Graduate Program in International Studies

Shaping a Global Community

2023
The Graduate Program in International Studies (GPIS) is a truly interdisciplinary program reflecting the need to educate future leaders capable of navigating complex environments.

Our mission is to educate and train students for internationally-oriented leadership positions in academia, government, and the private sector. GPIS faculty and curriculum emphasize transnational and global perspectives as critical prerequisites for successful engagement with an interconnected world.

This dynamic program:

- Leads Old Dominion University in interdisciplinary, international education
- Holds an annual Graduate Research Conference
- Organizes international conferences
- Engages in exciting crisis simulation exercises on NATO and humanitarian assistance
- Offers internships through NATO's Allied Command Transformation, the NATO Civil-Military Fusion Center, and NATO Innovation Hub
- Facilitates a vibrant GPIS community through the Graduate Society in International Studies (GSIS)
Accomplished Faculty

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Our alumni from across the country and around the globe came to Norfolk to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of GPIS. On October 28, a reception and dinner were held at the Barry Art Museum, during which the university dean, provost, the program director, and emeritus faculty addressed the gathered audience. Current GPIS students enjoyed this great opportunity to meet alumni and share experiences. On October 29, the celebrations continued with a lunch cruise on the Elizabeth River, and the fond memories from this beautiful event are going to be lasting for everyone involved.
Current Events In Context
2022 Forum Series

Current Events in Context forums provide opportunities for GPIS students, faculty, and other members of the ODU community to discuss pressing political or social events in an organized and informed setting. Each forum is led by a GPIS faculty member, who typically begins with a short presentation of relevant facts and/or timeline of related events to provide context for the shared discussion that follows. These forums provide excellent opportunities to apply theoretical concepts and arguments to develop our understandings of news concerning ongoing real-world events such as Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the South China Sea disputes, the French elections, etc.
Professional Development Series

The Professional Development Program aims to connect GPIS students with resources that will assist in the development of these professional skills. Included are samples of topics covered at previous workshops. Workshops are led by GPIS faculty and other professionals in academia and the policy world.

Workshop: Early Steps to Prepare for the Job Market
GPIS Professional Development Workshop Series (PDWS)

Join us at the first meeting of the 2022 GPIS PDWS (on Zoom) with GPIS Program Director Dr. Regina Karp to learn what steps you can take now to position yourself for success in the job market as a GPIS graduate!

Date: Friday, September 23rd, 2022
Time: 2:00-3:30PM

Workshop: Underrepresented Groups in Academia
GPIS Professional Development Workshop Series (PDWS)

Please join us at the first meeting of the 2022 GPIS PDWS (on Zoom) for a discussion of the issues faced by underrepresented groups in academia, along with strategies for succeeding in graduate school and academic careers. The session will be led by GPIS Assistant Professor Dr. Cathy Xuanxuan Wu.

Date: Friday, February 4th, 2022
Time: 2:00-3:20PM

Workshop: Academic Conferences and Publishing
GPIS Professional Development Workshop Series (PDWS)

Thinking about submitting a proposal to that upcoming conference? Want to turn your conference or seminar paper into a published article? Join us at the second meeting of the 2021 GPIS PDWS (on Zoom) with Assistant Professor Dr. Matthew DiLorenzo to learn more about how to navigate the worlds of conferences and publishing in academia.

Date: Friday, October 21st, 2022
Time: 2:00-3:30PM

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GRADUATE PROGRAM
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Graduate Society for International Studies

The Graduate Society for International Studies (GSIS) seeks to create greater unity among graduate students in international studies through academic and professional opportunities; connections to faculty, ODU administrators, student government, and the community; and fellowship among students in GPIS. Every student enrolled in the Graduate Program in International Studies at ODU is automatically a member of GSIS.

Global Potluck

Come out and join us for a feast with meals from around the world! Feel free to bring a favorite dish originating from any country and attach a note about what that dish means to you.

*We will also commemorate September 11, Patriot Day at this time.*

DATE: Friday, September 9, 2022
LOCATION: Model UN Conference Room
TIME: 12-2 PM
RSVP NOW

Scholarship Opportunity!

