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WEST EXCHANGE: Lois R. Wise, Director

WEST is at the start of a new semester and facing some important and exciting changes. We began the academic year with six new graduate students joining our MA program, including one joint MA-MPA. The five have shared interests in immigration/integration issues and contemporary security issues in Western Europe (see page 10). Julia Broadway completed her MA last spring. Roger Munson completed the MA/MBA and is now working for the Congressional Research Service in Washington, D.C.



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WEST's Executive Advisory Board for 2011-2012 includes six faculty members and we very much appreciate their willingness to serve. Kim Geeslin (Second Languages and HISP) and Patricia McManus (Sociology) join incumbent members, Aurelian Craiutu (Political Science), Carl Ipsen (History), Bill Rasch (Germanic Studies), and Toivo Raun (CEUS). I thank Margot Gray and Lynn Duggan for their outstanding service as members of the Advisory Board and for their extra service through committee work and help with programming.

Of all the news I am most eager to share with you, the best is the reform of our graduate studies programs which will go into effect in Fall 2012. There's an article on page 5 giving details of the changes to the MA and PhD minor and introducing our new graduate certificate. We especially acknowledge our West Advisory Board Members for 2010-2011 who invested so much time and energy in designing these changes. These timely reforms make our degree more rigorous but also more competitive and attractive to students.

Another factor that will increase WEST's competitiveness for new students is the addition of a formal opportunity for study abroad as part of the WEST degree. Working with the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs, WEST has secured two overseas study fellowship opportunities per year for German-speaking students at the Free University in Berlin. These fellowships will include airfare, board, tuition, and a living stipend and offer MA students a wonderful educational opportunity.

As you may have already learned from our website, WEST is delighted that Professor Dan Knudsen has been awarded the Remak Professorship in West European Studies beginning July 2011 and running for three years. To mark the start of the second Remak Professorship in West European Studies, WEST is organizing a panel in conjunction with Professor Knudsen's research interests called "Hospitality and Tourism in Scandinavia" which will be held December 2nd. Invited Speakers include Dimitri Ioannides of Missouri State University and from IUB, Joseph Chen and Stefano Fiorini, in addition to Dan Knudsen.

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FACULTY UPDATES

DAVID AUDRETSCH spoke to WFIU for their Profiles program on Europe. He discussed economics of Europe and the European Union.

WILLIS BARNSTONE had two books—*Essential Gnostic Scriptures* and *Cafe de l'Aube a Paris (Dawn Cafe in Paris)*—published in 2011.

GENE COYLE discussed changes in the CIA following 9/11 with the Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC) on September 6, 2011. He also reflected on this topic at a WEST-sponsored lecture that was part of the university's 10-day "10 Years After 9/11."

BIENEKE HAITJEMA AND ESTHER HAM hosted the 2011 Summer Dutch Institute, a six-week intensive language course, for students across the country. The Dutch program offers three years of language instruction during the academic year.

TIMOTHY HELLWIG presented two papers at the General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), in Reykjavik, Iceland, August 2011: "The World Economy, Attributions of Responsibility, and Political Accountability," and "Globalization and Party Responsiveness in Established Democracies."

BEATE SISSENICH was featured on one of three WFIU Profiles programs dedicated to Europe. She spoke about current events of the European Union.

ALUMNI UPDATES

MEGHAN GOFF was accepted into the Applied Linguistics program at the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen in the Netherlands and began graduate training in September.

SEAN KEEFER is now the current Chief of Staff at the Indiana State Department of Health.

ROGER MUNSON was recently hired by the United States Library of Congress. He will be a Financial Management Specialist for the Congressional Research Service.

PAUL PASS is the Education Coordinator at the Asia Society Texas Center in Houston, Texas. He organizes teacher workshops, family events, speaker visits, art gallery tours, international travel, adult education classes, and student conferences. He is also involved in planning the April 2012 grand opening of the Asia Society's new building, designed by Japanese architect Yoshio Taniguchi.

STUDENT UPDATES

JASON DORICK received Title VIII funding through Russian and East European Institute during summer 2011 to participate in the Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European, and Central Asian Languages (SWSEEL) for Bosnian-Serbian-Croatian.

