



Middlebury College
Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs

Annual Report 2014 - 2015

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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.

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.

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 independent 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. The Padma Desai Fund provides support for students who wish to conduct an internship or research while studying abroad in Russia.

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 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. 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.

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 that 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.

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.

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2014-2015 EVENTS

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International and Global Studies
International Politics and Economics*

SEPTEMBER

September 12

Third Annual International Politics and Economics Program Symposium "Crisis & Confusion Responses to Global Economic Turbulence"

- Panel One: "Is the Crisis of 2007-2008 Unusual? An Historical Perspective" by Michael Bordo, Board of Governors Professor of Economics, Rutgers University.
- Panel Two: "Sovereign Crises in Latin America" by Graciela Kaminsky, professor of economics and international affairs, George Washington University.
- Panel Three: "Do Washington and Berlin Handle Economic Meltdowns Differently? Ideas and leadership during times of crisis" by Matthias Matthijs, assistant professor of international political economy, John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.
- Roundtable Discussion with Michael Bordo, Graciela Kaminsky, and Matthias Matthijs.

September 23

"What Was the Socialist City? The view from Beijing" a lecture by Fabio Lanza, associate professor of history, University of Arizona.

September 26

"A Reformist Manifesto: Socioeconomic and cultural transformations in 1960s Bolivian newsreels" an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Roberto Pareja, assistant professor of Spanish, Middlebury College.

OCTOBER

October 1

"May I Have this Dance, Please?" a lecture and dance lesson with Pierre Dulaine, four-time world champion ballroom dancer; founder of the American Ballroom Theater's Dancing Classrooms program, New York.

October 2

"Muslims in China's Northwest" a lecture by Morris Rossabi, Distinguished Professor of History, Queens College, City University of New York.

October 6

"They Can't Represent Us: Reinventing democracy from Greece to 'Occupy'" a lecture by Marina Sitrin, visiting scholar, Center for Place, Culture, and Politics, Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

October 7

"An Important Culture War? Sex education and the religious right in Croatia" a lecture by Aleksandar Stulhofer, professor of sociology, University of Zagreb, Croatia.



October 8

"Hong Kong: The struggle for autonomy" a panel discussion with Jeff Lunstead, diplomat in residence, Middlebury College, and Jessica Teets, assistant professor of political science, Middlebury College.

"Politicizing the Wives of Abraham" a lecture by Carol Bakhos, professor of Near Eastern languages and cultures, UCLA Center for the Study of Religion.

October 9

"The Hilltop Settlement: A Perspective of an Israeli Author" a lecture by Assaf Gavron, visiting professor, University of Nebraska, Omaha.

October 10

"The Depiction of the Mulatto/a Figure in Pre-Revolutionary and Revolutionary Cuban Cinema" an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Enrique Garcia, assistant professor of Spanish, Middlebury College.

October 15

"Realism, Empire, and Just War Theory in Roman Political Thought" a lecture by Jed W. Atkins, Andrew W. Mellon Assistant Professor of Classical Studies, Duke University.

October 16

Eighth Annual China Town Hall: "Local Connections, National Reflections"

- "China's Military Rise: Implications for Asia and US Foreign Policy" a lecture by Roy Kamphausen, senior advisor for political and security affairs, National Bureau of Asian Research.
- "Issues in US-China Relations" a national webcast by President Jimmy Carter.

October 17

"Reflections on Israel" an International and Global Studies Colloquium panel discussion with Middlebury College faculty members Guntram Herb, professor of geography; Nadia Horning, associate professor of political science; William Waldron, professor of religion; and Roberto Lint Sagarena, associate professor of American studies.

October 20

"Options and Obstacles in German-American Security Policy" a lecture by Stephan Böckenförde, Bundeswehr Academy for Information and Communication.

October 24

International and Global Studies Colloquium presentations by students who received Center for Social Entrepreneurship and Davis Projects for Peace 2014 summer grants"

- "Agora" by Jacob Eisenberg '15, Nathan Kowalski '15, and Madeleine Li '15.
- "Involving Women for Social Change. Chitral, Pakistan" by Naina Qayyum '15.
- "Empower with Code" by Patrick Tang '17.
- "Twese for Peace" by Armel Nibasumba '16.

