EU Center of California

The European Union Center of California was founded in 1998 with the assistance of the European Commission as part of a network of ten European Union Centers in the United States.

Mission

The mission of the European Union Center of California is to advance public understanding of European integration and transatlantic relations through education and research.

Undergraduate education about the European Union is the EU Center’s top priority. To that end, the EU Center:

- sponsors a curriculum in European Union Studies at the Claremont Colleges;
- provides opportunities for students to study in Europe and to intern at various international organizations based in Europe;
- hosts scholarly conferences as well as lectures by distinguished visitors;
- hosts the oldest and largest regularly-scheduled academic conference in the United States dedicated to undergraduate research on European Union topics.

Conference Awards

At the conclusion of the conference, roughly 8-12 of the best papers of the conference will be selected for publication in a special volume of conference proceedings (to view past volumes, visit scholarship.claremont.edu/urceu), and 2-3 students will be recognized for delivering the best presentations.

In addition, the EU Center will select two students from among the best paper and best presentation award winners to participate in a fully funded 2-week-long summer school program in Europe.
Important Dates

**February 1, 2024** – applications w/abstract due

**March 1, 2024** – final papers due

**April 4-5, 2024** – conference at Scripps College in Claremont, California

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Each applicant must submit the topic of their research with a brief description outlining the research (350 words or less).

**Final Papers**

Final papers are due by March 1. Papers should be approximately 10-15 pages double-spaced, excluding references. All papers must be submitted using the APA format, including references, tables, figures, and charts. Electronic submissions are preferred and can be sent to eucen@scrippscollage.edu.

**Sponsors and Partners**

The conference is organized and funded by the European Union Center of California at Scripps College in partnership with the following institutions: Pomona College • Pitzer College • The Institute of European Studies at the University of California at Berkeley • The European Union Center of Excellence at UC Berkeley • The Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies at UC Berkeley • The European Union Center of Excellence at the University of Washington.

Students may pursue a wide range of topics that reflect their interest, expertise, and past research. Papers can be about the European Union, a particular country within the EU, or the EU’s relationship with outside countries. Topic examples include, but are not limited to:

- Defining sovereignty and the role of the state in the European Union
- Role of the EU in the globalized world
- Immigration and social policy
- Minority issues
- Future of NATO
- Transatlantic relations
- Enlargement
- Institutional reform
- Nationalism and politics of the right
- Terrorism
- Energy and environmental policy
- Monetary integration
- Science and technology
- Future of Euro-American influence and legitimacy in a globalizing world