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The Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs (RCGA) is Middlebury College’s flagship site for the production and dissemination of knowledge about international and global issues. Through a diverse set of programs, the Center reaches across boundaries of language, culture, and geography to engage students’ capacity for rigorous analysis and independent thought in a rapidly changing world. In supporting Middlebury’s aim to be the leading global liberal arts college, the Center sponsors vibrant co-curricular programs, fosters dialogue with leading international scholars and practitioners, funds innovative undergraduate field research, and promotes scholarly collaborations between students and faculty.

RCGA builds bridges across disciplines and communities, local and global.

Events at the Center
Throughout the academic year, the Rohatyn Center organizes a wide range of internationally and globally oriented lectures, panels, and colloquia. Topics reach across many disciplines and world regions, exposing students and the campus community to new ideas and perspectives. Speakers include academics, policy makers, practitioners, creative writers, and journalists.

Opportunities for Students
The Rohatyn Center internship program offers Middlebury undergraduates the opportunity to collaborate closely with faculty members on scholarly research. Rohatyn interns also serve on the Rohatyn Student Advisory Board (RSAB), in which capacity they assist with the Center’s programs that support the College’s global focus. Their work with RCGA gives these interns a unique opportunity to engage with international and global affairs, as well as an edge with potential employers.

Annual Conference
Each March, the Rohatyn Center organizes an interdisciplinary conference focused on a critical global challenge. Academics and practitioners from a variety of disciplines and countries convene in Middlebury for intense analysis of annual conference topics that include the politics of fresh water, youth unemployment, the status of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, and food insecurity. Concurrently, students at Middlebury C.V. Starr Schools Abroad and students on the Middlebury campus hold in-language video discussions on the conference theme, evaluating it from the perspective of a particular world region.

Student Research Funding
The Rohatyn Center offers students the resources to delve deeply into their own scholarship. RCGA summer research grants fund overseas research for students preparing for senior theses. Funding for independent research while studying abroad is provided through RCGA Study Abroad Research Grants. The Padma Desai Fund provides support for students who wish to conduct an internship or research while studying in Russia.
Lectures and Events

During the 2015-2016 academic year, the Rohatyn Center sponsored and supported a wide array of cocurricular and internationally oriented events that spanned the globe and crossed many disciplines. We invite you to visit the video archives section of our website at http://www.middlebury.edu/international/rcga/archives/ and to visit our Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/RohatynCenter/ for full photo archives from our events.

September 18

The Fourth Annual International Politics and Economics Symposium

Ill Fares the Land: Inequality in the Twenty-First Century

Welcome and Opening Remarks
by Will Pyle, Frederick C. Dirks Professor of International Economics and director, program in international politics and economics, Middlebury College

Panel One: Inequality from 1650-2050
by Peter Lindert, Distinguished Professor of Economics, University of California, Davis
Moderator: Leticia Arroyo Abad, assistant professor of economics, Middlebury College
Student Chair: Grecia De La O Abarca ’17

Panel Two: Who Wants What? Insider-Outsider Politics and Redistribution Preferences in Comparative Perspective
by David Rueda, professor of comparative politics, Oxford University
Moderator: Adam Dean, assistant professor of political science, Middlebury College
Student Chair: Joseph Leavenworth Bakali ’15.5

Panel Three: American Amnesia: The Forgotten Sources of Our Shared Prosperity
by Paul Pierson, John Gross Professor of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley
Moderator: Allison Stanger, Russell J. Leng ’60 Professor of International Politics and Economics, Middlebury College
Student Chair: Brian Rowett ’16

September 21

Interpreting the Mahabharata

with Laurie Patton, president, Middlebury College, and Abhishek Singh, comic book artist and author of Krishna: A Journey Within

September 28–29

Documenting China’s Great Famine Part I: A Screening of Because of Hunger: Diary I
with filmmaker Wu Wenguang

Documenting China’s Great Famine Part II: A Screening of Self-Portrait: At 47 KM
with director Zhang Mengqi

October 2

China and the Global Economy

with Richard Hornik, Stony Brook University and former China Bureau Chief of Time Magazine
Tom Hout, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey and former China specialist for Boston Consulting Group
Markus Rodlauer P’16, deputy director and China mission chief, International Monetary Fund
October 5
The Politics of Homophobia in Africa: Lessons from Uganda
by Joshua B. Rubongoya, professor of political science, Roanoke College.