October 27

"Latin America's Middle Classes: Who are they and why do they matter?" a lecture by Jeff Dayton-Johnson, interim dean, Graduate School of International Policy and Management, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.



October 28

"Variations on Utopia in Contemporary Chinese Science Fiction" a lecture by Mingwei Song, assistant professor of Chinese, Wellesley College.

"Syria to Afghanistan: The Challenge of Policy and Force" a lecture by Ronald Neumann, former US Ambassador to Algeria, Bahrain, and Afghanistan.

October 31

"Why Is There No Palestinian Flag in the Stadium? Soccer and identity among Arab citizens of Israel" an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Tamir Sorek, associate professor of Jewish studies and sociology, University of Florida.

NOVEMBER

November 4

"How Western Is Israel?" a lecture by Sammy Smooha, Haifa University.

November 6

A roundtable discussion on Jorge Luis Borges; followed by "How Borges Wrote" a lecture by Daniel Balderston, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Modern Languages, University of Pittsburgh.

November 7

"Policy Experimentation in China: The diffusion of in-home elder care programs" an International and Global Studies Colloquium by Jessica Teets, assistant professor of political science, Middlebury College.

November 8

New England Medieval Conference "Copies, Copying, and Mimetic Acts."

November 10

"Prisoner Re-Entry in New Zealand and the US: Restorative reintegration and its structural constraints" a lecture by Kathy Fox, associate professor of sociology, University of Vermont.

November 13

"ISIS in Iraq: What are our options?" a lecture by Joseph R. Núñez, Colonel, US Army (ret.)

November 17

"Self-Representation in Film" a lecture by Shahin Parhami, Canadian/Iranian independent documentary filmmaker.

November 18

"Tunisia after the 'Arab Spring': Can it be a model for other countries in the Arab world?" a lecture by Mabrouka M'barek, member, Tunisia Constituent Assembly.

November 21

"Álvaro García Linera, between Indianism and Socialism: Theory and practice of the 'process of change' in Bolivia" an International and Global Studies Colloquium by Irina Feldman, assistant professor of Spanish, Middlebury College.



DECEMBER

December 5

"Who Watches the Watchers? The power and accountability of international NGOs" an International and Global Studies Colloquium by Sarah Stroup, assistant professor of political science, Middlebury College.

JANUARY

January 8

Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs International Research Grant presentations

- "From Man to Machine: The modernization of the French dairy industry, 1880-1900" by Linnea Burnham '14.5, French and history double major; advised by Paula Schwartz, Lois B. Watson Professor of French.
- "Out of The Frying Pan: Reflections on International State Building in Bosnia-Herzegovina" by William Gevertz '14.5, political science major; advised by Michael Kraus, Frederick C. Dirks Professor of Political Science.

January 9

"The Absurdity of Eating: Food and 'Self-Reliance' in Wartime Ukraine" an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Deborah A. Jones '04.5, PhD candidate, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

January 12

"Sustainable Agriculture along the Tarim River, Xinjiang, China" a lecture by Rouzi Ahmatjan (Aihemaitijiang), Catholic University of Eichstätt, Germany.

January 13

"Attempts to Control Drone Use" a lecture by George Moore, scientist in residence, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.

January 14

"Israel, the US, the Bomb: Some new archival research" a lecture by Avner Cohen, professor and senior fellow, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.

January 15

"AQAP, ISIS, and the Ramifications of US Drone Policy" a lecture by Gregory Johnson, Michael Hastings National Security Fellow, BuzzFeed; former Fulbright Scholar in Yemen.

January 16

"China Inc? Chinese Labor Migration to Zambia" an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Hannah Postel '13, project specialist, CARANA Corporation; former Fulbright Scholar in Zambia.

"Russia's Sexual Politics in the Global Context" a lecture by Alexander Kondakov, European University of St. Petersburg; Centre for Independent Social Research.

