



Southern Illinois University Edwardsville 2021 International Studies Days

Virtual Edition, April 27-29

(Join at: <https://siue.zoom.us/j/6353923128>)

Tuesday, April 27

9:30 a.m. CST

Opening Remarks for the 2021 Virtual Edition of International Studies Days

10:00 to 11:30 a.m. CST

Panel: The State of Regional Businesses with an International Focus during the Pandemic

Silvia Torres, Executive Director, International Trade Center, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Susan Spitz, International Business Development Specialist, World Trade Center St Louis

Bruno Nobre, Owner and Operations Director, Minas Espresso

Han Ko, Founder and CEO, USAKO Group

1:00 to 2:30 p.m. CST

Panel: The State of Regional Nonprofit Organizations with an International Focus during the Pandemic

Kelly M. Moore, External Relations Manager, International Institute

Lorna Kurdi, Strategic Administrator, World Affairs Council of St Louis

Carlos Suarez, President, United Nations Association of Saint Louis

Diana Sussman Tockstein, Senior Manager for Global Partnerships, Junior Chamber International

Wednesday, April 28

10:00 to 11:30 a.m. CST

Sabbatical Presentation: The Growing Impact of Social Justice on Public Relations

Sorin Nastasia, Faculty, Department of Applied Communication Studies and Director, International Studies Program, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

1:00 to 2:30 p.m. CST

Discussion: The Memory of Communist-Ordered Deportations in Eastern Europe

Based on the Film “So, What is Freedom?” by Romanian Director Andrei Zinca

(the film will be available for viewing to International Studies Days participants)

The discussion will involve the director and a representative of the RoFest – Trends film festival

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. CST

Keynote Presentation: Character Assassination in the Relations between the European Union and Russia

Sergei Samoilenko, Faculty, Department of Communication, George Mason University

Thursday, April 29

10:00 to 11:30 a.m. CST

Panel: Learning and Professional Opportunities in International and Global Studies

Ronald Packowitz, Diplomat in Residence-Midwest, U.S. Department of State

Vaughn Thornton, Recruiter, Peace Corps

Lucas Henry, Coordinator, European Union Center, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

Ryan Donald, Study Abroad Specialist, International Affairs, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

1:00 to 2:30 p.m. CST

Panel: Diplomatic Corps

Rocío Rivera Barradas, Consul of Economic Affairs, Consulate General of Mexico, Chicago

Ingrid Ask, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Sweden, Washington D.C.

Jonas Brunschwig, Deputy CEO, Swissnex, Boston and New York

Nicholas Koh, Counsellor, Embassy of the Republic of Singapore, Washington D.C.

Lewis Gibson, Field Director, Education New Zealand (ENZ), Embassy of New Zealand, Washington, D.C.

Ryan Francis Gener, Consul, Consulate General of the Philippines, Chicago

3:00 to 5:30 p.m. CST

Senior Assignment Presentations, International Studies Majors