October 8
Aftershock: Post Earthquake Nepal
with Kevin Bubriski, documentary photographer
Sweta Gurung and Adrian Smith ’97.5 of Himalayan Crossroads
Sarah Stroup, professor of political science, Middlebury College

October 8–9
Celebrating 50 Years of Environmental Education and Leadership
Keynote Address—Green Jobs Not Jails: Criminal Justice Ecology
by Van Jones, president and cofounder, Dream Corps, and CNN political contributor
Keynote Conversation—Environmental Studies at 50: What’s Next?
William Cronon, Frederick Jackson Turner and Vilas Research Professor of History, Geography, and Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Rachel Morello-Frosch, professor of environmental health science, University of California, Berkeley
Gernot Wagner, lead senior economist, Environmental Defense Fund; adjunct associate professor of international and public affairs, Columbia University; and research associate, Harvard Kennedy School
moderated by Bill McKibben, Schumann Distinguished Scholar, Middlebury College and founder of 350.org

October 13
European Traders and Indian Textiles in the Seventeenth Century: A Study of Eastern Peninsular India
by Sonali Mishra, professor of history, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi

October 13
¡Muy Pop!: Meditations on Film, Television, Comics and Latino/a Popular Culture in the 21st Century
by Frederick Luis Aldama, professor of English, Ohio State University, and founder and director of LASER and SÖL-CON

October 16
Presentations by 2015 recipients of Center for Social Entrepreneurship and Davis Projects for Peace summer grants
with Alexa Beyer ’15.5, Lena Jacobs ’17.5, Farid Noori ’18, Naina Qayyum ’15, Guadalupe Barajas ’14.5, and Priscilla Makundi ’16

October 17
Environment and Society in the Middle East: A Collaborative Workshop
with Robert Greeley, visiting professor of Arabic, Middlebury College
Hande Ozkan, assistant professor of anthropology, Transylvania University
Chris Gratien, PhD candidate, Georgetown University
Graham Pitts, PhD candidate, Georgetown University

October 19
Food and Power: Meat and Contested Masculinity in Israel
by Nir Avieli, Israel Institute visiting professor, Middlebury College (professor of anthropology, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel)
October 19
Reel Indians to Real Indians: Imagining and Representing Native Americans
by Edison Cassadore, professor of writing, Tohono O’odham Tribal College, and San Carlos Apache Tribal Member

October 20
Peaceful Narratives: Inside and Outside the Tunisian National Dialogue
by Mabrouka M’barek, former Tunisian MP

October 22
Grand Strategies: Literature, Statecraft, and World Order
by Charles Hill, diplomat in residence and lecturer in international studies, Yale University

October 26
When Truth Is Stranger than Fiction: On Being a Writer in Contemporary China
by Ning Ken, novelist, essayist, editor, and blogger

October 27
Bridging Differences: Creating Lasting Social Change through Youth-Led Street Sports
by Simon Prahm, co-founder and managing director of GAME, a Danish sports program NGO

October 29
The Refugee Crisis in Europe: Global Responses
Fleeing Syria: Global Responses to and Silences in the Crisis
Jennifer Hyndman, director, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, Toronto
The Rise and Fall of the Common European Asylum System
Judith Kumin, former UNHCR director for Europe
Crossing the Mediterranean: Understanding the Crisis from Land and from Sea
Alison Mountz, visiting professor of Canadian studies, Harvard University
The Current Situation in Germany
Roman Graf, professor of German and comparative literature, Middlebury College