January 20

A reading by Jennifer Crystal '00 from her new memoir: *Et Voilá: One Traveler's Journey from Foreigner to Francophile*.



January 22

"USAID Food Security Investments in High Population Growth Countries" a lecture by Reid Hamel '03, Department of Hunger and Livelihoods, Save the Children.

January 23

"Citizenship Acts and Political Activism in Israel after the Arab Spring" an International and Global Studies Colloquium presentation by Gal Levy, Schusterman Visiting Assistant Professor, Jewish Studies Program, University of Kansas.

January 26

"Islam in Europe: Contemporary Views" a panel discussion with Middlebury College faculty members Ata Anzali, assistant professor of religion; Sebnem Gumuscu, assistant professor of political science; Bettina Matthias, professor of German; William Poulin-Deltour, associate professor of French; and moderator Tamar Mayer, director, Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs and professor of geography.

January 27

"Art and Memory in Latin America: The Argentine case" by Karina Maddonni, Middlebury College Spanish School; professor, School of Communication and Design, Universidad Argentina de la Empresa, Buenos Aires.

FEBRUARY

February 19 – 20

Second Annual Student Global Affairs Conference "Apathy and Action: Exploring Youth-Driven Movements"

- "Between Protest and Powerlessness: The startling ubiquity of youth activism" a lecture by Meredith Weiss, University of Albany.
- "The Radical Mind" a lecture by Middlebury College faculty members Don Wyatt, John M. McCardell, Jr. Distinguished Professor of History, and Linus Owens, associate professor of sociology.
- "Combating Apathy" a lecture by Shannon Galpin, Mountain2Mountain.
- "Collective Action and Strategy" a lecture by Marcela Olivera, Water for All, and Johnathan Smucker, UC Berkeley.
- "The Climate Movement" a discussion with Bill McKibben, Schumann Distinguished Scholar, Middlebury College.

February 24

"Muslims Killed Christ? A preposterous medieval allegation and its implications" a lecture by David Freidenreich, Colby College.

February 24 – 25

Center for Teaching, Learning and Research Spring Symposium "Writing in the Changing Academy"

- "Memoria: Every Writer's Muse" an interactive lecture with Victor Villanueva, Regents Professor and Director of the Writing Program at Washington State University and author of the award-winning book: "Bootstraps, From an American Academic of Color, Rhetorics of the Americas: 3114 BCE to 2013 CE."
- "Writing, Identity, and Power" student-led conversations for the whole community.

February 25

"Nonviolence, Conscientious Objection, and the Israeli Occupation" a lecture by Moriel Rothman-Zecher '11.



February 26

"Art as a Way of Knowing: Reading Lu Xun's modern prose poetry collection *Wild Grass*" a lecture by Nicolas Kaldis, associate professor of Asian studies, Binghamton University.

"Salafi Jihadism and the Arab Spring: the Tunisian case" a lecture by Tarek al-Kahlaoui, director general, Tunisian Institute for Strategic Studies; assistant professor of Islamic art, Rutgers University.

February 27

"The Fiscal Roots of Inequality: Latin American fiscal redistribution in historical perspective" an International and Global Studies Colloquium by Leticia Arroyo Abad, assistant professor of economics and international politics and economics, Middlebury College.

MARCH

March 1

"Rakugo: The Art of Japanese Storytelling" a performance by Yanagiya Sankyo and Yanagiya Kyonosuke.

March 6

"The Eagle and the Serpent: Narco-violence, state weakness, and the drug war in Mexico" an International and Global Studies Colloquium by David A. Shirk, associate professor of political science and director of the Justice in Mexico Project, University of San Diego.

March 8

Screening of *Nuclear Nation: The Fukushima Refugees Story*, directed by Atsushi Funahashi.

March 10

"Corruption, Ottoman Style" a lecture by Bogac Ergene, associate professor of history, University of Vermont.

