It is our hope that this newsletter will be produced twice a semester and that each edition will begin with a short article or commentary from an EUCE Director. In this our first edition, we have “Europe's Blues” from Gary Marks, Director of the EUCE at UNC-Chapel Hill.

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"Europe's Blues:
Theoretical Soul-Searching After the Rejection of the Constitution Treaty"

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The Spanish, French, Dutch and Luxembourg referenda on the Constitutional Treaty are the latest, but certainly not the last, flashpoints in a contentious European Union. The era in which EU politics was determined in iron triangles of national, European, and interest-group elites ended about fifteen years ago. With the Maastricht Accord of 199, decision making on European integration entered the contentious world of party competition, elections, and referenda.

From December 1991 through September 2005, referenda on Europe were held in 18 of the 25 member states in the EU, and that number would have climbed to 20 if Portugal and the UK had not postponed or...
suspended referenda after the votes in France and the Netherlands. For Portugal, it would have been the first ever referendum on an EU issue; for the UK, the first one since its accession referendum in 1975. The only EU countries that have not (yet) held a referendum on a major EU issue are Belgium, Germany, Greece, Portugal and Cyprus.

Contentious Polity

A series of fascinating studies have uncovered diverse evidence of contentiousness of European integration. Content analysis of national electoral campaigns documents a rise in salience, as do media data (Kriesi 2005). Data on interest group and social movement activity indicate an attention shift from national to European policy, and a shift from targeting national to European authorities (Imig and Tarrow 2001). Public opinion data on European integration show that its salience and divisiveness have increased (Evans 2005; van der Eijk and Franklin 2004). Figure 1 displays how salience and internal dissent among political parties have intensified since 1984.

How is this contestation structured? Conceptions of identity appear decisive. The underlying reason for this derives from the dual nature of governance. On one side, governance is a means to achieve collective goods by coordinating human activity; from this perspective, efficient governance should be multi-level because the externalities and scale economies vary across policies. But governance is also an expression of community. Citizens care—passionately—about who exercises authority over them. The functional need for human cooperation rarely coincides with the territorial scope of community. This tension is, we believe, a key to understanding the path of European integration. […]

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**EUCE Network News**

UW's Phil Sheckleton makes a point (or is he rapping?)

The 2005-8 cycle of European Union Centers of Excellence began with a meeting of EUCE Associate Directors, held in Chapel Hill, September 18-19th. The meeting was hosted by UNC as Network Coordinator to establish solid working relations among the centers and to make some decisions early in the funding cycle about the Network logo, the website content and structure, and to discuss programming areas where we can be more cost-effective by sharing speakers, developing common models for outreach practices, etc. While we certainly didn't accomplish all of this, the meeting was an excellent venue for getting better acquainted with other center associates and having an open discussion on areas of collaboration within the Network. One decision taken at the meeting was the design of the new EUCE network logo and general agreement by the majority of centers to use the same design for individual center logos. Files for both the Network and individual center logos in color and a black and white version have been sent to all centers. By now, they are familiar to us all but they are placed at the bottom of the newsletter for your reference.

The Annual business meeting for all EUCE Directors and Associate Directors will be held April 20-21 in Washington D.C. A new feature this cycle is the addition of an Associate Director’s meeting on Thursday April 20th. From 9-12 AM (4/20) we will host Professor Milada Vachudova for an informal workshop on EU Enlargement, with a particular goal of considering how this affects EU center programming. Eight Associate Directors have signed up to attend the session, if you would like to attend, please email Ruth at euce@unc.edu. In the afternoon of 4/20 Associate Directors will meet to discuss Network business—joint outreach, data collection etc. The Director's meeting agenda begins on Thursday evening with a reception at 6:00 PM to be followed by dinner at I Ricchi's Italian restaurant. The venue for the business meeting on Friday, 4/21 will be the Delegation offices at 2300 M St. NW.

**Network Website Launched**

Our network website is now launched. The site is intended to be both a portal into our individual center sites and a stand-alone source of information and links on the European Union. Due to understandable start-up demands at some centers, the site does not reflect the full range of EUCE activities and resources. As we receive information about the remaining centers and programs and are able to fully reflect the richness of our network, the site will be an

http://www.unc.edu/euce
Carrie Lovelace is the Network Webmaster, and this is the time to register appreciation for her patience with us all though the process of collecting information. I'd like to thank her for her lovely design and organization of the webpage as well as the dynamic calendar functions. Please update your own websites with the new web address, and let us have a list of organizations which you think would be willing to list the network site on their pages. For the moment, the site is best viewed in Internet Explorer-- and be sure to click the "Refresh" button on your browser to ensure you are seeing the latest updates.

The "Administrators" section of the site is not yet active. It will house information and documents useful for running the centers. At present we envision report and data collecting templates as well as useful links such as the official EURO conversion site. Please give some thought as to other information you would like to have housed there. It will be accessible only by EUCE administrators with passwords.