Apply for Graduate Society for International Studies Scholarship for Conference Travel

SEND APPLICATION TO
gsis@odu.edu or mrsong@odu.edu

REQUIREMENTS

- [ ] Your support
- [ ] Proof of paper acceptance
- [ ] Personal reasons why this conference is important to you
- [ ] ($500 - 7 total)
- [ ] First come first serve

END OF SEMESTER PICNIC

Join the GPIS FAMILY to celebrate the END OF THE SPRING SEMESTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH
3:00 - 7:00 PM
Whitehurst Beach ODU
1799 West 48th Street
FREE FAMILY DAY filled with food and drinks

ODU GSIS IS INVITING YOU!

ULTIMATE GAME NIGHT

December 2, 2022 • Friday • 5:00 PM
ODU Model UN Conference Room

Food will be provided.
FEEL FREE TO BRING & SHARE YOUR FAVORITE GAME!
Nurturing Collaborations to bring relevant and insightful workshops

MEET HAITIAN FILM DIRECTOR
JOSEPH HILLEL
TUESDAY OCTOBER 18 2022 7:15 EST
MEET famed Haitian film director Joseph Hillel, on Tuesday October 19th via zoom at 7:15 – 8:15 pm As he discusses his landmark documentary Ayiti, Toma: Land of the Living as well Haiti today. As part of Dr. Peter Schulman’s Ghosts of French Colonization seminar. For more info contact Dr. Schulman, pschulma@odu.edu

MEET CONGOLESE BEST-SELLING AUTHOR BLAISE NDALA
As he discusses the Democratic Republic of Congo today, its colonialist legacy and his latest novel In the Belly of the Congo (as part of Dr. Schulman’s Ghosts of French Colonization Aperitif Hour discussion. For more information contact Dr. Peter Schulman, pschulma@odu.edu

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MEET AUTHOR
RONALD SPECTOR
AUTHOR OF A CONTINENT ERUPTS: DECOLONIZATION, CIVIL WAR, AND MASSACRE IN POSTWAR ASIA, 1945-1955
TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 1ST
7:15PM
EMAIL DR. SCHULMAN FOR MORE INFO AT PSCHULMA@ODU.EDU
More Collaborations

GPIS & GSIS INVITES YOU TO OUR WORKSHOP

HOW TO PRESENT AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Lead by Dr. DiLorenzo

FEB 25 10-11AM ET

GREAT DECISIONS SERIES 2022

January 15—Russia—Dr. Alan Lynch, UVA
January 22—Outer Space—Astronaut Robert “Hoot” Gibson
January 29—China’s Civilian Army: The Making of Wolf-Warrior Diplomacy—Mr. Peter Martin, Bloomberg News
February 5—Drug Policy in Latin America
Dr. Vanda Felbab-Brown, Brookings Institution
February 12—Changing Demographics
Dr. David Brown, Harvard University
February 19—Climate Change
Mr. Julian Reyes, National Climate Hubs Coordinator, U.S. Department of Agriculture
February 26—Biden’s Agenda
Dr. Richard Maass, ODU
March 5—Industrial Policy
Dr. Daniel Drezner, Tufts University and the Brookings Institution

Higher Education and Humanitarian Responses to the Refugee Crisis

Featuring Dr. Diya Abdo
Founder Every Campus a Refugee Guilford College

March 30th, 2022
Yeali Auditorium
BAL 1012
6:30-9:00 pm
Conversation to follow

ECAR-ODU is supported by: the Women’s Studies Department, the Center for Global Engagement, the Office of Housing and Residence Life, the Graduate Program in International Studies, the English Language Center, and the Office of Intercultural Relations.

