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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 5–6, 2018, at Scripps College in Claremont, California. A total of 27 students presented papers written on various topics related to the European Union. These students represented 13 different schools: Baylor University; Brigham Young University; Grinnell College; Pitzer College; Pomona College; Stetson University; Trinity University; University of California, Berkeley; University of Florida; University of Miami; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; University of Victoria; and University of Washington, Seattle. 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 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 in European 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. **Filip G. Bozinovic** investigates restrictions on expression in both France and the United States with regards to counterterrorism policy. **Hannah Byrd** observes economic insecurity as a possible cause for the rise in negative sentiment against immigrants in Germany. **Hannah E. Day** evaluates the causes and consequences of the British public vote to leave the European Union. **Sarah Hollmann** provides a qualitative critique of consociationalism in Northern Ireland. **Austin J. Hudgens** explores the rise of the far left in Germany, Greece, and Spain. **Kamil D. Lungu** looks at the relationship between historical resistance movements and modern Euroscepticism. **Michael McCarthy** analyzes the effects of the Troubles on Irish national identity in field of poetry. **Louise R. Paulsen** studies the establishment of an anti-immigrant party in Sweden. **Zabdi J. Salazar** addresses paradoxes of gender equality and domestic working conditions for Latin American immigrant women in Madrid. **Ziang Zhou** reflects on resistance by irregular refugees against state biopolitical control in the EU.

The conference was hosted by the European Union Center of California, and the administration of the conference by Center's staff, headed by Jennifer Cichocki, 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 European Union Center of

California at The Claremont Colleges; Institute of European Studies at the University of California at Berkeley; European Union Center of Excellence at UC Berkeley; and the Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies at UC Berkeley.

We are grateful as well to our keynote speakers: Charles W. Martoglio, Vice Admiral, US Navy (ret.) for his informative address on America, Europe, NATO, and Russia and Dr. Adam Zeintek for his provocative reflections on populism in France.

Special thanks are due as well to the faculty discussants who shared their time and expertise with the students. These include Ivy Hamerly, Baylor University; Tobias Hofmann, University of Utah; Wade Jacoby, Brigham Young University; Liz Jevtic-Somlai, Brigham Young University; Eva-Maria Maggi, University of Montana; Valentina Padula, University of California, Santa Barbara; Jeffrey Pennington, University of California, Berkeley; and Hans Rindisbacher, Pomona 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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