2019 WATSON UNDERGRADUATE THESIS CONFERENCE



Thursday, May 2 | 10:00am – 5:30pm Watson Institute | Joukowsky Forum 111 Thayer Street

Moderator: Veronica Ingham

Moderator: Tony Levitas

Moderator: Patsy Lewis

10:00 Welcome remarks

Ed Steinfeld, Director of the Watson Institute and Professor of Political Science

Representation, Participation, and Access in Decision Making

10:15

Revisiting Collective Memory and Social Inclusion Theory: The Encroachment of Political Memory on 'Inclusive' Memorial Museums in Chile and India

Drashti Brahmbhatt (IR)

Girl Activists in the United Nations? An Analysis of Strategies for Girls' Participation in International Policy Making Mira Reichman (DS)

The Dismissal: An Analysis of the Democratic Effects of Removal from a Jury Box

Kendall Crawford (PLCY)

Waithood and Social Transitions in Contemporary Rwanda

Bonheur Karigirwa (DS)

11:00 Q & A

Determinants of Economic Livelihood: Incentives, Behaviors, Inequities

12:00

Transnational Linkages of Migration: Re-examining the Determinants of Remittance Flows Sukanya Roy (IR)

The "Deserving" Farm: Assessing the Effects of U.S. Farm Program Eligibility Requirements on Farm Structure and Practices Zachary Goldstein (PLCY)

Concentrating on Wages: A Theory of Total Market Power in Local Labor Markets

Dylan Elliott-Hart (PLCY)

12:30 Q & A

1:00 LUNCH

State Violence and Liberatory Narratives

1:30

Zero Capacity: Bordering the U.S. Asylum System in a Trump Era Brian Elizalde (DS)

A Critical Reconstruction of Indigeneity: from the Western Hemisphere towards Trans-Indigenous Futures Ruth Miller (DS)

Uncertain Futures: Experiences of African Asylum Seekers in Israel and the Global Failure to Protect Jessica Murphy (DS)

Independence in the Interim: Development in the Exile Tibetan Community

Rachel McMahon (DS)

2:15 Q & A





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Identity Construction and Policy Formation in Shifting Media Landscapes

3:00

The Rise of the Hanfu Movement: Identity Construction, Fashion, and Ethnic Relations in Contemporary China's Online Discourse

Katrina Northrop (DS)

Rethinking New Media and National Identity in the Context of Contemporary Nationalism: The Case of Film Censorship in India Saanya Jain (IR)

Tolerance and "Zero Tolerance": An Investigation of the Political Potency and Evolution of Liberal Rhetoric Surrounding "Zero Tolerance" Policy During Spring and Summer of 2018

Madison Rivlin (PLCY)

3:30 Q & A

Paradigms of Cooperation and Power: Rethinking Structures of Decision-Making Moderator: Nina Tannenwald 4:00

Taming Armageddon: Revisiting the Concept of Limited Nuclear War

Grant MacFaddin (IR)

Veins of Influence: Revisiting the Impact of Energy Politics on Inter-State Relations

Katarina Živec (IR)

The Tides of Rapprochement: A Social Approach to Examine the Origins of Hydropolitical Coordination

Isabel Paolini (IR)

A Multitude of Responsibilities: Non-Governmental Practice in Delhi Slums

Casey Lingelbach (DS)

4:45 Q & A

5:15 Closing remarks

Steve Bloomfield, Associate Director of the Watson Institute

5:30 Reception