November 2
From Post-racialism to Black Lives Matter: Waking Up in the Obama Age
by Michael Jeffries, associate professor of American studies, Wellesley College

November 3
The PIIGS and the EU: the Politics of Debt and Migration Pressure
by David Leblang, professor of politics, University of Virginia

November 4
Becoming American: An Inaugural Poet’s Journey
by Richard Blanco, inaugural poet for President Barack Obama’s inauguration

November 9
The Taming of Democracy Assistance
by Sarah S. Bush, professor of political science, Temple University
November 11
Leveraging Technology to End Street Harassment  
*by Debjani Roy, interim executive director, Hollaback New York*

November 11
Translating Evidence and Interpreting Testimony at a War Crimes Tribunal: Working in a Tug-of-War  
*by Ellen Elias-Bursac, literary translator and former reviser, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia*

November 12
The Greek Crisis from a European and Italian Perspective  
*by Sara Lagi, professor of culture, politics, and society, University of Turin, Italy*

November 16
Threading Lines, Pieces, and Selves: A Bilingual Poetry Reading  
*by Laura Cesarco Eglin, poet*

November 17
The Paris Attacks in Context  
a panel discussion with Middlebury faculty from the Department of Political Science: Erik Bleich, Jeff Cason, Sebnem Gumuscu, and Nadia Horning; moderated by Tamar Mayer, director, Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs

November 19
The Mystery of the Israeli Detective  
*by Dror Mishani, University of Massachusetts Amherst*

December 3
Daughter of the Bedouin’s Chief: Writing Female Identity in the Land of Prohibitions  
*by Miral Mahgoub, associate professor of modern Arabic literature and Middle East/Islamic studies, Arizona State University*
January 14
All the King’s Horses, All the President’s Men: The Transnational Politics of Yemeni Disintegration
by Stacey Philbrick Yadav, professor of political science, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

January 18
Anderson Freeman Center Grand Opening and MLK Day Keynote Speech
by Kimberlé Crenshaw, professor of law, UCLA and Columbia Law School

January 26
When and Why Should the United States Use Military Force? Some Lessons from American Interventions since 1965
by Tom Timberman, former senior Foreign Service officer

January 27
The Middle East: How to Think About It; What to Do about It
by Richard Haass, president, Council on Foreign Relations

February 2
Cursed Paradise: The Russian Annexation of Crimea
by Dimiter Kenarov '03, freelance journalist and poet

February 18
The Fulbright Experience: A First-Hand Account
with Forest Jarvis '15, current Fulbright fellow in the Philippines, and Maddie Gilbert '14, former Fulbright English teaching assistant in Brazil

February 19
Screening of Frame by Frame

February 23–24
Screenings of 18 IUS SOLI and Inside Buffalo
followed by Q&A with director Fred Kuworno

February 29
Europe and the Migration Crisis: Humanitarian, Security and Political Challenges
by Jaques Rupnik, professor of political science & director of research, CERI, Sciences Po, Paris

March 3
Healing the Body, Healing the Islamic Umma: Medicine and Bodies Politic in the Middle East and North Africa
by Ellen Amster, Jason A. Hannah Chair in the History of Medicine, McMaster University, Canada

March 3
“Faces of GHI” Exhibition Opening and Reception
featuring the photography of Sarah Corsico '18 and Hannah Blackburn '17

March 15
Translation Theory and Practice: Instrumental vs. Hermeneutic Models
by Lawrence Venuti, professor of English and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Temple University
March 17
Can Russia Ever Become Modern?
by Clifford Gaddy, senior fellow, Brookings Institution

March 21
The Myth of French Republican Universalism
by Rokhaya Diallo, journalist, writer, and filmmaker

April 5
Culture at Hand: The Anthropology of Creativity and the Making of a Divine Craftsman in India
by Kirin Narayan, professor, School of Culture, History and Language, Australia National University College of Asia and the Pacific

April 5
Gender and Sex in the Arab Winter: Human Rights and LGBT Rights in Egypt
by Scott Long, LGBT rights activist

April 11
A Fresh Start in Latin America? Drug War Policy Reform and Cuba-US Relations
Adam Schaffer ’12, program officer for drug policy, Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)
Dan Egol ’13, chief of staff, Ross Cook, Inc.

