

# 18th Annual European Union Day: February 20-21, 2020

**“The New Cold War: Liberal Democracy vs.  
Authoritarianism: Why the EU is today more important  
than ever before”**

Keynote by **Wolfgang Moessinger, Consul General of  
Germany in the Midwest**



CG Moessinger will use the recent 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall as a starting point to elaborate on the history of liberal democracies and the need to fight for them. He'll discuss current threats to democracies, both internationally and within Western societies. He'll also discuss why the European Union should serve as a model of how to cooperate peacefully on an international level, as well as within democratic societies. Moessinger served as Germany's consul general in Donetsk, in eastern Ukraine, from 2015-19, and said much of the inspiration for his theme comes from witnessing the Ukrainians' struggle there against Russian-backed separatists. For more background and relevant library resources, check out the [EU Day 2020 lib guide](#).

## **EU Day 2020 Schedule of Events**

### **February 20, 2020 | EU Day of Art**

11:30 am – Reception prior to Jupiter Quartet performance

12:15 pm – Jupiter Quartet performance (INVITATION ONLY)

Heritage Room, Funk ACES Library, 1101 S. Goodwin Ave, Urbana, IL 61801 ([map](#))

4:00 pm-Poetry Reading by Angie Estes

Illini Union Bookstore, Author's Corner, 809 S Wright St, Champaign, IL 61820 ([map](#))

### **February 21, 2020**

10:00 am – Welcome Reception

10:30 am – Keynote by Wolfgang Moessinger, Consul General of Germany in the  
Midwest

Levis Faculty Center, Third Floor, 919 W Illinois Street, Urbana, IL 61801 ([map](#))