

POLITICAL SCIENCE COLLOQUIUM

Donald Trump's Wild West and his Goodbye to the European Union

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GOODBYE, EUROPE!

This talk addresses President Trump's undeveloped or non-existent understanding of the political order that has been created after WWII in Western Europe. That political order pacified a troubled continent and, after the collapse of the state socialist regimes in Eastern Europe and the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, invited the former Soviet satellites to join the European process of integration. Twenty-nine years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, this trans-continental and trans-national project is threatened by nativist, Xeno-phobic, and Islamo-phobic movements, which are openly encouraged by the American president to defend Western Civilization as he understands it. His former close advisor, Steve Bannon, has been attempting to meet the leaders of all the nativist European movements and launching a kind of nativist International, with a planned office in Brussels, the capital of the European Union. The political goal of Bannon's initiative is to destabilize the EU and to re-empower the 28 member states as sovereign nation states.

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2:30 – 4:00 pm

Light Refreshments will be served!

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