April 13
Survivors into Minorities: Armenians in Postgenocide Turkey
by Lerna Ekmekçioglu, associate professor of modern Middle Eastern History, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

April 14
Beyond Hebrew: The Politics of Multilingualism in Israel and Palestine
by Liora Halperin, assistant professor, Department of History and the Program in Jewish Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder

April 18
Translation and Activism: Emancipatory Perspectives
by Michaela Wolf, University of Graz, Austria

April 18
Let them Eat Grape Leaves: Food and Moral Economies in Greece
by David Sutton, professor of anthropology, Southern Illinois University

April 19
Exploding Canons: Linton Kwesi Johnson and the Caribbean Poetic-Political Tradition
by David Austin, professor of humanities, philosophy, and religion at John Abbott College, Canada

April 19
In Fear of Queer: “Traditional Values” and Homophobia in Russia and Kyrgyzstan
by Cai Wilkinson, senior lecturer in international relations, Deakin University, Australia
April 25
Understanding “Mis-” and “Problematic” Communication in Intercultural Interactions
by Lynn Goldstein, program chair, TESOL/TFL, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

May 2
Responsibility, Reconciliation, and the Dropping of the Atomic Bombs
with Shigeko Sasamori, Hiroshima Maiden, and Norman Cousins Sasamori
Clifton Truman Daniel, grandson of President Harry Truman and author of a forthcoming book on the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan, and Wesley Daniel
moderated by Stephen Snyder, Kawashima Professor of Japanese Studies and Dean of the Language Schools, Middlebury College

May 5
The Second Intifada: An Empirical Retrospective
by David Jaeger, professor of economics, City University of New York

May 12
17th & 18th Century Yemen: The Age of Religious Liberalism
by Mohammed Sharafuddin, professor of English and comparative literature, Sana’a University, Yemen
International and Global Studies Colloquium

Through the International and Global Studies Colloquium, students, faculty, staff, and members of the community at large gather over Friday lunch to learn about global and international research activities. Our speakers include Middlebury College faculty and alumni, as well as other scholars and professionals in the global arena.

October 2
Schooling, Learning, and Earnings: Effects of a Conditional Cash Transfer Program in Nicaragua after Ten Years
by John Maluccio, associate professor of economics

October 30
Dancing the National Idea: The Reception and Appropriation of the Lezginka in Russia
by Tatiana Smorodinska, professor of Russian

November 13
Familial Capital and the Education of Refugee-Background Youth: A Local Case Study with Global Implications
by Shawna Shapiro, assistant professor of writing and linguistics

November 20
Let Freedom Ring? Ethnic Diversity and the Politics of Values in Today’s Europe
by Erik Bleich, professor of political science

December 4
Ethnobotany and Culture from Tropical Africa into the African Diaspora: Implications for Area Studies
by Michael Sheridan, associate professor of anthropology

January 15
The Magnetic North and the Southern Gardens in the Poetry of Cesário Verde
by Mario Higa, assistant professor of Portuguese

March 4
A Short History of the East India Company (1600–1858)
by Ian Barrow, professor of history

March 18
Jesus, Football, and the Apocalypse: A History of Christian Television in the Middle East
by Febe Armanios, associate professor of history

April 8
Cannibalizing the Cannibals: The Consumption and Circulation of Brazilian “Culture” in France in the 1960s
by Darien Davis, professor of history
April 22
Donner sa langue au chat: Animal Voices and Tragedy in Wajdi Mouawad’s Novel Anima
by Julien Weber, assistant professor of French

April 29
Arribada—Short Fiction
a reading by Gloria González Estela Zenteno, associate professor of Spanish

May 6
The United Tables of Italy: Pellegrino Artusi and the Unification of Italy in the Kitchen
by Sandra Carletti, professor of Italian

Professor Febe Armanios presents her work on the history of Christian satellite networks in the Middle East.

