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About GPI:

Founded in 2015, the Global Policy Institute (GPI) at Loyola Marymount University is a unique interdisciplinary think tank in Los Angeles, which brings together faculty and students in developing and sharing innovative research and policy analysis to address emerging issues in global affairs. GPI and its Fellows are developing a scholarly policy network in Los Angeles, producing scholarship with a west coast perspective, and positioning LMU as a center for global policy discussions in the Los Angeles region and beyond. The Global Policy Institute hosts events to engage policy leaders, opinion makers, and researchers on emerging issues in global affairs.

GPI's Mission and Vision:

As part of a top-ranked Catholic university rooted in Jesuit and Marymount traditions, GPI is committed to providing rich opportunities for intellectual engagement and real-world experience.

GPI supports applied faculty research, cultivates leadership opportunities for students, hosts high-profile speakers and special panel presentations, and develops courses around global policy.



Our Team:



Dr. Michael A. Genovese, President | Global Policy Institute

Michael A. Genovese earned a Ph.D. from the University of Southern California in 1979. He currently holds the Loyola Chair of Leadership Studies, is a professor of political science, and is Director of the Institute for Leadership Studies at Loyola Marymount University. In 2006, he was made a Fellow at the Queens College, Oxford University. In 2015, he was named President of the Global Policy Institute.



Dr. Gabriele Magni, Director | Global Policy Institute

An assistant professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Magni teaches classes on comparative and European politics, political economy, and LGBTQ politics. His scholarly work explores how economic and identity factors interact to shape political preferences and voting behavior in advanced democracies. Magni's research on the political consequences of economic inequality, immigration, and LGBTQ politics has been published in several top peer-reviewed academic journals including the American Political Science Review, the American Journal of Political Science, the Journal of Politics, and the British Journal of Political Science. His expertise has been sought-out and featured in The Washington Post, Politico, The New Republic, and The New York Times, among other academic and non-academic venues. A first-generation college student, Magni grew up in Italy, obtained his Ph.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill, and completed a postdoc at Princeton University before coming to LMU to join the BCLA faculty in fall 2019.



Dr. Gene Park, Senior Fellow and Former Director | Global Policy Institute

Gene Park's research interests include comparative and international political economy; Japanese foreign policy and politics; and the politics of monetary policy, public spending and taxation. He also has a broad interest in East Asian security. His most recent co-authored book is "Taming Japan's Deflation: The Debate over Unconventional Monetary Policy" (Cornell University Press, 2018). An earlier book, "Spending without Taxation: FILP and Politics of Public Finance," was published in 2011 (Stanford University Press). He earned a B.A. in Philosophy from Swarthmore College and Ph.D. in Political Science from University of California Berkeley. He is an avid tennis player.



Dr. Jonathan Pollack, Distinguished Scholar of Strategic Studies | Global Policy Institute

Jonathan Pollack is Distinguished Scholar of Strategic Studies in the Global Policy Institute at Loyola Marymount University, where he teaches seminars on post World War II strategy and policy in East Asia and Chinese power and policymaking. He is also Non-Resident Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institution. During his tenure at Brookings he served as Director of the John L. Thornton China Center and later as holder of the SK-Korea Foundation Chair in Korea Studies. Prior to joining Brookings, he was Director of the Strategic Research Department at the US Naval War College and was previously Head of the Political Science Department and Corporate Research Manager for International Policy at RAND. He has also taught at Brandeis University, the RAND School of Policy Studies, UCLA, and the Naval War College.

Dr. Pollack earned his M.A. and Ph. D. at the University of Michigan, and was subsequently a post-doctoral research fellow at Harvard University.

His primary research interests include East Asian security and development; the politics and foreign policies of China; political and strategic futures on the Korean Peninsula; and US policy in Asia and the Pacific. His publications include Strategic Surprise? US-China Relations in the Early 21st Century; Korea-The East Asian Pivot; Asia Eyes America: Regional Perspectives on US Asia-Pacific Strategy; and No Exit: North Korea, Nuclear Weapons and International Security. His current research focuses on the uncertainties and risks to regional order in East Asia.



Dhimaan Sarkaar, Graduate Assistant | Global Policy Institute

Dhimaan Sarkaar is currently pursuing his master's program in business analytics from the College of Business Administration at Loyola Marymount University. In addition, Dhimaan holds a bachelor's degree in personal financial planning from the University of Missouri and graduated as an outstanding senior. Additionally, he has worked in the domain of banking and data science. His most recent experience includes working with Wells Fargo Bank, where he was a part of the internal data privacy operations team and specialized in data privacy regulations CCPA & GDPR. Dhimaan is well-versed across six different languages and shares strong acumen in Policy Analysis.

Our Undergraduate Research Fellows:



Angelina Lin, Undergraduate Research Fellow | Global Policy Institute

Angelina Lin is a third-year political science major and public relations minor. Angelina has previously interned at the largest circulated financial and economic newspaper in Taiwan and written for a student-run publication. Having spent half her life abroad, her interests include issues surrounding state sovereignty and diplomacy between non-state actors. On campus, she is involved in Asian Pacific Islander clubs, the Service Organization Community, and the Center for Service and Action.