JEFF HEERDINK received Title VIII funding to participate in the 2011 SWEESL summer workshop at Indiana University Bloomington, where he studied Turkish. He also received a FLAS award to study Turkish during the 2011-2012 academic year.

THOMAS LEONARD attended the Summer Dutch Institute at Indiana University Bloomington during summer 2011.

KALLAN PICHA studied abroad in Germany during summer 2011, taking the SPEA in Berlin course "Globalization and Public Policy: The European Context." She is now working as a grant assistant in the IU Office of Research Administration.

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North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and EU cooperating, despite divergence

by Jacob Clough

In the wake of the controversy over North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) activities in the Balkans and the diplomatic uproar over the invasion of Iraq, the European Union (EU) has seen the need to begin creating a military system separate from NATO and its constituent countries' militaries. This divergence of the transatlantic partnership has been said to be causing the death of NATO and a rift between the Western Hemisphere allies and the European allies, when in fact, this differentiation has been good for both sides of the equation.

NATO has been freed to find its purpose in a post-Soviet world and the EU has been able to enhance cohesion between its member states, while still defending itself and its interest in areas where the entirety of NATO would not have been interested. And, despite their differentiation, NATO and the EU militaries work closely together constantly. The ties between NATO and the EU are both formal ties between the two organizations, and informal ties through the mutuality of their constituent members.

In November of last year, at the Lisbon Summit, NATO adopted a new Strategic Concept, which states, "...an active and effective European Union contributes to the overall security of the Euro-Atlantic area..." and "recognizes the importance of a stronger and more capable European defense."

This Strategic Concept builds on the formal partnership between the organizations affirmed in 2002 in the EU-NATO Declaration on European Security and Defense Policy, and is a step toward closer collaboration. It also states the need for closer practical cooperation throughout the spectrum of crisis management.

The EU, for its part, has also officially embraced close cooperation with NATO (as well as other international

actors, such as the United Nations) as a part of its security strategy, even while building its own defense mechanisms.

The EU has, over the past decade, taken the lead in a number of peacekeeping exercises, including European Union Force (EUFOR) Althea in the Balkans, EUFOR Tchad/RCA in Chad, EUFOR Democratic Republic of the Congo, as well as elsewhere in the world. The EU has taken part in these missions at the request of the UN, fulfilling its

philosophy that "No single country is able to tackle today's complex problems on its own," as stated in the European Security Strategy (ESS) of 2003, a document in which the EU clarifies its security strategy.

Lending support to these ideas of enhanced cooperation, on May 6th of this year, the Secretary-General of NATO, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, and the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton, chaired a meeting

of NATO and EU ambassadors to discuss the situation in

Libya. This meeting was perhaps the most high profile of an ongoing series of meetings between NATO and EU representatives to monitor the crisis in Libya. This series has been perhaps the pinnacle, thus far, of the philosophy of an international approach to crisis management embraced by both NATO and the EU.

We should fully expect to see this strategy continue and expand in other areas as time and practice prove its effectiveness, even more so as the EU continues to develop a more fully articulated foreign policy and security arm.



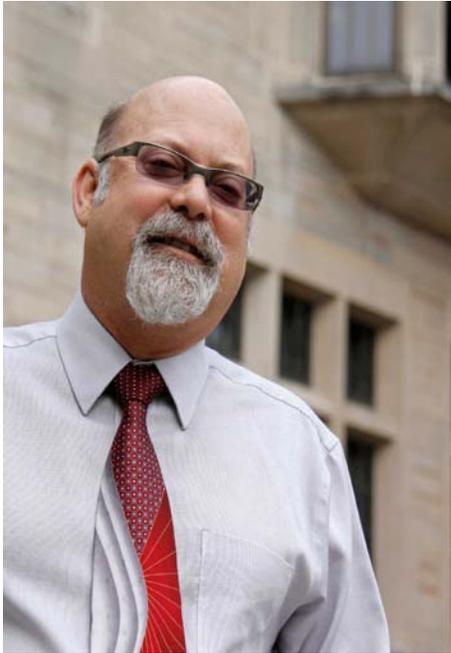
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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Dan Knudsen appointed Remak Professor

by Adam Keller



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Dan Knudsen, IUB Remak Professor of West European Studies

Dan Knudsen, professor of Geography and current director of the International Studies Program at Indiana University Bloomington is the author of numerous articles on tourism and cultural geography.