Professor Darién Davis discusses the transnational cultural ties between France and Brazil in the 1960s.
Thesis in Dialogue

This year, the Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs launched Thesis in Dialogue, a series featuring the previous year’s International and Global Studies Thesis Awardee and the International Politics and Economics Thesis Awardee. Each semester, one of these alumni returns to campus to present his or her research and to engage in dialogue with a faculty expert from an outside university. The guest professor responds to and discusses the implications of the thesis, then presents his or her own research on a geographically and thematically related topic.

November 6

Soccer of the Secluded: Race, Triumph, and Tragedy in the 1950s World Cup in Brazil

**Hannah Reeve ’15,** *winner of the International and Global Studies Award*

Immigrant Identity and Football Citizenship in 1930s Brazil

**Gregg Bocketti,** *associate professor of history, Transylvania University*

February 19

Information and Exclusion as Barriers to Development in the Peruvian Andes

**Forest Jarvis ’15,** *winner of the International Politics and Economics Award*

Missing Men and Female Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Large-Scale Mexican Migration

**Sarah Pearlman,** *associate professor of economics, Vassar College*
Future of the Past

The Rohatyn Center's new Future of the Past series highlights a particular idea or invention of the past, calling attention to how it has shaped our lives—thus ensuring that the past has a future, not only in the material world, but also in our intellectual lives. This year, the Future of the Past featured the sciences, beginning a partnership between the Rohatyn Center and the science departments that will explore the interface between these two areas of study.

November 10
A Century of Relativity: A Global Perspective
Special Relativity: Einstein’s Simple Truth
   by Richard Wolfson, Benjamin F. Wissler Professor of Physics, Middlebury College
General Relativity Traffic Jam
   by Noah Graham, professor of physics, Middlebury College
   with Tamar Mayer, Robert R. Churchill Professor of Geosciences and director, Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs, Middlebury College

April 12
Hello, World: Computers and the Dawn of a New Human Era
From Clockwork to Twitter: How Did We Get Here?
   by Christopher Andrews, assistant professor of computer science, Middlebury College
Democratization and Inequality in the Computer Age
   by Brian Fung ’10, reporter, Washington Post
   with Tamar Mayer, Robert R. Churchill Professor of Geosciences and director, Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs, Middlebury College
Student Global Affairs
Discussion Lunches

The Student Global Affairs Discussion Lunches provide an informal opportunity for students to engage with Middlebury faculty members on student-selected “hot” topics in world affairs. The series features a brief faculty presentation followed by lively discussion and analysis.

November 19
Is the Middle East Burning?
with Tamar Mayer, Robert R. Churchill Professor of Geosciences, and director, Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs, and Sebnem Gumuscu, assistant professor of political science

January 20
The Iran–Saudi Arabia Feud and Its Implications
with Tamar Mayer, Robert R. Churchill Professor of Geosciences and director, Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs

February 25
The Future of Europe
with Guntram Herb, professor of geography

March 17
Recent National Elections in East Asia and Their Impact
with Jessica Teets, associate professor of political science

April 14
The Kurds and the Middle East
with Sebnem Gumuscu, assistant professor of political science
Third Annual Student-Organized Global Affairs Conference

Power and Protest: Global Responses to Atomic Energy

The Rohatyn Center’s Annual Student-organized Global Affairs Conference gives students the opportunity to design, plan, and execute their own conference with the financial and logistical support of the Rohatyn Center and its Student Advisory Board. Organizers of the 2016 conference were Timothy Fraser ’16, Mohamed Hussein ’17, Eunice Kim ’17, and Dan Bateyko ’16.

