



Middlebury College

ROHATYN CENTER
for GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Annual Report
2013-2014

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The Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs (RCGA) is a hub of international and global activities at Middlebury College. The Center offers a number of signature programs and events, some of which are highlighted below.

LECTURES 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.

Read more: www.middlebury.edu/international/rcga/what-we-do



New York Times journalist Larry Rohter presents a lecture titled Brazil on the Rise.

STUDENT RESEARCH FUNDING

The Rohatyn Center offers students the resources to delve deeply into their own scholarship. RCGA International Research Travel Grants fund overseas research for students preparing for their senior theses. Funding for international research while studying abroad is made possible by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the goal of which is to integrate study abroad experiences with students' academic career on the Middlebury campus.

Read more: www.middlebury.edu/international/rcga/grants-for-students



Elizabeth Scarinci '12 conducted grant-funded research in Peru.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

The Rohatyn Center's internship program offers Middlebury undergraduates the opportunity to collaborate closely with faculty members on scholarly research. Rohatyn interns also assist with the Center's programs that support the College's global focus. Their work with RCGA gives student interns a unique opportunity to engage with international and global affairs, as well as an edge with potential employers.

RCGA maintains close ties with the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS). Students have the options to pursue a joint M.A. between Middlebury and Monterey or study at MIIS for a semester. Additionally, a number of prestigious internship opportunities are available at the Monterey Institute.

Read more: www.middlebury.edu/international/rcga/monterey



Middlebury undergraduates showcase their summer internships with the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at MIIS.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Each March, the Rohatyn Center organizes an international and 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; examples include the politics of fresh water, youth unemployment, and the status of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Concurrently, students at Middlebury's schools abroad and students on the Middlebury campus hold in-language video discussions on the conference theme, yet evaluating it from the perspective of a particular world region.

Read more: www.middlebury.edu/international/rcga/international-conference



Svea Closser presents on youth unemployment issues in Pakistan.

MISSION

The Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs 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.

2013-2014 EVENTS

Sponsored by the Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs
International and Global Studies
International Politics and Economics



SEPTEMBER

September 9

"Decline of Declension? Foreign Language Education and Environmental Literacy," an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Natalie Eppelsheimer, assistant professor of German, Middlebury College.

September 19

"China Normal: Reconstructing the Clock of Human Experience," a lecture by Pamela Crossley, Charles A. and Elfriede A. Collis Professor of History, Dartmouth College.

September 20

Second Annual International Politics and Economics Program Symposium:
"Global Inequalities in Gender, Public Health, and the Environment: What Can We Do?"

Panel One

"Globalization, Women, and Work in the Middle East: Toward Economic Citizenship," by Valentine Moghadam, professor of sociology and director of the International Affairs Program at Northeastern University.

Panel Two

"Health Behavior: Puzzles and Policies," by Michael Kremer, Gates Professor of Developing Societies, Harvard University.

Panel Three

"Native Rights Based Approach: Canada's Last Best Effort to Save Our Water, Land, and Air from the Tar Sands," by Clayton Thomas-Muller, activist for indigenous rights and environmental justice and member of the Mathais Colomb Cree Nation, Canada.

Roundtable Discussion

Valentine Moghadam, Michael Kremer, and Clayton Thomas-Muller





September 30

"Central Asia and its Powerful Neighbors: A Struggle for Influence," a lecture by Andrew Wachtel, President of American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan.

OCTOBER

October 1

"'Sahib', 'Sadhu', Freedom Fighter: The Lesser Known Tale of an American Quaker in Colonial India," a lecture by Maya Joshi, Professor of English, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi, India.

October 3

"Lebanese or Arab: Constructing a Christian Identity in the Middle East," a lecture by Akram Khater, Alumni Distinguished University Professor and Professor of History at North Carolina State University.

October 3

"Moscow Times: Mafia, Moguls, and Press Freedom in Putin's Russia," a presentation by Derk Sauer, President of RBK Radio in Moscow, Russia.

October 4

"Jordanian Hospitality and the Syrian Refugee Crisis: An Urban Reflection," an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Rachel Sider '14, Middlebury College.

