**Welcoming Note**

9:00-9:15 AM | Speaker: Dr. Regina Karp, Program Director, Old Dominion University

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**ODU's 2023 Graduate Research Conference**

**Rising Uncertainty in World Politics**

**Date:** Friday February 10, 2023  
**Time:** 9.00am to 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Webb Center

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**Ukrainian Resilience**

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM | Isle of Wight Room

Speaker 1: Kateryna Koval - Global Security, Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University (V)  
Speaker 2: Ronald Okoye - NATO Persistence and the Iron Law Model of Leadership, Old Dominion University (IP)  
Speaker 3: Artur Borsuk - Russia - Invasion war 2022: Battle of Hostomel, Taras Schevchenko National University of Kyiv (V)  
Speaker 4: Tetiana Lukeria - Transformation of the ideology of decentralization in Ukraine, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (V)

**Ukrainian Resilience Cont..**

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM | Chesapeake/Portsmouth Room

Speaker 1: Brian Dunmire - NATO and EU, Old Dominion University (V)  
Speaker 2: Yelyzaveta Khodorovska - Do sanctions make Russia weaker?, Odesa National University (V)  
Speaker 3: Illia Snigur - Countering Russian Disinformation in Africa Region, Odesa National University (V)

**Insight into US - China Relations**

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM | Isle of Wight Room

Speaker 1: Melle Scholen - Complex Value Chains and Economic Interdependence, University of Virginia, (V)  
Speaker 2: Daniel White - The History of Cold War Economic Policies, Old Dominion University (IP)  
Speaker 3: Hameedullah Hassani - Sino - American Trade War, Old Dominion University (IP)  
Speaker 4: Stephanie Jones: A comparison of Chinese and US Media, Old Dominion University (IP)

**Colonialism: Past, Present, and Future**

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM | Isle of Wight Room

Speaker 1: Kara Broene - From Colonization to Democracy, Old Dominion University (IP)  
Speaker 2: Kate Cross - The End of Amnesia?, Old Dominion University (IP)  
Speaker 3: Mahfoudha Sid'Elemine - The Colonial Origins of Institutions in Mauritania, Old Dominion University (IP)  
Speaker 4: Sofia Calicchio - Tracing Steps Towards True Decolonization, Old Dominion University (IP)

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**Breakout Panel in Chesapeake/Portsmouth Room:**

- From the war-side: Round table with Ukrainian Students
- Emerging Leaders: discussion on Ukraine chaired by Nathan Colvin
Born in France, raised and educated between New England and Provence, Geoffroy de Laforcade studied at Tufts University, the National Autonomous University of Mexico, and the University of Paris before earning his Ph.D. from Yale University.

Prior to choosing an academic career, he worked in journalism, translation, and as collaborator of an international, Paris-based European network of scholars on nationality, racism and immigration. He has done extensive research on Argentina and Cuba, published on Bolivia, Haiti and other areas of the Southern Americas and the broader Atlantic/Mediterranean world.

He is currently a Professor of Latin American, Caribbean and World History at Norfolk State University where he serves as the Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors, a Senior Fellow of the Robert C. Nusbaum Honors College, and was past Director of International Studies, Service-Learning and Civic Engagement. He designed and led over 20 study abroad courses in the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe, Africa, and China, taught international undergraduate and graduate seminars in Germany, Spain, Argentina and Cuba, organized numerous international colloquia and conferences, and presented over 90 conference papers, guest lectures and keynotes at over 50 colleges, universities, and professional associations on all continents.

