Call for papers:

**Latin American challenges:**
The role of the European Union

A seminar and publications

**Selected topics:**

- The Venezuela crisis: impact on CELAC’s plans
- Consequences of the Lima Declaration
- Suspension-delay of the EU-CELAC summit
- The future of CELAC
- A Latin-American breach: the deepening of differences between countries;
- The Trade and Investment Partnership between the European Union and the United States (TTIP): impasse and Latin American opportunities
- The current policy of the United States
- The shape of relations between the EU and Latin America
- Regional integration and economic cooperation in the Western Hemisphere: MERCOSUR, NAFTA, UNASUR, and others
- Transition in the European Union and relations with Latin America
- The role of influential member states (Spain, France, Germany, and others)
- Latin American special cases: Colombia, Venezuela, Cuba –the role of the EU
- Venezuela's gloomy scenarios: effects on the region's stability
- Relations with the US
- Poverty and inequality
- Crime and instability
- Environmental challenges
- Emigration
- Political internal confrontations

**Organization:** Jean Monnet Chair/European Union Center, University of Miami and co-sponsorship of the University of Miami’s Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas (http://www.as.miami.edu/mia/) and the Miami-Florida European Union Center (a partnership with Florida International University, and the Jean Monnet program of the European Union).

**Place:** TBA: Tentative, supplementary sites: Jean Monnet Chair, 1300 Camposano, Room 250, University of Miami; MIA; CIBER Center, School of Business Administration Aresty Graduate Business Building; Casa Barcadi

**Date:** Friday, November 3, 2017
Requirements-details:

Languages of seminar and publications: **English** and **Spanish**

**Paper: 2,000-4,000 words;** abstract (100-150 words) by September 15, 2017; first summary, expanded draft by October 15; final copy, ready for publication: January 5, 2018.

**Style-format:** Policy paper, based on solid facts and evidence, with moderate documentation, centered on analysis and recommendations.

**Publication in English and Spanish** in a series of papers by the Jean Monnet Chair/EU Center, by February 1, 2018, on time for a possible celebration of the delayed summit. A selection of the papers may be published in a collective volume, with an on-line first edition, to be co-distributed by the Argentine Council of Foreign Relations (CARI) and other cooperative think-tanks.

Participants will form a team that will draft a document entitled “The State of European Union-Latin America/Caribbean Relations: the Coral Gables Declaration”. It will be world-wide circulated and sent directly to the leading institutions of the CELAC and the European Union.

**Presentations of volume:** Subject to the celebration of the EU-CELAC summit, a series of presentations will take place in round tables to be organized in Miami, Mexico, Cuba, and in Barcelona during the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) annual conference to be held in May 28-30, 2018. For previous models of collective publications, see EU Center web, ([www.as.miami.edu/eucenter/](http://www.as.miami.edu/eucenter/)), publications: books

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