October 7

"Syria in Crisis: Political and Humanitarian Considerations," a panel on the on-going crisis, with James Davis (professor of religion, Middlebury College), F. Gregor Gause III (professor of political science, University of Vermont), Mark A. Stoler (Professor Emeritus of History, University of Vermont) Amy Yuen (assistant professor of political science, Middlebury College) and Febe Armanios (associate professor of history, Middlebury College).

October 10

"Yugoslavia Amid Tongues of Fire," a lecture by Carl T. Dahlman, Professor of Geography, Miami University.





October 10

"Apuntes para un arte poetica del neobarroco latinoamericano: 'Carese de Causa' de Jose Kozer," a lecture in Spanish by Roger Santivañez, Temple University.

October 11

"Two Carolines: A Search for the Meaning of the American Civil War in the Union and Beyond," an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Amy Morsman, associate professor of history, Middlebury College.

October 14

"*Lasyam*: An Evening of Indian Classical Dance," featuring Sasikala Penumarthi, Director of the Academy of Kuchipundi Dance, India.

October 15

"¿De qué se rie la hiena? Ironía y humor en la literatura lésbica (What Does the Hyena Laugh About? Irony and Humor in Lesbian Literature)," a lecture in Spanish with English interpretation by Isabel Franc, Spanish author and poet.

October 17

"Picturing Skeletons—Science, Global Trade, and the Roots of Modern Distraction," a lecture by Shigehisa Kuriyama, Reischauer Institute Professor of Cultural History, Harvard University.

October 18

"A Changing World, A Changing Aidscape: How International NGOs are Adapting," an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Bill O'Keefe, P '13, '17, Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy, Catholic Relief Services. A Career Conversation with Mr. O'Keefe followed the public lecture.

October 23

In the Wrong Body film screening and discussion with director Marilyn Solaya.





October 24

"The Photo-Book and the Camera-Animal: Dayanita Singh's 'House of Love'," a lecture Ajay Sinha, art historian at Mount Holyoke College.

October 25

"The Side-Effects of International Aid: Findings from A Seven-County Study of the Impact of Polio Eradication on Health Systems," an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Svea Closser, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology, Middlebury College.

October 28

"Jewish Education in Ottoman Beirut: The Case of the Tif'eret Israel School, Al-Madrassa al-wataniyya al-Isra'illiyya," a lecture by Tomer Levi, associate professor and Director of the Brandeis-Middlebury School in Israel.

October 28

7th Annual China Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections, an annual day of programming designed to provide Americans across the U.S. and beyond the opportunity to discuss issues in Sino-American relations. Each venue consists of a local speaker and a national webcast.

"China Goes Global: Economic Interests, International Interdependence, and Chinese Foreign Policy" a lecture by Hank Levine, Senior Director of the Albright Stonebridge Group (ASG).

"Issues in U.S.-China Relations," a national webcast by U.S. Secretary of State Madeline Albright.

A Career Conversation with Mr. Levine was held on October 29.

NOVEMBER

November 4

"Golden Wasteland: The Human Cost of California's Pollution, Both Here and Abroad," a lecture by Liza Tucker, consumer advocate for Consumer Watchdog. A Career Conversation with Ms. Tucker was held after the public lecture.





November 6

"Chemical Weapons in Syria: A Bumpy Road to Elimination," a lecture by Dr. Amy Smithson, Senior Fellow at the Washington D.C. office of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. A Career Conversation with Dr. Smithson was held after the public lecture.

November 8

"The Funny Thing About Hebrew," an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Robert S. Schine, Curt & Else Silberman Professor of Jewish Studies, Middlebury College.

November 11

"Wronged by Empire: Colonial Memories and Victimhood in India's and China's Foreign Policy Today," a lecture by Manjari Chatterjee Miller, assistant professor of international relations, Boston University.

November 13

"The Franco-Algerian War and the Dispute between Camus and Sartre," a lecture by Alek Toumi, assistant professor of French and Francophone studies, University of Wisconsin at Steven's Point.

November 15

"The Ethics of Self Sacrifice: Russians Remember the War," an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Nina Wieda, assistant professor of Russian, Middlebury College.

