politics around that development. We talk about women’s activism and mobilization; we talk about litigation in the European Court of

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Comparative Federalism

in a variety of M.A. or Ph.D. programs who are specializing in comparative public policy, comparative government, comparative law, public affairs, international studies, or trans-Atlantic relations. The core of the COMFED program will be a Comparative Federalism course designed collaboratively by faculty representatives from each of the six partners. A COMFED website will make extensive instructional materials available on-line to students working at all the participating institutions. UW graduate students participating in the COMFED program will be given FIPSE "mobility stipends" of \$3000 so that they can take the core course abroad in Birmingham (in English, winter term), Brussels (in English, spring term) or Paris (in French, spring term). While in Britain, Belgium or France, our graduate students will also get some hands-on experience with European institutions through a special internship program.

In a competition to be announced this February, two UW graduate students will be awarded FIPSE stipends for participation in the COMFED course at one of the European partner institutions during the 2002-03 academic year. In exchange, the UW will host two European students who will enroll in our version of the COMFED course to be taught in Seattle during the winter term of 2003. UW students unable to go abroad next year will be welcome to enroll in the Seattle COMFED course and will thus have a chance to study with European students. In 2003-04, FIPSE will provide funding to send three UW graduate students to Europe and three European students to Seattle. COMFED will also host a four-day Summer Institute intended to bring together faculty and graduate students engaged in research on institutions and public policy in Europe and the United States. The Summer Institute will be hosted by Birmingham in June 2003 and NYU in June 2004. Travel grants for participation in the institute will be available on a competitive basis from our UW Center for West European Studies.

The project directors for COMFED are: John Keeler, Director, Center for West European Studies/European Union Center, University of Washington; Martin Schain, Director, Center for European Studies/European Union Center, New York University; Alberta Sbragia, Director, Center for West European Studies/European Union Center, University of Pittsburgh; Anand Menon, Director, European Research Institute, University of Birmingham; Eric Remacle, Director, Institut d'Etudes Europeenes, Universite Libre de Bruxelles; Renaud Dehousse, Director, Centre Européen, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris. Students and faculty with questions regarding the COMFED program should contact Phil Shekleton, CWES/EUC Associate Director, at 543-1675 or cwes@u.washington.edu.

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Justice. It's really asking: how did we come to have women's rights in a union that was meant largely to be an economic agreement?

What kind of courses are you thinking about for the future?

I'm going to be teaching a general women's rights class called something like "Women's Rights in Comparative Perspective" which will be looking more generally at what women's rights policies are and at some of the problems and concerns that characterize their development in different countries. I haven't decided exactly what areas we'll focus on, but that one again will be a non-US based look at women's rights.

How do you like Seattle so far?

I'm a Californian ... so, well, that has implications! My father, who's also a professor, did a sabbatical up here when I was nine and ten. So I lived here for two years and have visited often since my mother moved up here six years ago. So I do feel like I know Seattle a little bit. It's a great city. I love traveling in Europe, and compared to San Diego or other cities on the West Coast, Seattle is a more European-style city, and I like that. Seattle has a bit of a café culture, and good restaurants, and it has that same local neighborhood feel that you can find in many European cities – that you have your local pub or coffee shop or restaurant and they know you.

Student News

Certificate in Trans-Atlantic Studies (CTAS)

The Certificate in Trans-Atlantic Studies (CTAS) Program, now in its fifth year at the UW, is an international study option for students interested in U.S.-European relations, comparative public policy, and political culture. The CTAS program may be taken by graduate students or advanced undergraduates enrolled in any relevant degree program (e.g., Political Science, History, Public Affairs, Sociology, European Studies, International Studies). Students accepted into the CTAS program will spend autumn quarter studying contemporary European politics and society at the University of Bath as part of the Core Module of the Euromasters program. The students then return to the UW for winter quarter to complete the American Module of the program.

Five UW students have recently returned to the University of Washington after spending the autumn quarter in Bath. Coming to Seattle along with them are ten Europeans from the Trans-Atlantic Track (TAT) of the Euromasters degree program. During their quarter at the UW, the TAT students will study US politics and society as well as participate in a special course on trans-Atlantic relations which they take with the returning UW CTAS students. The program affords European students the opportunity to take courses on American topics not normally offered at most European universities. The CTAS program likewise offers UW students the chance to spend an entire quarter studying contemporary European issues and the EU in a European environment.

