Graduate Program in International Studies

Shaping a Global Community

GPIS - 2022
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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GPIS provides enriching seminars, lectures, workshops, and professional development series to enhance classroom learning.

**Workshop: Early Steps to Prepare for the Job Market**

**GPIS Professional Development Workshop Series (PDWS)**

Join us at the first meeting of the 2021 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 17th, 2021  
**Time:** 2:00-3:30PM

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**From Pearl Harbor to the Fall of Kabul: The Reality of Intelligence Failure**

Gary Gomez  
Adjunct - Intelligence Studies  
Old Dominion University

Friday October 15, 2021 at 2:00 PM  
BAL 7009 and on Zoom at [Link]

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**GSIS Lecture Series on US-China Relations**

**THE GRADUATE SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (OSIS)** invites you to the

**FIRST LECTURE ON US-CHINA RELATIONS**

**Guest Speaker:** Professor Kishore Mahbubani

Kishore Mahbubani is a leading geopolitical thinker on US-China relations. He is the author of seven books including “Has the West lost it?” and “Has China won?”

**Wednesday**  
**October 20th, 2021**  
**7 P.M. (EDT)**
Topics of interest to all!

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 22nd, 2021
Time: 2:00-3:30PM

Old Dominion University

GPIS Seminar:
GHOSTS OF FRENCH COLONIZATION
Hosted By: Dr. Peter Schulman

Tuesday, October 26th • 7:40 EST PM

Special Guest Speaker:
DR. SOULEYMANE BACHIR DIAGNE
Director of the Institute of African Studies
Professor of French and Philosophy
Columbia University

Current Events in Context
2021-2022 forum series

U.S.-China-Taiwan Relations
Discussion with Dr. Cathy X. Wu

Wednesday, December 8
12:30-1:30pm

Graduate Program in International Studies
Old Dominion University
The world wide pandemic impacted normal University operations from March 2020—June 2021. During this time GPIS had to pivot and change the delivery of its normal on-campus activities. Look at what we did at the beginning of the pandemic.
Staying connected virtually!

Careers in Nongovernmental Organizations: A Panel Discussion

GPIS Professional Development Workshop Series

- Devvin Kepp is the Director of Police and National Security at the National Counterterrorism Center in Washington, DC. He is a former police officer and security professional with over 15 years of experience in law enforcement. He leads a team of experts in developing strategies to counter terrorism.

- Haroon Gandhi, Head of the Global Security and Intelligence Division at the World Bank, has over 20 years of experience in international security and intelligence.

- Marcia Nwosu, a human rights activist, has been working with non-governmental organizations for over 15 years, focusing on human rights and social justice.

Interested in a career that improves the lives of others? Find out what NGOs do to make the world a better place!

Date: Friday, March 26th, 2021
Time: 2:00-3:00PM

Graduate Program in International Studies

In Partnership with the Graduate Society of International Studies

Presenting

Professional Development Workshop

Writing for a Policy Audience

Hosted by: Dr. Matthew DiLorenzo

October 23, 2020
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Samanta Custer, AIDDATA
THE GRADUATE SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (GSIS) IN COLLABORATION
WITH THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (GPIS),
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE

20TH ANNUAL
GRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE
AT OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Time of Uncertainty

IMPORTANT DATES
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021
ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022
KEYNOTE SPEAKER ANNOUNCED
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2022
ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2022
DEADLINE FOR FINAL PAPERS (UNDERGRADUATE)
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2022
DEADLINE FOR FINAL PAPERS (GRADUATES)
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2022
COPIES OF ACCEPTED PARTICIPANTS’ PRESENTATIONS DUE

