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**Summary**

Kathleen R. McNamara is Professor of Government and Foreign Service at Georgetown University, where she has previously served as a Vice Dean for Faculty & Graduate Affairs, and Director of the Mortara Center for International Studies. Her work focuses on central banking, industrial policy, globalization, the European Union, and the transatlantic relationship, with particular interest in how markets, power, and culture interact. She is the author of *The Politics of Everyday Europe: Constructing Political Authority in the European Union* and *The Currency of Ideas: Monetary Politics in the European Union*, as well as articles in journals like *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Organization*, *JCMS*, and *Review of International Political Economy*. At Georgetown, she co-directs, with Professor Abe Newman, the [Global Political Economy Project](#), which seeks to reinvent the study of political economy to make globalization work for all. She has provided analysis to the National Intelligence Council and other government bodies, and is a commentator in public fora and media outlets such as *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *the Washington Post*, and on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* and *Marketplace*. McNamara received her PhD in Political Science from Columbia University and her BA Honours in Geography from McGill University.

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Professor, Department of Government and Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University (2016-present)

Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Government and Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University (2003-2016).

Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs, (1995-2003), Lecturer (1994-95) Department of Politics and Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University

Co-Director, the [Global Political Economy Project](#) (2019-present)

Initiative creating a new scholarly infrastructure around the politics of globalization with support from the Open Society Foundation's Economic Justice Program (\$500,000), the Hewlett Foundation's Economy & Society Program (\$325,000), and Georgetown University's Board of Regents Global Engagement Committee (\$210,000).

Visiting Professor, Sciences Po, Paris (2006), Distinguished Scholar in Residence, School of International Service, American University (2016-17), Visiting Scholar, Johns Hopkins University (Fall 2022), Simone Veil Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute (Spring 2023).

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D.**, Political Science, Columbia University (1995)

**M.I.A.**, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University (1989)

**B.A.** with Honours in Geography, McGill University (1984)

## AREAS OF RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Globalization, Global Governance, the European Union, industrial policy, geoeconomics, the politics of trade and finance, the Transatlantic Relationship, Central Banking, the European Central Bank, the Euro.

## SELECTED SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*The Politics of Everyday Europe: Constructing Authority in the European Union* (Oxford University Press, 2015; paperback edition with new preface, 2017).

Reviewed in: *Foreign Affairs*, *Current History*, *Perspectives on Europe*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, *Perspectives on Politics*.

*Making History: European Integration and Institutional Change at Fifty*, co-editor with Sophie Meunier, (Oxford University Press, 2007).

*The Currency of Ideas: Monetary Politics in the European Union* (Cornell University Press, 1998; paperback edition with new preface, 1999).

### Selected Scholarly Articles

“Transforming Europe? The EU’s Industrial Policy and Geopolitical Turn,” *Journal of European Public Policy* (Online First, 9 July 2023). DOI:10.1080/13501763.2023.2230247.

“Seeing Europe like a State” (with R Daniel Kelemen), *Journal of European Public Policy* 29:12 (2022). Part of a special symposium devoted to Kelemen and McNamara "State-building and the European Union."

"State-building and the European Union: Markets, War, and Europe’s Uneven Political Development” (with R. Daniel Kelemen), *Comparative Political Studies* 55:6 (2022).

“The Big Reveal: Covid-19 and Globalization’s Great Transformations,” (with Abraham Newman). *International Organization* (Supplemental Issue September 2020).

“Democracy and Collective Identity in the European Union and the United States,” (with Paul Musgrave), *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* (January 2020).

“When the Banal Becomes Political: The EU in the Age of Populism,” *Polity* (October 2019).

“Authority Under Construction: the European Union in Comparative Political Perspective,” *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* (December 2018): 1510-1525.

“The Euro Crisis’ Theory Effect: Northern Saints, Southern Sinners, and the Demise of the Eurobond” (with Matthias Matthijs), *Journal of European Integration* 37/2 (2015): 229-245.

"Forgotten Embeddedness: History Lessons for the Euro" in Matthias Matthijs and Mark Blyth eds, *The Future of the Euro* (Oxford University Press, 2015).

“International Political Economy, Global Financial Orders and the 2008 Financial Crisis,” (with Daniel Drezner), *Perspectives on Politics* 11/1 (March 2013): 155-166.