Annika Lai, Undergraduate Research Fellow | Global Policy Institute

Annika Lai is a second-year international relations student. Emboldened by her interests in international politics and economics, Annika is passionate about exploring policy avenues to resolving global challenges in the world today. As a GPI fellow, Annika has a special interest in global security and the forced migration of refugees. She is dedicated to upholding transparency, qualitative communication, and female empowerment as both a GPI fellow and aspiring lawyer. At LMU, Annika is also involved in service as a member of the service organization Gryphon Circle.



Anushka Brito, Undergraduate Research Fellow | Global Policy Institute

Anushka is a third-year political science student with a minor in Physics. Having previously worked on a congressional candidate's campaign, and with her current research on the fluids of astrophysical bodies, she would like to combine physics and political science to work on corporate law at a technology company or a patent law firm. On-campus, she is also a part of the Belles Service Organization and the Vice President of LMU's mock trial team. In her spare time, she enjoys figure skating, playing the piano, and learning new dishes to cook.



Matt Lamantia, Undergraduate Research Fellow | Global Policy Institute

Matt Lamantia is a fourth-year international relations student. Matt has a passion for documentary filmmaking and has worked with musicians, artists, businesses and brands to create short form video content over the last four years. He transitioned to focus on political science and aims to find the nexus between his documentary interests and GPI research. Matt focuses on East Asian affairs and has a special interest in global security. In his spare time, Matt is the president of his fraternity, a tennis player and a musician.



Declan Tomlinson, Undergraduate Research Fellows | Global Policy Institute

Declan Tomlinson is a fourth-year international relations and economics student. Declan currently works with the USAID Bureau for Resilience and Food Security. Prior to this, Declan worked on multiple award-winning documentary productions. With his experience in media, Declan believes blending political research in a visual medium is vital to sharing politics to the general public. Declan is passionate about the climate crisis and degrowth economics. He enjoys long runs, surfing and backpacking.



Jose Miguel Lopez Arroyo, Undergraduate Research Fellow | Global Policy Institute

Jose Miguel is a senior majoring in Psychology with minors in Spanish and Political Science from Porterville, CA. His long-term career goal is to study forensic psychology to work with the court system providing adequate psychological services to those in need. He has interned with the Sociology Institute of Research and Tenant's Law Firm providing him experience with research skills and data management. On-campus he is affiliated with Latinx clubs and is the current president of Sigma Lambda Beta Inc. Fraternity. In his free time, he enjoys cycling, playing spike ball, and soccer.



Kevin Errasquin, Undergraduate Research Fellow | Global Policy Institute

Kevin Errasquin is a third-year international relations student with minors in history and french. Kevin is from Mexico City, Mexico, and he has a passion to learn about other cultures and research in the field of comparative politics. GPI Fellowship is Kevin's first internship, and he hopes to attain professional experience from being able to work with researchers and policy-makers from all around the world. Kevin hopes to pursue a career in either international business, international security, or international law after graduating from LMU. Kevin is also a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, a professional business fraternity where he combines his passion for business and international relations.



Christopher Yalda, Undergraduate Research Fellows | Global Policy Institute

Christopher is a third-year philosophy and political science student. Christopher is interested in looking at the ways differing cultures interact with each other in both the political and ideological arena, and emerging digital privacy rights issues. Before the Global Policy Institute, Christopher worked internships in the legal field, and furthered his interests in environmental conversation by working for a land-conservation non-profit and leading a burned hillside restoration project following a devastating wildfire season.



Our Global Policy Institute Fellows:

David Glazier, Global Policy Institute Senior Fellow

Dave Glazier is a professor at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles with an affiliated appointment in political science at LMU. He spent 21 years as a U.S. Navy surface warfare officer, culminating in command of a guided missile frigate, before retiring in order to attend law school at the University of Virginia. He researches and teaches international law with a particular focus on law governing the use of force and the law of the sea. He has published multiple law journal articles and book chapters on issues related to the so-called "War on Terror," including the Guantanamo military commissions and drone use.

Daniel Jacobs, Global Policy Institute Senior Fellow

Daniel Jacobs, clinical associate professor of management at LMU, has had a distinguished career in both academia and public service. He was the founding director of the first interdisciplinary graduate program in sustainability management in a U.S. business school, which he led to a #1 national sustainability specialty ranking by Bloomberg Businessweek in 2013. His book, "BP Blowout: Inside the Gulf Oil Disaster," was published by Brookings Institution Press in 2016. He has appeared on BBC World News television and regularly in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Financial Times, and Guardian. An active member of the California Bar, he was formerly an award-winning attorney at both the Justice Department and State Department in Washington, D.C. He holds degrees from Middlebury College (B.A.), Cambridge University (M. Phil.) and Duke University (J.D.).

Dr. Jennifer M. Ramos, Global Policy Institute Senior Fellow

Jennifer M. Ramos, associate professor and associate chair of political science, focuses her research on understanding the causes and consequences of political change, with an emphasis on the role of ideas, norms, and identity. In addition, she specializes in US public opinion and foreign policy. Her current research interests include religion and foreign policy preferences, drone warfare, and the preventive use of force.

Bernie DiDario, Global Policy Institute Fellow

Bernie DiDario is a business executive and consultant with experience in the medical device and health care delivery industries. He earned a Master of Science in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard School of Public Health.