Wargaming

A discussion with COL Arned David, U.S. Army strategist, Joint Forces Staff College and co-founder of the Flight Club International Wargaming group

Graduate Program in International Studies Old Dominion University

Wednesday, November 30 4:30-5:30pm

ODU GRADUATE PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Annual Graduate Research Conference

The Graduate Research Conference brings a variety of graduate experiences together by allowing emerging scholars to present research papers in a professional setting while receiving valuable feedback from faculty and peers. This multidisciplinary conference is designed to serve as a discussion forum and a platform for students interested in looking deeper into complex social and political puzzles to exchange ideas.
Vibrant Academic Community

Our vibrant student body comes from diverse backgrounds within the United States and all over the world. Equipped with outstanding knowledge of world affairs as well as analytical and cross-cultural skills, GPIS graduates have succeeded in academia, government, and the non-profit sector.

**Madison Gonzales** (2021) - Researcher at YouGov. Self-motivated social science researcher focused on social justice issues related to displaced populations and social movements. Experienced in both qualitative and quantitative methodological approaches.

**Shelby Mertens** (2021) Formerly employed at the US Rescue Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, now Communications Officer Counterpart International, a nonprofit that works to build inclusive, sustainable communities in countries around the world.

**Dr. Claire Winiarek** (2021) is the Director of Healthcare Policy for Amazon, where she leads the Company’s federal, state, and local policy engagement in support of Amazon Care, Amazon Diagnostics, Amazon Pharmacy, and PillPack, as well as COVID-19 vaccines.

**Dr. Joshua Hastey** (2020) Professor & Analyst: IR, Security Studies, GPC, War Ethics; Regent University & US Naval War College. Specializing in international security, with special interests in US grand strategy and east Asian security. Currently enthralled in ongoing research projects on formal models of power shifts, Indo-Pacific security, and evolving gray zone and hybrid strategies of warfare.

**Mackenzie Clark** (2020) - Computational Social Scientist at Interos. A computational social scientist and social network analyst with expertise in international political economy, international development, and supply chain risk analysis.

**Luz Diaz** (2019) Policy Advocate at Save the Children. A self-driven professional with a diverse background and with over ten years of experience working with intercultural communities in a variety of contexts domestically and internationally.

**Dr. Wayne Lesperance** received his MA degree from GPIS. He is currently the first Hispanic president of New England College. Dr. Lesperance arrived at New England College in 1999 to serve as Assistant Professor of Political Science, a role he relished for 17 years. In 2016, he transitioned to NEC’s administration taking on multiple roles before mostly recently Interim President and now he holds the title of President.
Doctoral Dissertations

2022

William Bunn
*Thither the Russian Navy: The Historical Significance of Modern Russian Naval Operations in the Mediterranean Sea*

Brian Cole
*Securing Russia: Seeking Ontological Security in the Arctic*

Alexander Fretz

Hazem Hamed
*Remittance: A New Instrument for Change Understanding the Impact of Remittances on Home Countries Development*

Mehmet Kinaci
*Russia, Europe and Central Asia Energy Security and Pipeline Politics*

Girish Nandakumar
*The Political Economy of Global Private Currencies*

Thomas Snukis
*Present at the Creation, a Redux: The Need for Strategic Minded Joint Force Officers in a Rapidly Changing and Dynamic International Security Environment*

2021

Huso Hasanovic
*Reinterpreted Europe: An assessment of EU (In) Ability to Deal with Threats to the Rule of Law*

Grant Highland
*Connectivism: Adopting Quantum Holism in International Relations*

Rebecca Law
*State Antifragility: An Agent-Based Modeling Approach to Understanding State Behavior*

Tatevik Movsisyan
*The Second-Order Impact of Relative Power on Outcomes of Crisis Bargaining: A Theory of Expected Disutility and Resolve*

John Russell Reiling
*Smart Power in the Iraq Surge 2007-2008*

Ryan Roberts
*Re-Spatializing Gangs in the United States: An Analysis of Marco- and Micro-Level Network Structures*

Khadijah Salimi
*Norm Contestation and Its Effect on Emergence of a New Norm*

Joseph Skertic
*Cybersecurity Legislation and Ransomware Attacks in the United States 2015-2019*