From France, US, and Japan to Turkey, Egypt, and Russia, pro-nuclear policymakers are increasingly using nationalism and sustainable economics to justify nuclear energy development, sparking protests over nuclear risk. Five years after the Fukushima Daiichi disaster and thirty years after Chernobyl, this conference brought together different disciplinary and regional perspectives on the question of nuclear power development. Speakers discussed exporting nuclear power to the Middle East, state coercion in nuclear power plant siting, nuclear power after the Paris Summit, the role of music in antinuclear protest, and the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station decommissioning. The conference also included an information session about nonproliferation and terrorism studies opportunities with Jessica Varnum and a protest music workshop with Noriko Manabe.

January 21–22
Power and Protest: Global Responses to Atomic Energy

Keynote: Power
The Carrot or the Stick? How Do Governments Push Nuclear Power?
by Daniel Aldrich, professor of political science, public policy and urban affairs, Northeastern University

Session 1: A Nuclear Future?
Exporting Nuclear Power to the Middle East
by Jessica Varnum, senior research associate, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

Nuclear Power: A Future after COP 21?
by Richard Wolfson, Benjamin F. Wissler Professor of Physics, Middlebury College

Film Screening: Nuclear Nation

Session 2: Protest
Music and the Japanese Antinuclear Movement
by Noriko Manabe, associate professor of music studies, Temple University

Vermont Yankee and an Insider’s View of the Nuclear Industry
by Arnie Gundersen, chief engineer, Fairewinds Energy Education
Fourth Annual International and Interdisciplinary Conference

Food Insecurity in a Globalized World: The Politics and Culture of Food Systems

Each March, the Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs hosts its signature international and interdisciplinary conference, which examines a pressing global issue. Our multi-day program brings scholars and practitioners from around the world to Vermont for intense discussion with Middlebury faculty and students, while it also uses videoconferencing to enable in-language discussion of the conference theme between Middlebury students in Vermont and students at Middlebury C.V. Starr Schools Abroad.

The 2016 conference explored the politics, economics, and culture of food insecurity from multiple disciplinary perspectives and geographical locations. Despite enormous technological and agricultural advances, hunger continues to afflict people in developing and industrialized countries. Neoliberal policies, alongside free-trade agreements, climate change, fluctuating energy prices, and rapid urbanization have reshaped food systems and transformed world food markets. These trends, along with land grabs, food price volatility, and changing consumer expectations in industrialized countries, have reconfigured relationships among food producers, manufacturers, distributors, and consumers. Working from an interdisciplinary perspective, participants critically examined the politics, economics, and culture of food insecurity, probed the underlying structural reasons for this predicament, and investigated innovative community responses to lack of access to healthy food.

March 10–12
The Role of the State and International Institutions

GMO Trade Negotiations as Proxy for Cultural Differences
by Patricia Stapleton, director of Society, Technology, and Policy Program, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

“Erst Kommt Das Fressen”: Food Insecurity and Food Sovereignty in Greece
by Harry Konstantinidis, assistant professor of economics, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Scientification and Social Control: Radiation Contamination in Food and Farms in Japan
by Tomiko Yamaguchi, professor of sociology, International Christian University, Japan

Moderator: Nadia Horning, associate professor of political science, Middlebury College
Chair: Timothy Fraser ’16

Cultural Adaptation to Scarcity

The Politics of Adequacy: Food Provisioning, Entitlements, and Everyday Life in Post-Soviet Cuba
by Hanna Garth, University of California President’s Postdoctoral Fellow in Anthropology, University of California, Irvine

“No Roi” (already full): Dealing with Food Insecurity in Contemporary Vietnamese Rituals
by Nir Avieli, Israel Institute visiting professor, Middlebury College (senior lecturer in sociology and anthropology, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel)

Moderator: Mez Baker Medard, assistant professor of environmental studies, Middlebury College
Chair: Anna Chamby ’16
Socially Constructed Vulnerability and Food Insecurity

Hunger and Land in Neoliberal Nicaragua: The Collision of Past and Present
by Birgit Schmook, senior researcher in conservation and biodiversity, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, Chetumal, Mexico

The Causes and Consequences of Njaa (hunger) in the Household: Food Insecurity and Intimate Partner Violence within a Kenyan Informal Settlement
by Adam Gilbertson, postdoctoral research fellow, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine

Embodied Inequalities: Race, Class, and Food Access in Washington, DC
by Ashanté M. Reese, assistant professor of anthropology, Spelman College

Moderator: Julia Berazneva, assistant professor of economics, Middlebury College
Chair: Emma Gee ’16

Migration and Changing Foodscapes

Seeds Sent from Home: Migrant Farm Worker Gardens and Food Security in Vermont
by Jessie Mazar, M.S. candidate in food systems, University of Vermont

Insecure Urban Foodscapes
by Colleen Hammelman, Ph.D. candidate in geography and urban studies, Temple University

Moderator: Joseph Holler, visiting assistant professor of geography, Middlebury College
Chair: Zane Anthony ’16.5

War and Memory of Hunger

“Groveling for Lentils”: Hunger and Memory in Occupied France
by Paula Schwartz, Lois B. Watson Professor of French, Middlebury College

Bitter Greens and Sweet Potatoes: Food as Embodied Memory in Rural China
by Ellen Oxfeld, Gordon Schuster Professor of Anthropology, Middlebury College

Moderator: Sandra Carletti, professor of Italian, Middlebury College
Chair: Lee Schlenker ’16
Agroecology Access to Land and Seeds

The Maya Land Rights Struggle: A Framework for Operationalizing Foodways with Identity”
by Mark Chatarpal, Ph.D. candidate in food studies, Indiana University, Bloomington

Food Security, Agro-biodiversity, and the State: The Struggle to Defend Native Corn Systems in Southern Mexico
by Laurel Bellante, Ph.D. candidate in geography and development, University of Arizona

Subsistence Under the Canopy: Agroecology’s Contributions to Food and Nutrition Security amongst Coffee Communities of Mesoamerica
by Margarita Fernandez, Vermont Caribbean Institute

Moderator: William Amidon, assistant professor of geology, Middlebury College
Chair: Aoife Duna ’16.5

The Politics of Food Security

What’s on Your Plate? Is Global Diet Change the Key to Food and Climate Justice?
by David Cleveland, professor of environmental studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Governance and Power in Food (in)Security
by Molly Anderson, William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Food Studies, Middlebury College
Moderator: Diego Thompson Bello, visiting assistant professor of sociology/anthropology, Middlebury College
Chair: Joshua Berlowitz ’16

Conference Summary by Francesca Conde ’17 and Angelica Segura ’16
Student Research Grants

The Rohatyn Center administers a variety of overseas research grant programs designed to help integrate the study abroad experience with senior work. The RCGA Summer Research Grants fund overseas summer research for Middlebury College juniors and seniors preparing to write senior theses. In fall 2015, the Rohatyn Center awarded the last of the grants supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and inaugurated its own RCGA Study Abroad Research Grants, which promote the integration of students’ study abroad with their independent senior research. These grants are available to both Middlebury College undergraduates and undergraduates from other institutions who will be studying at a Middlebury C.V. Starr School Abroad. The Rohatyn Center also administers Padma Desai Grants, which are meant to support Middlebury undergraduate students who wish to conduct an internship or research in Russia as part of their Middlebury College experience.

The following students, who received funding during the 2014–2015 academic year or summer 2015, presented their senior work at the Rohatyn Center’s Research Grant Presentations on May 9–11, 2016.

**Brennan Delattre ’16, neuroscience |** RCGA Summer Research Grant  
Capoeira: The Effect of an Afro-Brazilian Movement Art on State Anxiety, State Self-Efficacy, and Prosocial Behavior Tendencies

**Timothy Fraser ’16, international and global studies |** Mellon and RCGA Summer Research Grants  
Restarting the Sendai Reactor: Ecology of Japanese Civic Activism Post-Fukushima

**Helena Hlavaty ’16, economics |** Mellon Research Grant  
Examining the Impact of Male Circumcision Supply on Women’s Sexual and Reproductive Health Behaviors in Zambia