November 18

"Timely and Untimely Politics: Art, Protest, and Everyday Life in Early 1960's Japan," a lecture by William Marotti, professor of modern Japanese history, UCLA and chair of the East Asian Studies M.A. Interdepartmental Degree Program.

November 19

"Women's Activism in Muslim and Jewish Religious-Political Movements," by Lihi Ben Shitrit, visiting assistant professor at the Women's Studies in Religion Program, Harvard University.





DECEMBER

December 5

"The Border Crossing Celebration Gala," an evening dedicated to the celebration of borders built up around the concepts of gender, nationality, and/or language. The evening included an art exhibit, student film screenings, a keynote address by writer Lola von Miramar, and performances of three short student plays.

JANUARY

January 8

"Touching Selves, Expanding Lives: The Desire for Teaching and the Politics of Cultural Understanding," a lecture by Liria C. Evangelista, Middlebury College Graduate Program Director in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

January 9

Center for Nonproliferation Studies Student Internships Panel

Olivia Lau '14, Nate Sans '14, Connor Wakayama '14, and Frank Wyer '15 shared their experiences as interns with the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) at the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS).

January 14

"Security Issues in South Asia: The India-Pakistan Rivalry," a lecture by Sharad Joshi, assistant professor, Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies Program, Graduate School of International Policy & Management, Monterey Institute of International Studies

January 15

"On Becoming a Translator," a presentation by Daniel Kelley '08, MA in Spanish/English Translation and Interpretation from the Monterey Institute of International Studies.





January 16–18

First Annual Student-Led Global Affairs Conference "Immigration in the Neoliberal Age"

Thursday, January 16:

"U.S. and Latin America: Organizing Across Borders," a panel presentation featuring Stuart Schussler (Mexico-U.S. Solidarity Network), Mary Mendoza (history, Middlebury College), and Migrant Justice.

Friday, January 17:

"Understanding Neoliberal Globalization: A Workshop," by Jamie McCallum, assistant professor of sociology, Middlebury College and Molly Stuart '15.5.

Last Train Home: A Documentary, film screening.

Saturday, January 18

"Climate Change, Development, and Migration," a lecture by Colin Rajah, Global Coalition on Migration.

"Pan African Defense of Migrants' Rights," a lecture by Nunu Kidane, Pan African Network in Defense of Migrants' Rights (PANiDMR).

"Abuse and Aid on the U.S.-Mexico Border," a presentation by Jared Lunkenheimer, volunteer with No More Deaths.

"Nationalism, Citizenship, and the Politics of Filipino Migrant Labor," a lecture by Robyn Rodriguez, associate professor of Asian studies at U.C. Davis.

January 17

"On Thin Ice: Climate Change in the Cryosphere: How Extremes Have Become Means, and What We Can Do About It," an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Pam Pearson, Director of the International Cryosphere Climate Initiative.

January 22

"Background to Sochi 2014: Skiing in Russia and the Significance of the Soviet Biathlon," by William D. Frank, author of *Everyone to Skis! Skiing in Russia and the Rise of the Soviet Biathlon*.





January 24

"The Rise of Brazil," an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Larry Rohter, an accomplished journalist with the New York Times. A Career Conversation with Mr. Rohter was held after the public lecture.

January 27

Student presentations by recipients of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation International Research Grant and the Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs International Research Grant.

- "The Livingstone NGO Study: The Effects of NGOs on Improving Health in Livingstone, Zambia," by Sam Peisch '13.
- "Nature the Right's Bearer: A Study on Environmental Theory and Practice in Ecuador," by Bradley Osborne '13.
- "One Hundred Million People Equal: Experiences of Nongovernmental Disability Advocacy in Modern China," by Anna Mack '13.

January 28

"U.S.-China Relations: Increasing Competition, Cooperation, or Conflict?" a lecture by Orville Schelle, Director of the Center on U.S.-China Relations at the Asia Society.

FEBRUARY

February 17

"Why Is the Dead Sea "Dying"? The Jordan River Between Empire and Nation-State," by Samer Alatout, associate professor of sociology, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin at Madison.