Christina Slentz
*Environmentally Related Urbanization and Violence Potential*

Claire Winiarek
*The Politics of Medicine: Power, Actors, and Ideas in the Making of Health*
Doctoral Dissertations

2020

Dawn Driesbach
Wicked Ideas for Wicked Problems: Marine Debris and the Complexity of Governance

Joshua Hastey
Faits Accomplis in the Shadow of Shifting Power

Negar Moayed
The Path to Victory: A comparative Analysis of Mena Region Countries

Aras Syahmanssuri
A Rivalry of Necessity: An Analysis of Mechanisms of Contention Between The Islamic Republic of Iran and The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

2019

Ryan Nixon
The Messy Nuclear Landscape: Using Fuzzy Cognitive Mapping to Explore a Feasible Scenario for Global Nuclear Disarmament

Lora Pitman
The Trojan Horse in Your Head: Cognitive Threats and How to Counter Them

Muhammad Rahman
At the Hands of Fate: The Politics of Islamic Insurance in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Pakistan C. 1980 to the Present

2018

Nurullah Ayyilmaz
Measuring Vulnerability Interdependence: To What Extent Do Chinese Investments in Africa Make China Vulnerable?

Mary Sodini Bell
When the Wind Blows: An Evaluation of Key Factors that Enabled the Proliferation of Wind Energy Generation in the United States through 2016

Claudia Risner
Throw me a Lifeline: A Comparison of Port Cities with Antithetical Adaptation Strategies to Sea-Level Rise

Margaret Seymour
Carrots, Sticks, and Beyond: An Analysis of the U.S. use of Hard and Soft Power to Combat Terrorism from 2000-2016

2017

Khatera Alizada

Tulu Balkir
New Regionalism in Global Order: Regional Trade Integration and its Links with Financial Sector

Charles Mark Davis
Jointness, Culture, and Inter-Service Prejudice: Assessing the Impact of Resident, Satellite, and Hybrid JPME II Course Delivery Methods on Military Officer Attitudes

William Eger
Endpoints After Empire, Explaining Varying Levels of Democracy in Post Communist Eastern Europe
Doctoral Dissertations

2017

Joanne Fish
A Cross Disciplinary Approach to the Maritime Security Risk of Piracy and Lessons Learned from Agent Based Modeling

Maurizio Geri
The Treatment of Ethnic Minorities in Democratizing Muslim Countries: The Securitization of Kurds in Turkey versus the Autonomation of the Aceh in Indonesia

Jamila Glover
A Dirty Dilemma: Determinants of Electronic Waste Importation

Felicia Anneita Grey
Empty Chair at the Table: Bargaining, Costs and Litigation at the World Trade Organization

Sean Murphy
Acquiring the Tools of Grand Strategy: The US Navy’s LCS as a Case Study

Sandis Sraders
The Little Lady that Could: Small Latvia Rejoins the Euro-Atlantic Community

Bo Ram Yi
The Memorialization of Historical Memories in East Asia

2016

Hamza Demirel
Assessing the Role of The Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps’ Extraterritorial Activities in Attaining Iran’s Foreign Policy

Eric Fowler
Culture and Military Effectiveness: How Societal Traits Influence Battle Outcomes

Nicholas B. Law
The Franchising Effect on the Al-Qaeda Enterprise and Related Transnational Terror Groups: Patterns of Evolution of Al-Qaeda Affiliates in the 21st Century

Aaron G. Sander
Visegrad Revival: Where Less Is More, in the Prospect of Smaller Numbers

2015

John Marshall Callahan
Armed Humanitarian Intervention: The Role of Powerful Leaders in Framing and National Security Decision Making

Jennifer Jones Cunningham
U.S. Military Aid and the Role of Foreign Armies in Civil Politics

Scott Duryea
Removing The Rust: Comparative Post-Industrial Revitalization in Buffalo, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh

Erika Frydenlund
‘Home was Congo’: Refugees and Durable Displacement in the Borderlands of 1,000 Hills

Saltuk Karahan
Explaining the Turkish-Russian Rapprochement: The Energy Dimension
Doctoral Dissertations