March 12 – 14

Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs Third Annual International and Interdisciplinary Conference "Progress or Posturing? Examining the Progress of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals"

- Opening Remarks by Tamar Mayer, director, Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs, Middlebury College.
- Session 1: "Is It All about Posturing?"
 - Student Chair: Frank Wyer '15
 - Michael Woolcock, World Bank and Harvard University: "Now For the Hard Part: From the MDGs to building capability for implementation."
- Session 2: "Risky Environments: Threats and Challenges"
 - Moderator: Heidi Grasswick, G. Nye and A. Walker Boardman Professor of Moral Science, Middlebury College
 - Student Chair: Stephanie Ovitt '15.5
 - Charalampos Konstantinidis, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Boston (with Mwangi wa Githinji and Andrew Barenberg): "Small Farms and Achieving the Millennium Development Goals for Poverty and Hunger Reduction in Kenya"
 - Sridhar Vedachalam, New York State Water Resources Institute, Cornell University: "Can Definitions Doom Statistics? Experiences from the water and sanitation target"



- Pablo Bose, Department of Geography, University of Vermont: "Bangladesh, Climate Change, and the MDGs."
- Session 3: "Narrow Visions and Global Health"
 - Moderator: Pam Berenbaum, Global Health Programs, Middlebury College
Student Chair: Catherine Stanton '15.5
 - Paula Davis-Olwell, independent researcher: "Women and Children First? How missing the target (MDG 4-5) may lead to improvements in maternal and child health in sub-Saharan Africa"
 - Jeremy Shiffman, professor, Department of Public Administration and Policy, School of Public Affairs, American University: "Agenda-setting in Global Health: Beyond 2015."
- Session 4: Engendering Education for All?
 - Moderator: Claudia Cooper, visiting assistant professor of education and English and American literature, Middlebury College
 - Student Chair: Annika Holmlund '15
 - Shenila Khoja-Moolji, Teachers College, Columbia University: "Converging on the Girl: An investigation into the social production of girls' education as a hegemonic ideology"
 - Leena Her, Inclusive Education Department, Kennesaw State University: "Reframing Deficit Narratives of Gender Disparities in Education in Lao PDR"
 - Eric Wilson Fofack, Middlebury C.V. Starr School in Cameroon, Yaoundé: "Education for All in 2015: In between progress, obstacles, and hope in central Africa"
 - Maureen Porter, Social and Comparative Analysis of Education, University of Pittsburgh: "Progress or Posturing? Examining the discourse and praxis of the MDGs."
- Session 5: Engendering Equality and Exclusion
 - Moderator: Merrill S. A. Baker-Medard, assistant professor of environmental studies, Middlebury College
 - Student Chair: Firas Nasr '15
 - Kara Ellerby, Department of Political Science and International Relations, and Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Delaware: "MDG 3 Gender Equality: The limits of adding women"
 - Maysoon Wael Yousef Alatoom, Center for Women's Studies, University of Jordan: "A Paradox in the Making: Women's education and labor market participation in Jordan."
- Session 6: Private Actors and Public Goods
 - Moderator: Adam Dean, assistant professor of political science, Middlebury College
Student Chair: Bree Baccaglini '15
 - Fernando Ferrari Filho, Department of Economics, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul; researcher, National Council for Scientific and Technological Development, Rio de Janeiro: "Brazil Changes the Tune: Social policies and the new developmentalism"
 - Nitish Monebhurrn, University Center of Brasília: "From the MDGs to SDGs: Paving the way towards a new procrastination. A lawyer's perspective"
 - Yoonbin Ha, School of International Service, American University (with Daniel Esser): "Strengthening Accountabilities in the Sustainable Development Goals: Shifting the focus to donors"



- Charlie MacCormack, Executive in Residence, Middlebury College (with Sarah Stroup): "Who Participates? The evolution of a 'global partnership for development.'"
- Roundtable Summary by Sarah Stroup, assistant professor of political science, Middlebury College, and Petr Knor '15
Student Chair: Irene Estefanía González '15.

March 17

"The Ecstatic Horizon of Modernist German Body Culture" a lecture by Karl Toepfer, Department of Theater Arts, San José State University.