Dr. Kerstin Fisk, Global Policy Institute Fellow

Kerstin Fisk's research focuses on issues of security, peace, and conflict, with an emphasis on forced migration and political violence. She earned a Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University in 2013. Her dissertation, entitled "Moving Targets: Refugee Geography and the Diffusion of Conflict and Violence in Africa," investigates how refugee settlement patterns affect patterns of violence by state and non-state armed actors in African conflicts. Her recent work also includes "Actions Speak Louder than Words: Preventive Self-Defense as a Cascading Norm" with Jennifer M. Ramos, published in *International Studies Perspectives*.

Dr. Janie Steckenrider, Global Policy Institute Fellow

Janie Steckenrider's research and teaching in political science are focused in the areas of political gerontology and women's studies. Her publications include "Women as Political Leaders" (with Michael Genovese, Taylor and Francis Press) and "New Direction in Old Age Policies" (with Tonya Parrott, SUNY Press) and articles in *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*, *Journal of Health and Human Services Administration*, *Southwest Journal of Aging*, *Encyclopedia of Aging* and *Journal of Women and Politics*.

Dr. Thomas Herndon, Global Policy Institute Fellow

Thomas Herndon earned his B.A. in Economics from the Evergreen State College in 2007 and his Ph.D. in Economics in 2016 from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. His research investigates the classic questions of political economy – distribution, conflict, and instability – in the context of the macroeconomy, with a heavy focus on policy. His approach is primarily empirical, and uses individual level micro-data to estimate macro-level effects.

Hon. Graham Allen, MP, Global Policy Institute Non-Resident Fellow & Member of British House of Commons

Graham Allen was a Member of Parliament for Nottingham North from 1987 to 2017. He graduated from City of London Polytechnic and earned a M.A. from the University of Leeds. He was elected as the Labour MP for the Nottingham North constituency at the 1987 general election. He sat on a number of parliamentary select committees and was the Chair of the Political and Constitutional Reform Select Committee in the House of Commons from 2010 to 2015. He was also a member of the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission. He is a proponent of democratic reform.



Hosted Events

Fall 2021

**Afghanistan: Past, Present, Future | Heather Barr, Human Rights Watch;
Ronald E. Neuman, Former Ambassador to Afghanistan;
Dr. Orzala Nemat, Director of the Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU)**

September 21, 2021

This event was held virtually via Zoom.

Attendance: 105



*Heather Barr, Associate Director of the Women's Rights Division
and former Afghanistan researcher, Human Rights Watch*



Ronald E. Neumann, US Ambassador to Afghanistan (2005-2007)

Following the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan after the United States' decision to leave the country, the Global Policy Institute was joined by experts Heather Barr, Associate Director of the Women's Rights Division and former Afghanistan researcher, Human Rights Watch; former ambassador to Afghanistan (2005-2007) Ronald E. Neuman; and Dr. Orzala Nemat, Director of the Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU). The panelists explored with particular detail the changing position of women in Afghan society, comparing their place in the pre-war country with the post-Taliban takeover context. With the Taliban seizing control, uncertainty has taken hold over the condition of Afghan women with regard to education and leadership. The panelists agreed that the US withdrawal from Afghanistan will have long-lasting geopolitical effects, both for Afghanistan and America's role in the international community, with the reliability of the United States called into question.

Event Recording: [Afghanistan: Past, Present, and Future](#)



German Elections: The Uncertain Future after Merkel | Michael Hunklinger, Fulbright Visiting Scholar

September 28, 2021

University Hall 4110, 2:30 -3:30 pm PST

Attendance: 23



Michael Hunklinger, Fulbright Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science and International Relations

September 26 marked the end of Angela Merkel's sixteen-year term as Chancellor of Germany. Visiting Fulbright Scholar and lecturer in the Department of European Study and the Study of Democracy at Danube University Krems in Austria, Michael Hunklinger, joined the Global Policy Institute to answer pressing questions about the future of German politics. Hunklinger addressed issues related to coalition building, inter-party politics, and the implications of the German election on European politics as a whole.

Presented by Loyola Marymount University's Global Policy Institute in conjunction with the Department of Political Science and International Relations.



On all Fronts: A Conversation with Clarissa Ward | Clarissa Ward, CNN Chief International Correspondent

October 21, 2021 | 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm PST

This event was held virtually via Zoom.

Attendance: 117



Clarissa Ward, Chief international correspondent for CNN

Clarissa Ward joined the Global Policy Institute to discuss her 20-year career as a conflict journalist, having reported from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, and Ukraine for CNN, ABC, CBS, and Fox News. Ward shared with GPI how she got started in journalism after studying comparative literature at Yale University and following 9/11. Ward then shared experiences from reporting in such conflict zones as Baghdad and Kabul, in addition to Syria, highlighting the horrors of war and reporting from these environments. Ward offered insight into the experience of being a woman in journalism, remarking on the unexpected advantages she had in the field, such as being perceived as non-threatening and being able to better connect with women in conflict zones. Finally, Ward gave advice to students hoping to enter into the journalism field: listen, learn, and be humble.

Event Recording: [On All Fronts: A Conversation with Clarissa Ward](#)



Europe, the U.S, and Global Challenges | Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission (2014-2019)

October 21, 2021 | 10:00 am – 11:00 am PST

This event was held virtually via Zoom.