2015

Mustafa Karapinar
Poverty within Nation-States: The Impact of Corruption, Trade, Income Inequality, Population Growth, Foreign Aid, and Military Expenditure

Ivan Medynskyi
Path Dependence in Intrastate Conflicts: Resources, Regimes, and Interventions

Jan Nalaskowski
Dwelling in Time, Dwelling in Structures Disintegration in World Politics

Patricia Raxter
Unnatural Selection: Wildlife Crime and Other Challenges to Resource System Resilience

Sagar Rijal
In Search of Autonomy: Nepal as a Wedge State Between India and China

2014

Tasawar Baig
Weak Links in a Dangerously Fractured Region: Fragile States as Global Threats

Ersin Elibol
Prevention and Prosecution Challenges on the Internet in the Republic of Turkiye: Blocking and Child Pornography

Sara Hoff
Ritualized Rhetoric and Historical Memory in German Foreign and Security Policy

Shiwei Jiang
What Constitutes the Success or Failure of Multinational Corporations In Foreign Markets? A Case Study of Chinese and American MNCs

Jody-Ann Jones
Tempering the Resource Curse in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Explanatory Analysis of the Variance of the Resource Curse in Nigeria and Botswana

Wiebke Lamer
Neglecting the ‘Right on Which All Other Rights Depend: ‘Press Freedom in the International Human Rights Discourse

Ning Liao

Lauren McKee
Explaining Nuclear Energy Pursuance: A Comparison of the United States, Germany and Japan

Katerina Oskarsson
Great Powers, the Persian Gulf, and Global Oil: A Comparative Analysis

William Patterson
Democratic Counterinsurgents: How Democracies Can Prevail in Irregular Warfare

Beyza Unal
Nuclear Security Complexes: An Alternative Approach to Nuclear Nonproliferation
Doctoral Dissertations

2013

Melodee Baines
Illiterate Women’s Political Participation: A Case Study of Morocco’s Soulaliyates

Troy Lorenzo Ewing
The 2002 National Security Strategy: The Foundation of a Doctrine of Preemption, Prevention, or Anticipatory Action

Renata Giannini
Promoting Gender to Build Peace: Evolving Norms and International Practices

Kimberly VanDyke Gilligan
Nonproliferation and Domestic Politics Theory

Akin Guneri
The Transformation of the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party): Exploring Domestic, Regional, and Global Dynamics

Nasser Lidasan
The Complexity of Armed Conflict in Mindanao: Beyond Economic Deprivation, Discrimination, and Inequality

Stephen Macharia Magu
Soft Power Strategies in U.S. Foreign Policy: Assessing the Impact of Citizen Diplomacy on Foreign States’ Behavior

Alessandro Shimabukuro
The Right to Bear Space Arms: U.S. Resistance to Arms Control in Space

Stephanie Smith
The Rhetoric/Reality Gap of Jus Cogens: An Examination of the Prohibitions of Piracy and Slavery as Peremptory Norms in International Law

Roopa Swaminathan
Soft Focus: Bollywood Film and India’s Rise as a Global Soft Power

2012

Robert Donnelly
Satellite-based Navigation Systems and the Global Commons
Melodee Baines, Illiterate Women’s Political Participation: Agents of Development

Omar Hawthorne
Do International Corruption Metrics Matter? Assessing the Impact of Transparency International’s Corruption Perceptions Index

Sabine Hirschauer
All is Fair in War? Violent Conflict and the Securitization of Rape

2011

Narisong Huhe
Social Trust in Contemporary Rural China: Its Sources and Impacts on Public Goods Provision

Carlos Gustavo Poggio Teixera
The Absent Empire: The United States and the South American Regional Subsystem

Christopher C. White
The Relationship Between International Migration and Regional Integration
Doctoral Dissertations

2010

Vessela P. Chakarova
Energy Crises and Cooperation: Do International Institutions Matter?