West European Studies is pleased to announce that Professor Dan Knudsen has been appointed by the College to serve as Remak Professor of West European Studies for a three-year period beginning this summer (2011-2014).

The Remak Professorship, created in honor of the Distinguished Professor Henry Remak, is rotated among the three departments with which Professor Remak was affiliated (Comparative Literature; Germanic Studies; and West European Studies).

Professor Knudsen has held many positions at IU including Director of Landscape Studies, Associate Director of West European Studies, and Director of the International Studies Program. Knudsen is a long-time affiliated faculty member of West European Studies with a distinguished career of research, teaching and service to the university.

The Remak Professorships include an award of \$25,000 per year, to be used at the discretion of the faculty members to enhance their teaching and research. Professor Remak was

one of the founders of West European Studies and served as its first department head from 1966 until 1971.

Dr. Knudsen joined the IU faculty in 1986. He is Professor of Geography. His research interests include cultural geography and tourism geography, particularly “theorizing tourism,” where he seeks to understand the underlying factors influencing tourism. He is currently working on a book with co-authors Jillian M. Rickly-Boyd, Michelle M. Metro-Roland, and Lisa C. Braverman called *Tourism: The Construction, Interpretation, and Performance of Place* to be released by Ashgate Press in 2013. Professor Knudsen regularly teaches L800 Introduction to Landscape Studies; G306 Tourism Geography, and will be teaching G428/W405 Geography of Europe next year.

As a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Copenhagen’s Institute of Geography in 1995, Professor Knudsen began to develop an interest in tourism in Europe. One of his lasting impressions of the country was a dichotomy concerning the knowledge of place. He observed that there were two types of knowledge concerning place. The first pertains to the place you know via the media, friends, and colleagues; but the other is the place you discover by “being there.” Professor Knudsen regularly returns to Scandinavia which is the major focus of his research today.

Dr. Knudsen is recognized among his peers for developing the IU International Studies Program. In only eight years, the program has grown to be one of the largest undergraduate programs in the College of Arts and Sciences with more than 400 students seeking a major or minor in International Studies. With six thematic concentrations, including Western Europe, and at least 24 regions of specialization, Indiana University’s International Studies Program ranks among the best programs of its kind. His commitment to undergraduate education and service to the university make him a well-deserving candidate for this distinction.

Dan Knudsen is joined in his appointment as Remak Professor for 2011-2014 by Professor Rex Sprouse, also an affiliated faculty member of West European Studies, who serves as Remak Professor of Germanic Studies for the same time period.

WEST NEWS

Changes to the West European Studies Degree Programs

By Amanda Smith

WEST is proud to announce the revision of several of our academic degree programs that will go into effect starting Fall 2012. We are most appreciative of the members of the 2010-11 WEST Advisory Board who were critical in the process of our proposals for degree revisions. Changes to the WEST academic program include: newly revised MA degree, graduate area certificate, PhD minor, and a revised undergraduate minor in West European Studies.

The impetus for this sweeping change in degree requirements was due in part to align requirements with courses that are currently offered at the university thus limiting the number of exceptions and substitutions our office is currently operating under. Another important reason for the change was to provide an academic program that is consistent and competitive among our peer institutions. For example, after much discussion with language pedagogy experts both at the university and beyond as well as our advisory board, it was determined that mid/high level proficiency in one language for our MA graduates was appropriate (the current requirement includes proficiency in two languages). Below is an outline and brief summary of the approved changes thus far.

<i>Degree</i>	<i>summary of approved changes</i>
MA Degree	one language required at the intermediate mid/high level; replaced specific required course with a choice of graduate courses among four disciplines; new focus on Europe in the World
Graduate Area Certificate	reduced required credits from 30 to 15 to make consistent with other area certificates; replaced specific required courses with a choice of graduate courses among four disciplines
PhD Minor	replaced specific required courses with a choice of graduate courses among four disciplines
Undergraduate Minor	emphasized a more intentional minor with a required regional focus and culminating capstone project

Though we have accomplished much, we have much yet to do. This year, our focus will be to revise the joint degree programs we have established with SPEA and the Kelley School of Business as well as seeking new professional school partnerships. Additionally, we hope to develop a new free standing graduate certificate on the European Union with an online component for a target audience of educators or business leaders.