EUCE Profiles

Four PhD Seminar at the EUCE-University of Michigan

New PhD Seminar, “Politics and the Society of the EU” has been developed by Ken Kollman, (political science) and Michael Kennedy (sociology) and is being offered Winter 2006. The course aims to expose students to the major research questions and findings across the social sciences in the study of the EU. As part of the course, several outside speakers are scheduled to visit and discuss their original research on the EU: Alberta Sbragia, (Political Science, University of Pittsburgh and EUCE Director); Amie Kreppel, (Political Science, University of Florida); Neil Fligstein, (Sociology, UC Berkeley); and Juan Díez Medrano, (Sociology, University of Barcelona).

Maxwell EUCE: Global Europe Program

The Maxwell EU Center's highly successful Global Europe program offers internships in Europe for Maxwell's professional students in the school's top-ranked public administration and international relations programs. Students prepare by taking part in the EU simulation organized by the Maxwell EU Center, an intensive 3-day course on EU affairs, and a 5-day briefing and discussion meeting in Strasbourg, France. During their stays on location, students participating in the internship program also are required to write a report on their internship experience and are evaluated by their supervisors on site in the sponsoring institutions. They also conduct independent research on a topic of their choosing; this research can be an extensive analysis of the institution in which they are interning or a case study of a crisis that they watched the institution experience or in which they participated.

In recent years, students have interned at organizations such as the European Parliament, the European Commission, the U.S. Missions to the EU, the Council of Europe, Transparency International, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) among many others. This program has proven highly important in recruiting students into our Masters in International Relations program who are interested in working in Europe or in U.S.-based organizations that interact consistently with counterparts in Europe and some 80% of those participating in the program have found their internships pivotal in securing their first jobs.

Work on Public Health and the Environment at the UW-Madison EUCE

Economic integration in the expanding European Union has not been at the expense of public health, environmental sustainability or consumer protection, a triumph which has gained the EU international recognition. Through the core theme “Europe’s Expanding Social Dimensions,” faculty affiliated with the University of Wisconsin-Madison EUCE are exploring the impact of EU expansion on these social dynamics within the Member States. By studying policy changes and their practical impact on EU member states, we hope to draw out potential lessons for policy and practice in the US and elsewhere. “Europe’s Expanding Social Dimensions” is led by Jonathan Zeitlin (Sociology, Public Affairs, Political Science, and History), Myra Marx Ferree (Sociology, Women’s Studies), and Louise Trubek (Law): three of its projects specifically address environmental issues.

Workshop: “Public Health and Comparative Health Policy: A Transatlantic Dialogue” kicks off its proceedings this April with "EU-wide Health Policies and Spain." In conjunction with medical researchers and practitioners in the UW Medical School's Global Health Program, theme leader Professor Louise Trubek has invited attorney Tammy Hervey to given an overview of health care in the EU. Dr. Francisco Sevilla, Social Affairs Attaché at the Spanish Embassy to the OECD, will present a talk on how EU activities might influence what's happening in the Spanish health care system, and how in turn Spanish changes might impact EU-wide policy. Discussants include Canice Nolan, First Counselor and Head of Food Safety, Health and Consumer Affairs of the EU Delegation (tentative) and U-W Professor of Medicine David Kindig, who
will comment from the transatlantic perspective. This series will continue with workshops on the UK in 2007 and the Netherlands in 2008. Professor Trubek welcomes the participation of faculty in other EU Centers of Excellence in this working group.

**Multi-State Working Group**: Both Trubek and EUCE Associate Director Elizabeth Covington are participating in a State of Wisconsin project on the environment in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources, several state legislators, and other members of a Multi-State Working Group on environmental affairs. We currently work with the German State of Bavaria, specifically the offices of Emilia Müller (Bavarian State Secretary of the Environment and Consumer Protection and member of European Parliament, 1999-2003) on discovering new methods of environmental governance which avoid the "command and control" tactics which have led, at least in the U.S., to an institutional impasse in environmental protection.

**At the EUCE-Chapel Hill**: The fourth course offering in the three campus program 'North Carolina Video Collaborative in EU Studies' is being taught this semester by Milada Vachudova. The course is “Undivided Europe: Democratization and International Organizations After Communism”. Curious folks can see the streaming video of lectures [here](follow link for courses, scroll to bottom). This collaborative program links three schools—North Carolina State University, UNC-Charlotte, and UNC-Chapel Hill—via video to share upper division EU Studies courses.

### Delegation Corner

For those of you who may not be familiar with the Delegation staff who work with us, here's a face to put with the name.

![Delegation staff](Image)

**"Ode to Allowable Costs"**

*from Jonathan Davidson*

It's always best when endings herald new beginnings, so before he fades out this old-timer is glad to contribute some reflections to this newsletter, a great initiative of the network coordinator. Contrary to reports you may have heard from usually unreliable academic sources, I'm still gainfully employed at the Commission Delegation in Washington DC, though I do plan to give up the reins towards the end of this year. I appreciate Ruth's offer to greet our colleagues in the EUCE family, before I put myself out to pasture.

In Washington when people leave a plum job they usually say they want to "spend more time with their family" or "take a timeout for writing and reflection". We all know what humbug that usually is, though both of those things happen to be true in my case. So, you're thinking, did the folks in Brussels finally catch up with Davidson and give him the long overdue pink slip? No, the real reason I'm leaving after 15 years is more mundane. The simple fact is I'll have reached the ripe old age when the Commission says people like me should be put out to pasture. Brussels hasn't quite got its arms around age-discrimination yet, and I wouldn't qualify for academic tenure even if they recognized it.