William T. Eliason
Return to Unfinished Business: Re-Energizing U.S. Nuclear Arms Policy

Ergodan Kurt
Doubling NATO: Functional and Geographical Enlargement of the Alliance

Jeff J. McNeil
Maturing International Cooperation to Address the Cyberspace Attack Attribution Problem

Anna M. Rulska
The Tale of Two Narratives: NATO as a Collective Defense and a Collective Security Institution

Jennifer S. Schiff
Integrated Water Resources Management: A Theoretical Exploration of the Implementation Gap Between the Developed and Developing Worlds

Manda Shemirani
Austerity, Abundance, and the Investor States: The Political Economy of Sovereign Wealth Funds

2009

Vladyslav Galushko
The Rise of 'People Power': Role of Civil Society in the "Color Revolutions"

Matthew T. Hall
The Corruption Enigma: Understanding Success and Failure of Corruption Reform Programs in Highly Corrupt Countries

Min Xia
Social Capital in Rural China: Its Impact on Economic Development, Grassroots Governance, and Democratic Participation

2008

Scott H. Brunstetter

Azza El-Sharabassy
Oil and Remittances in the Middle East

Frances M. Jacobson
Jimmy Carter’s Foreign Policy: The Battle for Power and Principle

Wyman E. Shuler III
Generals in Three-Piece Suits – Contractors in Camouflage: A Critical Assessment of Contractors in Iraq

Sanja E. Sray
Democratic Failure: Tracking the Ebb of Democracy’s Flow, 1800–2006

Eva Svobodova
Institutional Conditionality and State Compliance: The Czech and Slovak Accession to NATO and the EU
# Doctoral Dissertations

## 2007

**Nurettin Altundeger**  
*Geopolitical Rivalry in the Caspian-Caucasus Region and the Dilemma of Interstate Cooperation*

**Chunlong Lu**  
*The Middle Class and Political Change in China: Chinese Middle Class's Attitudinal and Behavioral Orientations Toward Democracy*

**Anna Makhorkina**  

**Dirk Richard Morton**  
*Becoming a Good Neighbor in Southeast Asia: The Case of China's Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea, 1989–2006*

**Charles D. Pasquale**  
*Pivotal Deterrence and United States Security Policy in the Taiwan Strait*

## 2006

**Robert M. Antis**  
*The Reinvention of NATO*

**Stanley G. Hash Jr.**  
*Nicaragua’s Survival: Choices in a Neoliberal World*

**Kerry L. Hofheimer**  
*The Good Governance Agenda of International Development Institutions*

**Anjali Sahay**  
*Brain Drain or Gain: Migration of Knowledge Workers From India to the United States*

## 2005

**George T. Hodermarsky**  
*The Application of a System of Systems Analysis to Assessments of National Power*

**Patrick Magee**  
*Grand Strategy Analysis: A Proto-Theoretical Approach*

**James H. Radford**  
*Telecommunications Technology and Sovereignty: Effects on States as Information Transfer Increased from the Speed of Oxcart to the Speed of Light*

## 2004

**Catherine M. Banks**  
*The War Powers Resolution: Asserting Congress’s Role Over the Use of Military Force*

**Michael G. Dziubinski**  
*Compellence: An Empirical Perspective*

**Irina V. Louts**  
*Space Cooperation Under Anarchy: Commercialization of Outer Space and Space Security in the Post-Cold War Era*

**James Dallis Medler**  
*The Smugglers’ Landscape: Geography, Route Selection and the Global Heroin Trade*
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2003

Allison S. Greene
United States Diplomacy in the Age of the Internet

Steven B. Shirley
Guided by God: The Catholic Church and Political Legitimacy in the Philippines

2002

Daneta G. Billau
Clinton’s Foreign Policy and the Politics of Intervention: Cases of Ethnic Cleansing and Democratic Governance

Osei K. Bonsu
Leadership: The Missing Variable in the Economic Development of Sub-Saharan Africa

Eric A. Miller
Sources of Inter-State Alignments: Internal Threats and Economic Dependence in the Former Soviet Union

Matthew R. Slater
Latin American-United States Security Relations and the Power Asymmetry Divide