CONFERENCE DAY
FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH 2022

REGISTER AT
https://www.odu.edu/gpis/graduate-research-conference.html

SUBMIT A 250-300-WORD ABSTRACT (DOUBLE-SPACED AND TITLED) TO EDUARDO LANDETA,
GSIS-VICE PRESIDENT AT ELANDO@ODU.EDU.
PRESENTATIONS WILL BE ORGANIZED INTO SMALL PANEL GROUPS WITH A TIME FRAME OF ABOUT 10
MINUTES PER PAPER. THE PRESENTER WILL RECEIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK RIGHT AFTER THEIR
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DISCUSSION OF THE TOPIC IS ENCOURAGED. WORK MAY BE CITED IN ANY RECOGNIZED FORMAT (I.E.,
APA, CHICAGO, ETC.) AS LONG AS IT ADEQUATELY CREDITS SOURCES.
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. Nurullah Ayyilmaz’s (2018) paper, “Exploring the Motivations behind the Humanitarian Aid: Does USAID Grant the Humanitarian Aid According to Needs?” was presented at the 2016 ISA National Conference. In 2016, he was awarded a Student Collaborator Fellowship with Princeton University’s Middle East Center.

Dr. Felicia Grey (2017) Visiting Assistant Professor at Middlebury College. She had her article “How Oil Twists the Hegemon’s Arm: The Case of the United States and Saudi Arabia and their Ambivalent Partnership” in the DOMES (Digest of Middle East Studies).

Samantha Golden (MA, 2017), was awarded the prestigious and competitive Frasure-Kruzell-Drew Memorial Fellowship. It is a paid, fulltime, two-year career development opportunity sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement and administered by the Center for International Stabilization and Recovery The selected fellow serves in the Washington, D.C. office.

Dr. Khatera Alizada (2017) awarded a post-doctoral fellowship at the Center for Mind and Culture in Boston.

Dr. Maurizio Geri (2017) is a Research Analyst for Strategic Plans and Policy Division at Allied Command Transformation (ACT) where he is preparing a pilot project on strategic regional partnership for North Africa. Maurizio’s dissertation is published by Palgrave MacMillan in 2018: Ethnic Minorities in Democratizing Muslim Countries. The cases of Turkey and Indonesia.

Anita Ross (MA, 2017) was selected for the highly competitive White House Internship Program. This Program is a public service leadership program that provides a unique opportunity to gain valuable professional experience and build leadership skills. Ms. Ross helped with projects including the White House Historical Association ball, the Congressional Ball and Hispanic Heritage Month.

Jane Close (MA, 2016) has been working for the ODU Social Science Research Center as a research assistant and she works part time as a trivia host for Team Trivia Virginia Beach. Mrs. Close is also in the process of transitioning to a full-time government analyst position.

Dr. Hamza Demirel (2016) was awarded a Student Collaborator Fellowship with Princeton University’s Middle East Center, New Jersey, in 2014.

Dr. Saltuk Karahan (2015) is the Program Coordinator in ODU’s Center for Cybersecurity Education and Research and a Lecturer in the Political Science and Geography Department. Prior to this position, he also worked as a Visiting Scholar of the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center.
Dr. John Callahan (2015) is Military Program Director - International Studies and Homeland Security Programs at New England College where he manages a team of instructors focused on International Studies and Homeland Security Programs. John is also Public Affairs Exercise Specialist at Nusura in Norfolk where he provides public affairs and strategic communication subject matter expertise.

Dr. Erika Frydenlund (2015) is Research Assistant Professor at Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC) at Old Dominion University. Her research examines applications of modeling and simulation to address issues around refugees and forced migration. She is also collaborating with UNOCHA to model internally displaced persons in the Democratic Republic of Congo to help UN agencies better respond to forced displacement crises.

Dr. Jan Nalaskowski (2015) is Business Development Representative at STX Next. He spent four weeks at the Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Institute hosted at Duke University, under the supervision of Dr. Scott de Marchi and received a prestigious internship with the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC.

Dr. Scott Duryea (2015) is a Lecturer at North Carolina State University. Scott was awarded the Humane Studies Fellowship through the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. Scott has had articles published in Globalizations and Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism.