Attendance: 77



Federica Mogherini Event Poster



High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

On October 21, the Global Policy Institute hosted Federica Mogherini. Ms. Mogherini served as High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and as Vice-President of the European Commission from 2014-2019. She also served as Italy's Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and as Member of the Italian parliament. In conversation with GPI Director Gabriele Magni, Ms. Mogherini shared her insights into such issues as the United States; withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement and the Iran Nuclear Deal. She discussed the change that the Trump presidency demarcated for U.S-European relations and she noted how the Biden victory came as a relief to many Europeans, even though Europe understands now more than ever the importance of strategic autonomy. Mogherini also discussed the importance of the relations with China, a country that should be called out for violation of human rights but that also remains an indispensable player to tackle global challenges such as climate change. Mogherini ended the talk by sharing her optimism for the future, due in large part to youth activism and critical engagement.

Event Recording: [Federica Mogherini: Europe, the U.S. and Global Challenges](#)



GPI Career Spotlight: Peace Corps | Dr. Sakeena Ali, Senior Recruiter, Peace Corps

December 2, 2021 | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm PST

This event was held virtually via Zoom.

Attendance: 15



Dr. Sakeena Ali, Sr. Recruiter, Peace Corps



Benefits While serving in the Peace Corps



Benefits After serving in the Peace Corps

As part of the Global Policy Institute Career Spotlight Initiative, GPI was joined by Dr. Sakeen Ali. Dr. Ali is a recruiter for the Peace Corps serving the LA area, which includes Santa Barbara and Ventura County. The Peace Corps mission is to reduce global inequality and to create valuable and productive cultural exchange between American citizens and citizens in partner countries. Dr. Ali has made it her goal to empower those in need and to help others realize their highest potential. She pursues this goal through her work with the Peace Corps. Dr. Ali herself served in the Peace Corps in Ukraine after receiving her B.A in human development and history and a minor in education from U.C. San Diego. Dr. Ali presented various volunteer opportunities that the Peace Corps can provide and answered questions from the audience.

Event Recording: [GPI Career Spotlight: Peace Corps](#)



GPI Career Spotlight: Think Tanks | Dr. Jonathan Pollack

January 24, 2022 | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm PST

This Event was held virtually via Zoom

Attendance: 45



Dr. Jonathan Pollack, Distinguished Scholar of Strategic Studies, Global Policy Institute at Loyola Marymount University

Dr. Jonathan Pollack, Distinguished Scholar of Strategic Studies at the Global Policy Institute demystified the roles of think tanks and offered guidance to students looking to explore a similar path. Dr. Pollack is a Non-Resident Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institution and served as the Director of the Strategic Research Department at the US Naval War College. Dr. Jonathan Pollack was also the Head of the Political Science Department and Corporate Research Manager for International Policy at the RAND Corporation. Dr. Pollack emphasized on the importance of periodic reading, research, and acquiring institutional education. In the second half of the event, Dr. Pollack answered questions from the audience regarding his expertise on Chinese Politics and working at think tanks as young professionals.



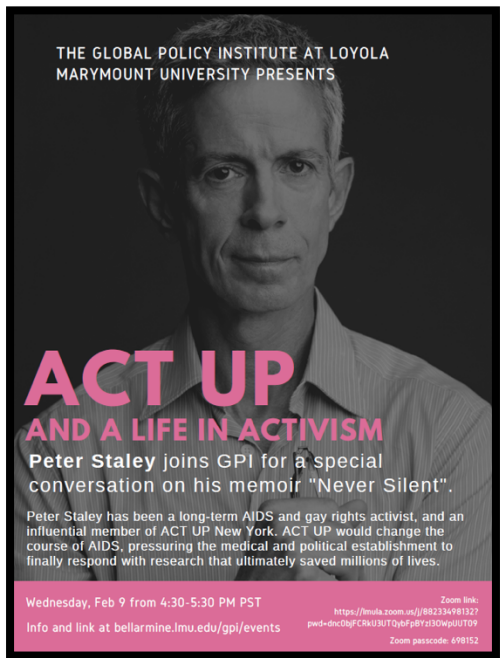
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Peter Staley, ACT UP and a life in activism

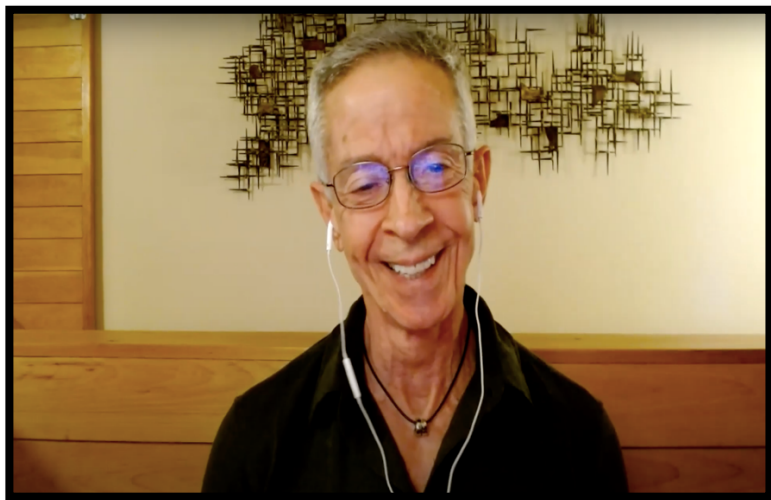
Wednesday February 9, 2022 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. PST

This event was held virtually via Zoom.

