

Comparing Democracies: Get to Know Europe
University of Colorado Boulder
June 7, 2011
Seminar Agenda

Center for Education in Law and Democracy, Colorado European Union Center of Excellence

Location: First floor conference room, IBS Bldg, 1440 15th St., Boulder

Seminar Outcomes:

- Enhance courses with updated knowledge about the EU Parliament and the European Welfare State
- Plan Europe Day Activities for May 2012
- Through professional exchange, provide feedback on draft lessons and develop plans for future lessons

8:30 Euro card activity

9:00 Teaching about the European Parliament

The European Parliament is the only directly-elected body of the European Union. The 736 members of the EP are elected every five years by voters across the 27 Member States of the EU on behalf of its 500 million citizens. Members sit in political groups organized by political affiliations, not by nationality.

Professor Joe Jupille, Director, Colorado European Union Center of Excellence

10:30 Break

10:45 Parliamentary Simulation

11:15 Lesson Analysis

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Can the European Welfare State Survive? National Responses to the Financial Crisis

The European welfare state-- the shared belief that the state has a responsibility to care for its citizens-- has become a kind of common culture that unifies 27 different nationalities across the EU. However, the current financial crisis is having a serious impact on this shared social vision. What does the future of the euro look like?

Professor Martin Rhodes, Korbel School for International Studies, University of Denver.

2:30 Implementation Plans for EU lessons

3:15 Registration (.5 semester hr. graduate credit, Adams State College, \$27.50),
Resources on the EU from CEUCE

3:30 Evaluation