The CTAS program is an exchange program recognized by the University of Washington. As such, all UW students participating in the program pay home tuition and maintain any financial aid eligibility already established. Travel grants are available for this program. The deadline to apply for the 2002-2003 CTAS program is March 8, 2002. For further information please contact the European Union Center at 120 Thomson Hall (206-616-2415) or euc@u.washington.edu. See also the CTAS website at: <http://jsis.artsci.washington.edu/programs/europe/tas/CTAS.html>

Grants and Fellowships

Doctoral Fellowships at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies

The Council for European Studies is pleased to announce two Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies doctoral fellowships for 2001-02. These fellowships will be awarded to graduate students engaged in dissertation projects relating to the institute's research program and to the ongoing work of its researchers. Recipients may spend between six and twelve months in residence at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (Max-Planck-Institut fuer Gesellschaftsforschung, MPIfG) in Cologne, Germany.

Work at the institute spans a number of disciplines including political science, sociology, economics, political economy, and some aspects of modern history. For a summary of the institute's research profile, see <http://www.mpi-fg-koeln.mpg.de>. **Eligibility:** Doctoral candidates are eligible to apply if they have completed all requirements for the Ph.D. but the dissertation and if their home universities are institutional members of the Council for European Studies. **Email inquiries:** Juergen Lautwein Lautwein@mpi-fg-koeln.mpg.de. **Deadline: February 1, 2002.**

Council for European Studies Pre-Dissertation Summer Fellowships

The Council for European Studies is pleased to announce Summer Pre-Dissertation Fellowships for research in Europe, supported by a grant from the German Marshall Fund of the United States. In March 2002, the Council will award four fellowships at a stipend of \$4,000 each. The fellowships support short-term (two to three months') independent research in Europe for the purpose of testing the feasibility and research design of a projected doctoral dissertation in the social sciences or humanities. The geographic scope of the program includes Western, Central, and Eastern Europe, including Russia and Turkey as they relate to Europe. Application forms may be requested from the Council, or they may be downloaded in .pdf format from the Council's web site at www.europenet.org. **The application deadline is February 1, 2002.**

The Euro: Real at Last

The complexity of introducing a new currency to 280 million people in 12 countries is overwhelming. In a single day, hundreds of thousands of banks, retailers, ATMs, and vending machines needed to be stocked with the new bills and coins, and millions of consumers had to learn to work in both the new currency and the old at the same time. The changeover has been heralded as the largest peacetime logistical exercise in history and the harbinger of a new level of European integration. Two weeks into the euro's history as a physical currency, we'll take a look at the changeover and what it means for Europe in the coming years.

For years pundits declared loudly that the introduction of the euro would lead to near-chaos as businesses and consumers struggled to acquire and manage both new and old currencies. Just four months ago, the German national railroad system, Deutsche Bahn, conducted tests with their ticket sellers to determine how multiple currency operations would affect their sales windows. The tests showed each transaction taking nearly twice as long while tellers took payment in marks and gave change in euros. It seemed that lines would extend up to three times as long as normal, and the unwary might even miss their trains. If this was the expected situation in orderly Germany, what might one expect in Italy?

As often happens, the reality looks very different from the predictions. Two weeks into the introduction of the euro, the changeover seems to have gone more smoothly than even the most optimistic scenarios might have predicted. Large businesses successfully reprogrammed cash registers to calculate payment in either old or new currencies, or even partial payment in the old currency and the remainder in euros. The logistical challenge of loading 200,000 ATMs with euros went remarkably smoothly, with only a few hiccups, mostly in outlying areas.

One of the greatest concerns about the introduction of the euro was how the population of each country would react to the reality of giving up their national currencies. Indeed, the enthusiasm with which Europeans have embraced the euro has been a tremendous surprise. Cash withdrawals have been up to four times greater than expected as consumers have rushed to put the new currency into their wallets. However, countries are moving to the euro at somewhat different rates. In Italy, government officials estimate that approximately 40% of transactions are taking place in euros at this point, while in the Netherlands they already estimate that number at 80%. Indeed, even the countries of the EU that elected to stay out of the euro (Britain, Denmark, and Sweden) are looking favorably at the new currency and are thought to be likely to join the Eurozone sooner than previously expected.