Attendance: 47



Peter Staley Event Poster



Peter Staley interacting with LMU Students

Peter Staley, an AIDS and gay rights activist, spoke at an event hosted by the Global Policy Institute at Loyola Marymount University on February 9, 2022. Staley has been an influential member of ACT UP New York, a group formed in 1987 to end the AIDS crisis. During the event, Staley shared with the audience a few memorable moments from his memoir “Never Silent: ACT UP and My Life in Activism”. The conversation shined a light on the challenges that activists had to endure to get their message across during that time. He remarked that activists’ unity and togetherness can help promote cultural change and create a more equitable society. Taking action might be scary, but it is the first step toward change. At the end of the event, Staley answered questions from the audience that allowed him to further elaborate on the legacy of ACT UP and the future of activism.

Event Recording: [Peter Staley, ACT UP and a life in activism.](#)



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2021 GPI Book Award Honoring Dr. Adom Getachew

Book - *Worldmaking After Empire: The Rise and Fall of Self-Determination*

Thursday February 24, 2022 | 4-5 pm PST

This event was held virtually via Zoom.

Attendance: 19



Dr. Adom Getachew Event Poster



Dr. Adom Getachew, recipient of the 2021 GPI Book Award

During the virtual event, Dr. Adom Getachew spoke about her book *Worldmaking After Empire* and the research behind it. The conversation allowed attendees to learn more about her innovative work and her passion for the topic. After the

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end of her presentation, the audience was able to engage in a Q&A session. At the end of the event, GPI was pleased to present her with the 2021 Global Policy Book Award.

About the Author: Adom Getachew is the Neuber Family Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago. She has a joint Ph.D. in Political Science and African-American Studies from Yale University. The focus of her research is political thought, theories of race and postcolonial political theory.

About the Book: *Worldmaking After Empire: The Rise and Fall of Self-Determination* explores the ideas of anticolonial intellectuals during the height of decolonization in the twenty century. These ideas offer a new account of how to rebuild nations and the world through this lens. Her analysis offers a perspective that highlights how securing the right to self-determination was crucial to achieving world change.

Event Recording: [2021 Global Policy Institute Book Award, Honoring Adom Getachew](#)

Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: Understanding Putin's Catastrophic War of Choice

Friday, March 18, 2022 | 2:15 pm – 6pm PDT

Mayer Theater | School of Film and Television | Loyola Marymount University

Attendance: 45



Dr. Gene Park | Mayer Theater | LMU



Steven Pifer, Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine

In less than a month, Putin's war of choice against Ukraine caused the largest crisis in Europe since World War II. Innocent civilians have been killed and targeted with millions more displaced, all while the Kremlin took censorship to new extremes.

The event aimed to provide GPI's audience and the LMU community with adequate information about the complexity of the conflict and the devastating humanitarian crisis in Europe. Various experts shared their knowledge and perspective to help the community understand the serious consequences of this tragedy and find meaningful ways to support those affected by the war.



The first segment hosted former U.S. Ambassador Steven Pifer. Amb. Pifer served as ambassador to Ukraine (1998-2000) and deputy assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs with responsibilities for Russia and Ukraine (2001- 2004)..

The second segment titled *Voices from Ukraine & Perspectives from Russia* featured a conversation among Ulia Gosart (UCLA), Cyril Hovorun (LMU) and Nigel Raab (LMU). Ulia Gosart spoke about the interviews she has conducted with Ukrainian citizens. Cyril Hovorun provided his insights from the time he spent in Ukraine. Lastly, Nigel Raab spoke about the clamp down on Russian media and its impact on civil society..

Event Recording: [Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: Understanding Putin's Catastrophic War of Choice](#)

Presented by Loyola Marymount University's Global Policy Institute in conjunction with the Department of Political Science and International Relations, and the International Relations Program.

2022 GPI Book Award Honoring Dr. Richard Falk

Book – *Public Intellectual: The Life of a Citizen Pilgrim*

Thursday April 7, 2022 | 4:30-6:00 pm PDT

Gala Reception at Marina Del Rey Yatch Club, Marina Del Rey, CA



2022 GPI Book Award Recipient Dr. Richard Falk for 'Public



Dr. Richard Falk (center) with GPI Undergraduate Fellows Jose Miguel Lopez Arroyo (left), Declan Tomlinson (center-left), Kevin Errasquin (center-right) and GPI Graduate Assistant, Dhimaan Sarkaar

The 2022 Global Policy Institute Book Award was Presented to Dr. Richard Falk, author of *Public Intellectual: The Life of a Citizen Pilgrim*.

About the Author: Dr. Falk is a member of the Editorial Boards of *The Nation* and *The Progressive*, and Chair of the Board of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. He is a former advisory board member of the World Federalist Institute and the American Movement for World Government. In 2008, the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) appointed Falk to a six-year term as United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the occupied Palestinian territories. The event included a small reception and a subsequent speech from Dr. Falk about his book and the thought process behind it. After his speech, the audience was able to ask him questions about his work and other topics.

