



2024-2025 Program

PROGRAM GOALS AND SCOPE: By encouraging regular engagement with “the global,” RGSP’s goal is to equip select first-year students with a **global mindset** that will enhance their Middlebury education regardless of the majors they may ultimately declare. The program brings Scholars together to explore, accelerate, and deepen their understanding of complex global issues. It also positions them to appreciate the full range of **global educational and professional opportunities** that a Middlebury education offers. Each semester, the program will examine a particular theme. Last year’s themes are *Human Rights/Women and Girls* (Fall) and *Our Planet, Our Future* (Spring).

RGS TEAM: The following individuals will be Scholars’ point people throughout the academic year

Program Director:	Professor Nadia Horning	nhorning@middlebury.edu
Operations Manager:	Ms. Margaret DeFoor	mdefoor@middlebury.edu
Mentors:	TBD	

REQUIREMENTS: To stay in the program and become certified, RGScholars must

1. attend **all** RGS weekly meetings in the fall and spring semesters;
2. explore the global by attending **4 events in the Fall (5 in the Spring)** and share reactions in their final reflections. Events attended must have a **global** component or theme and events **attendance** will be **self-monitored**. Although events will be suggested, Scholars should feel free to curate their own global exploration journeys;¹
3. fill out a **short survey** at the end of the Fall term that will monitor Scholars’ progress;
4. write a **comprehensive reflection** piece (up to 1,000 words) at the end of the Spring term (guidance will be provided).

2024-2025 RGS SCHEDULE

The Schedule is available on the [RGS website](#). Please note that the program is updated regularly and should be consulted frequently.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES: Scholars are eligible to apply to the following programs

- Middlebury Alternative Break ([MAlt](#))
- CCI Trek in DC (Spring Break 2025): Scholars will have the opportunity to apply to participate in a [CCI Trek](#).

¹ Global Exploration Events are drawn from [1. RCGA-sponsored events](#), [2. the Woodin Colloquium Series](#) (Environmental Center)—also see [video archives](#) for past content, [3. the IP&E Symposium](#), [4. the Middlebury Museum of Art Exhibitions](#), [5. Council on Foreign Relations/Human Rights](#), [6. Council on Foreign Relations/Climate Change](#), and [7. Hirschfield International Museum Series](#). **Events of Scholars’ choosing must be approved by the RGS Director.**



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SPRING 2025: OUR PLANET, OUR FUTURE (5 Events Required)

	M	Tu	W	Th	F
1	2/10	2/11	2/12	2/13 Rania Matar:SHE Reception 5:30 pm Mahaney	2/14 <i>Winter Carnival</i> Scholars' Discussion: Human Rights ← → Climate Change 12:30-2:00 RAJ CON
2	2/17 West African Dance/Drum Weekly on Mondays @4:30Wilson Korean Drumming Weekly on Mondays 7 pm Bunker	2/18 Academic Freedom in Higher Education Lecture 4:30 Axinn 229	2/19 Food Systems Transformation Narratives Lecture 4:30 Hillcrest 103 Africa's Next Move... Beyond Bretton Woods 3:00 Zoom Webinar	2/20 Here Comes the Sun Lecture 12:30 pm Hillcrest 103 Public Policy & Transgender Medicine (Hamilton Forum) Lecture 5:00 Wilson	2/21 Workshop (CCI): The Professional You (with RGF Trekkers) 12:30-2:00 RAJ CON
3	2/24	2/25 12:45 Hot Topics RAJ CONF (RSVP only)	2/26	2/27 Lecture on Democratic Backsliding in India 4:30 pm RAJ CON (NOT recorded)	2/28 MIIS Info Session 12:30-2:00 RAJ CON via Zoom <i>Ramadan begins sunset</i>
4	3/3 Legacy of Lies Lecture 4:30 Axinn 221	3/4 RGS Movie Night COUNTS AS AN EVENT! 7 pm RAJ CONF	3/5 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	3/6 Finance & Biodiverse Futures Lecture 12:40 Hillcrest 103 Putin and History Lecture 4:30 RAJ Disabled Ecologies 7:00 Zoom Reducing Plastic Pollution 7:00 BiHall 216	3/7 Solutionist 1 Prof. Yacob Mulugetta 12:30-2:00 RAJ CON (via Zoom)
5	3/10 Italian Colonialism Lecture 4:30 Twilight 201	3/11	3/12 Climate Finance Zoom 12:00 pm Pacific Time (Monterey) Colonial Origins Anti-Crime Brigade Lecture 4:30 Hillcrest 103	3/13	3/14 Study Abroad 12:30-1:45 RAJ CON 2:00 Spring Recess
SPG BRK	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20	3/21
6	3/24 Cancelled This is NOT Sparta Lecture 4:30 RAJ CON	3/25 Being Jewish after Gaza Destruction Lecture 4:30 Wilson	3/26	3/27	3/28 Workshop: Alignment 12:30-2:00 RAJ CON
7	3/31	4/1	4/2	4/3 The Destruction of American Democracy Lecture 7:00 Dana	4/4 Solutionist 2 Mike Kiernan, MD 12:30-2:00 LIB 105 AB



