



Consuls General Of France, Germany And The United Kingdom To Visit UNH

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire welcomes three consuls general of European Union member states to discuss the European Union at "Identity, Cultures and Borders: Being European?"

The event will be held Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on the Durham campus in Murkland Hall, Room G17.

François Gauthier, consul general of France; Wolfgang Vorwerk, consul general of Germany; and John Rankin, consul general of the United Kingdom, will visit the campus. Claire Malarte-Feldman, professor of French at UNH, will moderate the event. The event is free and open to the public.

The consuls and students will discuss various topics, including immigration, cultural issues, the enlargement of the EU and foreign policy.

Gauthier graduated from the Paris I-Sorbonne University, the Paris Institute of Political Sciences, and the National School of Administration. He started his diplomatic career in 1983 by joining the Ministry of Overseas Development. He was posted in Ivory Coast, Vietnam and Indonesia, and took office as the consul general of France in Boston in August 2005.

Vorwerk graduated from Law School of Würzburg University and joined the German Foreign Service in 1975. His major fields of expertise are European law and Middle Eastern affairs. During his career he has been posted in Russia, Libya, Algeria, and Albania. He has been in Boston since August 2004.

After graduating from the University of Glasgow, Rankin received a law degree from McGill University in Montreal. He joined the foreign office in 1988 and worked at the UK mission to the UN in New York, and the UK mission to the UN in Geneva. From 1998 to 2003, he was posted in Dublin as counselor and deputy head of mission at the British Embassy. He has been HR her majesty's consul general to New England since 2003.