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FOREWORD

The European Union Center of California hosted the joint Claremont–University of California Undergraduate Research Conference on the European Union on April 10–11, 2014, at Scripps College in Claremont, California. A total of 58 students presented papers written on various topics related to the European Union. These students represented 25 different schools: American University, Brigham Young University, Case Western Reserve University, Christopher Newport University, Claremont McKenna College, Lewis–Clark State College, Mercyhurst University, Nazarbayev University, Oakland University, Pitzer College, Pomona College, Scripps College, United States Naval Academy, University College Roosevelt, University of California Berkeley, University of California Los Angeles, University of California San Diego, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Illinois at Urbana Hill, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, University of San Francisco, University of Southern California, University of Texas at Arlington, University of Washington, and University of Wisconsin–Madison. This volume is a compilation of the top papers presented at the conference.

The student conference was modeled on professional academic conferences. Each student presented his or her own research to a panel moderated by a faculty discussant whose primary tasks included providing constructive feedback and stimulating discussion of the issues at hand. The conference was likewise designed with specific goals in mind: to promote the visibility of European Union Studies and expose the participants to different intellectual and academic traditions within this field; to motivate student research and hone analytical, writing and presentation skills; and to strengthen the curriculum on European Union Studies at participating campuses by encouraging faculty interaction with students, not only with respect to their expertise in particular research areas but also by conveying general knowledge about contemporary Europe to students. Hence, the research presented in this volume reflects a collaborative effort to involve students in academic research and policy debates on issues involving the European Union.

The subject matter in the papers reflects the diversity of the student authors. Through an assessment reached by OLS regressions of the World Values Survey, **John P. Adams II** investigates the relationship between individual preferences toward religion with an individual's level of support for welfare spending. **Robertus Anders** uses a historical institutionalist approach to explore intra-EU immigration. **Zachary Arace** takes a comprehensive approach to understanding paths to the European Commission. Through an analysis of anti-money laundering (AML) cooperation in Europe from 1980 to 2012, **Allison Blauvelt** draws a comparison with international efforts in scope and intensity. **Alice H. Chang** examines the role of politics in the development of the EU's program regarding cap-and-trade, especially with respect to environmental integrity and the ultimate policy outcome. In a study of the politics of the European Sovereign Debt Crisis, **C. Cole Fairbanks** observes the rise of Eurosceptic populist parties, austerity in southern Europe, the 'moral hazard' argument, and the German government's reluctance to lead Europe out of the crisis. **Romy L. Franks** considers the relationship of German and Austrian foreign direct investment in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) as well as the impact of the CEE states' belated membership in the Schengen Area. **Hans Hubbard** reexamines the roots of the European Union in relation

to Europe's shifting position in the World System. In a study of the role of international war crimes tribunals in peacebuilding, **Oriana LaVilla** explores the impact of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). **Taylor S. Shippen** considers the both the role of ideology and systematic causes in Spain's stagnant economy. Using the Scottish National Party and the Plaid Cymru as case studies, **Judith Sijstermans** explains Pro-Europeanism of minority nationalist parties. **Andrew Zahuranec** evaluates the motivations of Euromaidan protestors by examining social media websites.

The conference was hosted by the European Union Center of California, and the administration of the conference by Center's staff, headed by Maja Stroinska, was indispensable to its success. Kenneth Leonardo's editing of this volume allows us to share the results of the conference with a wider audience. In addition, we owe a debt of gratitude for the financial and administrative support provided by the Institute of European Studies at UC Berkeley; the European Union Center of Excellence at UC Berkeley; the Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies at UC Berkeley; the David M. Kennedy Center at Brigham Young University; the Brigham Young University Center for the Study of Europe; the European Union Center of Excellence at the University of Washington; and, the Colorado European Union Center of Excellence at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

We are grateful to our keynote speaker. Sarah Lambert, EU Fellow, EU Center of Excellence, University of Colorado-Boulder, delivered a keynote address on "Europe's "new normal" – Recovery and Reform in the European Union after the Euro Crisis."

We are also grateful to documentary director, screenwriter, and journalist, Anna Ferens, for her presentation of the film, "A Place to Stand," and the following discussion.

Special thanks are due as well to the faculty discussants who donated their time and expertise with the students, including Christine Arnold, *Maastricht University*; Elizabeth Crighton, *Pomona College*; Patricia Dillon, *Scripps College*; Heidi Haddad, *Pomona College*; Tom Ilgen, *Pitzer College*; Wade Jacoby, *Brigham Young University*; Sarah Lambert, EU Fellow, EU Center of Excellence, *University of Colorado-Boulder*; Cameron Munter, *Pomona College*; Branislav Radeljic, *University of East London*; Michael Reinprecht, EU Fellow, *University of Southern California*; Irene Sacristan-Sanchez, EU Commission on Behalf of the EU Center of Excellence, *University of Washington*; Jennifer Taw, *Claremont McKenna College*; and Cristina Waggonner, *Pitzer College*. The participation of these individuals established a high standard for the conference, and greatly enriched the experience of the students.

Ultimately, the success of the conference was due to the outstanding contributions of the student participants. As the selections in this volume make clear, their papers demonstrated both serious intellectual maturity and genuine research skills. The result was a conference that was both thoughtful and stimulating.

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