About the Book: This political memoir reveals how Dr. Richard Falk became prominent in America and internationally as both a public intellectual and citizen pilgrim. Dr. Falk built a life of progressive commitment, highlighted by visits to North Vietnam where he met PM Pham Von Dong, to Iran during the Islamic Revolution after meeting Khomeini in Paris, to South Africa where he met with Nelson Mandela at the height of the struggle against apartheid, and frequently to Palestine and Israel. His memoir is studded with encounters with well-known public figures in law, academia, political activism and even Hollywood. Dr. Falk mentored the thesis of Robert Mueller, taught David Petraeus.

His publications and activism describe various encounters with embedded American militarism, especially as expressed by governmental resistance to responsible efforts to rid the world of nuclear weapons, and his United Nations efforts on behalf of the rights of the Palestinian people. In 2010 he was named Outstanding Public Scholar in Political Economy by the International Studies Association. He has been nominated annually for the Nobel Peace Prize since 2009



Is the U.S. A Reliable Ally? Evidence from a Survey of U.S. Voters

Monday April 18, 2022 | 4:30-5:30 pm PDT

This event was held virtually via Zoom.

Attendance: 23



The Biden administration has a clear position on U.S. commitment with regards to foreign conflicts. For example, in Ukraine, U.S. involvement has consisted in providing military and other aid as well as imposing harsh economic sanctions towards Russia. However, it has avoided direct military engagement with Russia to prevent an outbreak of war. The war has raised larger questions about the U.S. capabilities and commitment to formal allies that it has vowed to defend. This conversation analyzed U.S. voter support for aiding allies based on a series of survey experiments. The speakers explored the effects of partisan polarization on levels of public support for a key ally like South Korea and discussed the larger implications for the U.S.-led global alliance system.

Presented by Loyola Marymount University's Global Policy Institute in conjunction with the Department of Political Science and International Relations, and the International Relations Program.

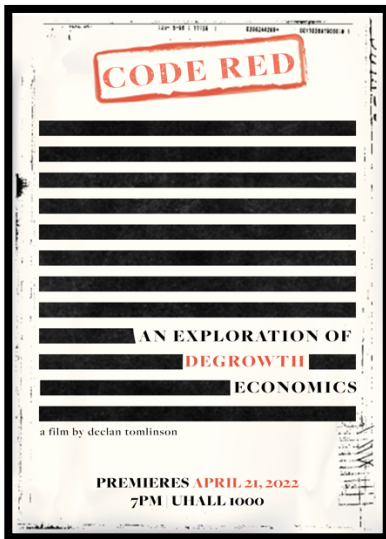


Film Premiere: Code Red: An Exploration of Degrowth Economics

Thursday April 21, 2022 | 7 pm PDT

University Hall | Loyola Marymount University.

Attendance: 42



Film Poster



A scene from the Code Red explaining Green Growth

Degrowth Economics throws conventional economics on its head and ushers in a new 'utopian' vision of prosperity. This documentary, created by GPI Undergraduate Fellow Declan Tomlinson, explores the growing discourse of degrowth economics, which critiques the current status quo of economic thought. The film includes interviews with scholars around the world who are studying different aspects of this school of thought, synthesizing them into a digital research project. The film outlines the history of degrowth in action and provides new examples of what degrowth looks like in practice. It evaluates whether degrowth can solve systemic problems, including climate change, and analyzes the feasibility of implementation on a global (or even national) scale.



The 3-Minute Global Policy Competition 2022

Friday April 22, 2022 | 2:30-4:00 pm PDT

The Living Room | Malone Student Center | Loyola Marymount University.

Attendance: 45



Images from the 3-Minute Global Policy Competition 2022 hosted at the Living Room, Malone Student Center, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA

In the spring, the Global Policy Institute hosted its first edition of The 3-Minute Global Policy Competition. The competition was open to all LMU undergraduate students. The selected seven finalists proposed creative solutions to global policy challenges in other 3 minutes in front of a live audience and a panel of judges. The proposals covered a wide range of topics, including environment, climate change, health, gender inequality, security, borders and immigration. . Our special jury included Roberta Espinoza, Ph.D. Vice Provost for Global-Local Initiatives at LMU; Carol Costello, American television



anchor and former host of CNN Newsroom, and Michael A. Genovese, Ph.D. President of the Global Policy Institute at LMU, Loyola Chair of Leadership Studies, Director of Institute for Leadership Studies. After each policy proposal, the judges provided feedback to the presenters. At the end, the following winners were announced:

- **Winner - Luke Antaky**
Freshman in Political Science
Topic: "Bridging the Technological Divide"
Prize Amount: \$500
 - **Runner Up - Kevin Errasquin**
Junior in International Relations with a minor in History and French
Topic: "Water"
Prize Amount: \$300
 - **People's Choice Award - Nolan Kim**
Junior in Political Science
Topic: "Gender Equality equals Economic Growth"
Prize Amount: \$200
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Global Policy Institute Initiatives and Activities

GPI Career Spotlight

“The GPI Career Spotlight Initiative invites professionals in international relations and global policy to talk about their careers and experiences. The initiative aims to provide LMU students with ideas of professional pathways in international relations and global policy and hopes to inspire the next generation of global citizens to become change makers in their lives after the Bluff.”

