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jointly present:

# Reflections on the Crises in Europe

The EU is undoubtedly at a crossroads. Financial crisis, refugee crisis, demographic crisis, institutional crises are all straining the Union.

In this series of panels, we will look at these different crises and what they mean for Europe, democracy and the international community.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Leo Panitch, York University
- Thabit Abdullah, York University
- Sakis Gekas, York University
- Feyzi Baban, Trent University
- Christopher Kyriakides, York University
- Phil Triandafilopoulos, University of Toronto
- Heather MacRae, York University

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March 4, 2016  
Ross S674  
9:30 – 4:30

Refreshments and Lunch will be served.

The event is co-sponsored by the Jean Monnet Chair at York University, Dr. Heather MacRae,

And the Hellenic Heritage Foundation Chair in Modern Greek History, Dr. Sakis Gekas



## Programme

9.15 - 9.30. Coffee and registration

9.30 - 9.45. *Introduction*. Hearth MacRae and Sakis Gekas

9.45 – 11.15. ***'Fortress Europe' in Crisis***

Feyzi Baban, Trent University

*Neither Guests Nor Refugees: Syrian Refugees and Negotiating Citizenship Rights*

Phil Triadafilopoulos, University of Toronto

*Large Scale Forced Migration and the Democratic Constitutional State*

Christopher Kyriakides, York University

*"Overconsuming Cultures" at the Boundaries of Fortress Europe'*

11.15 – 11.45. Coffee break

11.45 – 12.30. ***The Middle Eastern origins of Europe's crisis***

Thabit Abdullah, York University

*Reflections on the Roots of the Current Conflict in Iraq*

12.30 – 13.30. ***Europe before and after the crisis***

Sakis Gekas, York University

*Living on the edge; Greece as a permanently liminal space?*

Heather MacRae, York University

*Now what? Europe's uncertain*

*future* 13.30 – 14.30. Lunch

14.30 – 16.30. ***A relentless political crisis***

Leo Panitch, York University

*The European Left in Crisis*

**Closing comments and discussion**