“Banking on Legitimacy: The ECB and the Eurozone Crisis,” *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, Fall (2012).

“Of Intellectual Monocultures and the Study of International Political Economy,” *Review of International Political Economy*, 16: 1 (February 2009).

“A Rivalry in the Making? The Euro and International Monetary Power” *Review of International Political Economy* 15:3 (August 2008).

“Rational Fictions: Central Bank Independence and the Social Logic of Delegation” in a special issue on “The Politics of Delegation” edited by Alec Stone Sweet and Mark Thatcher, *West European Politics* (January 2002). Winner of the Vincent Wright Memorial Prize.

## SELECTED POLICY COMMENTARY

[“The EU is Turning Geopolitical. Is Venus Becoming Mars?”](#) *The Monkey Cage/Washington Post* (October 17, 2022).

[“Russia’s invasion of Ukraine is remaking Europe: No one expected the European Union to overturn its cautious approach to foreign policy so quickly”](#) (with R. Daniel Kelemen), *The Monkey Cage/Washington Post* (March 1, 2022).

[“Why has U.S. inflation hit 7 percent? Here are the clashing explanations — and the reasons experts want you to believe them.”](#) *The Monkey Cage/Washington Post* (January 13, 2022).

[“Europe’s leaders meet this week to confront the coronavirus: The fate of the European Union could be at stake.”](#) *Washington Post* (April 21, 2020)

[“Democracy & Identity in the European Union.”](#) Council on Foreign Relations Academic Conference Call (December 4, 2019).

[“What’s the Takeaway from the European Elections?”](#) *Washington Post* (May 29, 2019)

[Despite the Brexit Chaos, Europe Did Not Collapse like Dominoes”](#) *Washington Post* (April 12, 2019)

[How Choice Can Save Europe: Why the EU Needs Less Technocracy and More Democracy](#) (with Catherine De Vries) *Foreign Affairs* (May 14, 2018)

[“Trump Takes Aim at the European Union: Why the EU Won’t Unify In Response”](#) *Foreign Affairs* (January 24, 2017)

[“VIEWPOINT: Depoliticization Frays EU Bonds”](#) *The Georgetown Hoya* (September 27, 2016).

[“Did U.K. voters think of themselves as European? Not so much.”](#) *Washington Post* (July 12, 2016).

[“Brexit’s False Democracy”](#) *Foreign Affairs* (June 29, 2016).

[“How the Monkey Cage went Ape”](#) (Quoted) *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (January 10, 2016).

[“How to Save the Schengen Zone”](#) *Foreign Policy* (November 25, 2015).

[“Kathleen McNamara on Greece and the EU”](#) *Foreign Affairs Podcasts* (August 27, 2015).

[“The Greek Crisis and What it Means for the Eurozone.”](#) National Public Radio: The Exchange (August 5, 2015).

[“This is What Economists Don’t Understand about the Euro Crisis – or the U.S. Dollar.”](#) *Washington Post* (July 21, 2015).

[“A Less Perfect Union: Europe After the Greek Debt Crisis.”](#) *Foreign Affairs* (July 19, 2015).

[“Greece’s Economic Crisis Presents Major Challenge To The Euro.”](#) Interview with Robert Siegel of All Things Considered, National Public Radio, (June 30, 2015).

[“What is the European Union, Exactly?”](#) (Interview) *The Atlantic* June 30, 2015.

- [“The euro is an experiment in making a currency without a government. That’s why it’s in trouble.”](#) *Washington Post* (June 28, 2015).
- [“West and Russia in Diplomatic Bind Over Ukraine”](#) (Interview) Voice of America News (May 8, 2014).
- [“Dr. Kate McNamara on the Morning Briefing.”](#) POTUS (Politics of the United States) SIRIUS Radio (March 21, 2014).
- [“The EU After Ukraine.”](#) *Foreign Affairs* (March 4, 2014).
- [“Cameron’s European Gambit.”](#) *Washington Post* (January 23, 2013).
- [“Central Bank Becomes an Unlikely Hero in Euro Crisis”](#) (Quoted) *New York Times* (January 20, 2012).
- [“It’s the Politics, Stupid: The eurozone crisis isn’t about debt or deficits — it’s about a dysfunctional political system.”](#) *Foreign Policy* (December 16, 2011).
- [“Can the Eurozone Be Saved? Yes, but the European Summit was Too Little, Too Late”](#) *Foreign Affairs* (April 7, 2011).
- [“The Eurocrisis and the Uncertain Future of European Integration”](#) Council on Foreign Relations Special Report (September 2010).
- [“What to Read on the European Union.”](#) *Foreign Affairs* (March 2010).
- [“Slow Train to Brussels”](#) *The National Interest* (June 25, 2009)
- [“Bank on Democracy: Why Central Banks Need Public Oversight.”](#) (with Sheri Berman) *Foreign Affairs* 78 (March/April 1999).

