

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS:  
ILLINOIS EU STUDIES REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
APRIL 17-18, 2020**

**DEADLINE: January 15, 2020**

The European Union Center at the University of Illinois invites proposals for participation in its Ninth Annual EU Studies Regional Conference, scheduled for Saturday, April 18, with a pre-conference keynote address scheduled for Friday, April 17 in the afternoon.

We invite proposals for presentations on research and teaching about any topic relevant to EU studies from scholars, college instructors, and graduate students. We particularly encourage proposals that might speak to the theme of this year's conference: "Europe, the European Union, and their Respective Borders."

This signature annual conference brings together regional college faculty and graduate students to advance research on and teaching about the European Union at universities as well as four-year and two-year colleges in Illinois and the Midwest. It serves as a great opportunity for scholars and college instructors in the region with interests in EU studies to share current research in an intimate setting, connect with one another, and learn about other opportunities sponsored by the EU Center at the University of Illinois.

This year we are excited to share that our pre-conference keynote, scheduled for Friday, April 17 at 3pm, will be offered by [Phillip Ayoub](#), Associate Professor of Diplomacy & World Affairs at Occidental College. Professor Ayoub's talk, **"When States 'Come Out': Transnational Movements and the Diffusion of LGBT Rights in Europe,"** extends the EUC's long-standing interest in questions of rights, social movements that cross borders, and minorities in Europe.

Colleagues with a current interest in the EU and issues involving Europe are also invited to join us without being obliged to present.

Travel grants are available. A travel reimbursement grant of up to \$150 based on mileage and one night of free lodging will be available to all accepted out-of-town participants.

Proposals and registration for participants who are not presenting are due to [our online form](#) by January 15, 2020.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent by February 15. Registration and confirmation of attendance are due March 1.

More information about the EUC regional conference can be found on the [EUC's website](#).