Dr. Ivan Medynskyi (2015) is a Research Fellow at the Institute of World Policy in Kiev. In 2014, he presented a paper entitled “Path Dependence in Intrastate Conflicts: Comparing Onset and Termination” which was accepted to the ISA National Conference. He was also awarded an Open Society Foundation Global Supplementary Grant the same year.

Dr. Anjali Sahay (2015) is the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs. This commission is responsible for advising the governor on policies, procedures, legislation, and regulations that affect the AAPI communities. Her book “Indian Diaspora in the United States: Brain Drain or Gain?” was published in May 16, 2009 by Lexington Books.

Dr. Sagar Rijal (2015) is Associate Corporate Governance Advisor for ISS Corporate Solutions in Rockville, MD where he advises management-level clients on issues of corporate governance, executive compensation and shareholder activism; assisted them by producing research and modeling-based client deliverables.

Dr. William Patterson (2014) works for the U.S. Department of State as a Political Officer in Katmandu. Dr. Patterson is an author of the book “Democratic Counterinsurgents: How Democracies Can Prevail in Irregular Warfare (Rethinking Political Violence)” published in June, 2016, by Palgrave Macmillan. This book explores the ways in which democracies can win counterinsurgencies.

Kimberly Ganczak (MA, 2014) was admitted to the University of Virginia’s doctoral program in International Affairs where she is a Graduate (Research) Assistant focusing on international relations, game theory, and statistics. Her recent focus has been on North Korea and interests include most destabilized and failed states such as Somalia.

Dr. Sara Hoff (2014) is with the U.S. Department of Energy Information Administration in the Office of Energy Statistics. In 2014, Sara was awarded a Presidential Management Fellowship.
Dr. Beyza Unal (2014) has been working at Chatham House, the UK’s leading research institute, in London, as a Research Fellow in Nuclear Weapons Policy since 2015. She was also cited as a nuclear weapons expert in a DW Académie March 2016 article about the Obama administration-led nuclear summit in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Tasawar Baig (2014) is Director of the Karakoram Centre for Cultural Studies & Heritage at Karakoram International University in Pakistan. In 2013 with Mustafa Kemal Dagdelen, he published an article in the Journal of European Studies; “Re-Emergence of Othering in Europe: A Threat to European Integration”.

Sydney Sheppard (MA, 2014) is Pricing Analyst at Independent Container Line, Richmond, Virginia. She was selected by the DACOR Bacon House Foundation for a competitive fellowship that supported the second year of her MA studies in 2012.

Tuan Lu (MA, 2014) Fulbright student from Vietnam is a PhD Candidate at School of Humanities and Social Sciences, UNSW Canberra, Australia.

Dr. Lauren McKee (2014) is the Assistant Professor of Political Science and Asian Studies at Berea College. A significant resource in the community, McKee is also the instructor for the Model African Union.


Dr. Wiebke Lamer (2014) is a Research Professional and Expert on the Global Politics of Press Freedom; EIUC - European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratization.

Dr. Melodee Baines (2013) is Training Officer with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Melodee has worked in both the New York and Houston Asylum Offices. She has spent most of her career in asylum working with women and children at the southwest border. She was formerly appointed as Democracy and Governance Specialist Staff Associate at Tetra Tech ARD in Burlington, Vermont.

Dr. Stephen Magu (2013) is Laureate (Democratic Governance Institute) at CODESRIA. He published his book “Political Economy, Social Development and Conflict in Africa: with emphasis on East Africa the Horn of Africa region” He is Assistant Professor at Hampton University in Virginia.

Dr. Renata Giannini (2013) is an Adjunct Faculty Instructor at ODU and a Researcher with the Igarape Institute in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. While at ODU, she was involved in launching an original web-based research initiative on separatisms at http://ibsep.org/.

