



# Student Orientation

Wednesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 pm

FIU—Modesto A. Maidique Campus  
Graham Center - East Ballroom



## Mr. Mattias Sundholm

*Deputy Spokesperson /Deputy Head of Press & Public Diplomacy  
Delegation of the European Commission to the U.S. in Washington D.C.*

**Mattias Sundholm** has been the **Deputy Spokesman for the European Commission Delegation to the US**, Washington, DC, since September 2006. He is also the **Deputy Head of the Delegation's Press and Public Diplomacy Section** charged with promoting the EU's positions and policies throughout the United States.

Prior to his current position, he was **Information and Communications Coordinator in the Directorate General for Development** in the Commission Headquarters in Brussels, a department in charge of relations between the European Commission and Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific in terms of development assistance.

From 2002 to 2004, Sundholm worked as a **Swedish diplomat** serving with the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He also worked as **Spokesperson for the Ministry** and as **Desk Officer for the Western Balkans**. In the latter capacity, he was briefly posted to the Embassy of Sweden in Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina). He was also posted to Zimbabwe as **Second Secretary at the Embassy of Sweden in Harare**, where he was reporting on political and economic issues, including media, parliamentary affairs and the controversial land reform.

Furthermore, he has worked as a **consultant** for French consultancy firm *FI System*, based in Brussels--and focused on European Affairs and public relations--and for three years as a **journalist for Scandinavia's biggest daily** in print and on the web: *Aftonbladet*.

Sundholm has an M.Sc. in Political Science from Uppsala University and the Institut d'études politiques (Sciences-Po) in Paris, and an M.A. degree in European Political and Administrative Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium). He is fluent in Swedish, English and French.

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