



Beyond Crisis: Ways Forward for a Renewed European Union

First Annual EU Studies Graduate Conference

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Submissions are invited for the First Annual EU Studies Graduate Conference at the University of Victoria. This conference is intended to be forward-looking. Where several conferences over the past year have questioned the very survival of the European Union, few have attempted to look beyond the crises it now faces. This is problematic because questions over the survival of the Union are premature and understate its capacity for renewal, amply displayed in the years following the 'dismal decade'. Such intense scrutiny of the current crisis also risks overlooking vital questions about the future direction of European integration.

The EU is certainly not an entity that is only studied by one discipline. As a result, we will look for papers across disciplines that take a prophetic look at the EU and that contribute to the discussions about solutions to the EU's current problems. Of particular interest are contributions from aspiring Europeanists in the fields of political science, history, economics, law, and sociology. We look forward to a keynote address by Dr. Alison Johnston, an emerging scholar visiting from Oregon State University, and a round-table discussion on researching and publishing on Europe from the West Coast.

Notes for Contributors:

This conference seeks contributions that address issues including, but not limited to:

- New governance instruments in the Eurozone
- Asymmetrical integration and Eurozone 'ins' and 'outs'
- The role of the Franco-German partnership
- Euro adoption in new members; future Enlargement?
- What it means to be "Europeanized"
- Treaty change and future directions for European integration
- The growth or retreat of the "European identity"

Please submit abstracts of no more than 250 words to Graeme Crouch and Ivan F Dumka at euconf12@uvic.ca no later than October 19.

Logistics:

The organizers are pleased to offer one night's hotel accommodation for participants visiting from outside Victoria. Recognizing that some presenters from further afield may require an additional night's accommodation (to accommodate travel schedules, difficulties with flights, etc), one night's accommodation may be available with a graduate student at UVic.