Dr. Kim Gilligan (2013) is currently at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, NY, where she is Task Monitor with the International Safeguards Project Office. Dr. Gilligan provides expert recommendations to the interagency Subgroup on Safeguards Technical Support (comprised of Department of Energy, Department of State, Department of Defense, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission representatives).
Dr. Omar Hawthorne (2012) is Lecturer with the University of the West Indies, Jamaica, Department of International Relations. She published her book “Do International Corruption Metrics Matter: the Impact of Transparency International’s Corruption Perception” with Lexington Books in October 2015. She has conducted a funded research project on her second book, which examines the impact of corruption and how it affects foreign businesses, specifically, American businesses located in Jamaica.

Rodrigu Mezu (MA, 2012) has been assigned to the Office of Foreign Affairs as a Colombian Air Force Officer and also a student at Colombian War College. He is currently pursuing a PhD from the University of the Andes, Colombia.

Ruslan Ismayil-Zada (MA, 2012) is at the Marketing Diploma Program of the York University in Canada. He began his post-GPIS career by working as an External Affairs Officer at the Ministry of Taxes of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Dr. Sabine Hirschauer (2012) is Assistant Professor at New Mexico State University/Las Cruces, New Mexico. Her dissertation “The Securitization of Rape: Women, Conflict and Sexual Violence” was published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2014.

Dr. Niloufar Salimi (2012) won the best paper prize at the Virginia Modeling and Simulation Student Capstone Conference: Niloufar’s paper was titled: “Impact of Social Media on Women Movement.”

Alexandra Rice (MA, 2012) is Development Officer at Tidewater Community College, Norfolk, Virginia.

Savannah Russo (MA, 2012) is Senior Consultant, Partnerships and Strategic Development at Global Health Visions. She was Senior Associate of Policy and Advocacy at Women Deliver, New York. Savannah is a devoted professional with many years of international and cross-cultural experience in advocacy, program management, policy, communications and research.

Dr. Carlos Teixeira (2011) is Professor and Deputy Course Coordinator at PUC-SP | Pontificia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil. Carlos’ dissertation “Brazil, the United States, and the South American Subsystem: Regional Politics and the Absent Empire” was published by Lexington Books in 2012. It was named as one of the best books in the field by Foreign Affairs.


Jeffrey Mistich (MA, 2011) is Political Economist of Quantitative Methodology and Data Science at the Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. Jeffrey specializes in evaluating the structure of historical data within the context of policy or business environments to develop predictive models that inform strategic decision-making.

Degi Betcher (MA, 2011) is an International Student Advisor at the Visa and Immigration Service Advising, Old Dominion University. She received a Master’s degree in Public Administration in 2014 and a Master’s degree in International Studies in 2011 from ODU.
Przemyslaw Ozierski (MA, 2010) was a Fulbright Fellow at ODU from 2009-2010. Currently Przemyslaw is pursuing his PhD at Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration in Moscow.

Dr. Jennifer Schiff (2010) is Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of Liberal Studies Assessment at the Western Carolina University, Asheville.

Dr. William T. Eliason (2010) is the Director of the National Defense University Press and Editor of Joint Force Quarterly, the professional military journal of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and serves as Adjunct Professor, Defense Strategy and Resources at the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy at Ft McNair in Washington, DC.

Stefanie C. Nijssen (MA, 2010) is a Policy and Program Manager in Conflict, Security and Justice Team (CHASE) for Department of International Development in London. In 2013, she was a co-founder of the Blu-Gerie Foundation which supports the dreams of a few to help the many—the foundation intends to support aspiring students from Cameroon in achieving their educational goals by attending a university in Africa.

Dr. Vessela Chakarova (2009) is Lecturer at the Amsterdam University College, the Netherlands. Her book “Oil Supply Crisis: Cooperation and Discord in the West” was published by Lexington Books, in November, 2012.

Dr. Tom Lansford (2009) is professor of political science in the College of Arts and Letters and was academic dean for The University of Southern Mississippi’s Gulf Coast operation from 2009 to 2014. His expertise is in the areas of international relations and security, homeland security, American foreign and security policy, and U.S. government and politics.