## **PUBLIC POLICY ACTIVITIES**

- Member, Biden Volunteer Economic Policy Committee, 2020.
- Member, National Intelligence Council, Working Group on Strategic Responses to American Decline, and Intelligence Associate/Consultant (2004-present).
- Policy Briefings include U.S. Congressional Staff, U.S. Federal Reserve, Board of Directors and executive staff; National Intelligence Council, Washington, DC; European Central Bank, Executive Board and staff.
- Frequent participant in panels hosted by New America, the Brookings Institution, the Council on Foreign Relations, American Enterprise Institute, the Carnegie Endowment, the Atlantic Council, Delegation of the EU to the US, Chatham House (London), among others.
- Member, Council on Foreign Relations (2003-2016).
- Executive Board, Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control (2002-2014).
- Legislative Assistant, U.S. Representative S. B. McKinney (R-CT), US House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., 1984-87.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE & SERVICE**

### **Interim Vice Dean for Faculty & Graduate Affairs (2018-2019)**

- Provided leadership on all issues related to faculty affairs, including appointments, mentoring and faculty development.
- Spearheaded successful restructuring of financial management team and processes.
- Oversaw critical transition in organization of 8 MA programs and 16 centers and certificates, working closely with stakeholders to begin a reimagining of SFS.

- Created and piloted new procedures for junior faculty mentoring, adopted and institutionalized in new SFS faculty governance structure.
- Worked closely with senior team in SFS, Provost's office, and partners across the university to build a more inclusive, responsive, and effective academic community.

#### **Director, Mortara Center for International Studies, Georgetown University (2010-2016)**

Created institutional framework to promote interdisciplinary research by faculty and students, advancing policy-relevant ideas and generating communities of scholars on key global issues.

- Created the Mortara Undergraduate Research Fellows (MURFs) program, pairing students with scholars to provide intensive research experience opportunities.
- Developed and executed integrated communications strategy to brand and publicize Mortara's activities while engaging the broader public through webcasts and social media.
- Implemented budgetary strategies to steer Center through constrained endowment payout period while maximizing Mortara Center programming and activities.
- Secured \$800,000 Carnegie Bridging the Gap Grant (with the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy) to build out Mortara's post-doctoral and public commentary work.

#### **OTHER MAJOR ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Presidential Appointment, Georgetown University Committee on Rank and Tenure (2019-2022)

Senate Appointment, University Budget Committee (2021-2022)

#### **MAJOR ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS**

Simone Veil Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute (Spring 2023).

SWIPE Award for Mentoring Women in International Political Economy, International Studies Association (2020)

Distinguished Scholar of International Political Economy, International Studies Association, (2018)

Distinguished Scholar in Residence, School of International Service, American University (2016-17)

JCMS Keynote Lecture, "Imagining Europe: The Cultural Foundations of EU Governance," Conference of Europeanists. Paris, France (July 2015)

Vincent Wright Memorial Prize for "Significant contribution to the study of comparative European politics" for "Rational Fictions: Central Bank Independence and the Social Logic of Delegation," *West European Politics* (January 2002)

Best Article Prize for "Consensus and Constraint: Ideas and Capital Mobility in European Monetary Integration," *Journal of Common Market Studies* 37 (September 1999)

Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation, (1999-2000)

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, The German Marshall Fund (1996-97)

Fulbright-Hays Fellowship to the European Community (1993-94)

European Community Studies Association Doctoral Fellowship (1993-94)

MacArthur Fellowship in International Conflict, Peace and Security (1992-93)  
Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Council for European Studies (1991-92)

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