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8	4/7	4/8 Info Session 1 RGF Program 4:30-5pm RAJ CON (DONUTS SERVED) RGF Apps Open (due on 4/22)	4/9	4/10 Info Session 2 RGF Program 12:35-1:05pm RAJ CON (NINO'S PIZZA SERVED) Is the US Still a Democracy? Poli Sci Faculty Panel Venue RAJ CONF 4:30 <i>No Other Land</i> movie	4/11 Spring Student Symposium (no RGS Session)
9	4/14 Io Capitano Movie 5 pm Dana (Snacks provided @ 4:30)	4/15	4/16	4/17 Struggle for Palestine in the World Lecture 4:30 Twilight	4/18 Workshop: Solutioning I 12:30-2:00 RAJ CON <i>Good Friday</i>
10	4/21 Climate Change/Global Financial System 4:30 Zoom (Recorded) <i>Passover ends</i>	4/22 Digital Innovations in Education (AI) 4:30 RAJ CON RGF App Deadline	4/23 Planetary Ecological Crisis Lecture 4:30 Hillcrest 103	4/24 Ukrainian Nationalism 4:30-5:30 (ZOOM) China Townhall China-America Relations 6:30 RAJ CON	4/25 Solutioning II 12:30-2:00 RAJ CON Reflection Prompt Distributed President Snyder
11	4/28	4/29	4/30 Mapping the Global 4:30 Hillcrest 103	5/1 RGF Panel on the Future of the Liberal Global Order Panel 12:45 RAJ CONF (Pizza Served) War and Forced Displacement Lecture 4:30 Dana	5/2 Solutioning III: Presentations (4) 12:30-2:00 RAJ CON Reflections due by 4:15 PM Margaret Out
12	5/5 Reporting from a Lost Country 4:30 RAJ CON	5/6	5/7	5/8 RCGA Seniors Reception 6-7:30 pm RAJ CON Honor our Seniors Desserts Served	5/9 RGS "Graduation" 12:30-2:00 RAJ CON

*** [United for Ukraine](#) **Saturday** February 22 at 7:30 Mahaney



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FALL 2024: HUMAN RIGHTS--GIRLS' & WOMEN'S

	M	TU	W	TH	F
1	9/23	9/24	9/25	9/26	9/27 Scholars' Discussion: What Is (Not) "Global"? 12:30-2:00 RAJ CON <i>Family Weekend</i>
2	9/30	10/1 Photo Shoot 1 10-3 Mitchell Green 5-6 PM RCGA Meet & Greet RAJ Conf	10/2 Photo Shoot 2 1-4:30 Mitchell Green	10/3 4:30 Lecture on Rural Women and Dairy Production RAJ Conf In Spanish	10/4 Workshop 1: Team Building 12:30-2:00 RAJ CONF
3	10/7 MAlt Application open (CCE)--due October 20 DC Trek Application open (CCI)--due October 27 (on Handshake)	10/8 7:00 Lecture Good Talks: US Elections and Foreign Policy Hillcrest 103	10/9	10/10 Scholars' Discussion: 12:30-1:45 How "Global" Are Human Rights? Mitchell Green Lounge 4:30 Lecture on Saving Liberalism from Crisis Dana Auditorium	10/11 <i>Mid-Term Recess</i>
4	10/14	10/15 5:15 Lecture on Elections in Post-Conflict States RAJ CONF (Pizza + drinks served)	10/16	10/17 4:30 Lecture on Women in Conflict Axinn 232 (required) Pizza with the guest post-lecture 6:30 Voices from the New Syrian Diaspora JOHN 204	10/18 Solutionist 1: Kelebogile Zvobgo, PhD 12:30-2:00 RAJ CONF MAlt Application deadline on 10/20 (Sunday)
5	10/21	10/22 4:00 Zoom Lecture on Global Evidence on Overcoming	10/23	10/24 NEW! 5:30 MIIS Info Session	10/25 Info Session1: CCI



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		Behavioral Barriers to Climate Change (recording will be available)	7:00-9:00 pm RGS Social Desserts & Games Coltrane Lounge	Axinn 220	DC Trek Application deadline on 10/27 (Sunday)
6	10/28 4:30 HYBRID Lecture on Consumerism and Masculinity in Japan RAJ CONF & Zoom	10/29 5:15 Lecture on US Migration Policy RAJ CONF	10/30	10/31 4:00 Zoom Lecture on China's Overcapacity Link to recording	11/1 Workshop 2: Public Speaking--How to Pitch a Global Issue 12:30-2:00 RAJ CON
7	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8 Info Session 2: Summer Language Schools 12:30-2:00 RAJ CON DC Trek Decisions Announced
8	11/11 12:15 Hot Topics RAJ CONF (RSVP only)	11/12	11/13	11/14 4:30 Lecture on People, Prosperity, and Planet Link to recording	11/15 Solutionist 2: David Torres '84 12:30-2:00 RAJ CON IPE Symposium Prosperity and the Future of Global Finance 2:30- RAJ CONF
9	11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22 Scholars' Discussion: Global Exploration Check-In 12:30-1:55 RAJ CON Recess begins at 2:00 PM
BR	11/25	11/26	11/27	11/28 Holiday	11/29
10	12/2 DC Trek Acceptance due	12/3 4:00-5:15 Webinar on Gaza, Israel, and US Foreign Policy with Rashid Khalidi (Middlebury email address only) Link to recording RGF and RGS Viewing Gathering in RAJ CON	12/4	12/5 4:30 Lecture on Global Health Governance RAJ CONF 6:00 Student Panel on Future of US Democracy RAJ CONF (Pizza and Drinks Served)	12/6 Scholars' Discussion: What Have We Learned? 12:30-1:30 RAJ CON DRESS NO-NERD DAY



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