February 17

"Ghandian Design, Language, and Determined Spaces: Architectural Adaptation in a Kolami Village in India," a lecture by Venugopal Maddipati, postdoctoral fellow at the Nehru Memorial Library, New Delhi, India.





February 20

"Secret North Korean Facilities Uncovered through Satellite Imagery and 3D Modeling," an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Melissa Hanham, research assistant at the East Asia Nonproliferation Program, Monterey Institute of International Studies.

February 24

"Germany, Europe, and America: Where Do We Go from Here?" a lecture by Philip Murphy, former U.S. Ambassador to Germany.

February 24

"The Harp is the Hunter's Qu'ran: Text, Performance and Narrative in *Dozo* Hunting Songs of Northwestern Côte d'Ivoire," a lecture by Joseph Hellweg, associate professor of anthropology, Department of Religion, Florida State University.

February 28

"Middlebury: What IS a 'Global Liberal Arts College' Anyway?" A lecture by Michael E. Geisler, C.V. Starr Professor in Linguistics and Languages and Vice President for Language Schools, Schools Abroad, and Graduate Programs, Middlebury College.

February 28

"Plutopia: Nuclear Families, Atomic Cities, and the Great Soviet and American Plutonium Disasters," a lecture by Kate Brown, associate professor of history, University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

MARCH

March 6

"Terror in Kunming: Views from Middlebury," a roundtable discussion featuring Liza Keller '15, Jessica Teets (political science, Middlebury College), Huiling Yang (Chinese, Middlebury College), Helen (Jialong) Wu '16.5, and Meghan Mason (International Programs and Off-Campus Study). Moderated by Tamar Mayer, Director of the Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs.





March 6

"Where is the Engine of Economic Growth: America, Europe, or Asia? Challenges and Prospects," a lecture by Jan Svejnar, James T. Shotwell Professor of Global Political Economy and Founding Director of the Center on Global Economic Governance at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs

March 7

"Parodying Paris on Film and the Transatlantic Romance: Julie Delpy's *2 Days in Paris*," an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Brigitte E. Humbert, Associate professor of French, Middlebury College.

March 7

"Colloquium on Bilingualism," presentations on the various aspects of bilingual experiences, as well as a roundtable discussion between several guests and Middlebury faculty members.

March 7

"New Spaces, Same Identities: A Story of Chinese Migrant Workers," an exhibit opening reception and brief presentation by Levi Westerveld '15.5.

March 10

"Exploring Avenues for Change in Post-3/11 Japan," a presentation by Eric Johnson, Deputy Editor of the Japan Times in Osaka, Japan and Jason Bartashius, PhD Candidate at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan.

March 11

Marco Lienhard and the Taikoza Japanese Music Ensemble, a performance featuring taiko, shakuhachi, and other traditional Japanese instruments.

March 12

"A Nation of Vigorous Plants: Vitalism, Nationalism, and Paraguayan Agrarian Development," a lecture by Dr. Kregg Hetherington, Concordia University.



March 13–15

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The Young and the Jobless: Youth Unemployment in Times of Crisis
Full schedule available at: www.middlebury.edu/international/rcga/international-conference/2014/schedule

March 18

"Whiter Ukraine?" A panel discussion on the on-going crisis in Ukraine, featuring Tatiana Smorodinska (Russian, Middlebury College), Michael Krause (political science, Middlebury College), Olena Ostasheva '16 and Amir Amengeldi '17.

March 31

"People's Park Again: The On-Going History of the End of Public Space," a lecture by Don Mitchell, professor of geography, Syracuse University.

APRIL

April 2

"Acting Righteously in Times of Danger," a program to honor the memory and courage of Pasteur Pierre and Helene Gagnier, host family to Cookie Tager '66 LS. The program included brief remarks from the Scott Center for Spiritual & Religious Life, by Cookie Tager, and by Sabine Gagnier, granddaughter of the couple and currently with Amnesty International-France. A Career Conversation with Ms. Gagnier preceded the public lecture.