Looking forward to the future, the best bet is that the usual pattern will hold true -- in the short term things won't change as much as we think they will, and in the long term they will change more than we expect. European consumers will have more opportunities for price comparisons and will find it easier to shop for goods in other nations. Travellers will find the way considerably eased. Businesses will be able to offer their products more broadly, credit markets will integrate, and perhaps a new wave of mergers will sweep Europe as the euro provides new opportunities. How quickly these may happen, or what other new and exciting opportunities remain to be discovered, are difficult to predict. We can be assured, however, that the euro is here to stay and that it is the harbinger of an exciting period for those who study modern Europe or live and travel there.

The euro on the web

There are a number of websites dedicated to the Europe's new currency, including the official site hosted by the European Union.

The Euro: *The official EU website on the euro. <http://europa.eu.int/euro/html/entry.html>*

The European Central Bank: *The ECB maintains its own euro website. <http://www.euro.ecb.int/>*

Many European news websites (www.economist.com, www.guardian.co.uk/euro, etc.) maintain special sites for the euro with links to stories on the currency's introduction.

phenomenon that is so much a part of our lives and

January 9

Lecture: *Don't Look Back In Anger: The Nazi Past in West German Popular Culture of the 1960s*. 3:30 p.m., Thomson 125. Speaker: Detlef Siegfried, Associate Professor of Contemporary German History, University of Copenhagen. Sponsors: The Center for West European Studies and the Departments of History and Germanics. Info: 206-616-2415.

February 19

Lecture: *Globalism and Tolerance in Early Modern Geography*. 3:30pm, tent. in Communications 226. Denis Cosgrove, Humboldt Professor of Geography at UCLA.

February 21

Lecture: *Problems in the Study of Ethnic Cleansing and Genocide* (Part of the Sawyer Seminar Series on Empires and Ethnic Conflict). 3:30-5:30, Parrington Hall Forum. Speaker: Norman Naimark, Stanford University. Sponsors: International Studies Center, Center for the Study of Ethnic Conflict and Conflict Resolution, Sociology Department, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Center for West European Studies. Info: 685-2354.

March 13

Lecture: *Meeting the Challenge of Global Climate Change: The European Approach* (International Update Dinner-Lecture). 5:30 - 8:00 p.m., Walker-Ames Room, Kane Hall. Speaker: Maria Marotta, European Union Fellow. \$25 fee includes dinner and clock hours for teachers. All welcome. Sponsors: Jackson School of International Studies, CWES and the EU Center. Registration/Info: 543-4800 sascuw@u.washington.edu

and became even more interested. This experience made me interested in politics in other countries, when I saw

April 11

Lecture: *Multicultural Nation-Building: "Integration" as Public Philosophy and Research Paradigm in Western Europe* (Part of the Seminar of Global Migration and Identities). 3:30-5:30, Parrington Hall Forum. Speaker: Adrian Favell, University of California, Los Angeles. Sponsor: The Center for the Study of Ethnic Conflict and Conflict Resolution. Info: 685-2354.

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Film Sereis: *New Italian Cinema*. Five recent Italian films shown in 35mm format (with English subtitles) and brought to the UW by CinemaItalia, the UW Cinema Studies Program, the Division of French and Italian Studies and CWES. Titles: *Le fate ignoranti*; *Come te nessuno mai*; *Il sole negli occhi*; *La capa gira*; *Il manoscritto del principe*. All screenings at HUB Auditorium beginning 6:30 p.m.

May 16

Lecture: *A Jesuit's Books in New Spain: Athanasius Kircher and Sor Juana*. 3:30p.m., tent. in Communications 226. Paula Findlen, Stanford University, History of Science and Italian Studies.

May 16-18

Conference: *Urban Spaces – Modern Subject, European metropolises at the 'fin de siècle'*. This conference will explore the effects of rapid urbanization and the rise of modern mass culture at the fin de siècle and into the first half of the 20th century. German speaking cities will be the focus of the discussion. Times and locations TBA. Info: Professor Dagmar Reese, reese@u.washington.edu.

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other countries, although it might be just as right for them. That was really eye-opening and intriguing, and it's what has driven my current research interests. I hope that I can peak the curiosity of students enough to want to explore and study other legal and political systems and to question their assumptions about the American system. This is what my courses will always hope to do.