Corliss Anne Tacosa
Politics, Advanced Technology, and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

Blagovest Tashev
East European Security Revisited: Institutions, Power, and Security

2001

Charles R. Lartey
Globalization and the Paradox of Incorporation and Marginalization: An Exploratory Note on Sub-Saharan Africa

2000

Dovile Budryte
Community Building in Ethically Restructured States: The Baltics

Jack V. Kalpakian
Identity, Conflict and Cooperation in International River Basins

Susan C. Morris
The Market and Ethics: The Case of the 1994 Decision by the Clinton Administration to Delink China’s Human Rights Record From Most-Favored-Nation Status

Georgeta V. Pourchot
The Concept and Practice of Representative Democracy in Post-Communist Eastern Europe

1999

Thomas M. Lansford
Evolution and Devolution: The Dynamics of Sovereignty and Security in Post-Cold War Europe

1998

Ping Deng
Dissertation: Relative Gains Problem and Case Studies of Economic Cooperation in East Asia
Master’s Theses

2022

Andy Gomez
The Carrot vs. the Stick: A Comparative Analysis of Secondary Sanctions vs. Positive Inducements In Gaining European Support for a U.S. Led Sanction Regime

Sarah Nelson
Nord Stream 2: The Gas Curtain of Europe

2021

Madison Gonzales
Mobilizing Discomfort for Water Security as a Human Right: A Newspaper Analysis of Social Conflict in South Africa

Shelby Mertens
Institutional Stretching: How Moroccan NGOs Illuminate the Nexus of Climate, Migration, Gender and Development

Irina Paquette
Language and Cultural Identity in Post-Soviet Frozen Conflicts

2020

McKenzie Clark
Shifting Sources of Humanitarian Aid: The Importance of Network Resiliency and Do-no Diversification

Maylat Tedla Eyob
A Comparative Approach to Racial Stereotyping in South Africa and the United States and How It Has Obliterated the Black Image

Afra Herr
Stratified Security Communities: Transatlantic Distrust and Identity Divergence

William Virgili
The Study of Motivation for Defection Within the Intelligence Community: Hindering the Government’s Ability to Prevent and Detect Defection

2019

Ian Birdwell
Hyperborean Habits and Melting Ice: The Normalization of Arctic Space and Resurgent National Identity

Luz Diaz
From Comparison to Resistance: Lesbos Refugee Crisis

Beder El Khou
The G5 Sahel: An Insufficient Organization for a Failed Region?
Master’s Theses

2018
Andrew Garber
Fem Media Matters: An Inquiry into Campus Sexual Assault

Marianna Portniagina
Contemporary Russia in America’s World: Russian Narratives on Post-Soviet Space

Raven Showalter
The “Trump Effect?” Challenges to United States Hegemony in Higher Education Cross-Cultural Exchange:
A Case Study of International Students at Old Dominion University

Yanu Widiyono
The Effect of Illicit Drugs Securitization in Indonesia Marianna Portnyagina, Contemporary
Russia in America’s World: Russian Narratives on Post-Soviet Space

Visar Xhambazi
The Kosovo Moment The United States and the Post-Cold War Balkans

2015
Nurullah Ayyilmaz
Effects of Using Natural Gas in the Light-Duty Vehicle Fleet of the United States on
its Energy Dependency and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Kimberly Michelle Ganczak
Shaping American Foreign Policy: A Game Theoretic Analysis of the
United States’ – North Korean Relationship

Karmen Matusek
Under the Surface of Sex Trafficking: Social, Economic and Cultural
Perpetrators of Gender-Based Violence in India

2014
Nika Khmolovska
The Role of the Documentary Film in The Presentation Of the
North African Peoples’s Struggle for Their Civil Rights. The Saharawi People Case Study

Zachariah Long
Transnational Organized Crime and the Illegal Wildlife Trade: Global Ties to a Global Crime

Tuan Luc
U.S. - ASEAN Organized Crime Cooperation as a Part of Washington’s
Rebalancing Policy toward the Asia-Pacific

Iman Nanoua
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