EU Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) Project

Researchers affiliated with IU's School of Public & Environmental Affairs (Dean John Graham, project leader, Adam Abelkop, doctoral student, Professor Lois R. Wise, SPEA Professor and Director of the EU Center), along with Ágnes Botos, doctoral student at Central European University and REACH consultant, have been studying the implementation of the European Union's Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) legislation, a major reform of EU chemicals law adopted in 2006.

The study is being conducted with financial support from the American Chemistry Council, Dow, and DuPont and focuses on lessons learned in four major policy areas of the legislation: registration, evaluation, authorization, and restriction.



FILE PHOTO

L-R: John Graham, Adam Abelkop, Ágnes Botos, and Lois R. Wise

The European Union Center at Indiana University collaborates with WFIU Public Radio

by Thomas Leonard

The European Union Center collaborated with IU's WFIU public radio station for a series of programs about the European Union during summer 2011. The series was funded in part by a grant provided by the European Commission, the executive body of the European Union.

On July 8, 2011, WEST-affiliated Political Science Professor Beate Sissenich was interviewed by Journalism Professor Owen Johnson about a range of historical and contemporary issues within the European Union. She touched on the importance of Germany's inclusion in the European Coal and Steel Community in the aftermath of World War II, as well as Franco-British relations during the European Community's formative years. The discussion turned to current debates over potential membership of Macedonia and Turkey, as well as the process of integrating Eastern Europe into the EU.

In the second part of Sissenich's interview, she explained the EU's role within Europe as lying somewhere between NATO, the UN, and NAFTA. Sissenich broke down the roles of various EU institutions before broaching the issue of the "democracy deficit" and the creation of European identity via such activities as the Eurovision Song Contest and the Erasmus study program.

On July 18, EU Center Program Project Manager Brant Beyer and Director of the Indiana Business Research Center Jerry Connor spoke about Indiana-EU economic relationship. They began by exploring historical and contemporary investments in Indiana by European firms such as Thomson, Fiat, Bravini, and Rolls-Royce.

Indiana ranks eighth among US states in terms of value of exports via Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) – a high number given Indiana's population. Connor and Beyer explained how Fiat's upgrade of its Kokomo plant and Spain's 14-fold FDI increase over the last decade mean greater tax revenue for the state, more jobs, and residual development in surrounding areas.

The program concluded with Beyer and Connor outlining some of the differences between European and American governments, as well as their differing experiences of the current economic crisis. They predicted a favorable future for Indiana's trade relationship with Europe.

SPEA Professor David Audretsch spoke to WFIU on August 12 about entrepreneurship in Europe. He defined entrepreneurship as people starting businesses within an increasing number of settings – university, business, and government. Audretsch drew a distinction between the pre- and post-computer age: today's economy encourages people to think creatively unlike the conformity seen in factories.

Audretsch maintained that the 1960s transformed not only our economy but turned Americans into questioners. This in turn led to deregulation and the boom of Silicon Valley. Audretsch outlined four European reactions to information sector growth in the United States from the 1980s to the 2000s: denial, recognition, envy, and consensus.

American losses in the technology bubble burst of the late 1990s allowed Europe a foothold after

having avoided the sector altogether. In the early 2000s, Europe made a concerted effort to encourage their "knowledge-based economy."

Audretsch asserts that the European focus on consensus, once thought a barrier to entrepreneurial growth, has helped bridge the divide between business and government to create new growth.

In the coming months, a number of one-minute segments on EU history will be broadcast by WFIU under the theme, "One World, One State." For more information, visit www.iub.edu/~eucenter/media.



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FILE PHOTOS



The EU Center informs the Midwest about the Euro crisis and its possible implications for the EU

By Brant Beyer

The plight of the euro has recently made the European Union a front page news story in the US, and the European Union Center has taken a lead in providing information about the European Financial Crisis. In the past six months, we have sponsored workshops, webinars, panel discussions, and lectures that addressed Europe's finances for teachers, business leaders, and the IU community.

