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Expert on European Union Speaks at Next Talk in DCA Academic Lecture Series

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The second lecture in the 2017 Academic Lecture Series on Global Issues, “Europe- Challenge and Change,” will take place at 10 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Darien Community Association.

Professor Daniel Kelemen of Rutgers University has entitled his talk, “Navigating Europe’s Perfect Storm,” and will focus on current movements within and around the changing European Union. Kelemen is currently the Jean Monnet chair and Professor of Political Science at Rutgers. His expertise includes the law, economy and public policy of the EU.

Current research includes the response of the EU to quasi-authoritarian governments in some of its member countries such as Poland and Hungary. What more might be done to defend the rule of law and democracy within member states? What will future relationships look like in a post Brexit Europe? How can weaknesses

in the EU's court system and migration policies be remedied?

Kelemen previously served as the Director of the Center for European Studies at Rutgers University. Prior to that, he was a Fellow in Politics, Lincoln College, University of Oxford.

He has been a member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, a visiting fellow in the Program in law and Public Affairs (LAPA) at Princeton, a Fulbright Fellow in European Union Studies at the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels, and a visiting fellow at the Center of International Studies at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton.

Professor Kelemen holds a B.A. in sociology from Berkeley and an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Stanford.

With over forty publications to his credit, Kelemen is currently on the editorial boards of the Journal of European Public Policy and West European Politics and is a former member of the Executive Committee of the European Union Studies Association.

He is editor of *Lessons from Europe? What Americans Can Learn from European Policies* (CQ Press, 2014) and the author of *Eurolegalism: the Transformation of Law and Regulation in the European Union* (Harvard University Press, 2011).

The annual January Academic Lecture Series will continue to explore the future security and prosperity of both Europe and America.

- Fiona Hill of the Brookings Institution (a former speaker in our 2015 series “Russian Roulette”) will return for the third talk on January 19th with “Barbarians at the Gate”.
- The fourth morning speaker, on Jan. 26, will be Gregory Maniatis of the Migration Policy Institute addressing “The Strategic and Human Significance of the Mediterranean Refugee Crisis”.
- The programs will conclude on Monday evening Jan. 20 with a traditional evening wine and cheese reception at 7:30 p.m. Constanze Stelzenmüller of the Brookings Institution will sum up the series with “America’s Most Essential Alliance” at 8 p.m.

Single tickets (\$30) will be available when doors open at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings. For more information contact the DCA at info@dariendca.org or phone 203-655-9050 ext. 10. The [Darien Community Association](#) is located at 274 Middlesex Road.