GPI Career Spotlight: Peace Corps | Dr. Sakeena Ali, Senior Recruiter, Peace Corps
December 2, 2021

GPI Career Spotlight: Think Tanks | Dr. Jonathan Pollack, Distinguished Scholar of Strategic Studies, the Global Policy Institute
January 24, 2022



Global Policy Institute Podcast

This year, GPI released two new episodes of its podcast, which sheds light on the work and contributions of the LMU community.

- **Episode 3: Dr. Prachi Jain | Developmental, Experimental and Behavioral Economist**



[GPI Podcast | Episode 3: Dr. Prachi Jain \(Development, Experimental and Behavioral Economist\)](#)

In Episode 3, **Jose Miguel Lopez Arroyo**, *GPI Undergraduate Fellow* interviews **Dr. Prachi Jain**, *Assistant Professor of Economics, Loyola Marymount University*, on her background in behavioral and development economics and her interdisciplinary course on global poverty. The episode is an insightful session focused on the importance of behavioral economics, providing us with a glimpse of possibilities that the field has to offer. Dr. Jain discusses her current research projects in Kenya, understanding the challenges and implications that come with conducting research outside the United States. Furthermore, Dr. Jain discusses the interdisciplinary connections within the field of community psychology and how researchers must incorporate “cultural humility” while conducting programs in different communities. This episode offers thought-provoking insights, making it a great learning opportunity for anyone wanting to learn more about behavioral economics and many current societal challenges.



- **Episode 4: Dr. Arin Brahma | Assistant Professor of Information Systems and Business Analytics**



*Dr. Arin Brahma, Assistant Professor of Information Systems and Business Analytics,
College of Business Administration, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA*



[GPI Podcast | Episode 4: Dr. Arin Brahma | Big Data & Artificial Intelligence](#)

In Episode 4, **Christopher Yalda**, *GPI Undergraduate Fellow*, interviews **Dr. Arin Brahma**, *Assistant Professor of Information Systems and Business Analytics, College of Business Administration, Loyola Marymount University*, covering topics related to big data. The episode discusses the importance of artificial intelligence, applications of machine learning algorithms and data localization. Dr. Brahma shares his thoughts on data privacy and certain policy approaches that can be implemented towards protecting individual democratic rights in the realm of big data and data analytics. The podcast also provides insights into the architecture of open and closed forms of internets, the role of foreign actors, and how a lack of data governance measure can pose a threat to national security.



Policy Brief

Domestic and Geopolitical Realignments: Implications for the ROK-US alliance

Evidence from a survey experiment of U.S. voters

Published April 28, 2022

Veronica Backer-Peral | Dr. Gene Park



The Global Policy Institute released its new policy brief: “Domestic and Geopolitical Realignments: Implications for the ROK-US alliance” authored by Veronica Backer-Peral, former GPI Undergraduate Fellow and Dr. Gene Park, Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science and International Relations.

The purpose of the study is to examine the effects of partisan polarization on how U.S. voters view commitment to U.S. allies, in this case, South Korea (formally the Republic of Korea or ROK). Donald Trump came to office on an “America First” platform and used strong language to characterize allies as “ripping us off.” Polling has suggested a significant



divide in terms of how Democrats and Republicans view alliances, military force, the role of diplomacy and more. Experts have warned that such polarization can have long-term harmful effects on U.S. foreign policy by undermining its credibility, ability to make long-term commitments and more.

Backer-Peral and Park's study uses survey experiments on U.S. voters to examine different partisan reactions to conflict scenarios that might require the U.S. to aid South Korea. Their finding suggests that there are indeed important differences, and that partisan priming can reduce or increase U.S. voter support for defending South Korea, its formal ally. Republicans, though, are more sensitive to such partisan priming than Democrats. Read the report for details and the larger policy implications.

Read the document: [Policy Brief - Domestic and Geo-Political Realignments: Implications for the ROK-US alliance](#)



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Global Policy Institute Blogs

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Afghanistan: Past, Present and Future

Author: Kevin Errasquin, GPI Undergraduate Fellow

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On All Front: A Conversation with Clarissa Ward

Author: Anushka Brito, GPI Undergraduate Fellow

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Federica Mogherini: Europe, the U.S. and Global Challenges

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2022: The Year For Vaccine Equity

Author: Declan Tomlinson, GPI Undergraduate Fellow

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Peter Staley: ACT UP and a Life in Activism

Author: Jose Miguel Lopez Arroyo, GPI Undergraduate Fellow

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Tax Collection in the Information Age: A Case for a Unified Tax Collection at Source System

Author: Dhimaan Sarkaar, GPI Graduate Assistant

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Feminism in the Global South: Why do Countries Continue to Invest?