Since the euro is now a big topic in high school classrooms, the EU Center strives to help prepare teachers to explain the euro and the current situation to their students. At the June "The European Union and Why it Matters to the Midwest" teacher workshop in Cincinnati, Brant Beyer spoke on "the European Debt Crisis and Its Implications for the US." This presentation focused

on how the euro's design was suppose to limit the possibility of a government crisis through debt and deficit ceilings. In addition, he talked about the underlying economic divergence, while Germany has become more competitive after the introduction of the euro, while most of the other countries have become less competitive. This presentation has since been updated for two webinars where teachers across the US were able to learn about the euro crisis. The recording of the August webinar is available on the EU Center multimedia page at www.iub.edu/~eucenter/media.

In addition to providing information on the structure and history of the euro, the EU Center speakers have also offered their predictions on possible solutions to the crisis. On May 13th, the EU Center organized a breakfast on "the Euro and its Effects on the Midwest" in partnership with the International Center and PNC Bank. Dr. Andreas Hauskrecht from the IU Kelley School of Business and political scientist Dr. Konstantinos Kourtikakis from the University of Illinois expressed their opposing views on the future of the euro to Indianapolis business and government leaders. While Dr. Hauskrecht argued that Greece was destined to default and leave the euro due to its high government debt load and generous social welfare net, Dr. Kourtikakis pointed to the institutional history of the EU

in his belief that the EU will respond to this crisis through deeper integration.

Similarly, when Dr. Gregor van der Beek from the University of Koblenz spoke on "A Comparison of Fiscal Centralization and Integration in Europe and the US" in Bloomington in September, he argued that the EU needs deeper fiscal centralization to combat the debt crisis.



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The Euro and its Effects on the Midwest Panelists

which accounts for about two-fifths of the EU economy, recently experienced the greatest three-month expansion in its economy since reunification in 1991 and most German firms are at full production.

Much of the information on the euro from these presentations is available on our *Across the Pond* blog (www.iuwest.wordpress.com). As the European Debt Crisis has evolved over the last year and a half, the blog has tracked these changes and their impact on the US. For instance, a post that Mr. Beyer wrote questioning whether the benefits outweigh the costs of many construction projects in Greece, has now been viewed over 750 times. The second and third most popular posts on "Comparing the Plight of American and European Economies" and "The Euro Financial Crisis' Affect on International Trade" have each been viewed over 500 times.

Until Europe finds a lasting solution on its debt crisis, the European Union Center is going to continue offering programs to keep IU and the US informed about the issues. On October 20th, we will be sponsoring a forum at the Monroe County Library on "...Is the Euro Doomed? Why Europe's Financial Crisis Might Worry Us All." We also plan to offer a program on the euro in conjunction with the World Trade Club of Indiana in January in Indianapolis.

EVENT RE-CAP

Muslims in the U.S. & Europe

By Mary Hennessey



FILE PHOTO
Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, associate professor of Religion and Humanities at Reed College, was one of the speakers.

On September 23rd, scholars from across the country came together at Indiana University Bloomington to discuss the different approaches and methodologies used in the scholarship of Muslim minorities in Western Europe and North America.

The event—“Muslims in the U.S. & Europe: Islamophobia, integration, attitudes, and rights,” is the first of its kind, according to the *Indiana Daily Student*. WEST and Center for Studies of the Middle East (CSME)-affiliated faculty member Abdulkader Sinno coordinated the conference, which was co-sponsored by WEST and CSME. About 70 people attended “Muslims in the U.S. & Europe.”

The audience heard from WEST-affiliated faculty member Timothy Hellwig, a professor of political science at IUB. Other participants included professors from UC Berkeley, Middlebury College, the CUNY Graduate Center, Rutgers, Grand Valley State University, Harvard, and Reed College.

Sinno opened the conference, explaining that Muslims constitute a permanent, disadvantaged economic underclass in Europe, due to a lack of opportunity and racism. Sinno said on top of this problem, some countries are creating welfare policies that discriminate against Muslims.

In light of the turmoil in the Middle East and international concerns about terrorism, the state of Muslims in the West is one that deserves attention. “What’s at stake is no less than the essence of Western liberal democracies,” Sinno said.

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On the social science side, in addition to the upcoming panel on “Hospitality and Tourism in Scandinavia,” WEST was pleased to be able to help organize and co-sponsor a successful conference on “Muslims in the U.S. and Europe” organized by Professor Abdulkader Sinno. We will also sponsor a public roundtable on “Is the Euro Doomed? Why Europe’s Financial Crisis Might Worry Us All” at the Monroe County Library on Oct. 20th at 5:30 pm, as well as several other invited lecturers.

