The Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence, a partnership with Florida International University, and the Jean Monnet Chair of the University of Miami, cordially invite you to a guest talk and discussion:

“The United Kingdom, today: role in Europe, relations with the United States, perception of the Syria crisis, and the future of Scotland”

by

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Presentation: Joaquín Roy, Director, EU Center

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Kevin McGurgan took up his appointment as HM Consul-General, Miami in December 2009.

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1971, Kevin joined the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) in 1990. He came to Florida from southern Afghanistan where he spent 2008/9 as Deputy Head of the NATO Provincial Reconstruction Team in Helmand province. He worked there with Afghan political and tribal leaders to improve security and prepare the ground for the arrival of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade of the US Marine Corps in spring 2009. He was made an Officer of the British Empire (OBE) for this work in the 2010 Queen’s Birthday Honours.

This is Kevin’s second posting to the United States. From 1997 – 2000, he worked at the United Nations in New York on multilateral sanctions regimes, negotiating and implementing sanctions regimes in the Middle East, Asia and diamond and arms embargoes in Africa (Sierra Leone and Angola).

Kevin’s earlier diplomatic career has seen him serve short tours in Russia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Syria (1993-4); as a press officer in the UK’s Permanent Representation to the European Union (1994-5); as a political and consular officer in Bosnia (1996-7) and from 2003-2005 as Head of the Political and Economic team in Sweden with a specific focus on European policy issues and counter-terrorism. Between 2005 and 2008 he was Deputy Head of the Iraq Policy Unit in the Foreign Office before being seconded to the Home Office to work on organised crime, counter terrorism and migration issues. In London he has also worked on Afghanistan, the Balkans and arms export policy. Kevin is accompanied by his wife Vicki (also from Scotland), and his two sons, Alexander and Michael.

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