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**Tuesday, May 10th | 1:30p–6:30pm & Wednesday, May 11th | 11:00am–5:00pm**

**Watson Institute | Joukowsky Forum**

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## A National Context Framework of Insurgency Movements: The Guerrilla Warfare Context in Guatemala, Argentina, and Nicaragua
Marzia Giamberoni (IAPA)

**Democratic Backsliding in a Hyper-Presidential System: The Case of Mexico**
Leonardo Moraveg (IAPA)

**Braceros and Border Walls: U.S. Labor-Immigration Policy and Intragroup Conflict Between Mexican American and Mexican Migrant Workers**
Hannah Ponce (PLCY)

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**11:00**

**Day 2 Opening remarks**
Professor Anthony Levitas

## Conflict, Security, Reconciliation

**11:15**

**The Enduring Drivers of Vertical Proliferation: Examining the Kremlin’s Motivation for Developing Novel Nuclear Delivery Systems**
Lachlan Mackenzie (IR)

**Overcoming Barriers to Peacebuilding in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: The Role of Binational Grassroots Organizations in Interstate Reconciliation Processes**
Deborah Meirowitz (IAPA)

**Cybersecurity Mission Resilience: Addressing the Shortcomings of U.S Cyber Defense and Adapting to Evolving Cybersecurity Challenges**
Jillian Talenda (IAPA)

**The Political Emergence of The Hong Kong Youth: Examining the Drivers Behind the Youth’s Political Development in the Hong Kong Social Movement**
Nicole Tsung (IAPA)

### Q&A

## Health, Provision, Crisis

**12:45**

**Disruption by Disease in Humanitarian Emergencies: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Humanitarian Access an Aide Worker Security in Conflict-Affected Areas in Syria and Yemen**
Gabrielle Agnew (IAPA)

**Power, Policy, and Political Will: Opportunities for and Barriers to Hospital Reform in Vermont’s Hospital System**
Johanna Bandler (PLCY)

**A Dream Denied: The End of the Road for an Academic Medical Center in Rhode Island**
Isabelle Beckwith (PLCY)

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**1:45**

**Lunch**

## Law, Constitutions, Reform

**2:15**

**Moderator: Anthony Levitas**

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Paternalism, Neglect, and Promise at the Margins: A History of Federal Judges as Health Care Policy Makers in the United States
Liam Bendicksen (PLCY)

Tip of the Spear: Deported US Veterans and the Strategic Use of Respectability Politics
Andrew Steinberg (IAPA)

Inclusion, Inequality, and Institutional Change: Constitutional Replacement as Democratic Deepening
Anna Susini (IR)

Children at the Border: The Effects of U.S Immigration Policies on Experiences of Asylum-Seeking Children
Alexandra (Ali) Martinez (IAPA)

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Economic Policy, Development, Labor
3:30

Moderator: Ed Steinfeld

Debunking the Myth of Debt Trap Diplomacy: Selective Debt Control Strategies in China’s Belt and Road Initiative
Michael Chen (IR)

We are the Workers for the Workers: Notes from the Amazon Labor Union
Lauren Fung (PLCY)

Pilot Agencies and the Origins of Late Industrial Development: A Comparative Case Study of Developmental State Institutions
Simon Giordano (IR)

Technology Transfer for Climate Mitigation: Indo-German Bilateral Development Cooperation
Annika Prinz (IAPA)

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5:15
Closing remarks
Ed Steinfeld

5:30 Reception