WEST is a proud co-sponsor for a number of film showings in conjunction with the IU Cinema and Ryder Film Series. A highlight for WEST and IU was the film retrospective of the internationally-acclaimed Portuguese director Pedro Costa held at the IU Cinema in early October. We will host a talk on “Resisting Europe Through Rebetiko Song: A Greek Case Study” by Yona Stamatis in November.

WEST continues to promote its language programs. In conjunction with a faculty initiative led by Profs Kevin Rottet and Rex Sprouse, WEST will sponsor two speakers addressing the study of endangered West European languages during the 2011-12 academic year. We plan to carry forward with issues related to the language proficiency standards developed through last year’s workshops and will continue to promote language proficiency certification for our faculty. In the Spring, WEST will co-sponsor the annual Pragmatics Festival and North American Association of Celtic Language Teachers at IUB.

The outpouring of admiration for Professor Roy Gardner was heartwarming for all of us in WEST and I know his family very much appreciated the many donors to the annually awarded Roy Gardner Best Thesis in West European Studies Award. These economic times present a great challenge to all area studies programs and your contributions to WEST are very much appreciated. Funds support student recruitment, graduate students, academic events and lectures.

Finally, our blog, *Across the Pond*, is surpassing last year’s high level of interest and hits. We like hearing from alumni and friends of WEST and are always eager to learn where you are and what you are doing (send to west@indiana.edu). Please take advantage of the many podcasts, webinars, and other resources posted online and watch for new events.

OUTREACH UPDATES

WEST Hosts 5th Annual Summer Workshop for Language Teachers

by Daniela Schuvaks-Katz

On June 23rd, WEST hosted its 5th Annual Summer Workshop for Language Teachers at the IUPUI Campus Center. This year's presenter was Susanne Even, Assistant Professor of Germanic Studies and Coordinator of the German Language program at IUB. Professor Even spoke to the group about "Incorporating Culture in the Language Classroom: Using Drama Pedagogy for Language Learning." The 22 attendees included middle school and high school teachers of German, French and Spanish from across Indiana and Kentucky.



FILE PHOTO
Susanne Even speaks about drama pedagogy.

Troy Byler and Kelly Sax, both from IUB, were group facilitators for the German and French afternoon sessions respectively, while Daniela Schuvaks-Katz from IUPUI worked with the Spanish group. In the morning, Professor Even engaged teachers in drama pedagogy exercises and shared techniques that can be used in the language classroom. As Professor Even explains in her book, *Imaginary Worlds: Drama Pedagogy for Foreign Language Teaching and Learning*, "drama pedagogy can deeply incite learners' understanding of foreign worlds, be they contemporary or historical." After Professor Even's presentation and a luncheon, the teachers divided up according to their teaching target language. In the afternoon, facilitators and attendees applied "theory" into practice by creating lesson plans using a novel for young readers as a guide. The last portion of the workshop consisted of each group "acting" their lessons. The workshop was sponsored by WEST, with support from the IUB Departments of Germanic Studies, Spanish and Portuguese, French and Italian Mary-Margaret Bar Koon Fund, Cultural Immersion Projects, Foundation for International Education, Center for Latin American Studies, IUPUI Department of World Languages and Culture, and the Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association.

EU Center Sponsors Teacher Workshops on "The EU and Why it Matters to the Midwest"

by Brandon Wilkening

In 2011, the EU Center sponsored two teachers workshops organized around the theme: "The European Union and Why it Matters to the Midwest." The first of these took place in Indianapolis on Friday, April 1st. We were fortunate to have two EU experts from Indianapolis-area universities as guest speakers. Professor John McCormick from IUPUI began the session with a discussion of the EU's historical development and some insightful comparisons between the EU and the US. Professor Gene Frankland from Ball State University followed up with a presentation that focused on EU's institutions and some theoretical debates, such as the democratic nature of the EU. After lunch, the attendants participated in a simulation of a European Council meeting. Each participant played the part of a European head of state; one participant played the role of European Council President Herman Van Rompuy and chaired the discussion. The participants discussed two of the most pressing issues surrounding the EU at the time: the financial crisis and the situation in Libya. Prior to the workshop, Brant Beyer and Brandon Wilkening from the EU Center prepared an information packet that explained the role and powers of the European Council and provided some background information on the financial crisis.