Dr. Eva Svobodova (2008) is the Secretary of the Board for the Ceska Zborovjoka Group. She was the Public Affairs and Strategic Communications Advisor to Chairman of NATO Military Committee. In addition, Eva had been a Defense Adviser with the Permanent Delegation of the Czech Republic to NATO, a Political Adviser with the Ministry of Defense of the Czech Republic, and a Senior Analyst and Adviser to the European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan.

Dr. Charles Pasquale (2007) is a Research and Analysis Manager for the US Government, Visiting Faculty at the National War College of the National Defense University, American University, and Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Daniel Kuthy (2006) is Assistant Professor of Political Science at the Brescia University, Owensboro, Kentucky. He received his PhD in 2012 from Georgia State University.

Dr. Anouar Boukhars (2005) is a nonresident scholar in Carnegie’s Middle East Program and associate professor of international relations at McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland. Anouar is a former fellow at the Brookings Doha Center and author of Politics in Morocco: Executive Monarchy and Enlightened Authoritarianism (Routledge, 2010). He is also a co-editor of Perilous Desert: Sources of Saharan Insecurity, and Perspectives on Western Sahara: Myths, Nationalisms and Geopolitics.

Dr. Patrick Magee (2005) is Senior Analyst at the United States Government’s Office of National Intelligence, Washington, D.C.
Dr. Catherine Banks (2004) is Research Associate Professor at the Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center (VMASC) at ODU. Dr. Banks is the co-editor of Principles of Modeling and Simulation: A Multidisciplinary Approach published in 2009; co-author of Modeling and Simulation for Analyzing Global Events published in 2009; co-editor of Modeling and Simulation Fundamentals: Theoretical Underpinnings and Practical Domains published in 2010; and co-editor of Modeling and Simulation for Medical and Health Sciences published in 2011.

Dr. Allison Greene-Sands (2003) is currently the Chief Strategy Officer at the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO) in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). Allison has worked at SAPRO for four years, leading their strategic communications and serving as an intercultural advisor.

Jeffrey Becker (MA, 2002) is Principal Analyst and Independent Defense futures studies and analysis for national security and operational military clients.

Dr. Matthew Slater (2002) is Senior Planning and Policy Analyst at the Training and Education Command (TECOM), Marine Corps University, Quantico, Virginia.

Dr. Robert Pauly (2001) is Associate Professor of International Policy and Development at Southern Miss. He has published numerous books, articles and book chapters on subjects ranging from the war on terrorism to the liberal bias in the American media.

Dr. Georgeta Pourchot (2000) is the Director of the OLMA/Northern Capital Region, Virginia Tech. Georgeta teaches online courses for the Department of Political Science and for the Government and International Affairs department in the School of Public and International Affairs. Her publications include Eurasia Rising: Democracy and Independence in the Post-Soviet Space; She is a frequent opinion contributor to media outlets in Central Europe. Voice of America, and the Moscow-based Eurasia Heritage Foundation.

Dr. Dovile Budryte (2000) is a professor of political science at Georgia Gwinnett College. Her areas of interest include gender studies, trauma and memory in international relations and nationalism. Her books are, Taming Nationalism? Political Community Building in the Post-Soviet Baltic States, Feminist Conversations: Women (co-edited), Trauma and Empowerment in Post-Authoritarian Societies (co-edited), Memory and Trauma in International Relations: Theories, Cases and Debates and Engaging Difference: Teaching Humanities and Social Science in Multicultural Environments (co-edited).


Dr. Ping Deng (1998) is the Monte Ahuja Endowed Chair of Global Business and professor of management at the Monte Ahuja College of Business, Cleveland State University (CSU), Ohio. Before joining CSU in August 2013, he was a tenured full professor of business administration at Maryville
Doctoral Dissertations

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

Tatev 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 Macro- and Micro-Level Network Structures

Khadijeh 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

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
Doctoral Dissertations

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

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
Doctoral Dissertations

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

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
Doctoral Dissertations

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

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