I can't tell you how much I'll miss scrutinizing your annual reports and micro managing your grants in all the ways you've grown to love. "No you can't move this action to that category but you can add two dollars fifty three cents to that one as long as you remember that all accounting is in euros don't even get me started about exchange rates and of course don't forget to submit those vouchers for each and every paperclip you ever bought over the last ten years as long as you're prepared to swear to the auditors that they were used solely and exclusively for the purpose of advancing EU studies and by the way remember to get your reports in on time with 10 boxes of supporting documentation so that we can pay up on the nail." All good things come to an end and I'll just have to steel myself to give up that fun part of the job when the
time comes. But you can count on my wonderful teammates - Bill, Helen, and Despi - to carry on the good work of telling you precisely what are and, more importantly, what are not allowable costs. You know how expert and professional they are, and I can tell you without a doubt no one could ask for a more delightful and agreeable set of colleagues to work with every day.

We always hoped the EUCE network would become more than the sum of its parts. Indeed some of us even held on to the hope that it would become more than a bean-counting exercise. Now there's a good chance of reaching those ideals with our great team firmly in the saddle and willing to soldier on here, and the good work of the network coordinator spurring you and us along. Our annual fun-filled gatherings of directors and their co-conspirators are all very well as far as they go, and you've all done your bit over the years to help bring the network to life whether at the annual bash or in other ways of cooperating with each other throughout the year. Now there's a talented and creative coordinator to add some beef and spice to the mix. So I really hope you'll all take advantage of this opportunity and help make this venture – the newsletter and all the other good ideas they're cooking up in Chapel Hill - a smashing success! This is a win-win for everyone, including the Commission and the greater cause of EU studies.

I hope the newsletter will be a useful forum to promote collegial spirit in the network and to exchange news, experiences, gossip, and reflections about the fortunes of the EU studies clan, and maybe some serious contributions about the discipline. If you ever feel the urge to use it as a forum to trash the Delegation or the Commission, just put an "NC" rating on that edition so we can avert our eyes.

More seriously it's a source of considerable professional satisfaction to see the health and vitality of this band of warriors flourishing so impressively. I think it's fair to say that over the course of the last 15 years, EU studies has emerged from the shadows into the daylight of a recognized academic discipline in its own right. You have earned your clout on campus, and make a great contribution to the growing interest in and understanding of the EU across a broad range of disciplines in the humanities and behavioral sciences, the professional schools and even in some cases the hard sciences, not to mention the many constituencies you reach in your surrounding communities. You can claim enormous success already in having inspired vast numbers of unsuspecting students to delve into the complexities of the EU, forming a new generation who've either gone out into the world better informed about Brussels and all its handiwork or are becoming the next cadre of specialists ready to take over when you're put out to pasture, if not before!

So I salute all our colleagues in the EUCES, congratulate Chapel Hill on launching this new forum, and send you my warmest wishes for the continued success of our common endeavor. I look forward to seeing you all at the annual bash in April and I'll do my best to stay in touch with your exciting ventures from the sidelines as I graze in that fabled pasture. It can't be just coincidence that both sides in the Superbowl are from EUCES cities, so good luck in your continuing efforts to build what is unquestionably the world's finest network of Centers of Excellence in EU studies!

~Jonathan Davidson

Next Month's EUCE Calendar

EUCE Main Calendar of Events for February 2006

- Wed, Feb. 1 Michigan Council for the Social Studies Conference (Univ. of Michigan)
- Thurs, Feb. 2 2:00 - 4:00 pm POLSCI 782.001PhD Seminar: Politics and the Society of the EU. (Univ. of Michigan)
- Fri, Feb. 3 1:30 - 7:30 pm Workshop Series on Gender, Politics, and Culture in Europe and Beyond (Univ. of North Carolina)
- Sat, Feb. 4 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Languages Across the Curriculum Pedagogy Workshop (Univ. of North Carolina)
- Mon, Feb. 6 12:00 - 1:00 pm Interview with Louis Andriessen (Univ. of Michigan)
- Thurs, Feb. 9 2:00 - 4:00 pm POLSCI 782.001PhD Seminar: Politics and the Society of the EU. (Univ. of Michigan)
- Fri, Feb. 10 9:00 am - 5:00 pm International Workshop. "After the Racial State: Difference and Democracy in Post-fascist Germany" (Univ. of Michigan)
- Wed, Feb. 15 7:30 am - 10:00 pm Concert. Works by the composer Louis Andriessen. (Univ. of Michigan)
• Thurs, Feb. 16 2:00 - 4:00 pm POLSCI 782.001 PhD Seminar: Politics and the Society of the EU. (Univ. of Michigan)

• Fri-Sat, Feb. 24-25 West Coast Model EU (Univ. of Washington)

• Fri, Feb. 24 5:00 - 6:00 pm Global Music Radio Program (Univ. of North Carolina)

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