The second workshop took place in Cincinnati on Wednesday, June 29th. We were lucky to have participants from as far away as Cleveland and Kentucky. Brandon Wilkening, a doctoral student in the IU Department of Political Science and then-EU Center Graduate Assistant, gave an introductory presentation that focused on the EU's institutions and main policy areas. EU Center Project Manager Brant Beyer followed up with a discussion of the eurozone financial crisis. Finally, Nick Clark, a PhD candidate in the Political Science Department at IU, rounded out the morning session with a presentation on the EU and democracy. As with the Indianapolis workshop, the attendants took part in a European Council simulation following lunch. Before the actual simulation, Nick Clark, who has used Model EU simulations extensively in his own courses, was able to share some of his experiences. During the simulation, the topic of discussion was once again the ongoing financial crisis.

WEST Welcomes Six New MA Students for 2011

JACOB CLOUGH is from Indianapolis, Indiana. He did his undergraduate degree at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana, and has worked on a number of political campaigns and in the offices of elected officials. Jake is interested in security studies, military relations, economic development, and international business. He speaks French and Spanish.

JEFF HEERDINK earned his BA from Indiana University. He studied abroad for two summers in South Korea, one summer in Austria, and one semester in Japan. Jeff also worked for as a peer counselor in IU's Office of Overseas Studies. Jeff is interested in Turkish immigration to Austria and Turkish ascension to the European Union. Jeff hopes to work in study abroad, either at a university or with a program provider. He is learning Turkish and speaks German.

MARY HENNESSY earned her undergraduate degree in Political Science at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. Mary studied abroad in Mannheim, Germany, in 2007 and in Sevilla, Spain, in 2009. She spent last year in Aachen, Germany, teaching English on a Fulbright grant. Mary speaks German and is interested in twentieth century European politics and culture, democratization theory, political extremism, and German language and film.

ADAM KELLER is from Marion, Illinois. He earned his BA in Political Science from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, in 2008. Adam lived and worked in London at the London Science Museum in 2005, and has interned for Congressman John Shimkus and Illinois State Rep. John Bradley. Adam is interested in the foreign policy of the UK and Italy, and is currently learning Italian.

THOMAS LEONARD earned his BA in French from Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan. He studied abroad in France in 2008 and worked as a teaching assistant and summer camp director at Shu-Zen College of Medicine and Management in Taiwan in 2006 and 2007. He spent 2009-2011 as a Community and Youth Education Peace Corps Volunteer in Larba Birno and Lido, Niger. Thomas is interested in West African immigration to The Netherlands and the exchange of ideas between the developed and developing world. He is learning Dutch and speaks French.

SHAYNA TAYLOR has a BA in International Relations from Middle Tennessee State University. Before starting at WEST, she worked for Medical Service Corporation International, a development government contractor in Washington, DC. She hopes to work as a Foreign Service Officer or take part in the Presidential Management Fellows program after WEST. Her language is French.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT **Angelos Kostopoulos (MA 1989)**

After graduating from WEST in 1989, Angelos Kostopoulos served as a United States Army Foreign Area Officer at the Hellenic Army Supreme War College in Thessaloniki. After his time in Thessaloniki, Angelos decided to leave the army. Since then, he has worked in the renewable energies field, serving as General Manager for Enron Wind, General Electric Wind and UPC Renewables, a wind farm development company.

While at WEST, Angelos studied Greek and Spanish. His thesis was entitled "The Modern Dimensions of Hellenism: Transcending National Sovereignty." While Angelos says his studies at WEST are not directly related to his work in a technical sense, they certainly provided him with the ideological basis for his work in Greece: "I have incorporated the synergies that I described in my thesis for the benefit of both investors and society. The result has been that my studies and my thesis are not historic footnotes, but a continuous guide and foundation for my work."

In 2009, Angelos started his own company, Epicenter Developments, which is now a consortium of companies that include Blue White LLC, a strategic and transaction advisory company, VetLysis LLC, a government contractor, and Epicenter, a renewable energy developer.



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What we (still) don't know about **ENDANGERED Languages**

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