

# 2023 Watson Undergraduate Thesis Conference

MONDAY, MAY 15

12:00 Opening Remarks Tony Levitas

### 12:15 Making Foreign Policy

Moderator: Susan Moffitt

**Moderator: Claudia Elliott** 

Moderator: Ed Steinfeld

"Freedom is not Won with Flowers": An Operational Analysis of the U.S. Occupations of Cuba (1906), Haiti (1915), and Nicaragua (1927)

Leo McMahon

Unintended Audiences of Intra-Alliance Signaling

Gerilyn Maselli

True to their Roots or a New Shade of Green? The Evolution of the German Green Party's Position Toward NATO (1980-1999)

Erik Brown

Why Lawfare? Understanding the Factors that Drive International Legal Coercion Olwyn Kells

### 1:45 Migration/Immigration/Displacement/Protection

The Impact of Armed Conflict and its Consequences on Women's Migration Decisions: The Guatemalan Civil War and Peru's Internal Armed Conflict

Abigail Carbajal

"Responsibility to Protect" and its Effects on Forced Displacement: Humanitarian in Principle or Practice? Katie Goldenberg

Negotiating Symbolic Citizenship to Safeguard Democracy: Immigration and Democratic Consolidation in the Case of South Korea

Annette Lee

### 3:00 In the Shadow of Hegemons

Between Empire and Post-Colonial Nation-Building: A Comparative Analysis of Nationalism's Role in French India's Decolonization in Chandernagore and Pondicherry (1947-1954)

Catherine Nelli

Disaggregating the Quality of Democracy: Evaluating the Effects of U.S Counterterrorism Aid on the Quality of Democracy in Colombia (2000-2010)

Isabella Yepes

"No One Can Replace China": Cambodia's Alignment with China Since Hun Sen's 1997 Coup Meghan Murphy

4:15 Closing Remarks Claudia Elliott



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**Moderator: Patsy Lewis** 

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TUESDAY, MAY 16

12:00 Opening Remarks Patsy Lewis

#### 12:15 Developing Development

The Rich Man's Road: The Indelible Mark of the Nairobi Expressway and the Modern Kenya State's Approach to Development

Yohan Mutta

Local Participation and Empowerment in International Development Cooperation: Interrogating the United States Agency for International Development's Locally Led Development Initiative Bianca Auriemo

The Microcredit-Unpaid Labor Nexus Model: A Qualitative, Machine-Learning, and Micro-Econometric Approach to Uncover the Role of Household Technologies in the Chicken-and-Egg Dilemma of Gender Market Gaps Valerie Aguilar Dellisanti

But Do They Actually Work? An Investigation of the Use of Publicly Issued Green Bonds in Africa Tucker Wilke

### 1:45 American Dilemmas

An Analysis of How K-12 Educational Experiences Affect Black Women in Higher Education Nailah Tukpah

Breaking Down Intent: Understanding Interests in Providence Municipal Legislative Redistricting Benjamin Youngwood

Different Paths: The Politics of Medicaid Expansion in Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming Adeline Hahn

Telehealth in Maine: Policy Implementation and Practice Implications
Maguire Anuszewski

## 3:15 Science, Technology, and Power

Ad Astra! Cooperation Between Superpowers: A Cooperation-Competition Framework for Understanding Collaboration and Competition between the United States and Russia on the International Space Station Ariana Haji

In Support of Taking a Neorealist Approach to the Study of Cybersecurity Decision Making: Sophistication of Cyber Attacks on the U.S. Attributed to Russia and China

Amelia Shapiro

Blue Traction: The Datafication of Movement and Bodyfication of Threat in the Rise of Gait and Behavior Recognition Technology Amienne Spencer-Blume

4:30 Closing Remarks
Reception to follow.

Ed Steinfeld

**Moderator: Michael Kennedy**