April 3

"Between the Private and the Collective: Writing Fiction about Social and Political in Israel," a lecture by Sabyon Liebrecht, Israeli author of the novel *The Women My Father Knew* (2010).

April 4

"Problem- and Project-based Learning in Advanced Literature Classes in the Languages," an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Miguel A. Fernandez, professor of Spanish, Middlebury College.



April 4

"Fighting Words: What's Wrong with Freedom of Expression in Norway?" a lecture by Sindre Bangstad, social anthropologist, University of Oslo.



April 10

"Africa's Turnaround: Miracle or Mirage?" a lecture by Pierre Englebert, professor of politics, Pomona College.

April 17

"China at a Crossroads—Reform and Rebalance, or else...?" a lecture by Marcus Rodlauer P '16, Deputy Director, China Mission Chief of the International Monetary Fund. A Career Conversation with Mr. Rodlauer was held following the public lecture.

April 17

"Ukraine and Its Contexts," a lecture by Vitaly Chernetsky, associate professor, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Kansas.

April 18

"What's in a Name?: Identity, Marriage, and Family Law in Japan," an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Linda White, assistant professor of Japanese studies, Middlebury College.

April 18

"Bosnian Spring?" a presentation by Lejla Bratovic Mavris, Co-founder of Global Majority, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of non-violent conflict resolution through education and training, networking, and advocacy.

April 21

"Poems of Discomfort in South Sudan, Bhutan, and Elsewhere: or, What Poetry Can Do for Anthropology," a lecture by Adrie Kusserow, associate professor of cultural anthropology, St. Michael's College





April 25

"Talking Nukes with Iran: Prospects for a Final Nuclear Deal with Tehran," an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Jon Wolfsthal, Deputy Director, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies.

April 28

"Tokyo and the New Eco-City Rhythms of Life (Within Global Crisis)," a lecture by Tom Looser, associate professor of East Asian Studies, New York University.

April 28

"Diseases Without Borders: Managing the Risk of Pandemics," a lecture by Olga Jonas, World Bank.

April 30

"Nohmul: Discovery and Destruction at an Ancient Maya City in Northern Belize," a lecture by Norman Hammond, professor emeritus of archaeology, Boston University.

MAY

May 1

"A Field Guide to Careers Related to the Middle East," featuring a panel of Washington D.C. alumni discussing their career paths.

May 1

"World Cup Soccer and the Global South: From South Africa 2010 to Brazil 2014," a lecture by Peter Alegi, author of *African Soccerescapes: How a Continent Changed the World's Game* (2010) and professor of history at Michigan State University. A dinner and discussion on sports and politics was held with Mr. Alegi before the public lecture.

May 2

"Ritualized Violence and Religious Poetics in the U.S./Mexico Borderlands," an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Roberto Lint Sagarena, assistant professor of American Studies and Director of the Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity, Middlebury College.





May 5

Student presentations by recipients of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation International Research Grant and the Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs International Research Grant.

- Vincent Mariano '14 (sociology and anthropology): "The Exploration of the Intersection of Catholic Pastoral Care and Western Medical Technology"
- Rajsavi Anand '14 (history and biochemistry): "Sihks in Transition: The Effects of Religious Reform on Colonial Nationalism"
- Miriam Nielsen '14 (environmental studies): "Environmental Sustainability through a Creative Lens"

May 6

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- Caroline Kahlenberg '14 (history): "'The Gospel of Health': American Missionaries and the Transformation of Ottoman Women's Bodies, 1890-1932"
- Paul Quackenbush '14 (geography): "A River Runs Through It: The Geolinguistics of Two Valleys in Trentino, Italy"
- Daphne Tuzlak '14 (geology): "Chemical and Mineralogical Evolution of Arid Tropical Soils (Pacific Coast, Ecuador)"

May 7

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- Napol Wills '14 (American Studies and German): "The Other Germans: Black Germans and Their Connection to America from 1945 to Present"
- Rachel Sider '14 (international and global studies): "Human Security Dilemmas: Social, Political, and Economic Implications of the Syrian Refugee Crisis"
- Gregory Woolston '14 (geography): "(An)Other Space in Neoliberal Amman: Souk Abdali"