**Wan Ning Seah ’16, political science |** Mellon Research Grant  
Cicero and Machiavelli on Duty and the Nature of Human Virtue in Politics

**Esmé Valette ’16, comparative literature |** RCGA Summer Research Grant  
Behind Bars: The Subjugation of Women and the Power of the Pen in *Tu T’appelleras Tanga* by Calixthe Beyala and *Vaste est La Prison* by Assia Djebar
Fall 2015 Mellon Grant Recipients

Isabella Gatti ’17, Chinese, Georgetown University
My Trash Is Your Trash: The Relationship between Recycling and the Chinese Concept of Oneness

Victoria Hidalgo ’17, history of art and architecture, Middlebury College
Ripley’s Riddles Revealed: The Neoplatonic Nature of the Ripley Scrolls

Daniel Kim ’17, environmental studies and government, Wesleyan University
Carbon Taxing and Copper Mining: Chilean Government Responses to Climate Change

Karina Toy ’17, international politics and economics, Middlebury College
A Comparison of Society’s Expectations of Solar Power to the Economic Outputs of Jordan

Danielle Weindling ’17, history of art and architecture, Middlebury College
The History of the Corset in the UK and France

Spring 2016 RCGA Study Abroad Research Grant Recipients

Caroline Agsten ’17, international and global studies, Middlebury College
China’s Gendered Parks: Unpacking the Relationship between Gender Roles and Public Parks in Beijing and Shanghai

Rubi Andres ’17, international and global studies, Middlebury College
Is Jordan Still Palestine? The Reflection of Nationalism in the Formation of a Jordanian Dialect

Georgia Gempler ’17, Latin American studies, Macalester College
Perceptions of Migrant Identity and Integration: A Comparative Study of Urban Brazilian and Bolivian Migrants

Rachel Iacono ’17.5, international and global studies, Middlebury College
The Evolution of “Willkommenskultur”: The Transformation of Germany’s Attitudes towards Mass Migration

Karma Lama ’17, environmental studies, Middlebury College
The Paradox of Pollution and Purity in the Ganges River

Helen Mercer-Taylor ’17, environmental studies, Oberlin College
Biodiversity Preservation through Place-Based Knowledge in Yunnan, China

Qingying Wang ’17, political science and history of art and architecture, Middlebury College
Power, Art, or Identity: A Study on French Gardens during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century

William Weightman ’17, international politics and economics, Middlebury College
The Political Economy of Income Inequality in China: Historical Trends and Local Policy Solutions

Spring 2016 Padma Desai Scholar

Matthew Floyd ’17.5, international politics and economics, Middlebury College
The Use of Georgian Domestic Hydropower to Offset Energy Dependence on Imported Russian Oil
International and Global Studies Award

The International and Global Studies Award is given annually to the graduating senior who has written the best senior thesis in the area of international and global studies, broadly conceived. This year’s winner was Timothy Fraser ’16, writing on “Restarting the Sendai Reactor: Ecology of Japanese Civic Activism Post-Fukushima.” In fall 2016, Tim will continue his research in Japan as a Fulbright fellow. Tim is pictured with his advisor, Professor Linda White of the Program in Japanese Studies.

Student Advisory Board

In addition to working on research projects for Middlebury faculty and the Rohatyn Center, RCGA Interns comprise the Rohatyn Student Advisory Board (RSAB), which helps to coordinate programming and outreach about the Rohatyn Center to students. This year, in its role as the connecting point between the student body and the Rohatyn Center, the RSAB organized the following activities: the competition for the Third Annual Student-Organized Global Affairs Conference; two full-house trivia night Atwater dinners; an exhibition featuring the photography of Sarah Corsico ’18 and Hannah Blackburn ’17; and international sweets to accompany the year-end Research Grant Presentations. The RSAB also launched a newsletter featuring new faculty research and publications that deal with global themes.

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Isaiah Back-Gaal ’19 (Spring 2016)
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Dylan Quenneville ’18 (Spring 2016)