Author: Anushka Brito, GPI Undergraduate Fellow

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2021 Global Policy Institute Book Award, Honoring Dr. Adom Getachew

Author: Kevin Errasquin, GPI Undergraduate Fellow

Published on: March 20, 2022

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Disinformation: A New Threat

Author: Annika Lai, GPI Undergraduate Fellow

Published on: March 20, 2022

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Cyber Warfare Capabilities: An Analysis of Variables Driving States to Develop Cyber-Weapons and The Strategies that Emerge from Possessing Them

Author: Jose Miguel Lopez Arroyo, GPI Undergraduate Fellow

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Blog: [Cyber Warfare Capabilities: An Analysis of Variables Driving States to Develop Cyber-Weapons and The Strategies that Emerge from Possessing Them](#)

Politics and its Involvement in Sports

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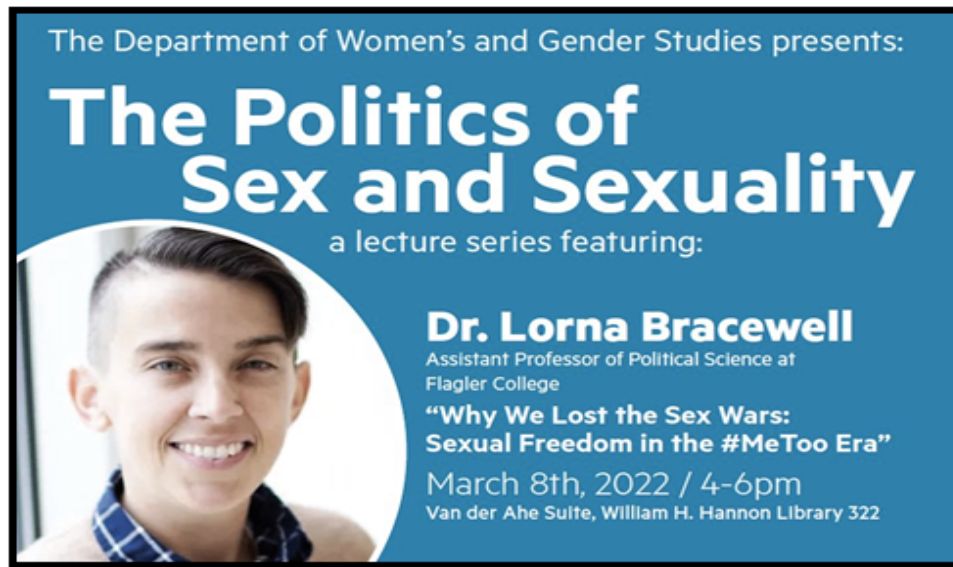
Cohosted Events

The Politics of Sex and Sexuality Lecture Series | Dr. Lorna Bracewell

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm PDT

Van der Ahe Family Suite | William H. Hannon Library | Loyola Marymount University.

Attendance: 31



Dr. Lorna Bracewell on The Politics of Sex and Sexuality

GPI was proud to co-sponsor the lecture series “The Politics of Sex and Sexuality.” The Department of Women's and Gender Studies hosted a new lecture series on The Politics of Sex and Sexuality. The first event in this series “Why We Lost the Sex Wars: Sexual Freedom in the #MeToo Era” features guest speaker Dr. Lorna Bracewell, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Flagler College, whose research focuses on feminist theory and the history of political thought. Co-Sponsored by the Department of Political Science, the Global Policy Institute, the Office of LGBTQ Student Services, and the BCLA Dean's Office.



The Politics of Sex and Sexuality Lecture Series | Dr. Joe Fischel

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm PDT

McIntosh Room | University Hall 3999 | Loyola Marymount University.

Attendance: 35

The poster is divided into two main color sections: a dark red top half and a blue bottom half. In the top right corner, there is a circular inset photograph of Dr. Joe Fischel, a man with a beard wearing a dark quilted jacket. The text on the red background reads: "Dr. Joe Fischel", "Associate Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Yale University", "‘What’s Wrong with Sex in Public?’", "April 27th, 2022 / 4-6pm", and "McIntosh Room, University Hall 3999". The text on the blue background reads: "Co-Sponsored by the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, the Department of Political Science, LGBT Student Services, the BCLA Dean’s Office and the Global Policy Institute." In the bottom right corner of the blue section is the Loyola Marymount University (LMU) logo, which consists of a shield icon and the letters "LMU".

Dr. Joe Fischel on “What’s Wrong with Sex in Public”

The Department of Women's and Gender Studies welcomed Dr. Joseph Fischel, Associate Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Yale University to campus for our second installment in our Politics of Sex and Sexuality Lecture Series. Dr. Fischel is a theorist of social and sexual justice whose work engages with political theory, feminist legal theory, and queer studies. His talk entitled "What's Wrong with Sex in Public?" was held on Wednesday, April 27th from 4-6pm in the McIntosh Center (UNH 3999). The talk was live and in-person. This event was co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science and International Relations, LGBT Student Services, the Global Policy Institute, and the BCLA Dean's Office.



Queer Migrant Panel

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

This event was held virtually via Zoom web-conferencing software.

Attendance: 43



Héctor Plascencia sharing their experiences as a queer and trans migrant living in the United States of America

GPI was proud to co-sponsor the panel “Queer Migrants.” The LMU community learnt from three speakers on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, **Héctor Plascencia**, **Alan Pelaez López**, and **Loba**, who partook in the virtual event “Refusing Violence: A Queer and Trans Migrant Panel.” They spoke about their experiences as queer and trans migrants living in the United States, and how they came to do the activist and cultural work that they have been doing for years, and which actively refuses violence in multiple ways.

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