



During the academic year 2018-2019, Jean Monnet Chair Nils Ringe and the Jean Monnet Grants at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison) hosted numerous scholars specializing in European affairs. These guests gave excellent lectures on topics ranging from multinational political institutions to European monetary policy. Attendees included students, university staff, faculty, as well as local community members.



Christina Schneider gave the first lecture of the academic year titled “Catch Me if You Can: When International Development Organizations Punish National Corruption.” Schneider is Associate Professor and Jean Monnet Chair at the University of California, San Diego. She earned her Ph.D. at the University of Konstanz in 2006, and worked at the Max Planck Institute of Economics in Jena (2006-2007), the University of Oxford (2007-2008), and the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance in Princeton (2008-2009). Her research focuses on the domestic politics of cooperation and bargaining in international organizations with a focus on the

European Union and international development organizations.

In addition to prominent university scholars and academics, the Jean Monnet Grants at UW-Madison also hosted prominent journalists and political figures. One of the most exciting talks this year was with economist Ashoka Mody. Mody served at the World Bank and International Monetary Fund for nearly three decades. His talk shared the same title as his recent book, *EuroTragedy: A Drama in Nine Acts*, offers a sweeping history of European monetary integration and the Euro crisis, highlighting how the push for a common currency – the Euro – has threatened the entire political project of European integration.



Other guests that visited UW-Madison over the 2018-2019 academic year included journalist Christoph Scheuermann of “Der Spiegel,” Professor Gerry Herrigel from the University of Chicago, Professor Beth Simmons of the University of Pennsylvania, and Professor Sven-Oliver Proksch of the University of Cologne. For further details, please visit <https://europe.wisc.edu/projects-2/>.



Beth Simmons

“Border Orientation in a Globalizing World: Concept and Measurement”



Sven-Oliver Proksch

“Text-as-Date in Comparative Politics”