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ROHATYN CENTER *for* GLOBAL AFFAIRS

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 SÔL-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*



The Paris Attacks in Context: The Rohatyn Center and Middlebury's Department of Political Science respond to the attacks in Paris on November 13, 2015.

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, Sebneem 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 **Dimitar 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

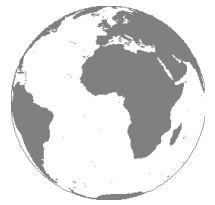
Healing the Body, Healing the Islamic Umma: Medicine and Bodies Politic in the Middle East and North Africa
by **Ellen Amster**, *Jason A. Hannah Chair in the History of Medicine, McMaster University, Canada*

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 Ekmekçioğlu**, *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*



Clifton Truman Daniel (center), grandson of President Harry Truman, discusses reconciliation and his grandfather's decision to use atomic weapons against Japan with Shigeko Sasamori (right), a survivor of Hiroshima, moderated by Stephen Snyder.

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

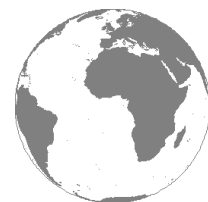
A Short History of the East India Company (1600–1858)
by Ian Barrow, professor of history

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.



Hannah Reeve '15 discusses her award-winning IGS thesis "Soccer of the Secluded."

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.



Forest Jarvis '15 and Sarah Pearlman

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*



Richard Wolfson explains a point about special relativity at the inaugural Future of the Past (November 10, 2015).

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*



Andrew Wolfley Payán '15.5, Julia Paolillo '15.5, Caitlin Haedrich '16.5, Maggie Cochrane '16, and Cynthia Park '16 enjoy the Study Abroad Returnee Reception (September 17, 2015).

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



Nir Avieli speaks about his research during the panel on “Cultural Adaptation to Scarcity” with Hanna Garth.

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**



Ashanté Reese presents on “Race, Class, and Food Access in Washington, DC” while student chair Emma Gee ’16 looks on.

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



Presenters at the Rohatyn Center Research Grant Presentations: from L–R, Wan Ning Seah '16, Helena Hlavaty '16, Brennan Delattre '16, Timothy Fraser '16, and Esmé Valette '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

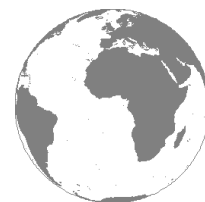
Examining the Impact of Male Circumcision Supply on Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Behaviors in Zambia

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 Djébar



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.

RCGA Student Advisory Board 2015–2016

Isaiah Back-Gaal '19 (*Spring 2016*)

Francesca Conde '17

Stephanie Ovitt '15.5 (*Fall 2015–Winter 2016*)

Joshua Berlowitz '16

Nick Delehanty '17 (*Fall 2015*)

Dylan Quenneville '18 (*Spring 2016*)



Spring 2016 RCGA Interns: from L–R, Dylan Quenneville '18, Josh Berlowitz '16, Francesca Conde '17, and Isaiah Back-Gaal '19.