March 18

"The Survival of the Author: Ghosts and nonhuman actors in Natsume Soseki and Henry James" a lecture by Keith Vincent, associate professor of Japanese comparative literature, Boston University; Robert Allen Skotheim Chair of History, Whitman College.

March 19

"Fragments of Memory: The various ways of writing" a lecture by Sandra Lorenzano, University of the Cloister of Sor Juana, Mexico City.

APRIL

April 2

"The Saint and the Chopped-up Baby: Shaping the image of Vincent Ferrer (d. 1419)" a lecture by Laura Smoller, University of Rochester.

April 3

"Fixing the Everyday: Fascist visions of modernity in 1930s China" an International and Global Studies Colloquium by Maggie Clinton, assistant professor of history, Middlebury College.
Spanish and Portuguese Department Spring Symposium "Claiming No Easy Victories: 40 years of independence in Lusophone Africa" keynote lecture "Anatomy of Kuduro: Body, space, and power in postcolonial Angolan music and politics" by Marissa Moorman, associate professor of history, Indiana University, Bloomington.

April 7

"Decadence and Morality through Japan's Wartime and Defeat: The vision of Sakaguchi Ango" by James Dorsey, Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Languages and Literatures, Dartmouth College.

April 22

"What Is It about France? Some thoughts on stereotyping" a lecture by Edward C. Knox, College Professor Emeritus, Middlebury College.

April 23

"On the Shores of Japan's Postwar Left: An intimate history" a lecture by Leslie Pincus, Department of History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

April 24

"A Portrait of Madness, and Tragedy in Unamuno's *Abel Sanchez*" an International and Global Studies Colloquium by Marta Manrique Gomez, assistant professor of Spanish, Middlebury College.



April 27

"Responding to AIDS in Africa: How misaligned priorities doomed the global AIDS intervention" by Kim Yi Dionne, assistant professor of government, Smith College.

April 28

"A Global CEO Looks at the Future of Liberal Arts" a lecture by Charlie MacCormack, Executive in Residence, Middlebury College.

MAY

May 4

"Why Is My Milk Blue: China's food safety crisis and scale politics" by John Yasuda, Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania.

May 7

"Language Documentation and Linguistic Theory: The cases of Xitsonga and Nuosu Yi" a lecture by Seunghun Lee, associate professor of linguistics and TESOL, Central Connecticut State University; senior research associate of African languages, University of Johannesburg.

May 4-7

Mellon-RCGA Overseas Research Grant Presentations:

- "Contested Margins: Geopolitics and informal labor in Amman, Jordan, amidst the influx of Syrian refugees" by Jia Jun Lee '15, studied abroad in Amman, Jordan; advised by Tamar Mayer, Robert Churchill Professor of Geoscience, Middlebury College.
- "The Hashemite King, Jerusalem, and Bedouins: A study of building national images in Jordan, 1923-1980" by Winnie Yeung '15, studied abroad in Amman, Jordan; advised by Jacob Tropp, John Spencer Professor of African Studies, Middlebury College.
- "African Music Performance in the American Academy: Capital exchange, institutional dynamics, and the challenges of representation" by Dante Francomano '15, studied abroad in Yaoundé, Cameroon, advised by Damascus Kafumbe, assistant professor of music, Middlebury College.
- "Foreign and Domestic Environmental Policy in Bolivia: Conflicts and contradictions" by Forest Jarvis '15, studied abroad in Bolivia; advised by Kemi Fuentes-George, assistant professor of political science, Middlebury College.
- "The Muslims are Mobilizing: An in depth analysis of anti-Muslim backlash on the collective action of Muslims in New York City and Madrid" by Rana Abdelhamid '15, studied abroad in Madrid, Spain; advised by Joh Isham, professor of economics, Middlebury College, and Bertram Johnson, associate professor of political science, Middlebury College.
- "Informal Urban Agriculture: Innovation and resilience in Hanoi, Vietnam" by Jacob Eisenberg '15, studied abroad in Hanoi, Vietnam; advised by Tamar Mayer, Robert Churchill Professor of Geoscience, Middlebury College.