Dr. de Laforcade has also taught adult Latinx learners in Spanish and led community workshops with diverse participants ranging from Mayan refugees in Mexico to Cape Verdean immigrants in Argentina and African-descended rights advocates in Cuba. He has co-edited several books, most recently "The Aliens Within: Danger, Disease and Displacement in Representations of the Racialized Poor" (De Gruyter, 2022), "Migration, Diaspora, Exile: Narratives of Affiliation and Escape" (Lexington, 2020); and "In Defiance of Boundaries: Anarchism in Latin American History" (University of Florida Press, 2015), which received the Choice Outstanding Academic Title Award in 2017. He is currently working on several monographs: "Demiurges of the Immigrant Dream: La Boca del Riachuelo, an Insurgent ‘Piccola Italia’ in Argentina"; "A Radical Misadventure: Antiracism, Republicanism, and Revolution in France and Cuba"; and "Eluding States: Fugitivity, Sovereignty, Resistance"; as well as a research project, for which he was twice awarded a Georg Bollenbeck Research Fellowship at the University of Siegen in Germany (2021 and 2022), on "Race, Nation and Historical Memory through the Prism of Graphic Art: Blackness and Civic Agency in the Cuban Comic Tradition from the Republic to the Revolution".

Keynote Speaker & Lunch
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM | Speaker: Dr. de Laforcade

“Rethinking Identity, Displacement and Social Conflict in the Southern Americas: Ecology and Inequality in the Volatile 21st Century”
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Schedule

Security in a World of Uncertainty
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM | Isle of Wight Room

Speaker 1: Paul Pepi - On Whose Grounds?, Old Dominion University (IP)
Speaker 2: Cassy Jagroop - DDR for Today, Old Dominion University (V)
Speaker 3: Nathan Colvin - Choices for US Contributions to NATO, Old Dominion University (IP)
Speaker 4: Roman Zaporozhchenko - Treaty on Nuclear Weapons Prohibitions, Odesa National University (V)

Media and Communication within Global Systems
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM | Chesapeake/Portsmouth Room

Speaker 1: Amber Brittain - Hale - Global Leadership, Pepperdine University (V)
Speaker 2: Samirah Almutairi - The Uncertainty of the Western Cultural and Academic Discourses, Old Dominion University (IP)
Speaker 3: Casey Reca - Reputation, Old Dominion University (IP)
Speaker 4: Newzaira Khan - Why are the Uighurs being ignored?, Old Dominion University (IP)

From Hampton Roads to the UN: Highlighting Disadvantages
2:30 - 3:30 PM | Isle of Wight Room

Speaker 1: Cara Tonn - Evaluating Food Insecurity, Old Dominion University (IP)
Speaker 2: Mahfoudha Sid’Elemine - Empowering Refugees, Old Dominion University (IP)
Speaker 3: Kaitlin Scott - Madame Ambassador: Can we talk?, Indiana University (IP)
Speaker 4: Mark Aguilar - Do Gender Pay Gap and Recruitment Bias Exist?, Emilio Aguinaldo College, (V)

The Effects of European Superpowers
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Chesapeake/Portsmouth Room

Speaker 1: Eduardo Landeata, Old Dominion University, (IP)
Speaker 2: Jared Sykes - Spain and Podemos, Old Dominion University, (IP)
Speaker 3: Huseyn Mammadov - Analyzing the Determinants of Digital Transformation, Urbino & Seville University (V)
Speaker 4: Guljannat Huseynli - The Superpowers competition in the Global South, Old Dominion University, (IP)

Ethnocultural Influences
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM | TBD

Speaker 1: Nikita Lumijoe - Attitudes of ethnic minorities, Old Dominion University (IP)
Speaker 2: Dilge Ozcoskun - Turkey - Greece Crisis of Trust, Riga Stradins University (V)
Speaker 3: Aitor Juez - Role Of Religion in the Afghan Conflict, Deusto University (V)
Speaker 4: Vera Shinard - Redefining International Aid Approaches, Old Dominion University (IP)
Closing Remarks & Award Ceremony
3:30 - 4:00 PM | Speaker: Iryna Z, President & Newzaira K., Vice President

Iryna Z. is the President of the Graduate Society of International Studies. She is a PhD Candidate in the International Studies program majoring in conflict and cooperation as well as American Foreign Policy.

Newzaira K. is the Vice President of the Graduate Society of International Studies. She is a PhD Candidate in the International Studies program and Graduate Certificate Candidate for Women's Studies and International Development. She serves the Hampton Roads community as a clinical social worker, but also expresses interest in bringing international studies into the realm of social work.