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THURSDAY, APRIL 4th

9:00am
Opening remarks and welcome by Evelyn Davidheiser, Director, Institute of Global Studies

9:00am-10:30am
Politics and Economics in Latin America — Moderated by Klaas van der Sanden, Program Coordinator and Interim Director of the Center for Austrian Studies
- Aidan Breen, “Somak Kawsoy: Microfinance and Cultural Conceptions of Poverty Alleviation in Contemporary Ecuador”
- Carmen De Couto Jonas, “Debunking the Myth of Ethanol: A Case Study of Sugar Cane Ethanol Production in Brazil”

10:45am-12:15pm (Spanish)
National Identity and the State — Moderated by Professor Michael Goldman, Departments of Global Studies and Sociology
- Aechun (Annie) Rhee, “Why We Need Leadership: The Importance of Charles de Gaulle’s Fifth Republicanism in Restoring French Nationalism During the Post-War Period”
- Anna Meteyer, “A History of Resistance and Political Agency in the Hills of Southeast Asia”
- Clara McGlynn, “Uzbekistan and the Creation of National Consciousness”

12:30-1:30  --  KEYNOTE SPEAKER  --  Professor Karina Ansolabehere
“Future Challenges for Human Rights in Mexico”

12:30pm - Lunch   1:15pm-2:45pm

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Democracy, Narrative, Agency — Moderated by Professor Thomas Wolfe, Departments of Global Studies and History
- Lars Jørgen Reed, “Run! It’s an Election: A Second Look at Ethnic Violence in Kenya at Election Times”
- Madeline Wildeson, “Female Testimony as Political Identity: Assessing the Therapeutic Power of Individual Women’s Participation in the Gacaca Courts”
- Camille Lizama, “Realism and Reality: The Importance of Dissident Literature in Visualizing the Soviet Thirties”
- Jennifer Cafarella, “Democracy Through Islamism: The Future of the Middle Eastern Cold War”

3:00pm-4:30pm (Spanish)
Culture Across Borders — Moderated by Professor Sophia Beal, Department of Spanish & Portuguese Studies
- Elizabeth Mayberry, “El Rol de la Embajada de los Estados Unidos en el Fortalecimiento Intercultural/The role of the US Embassy in Strengthening Cross-Cultural Understanding”
- Tatiana Giraldo, “Non-Hetero-Sexual Representations in Latin American Literature”
- Alexandra Mitchell, “Sexualidad, presión y soledad: Miss Algrave y Mr. Duffy/Sexuality, Repression, and Loneliness: Miss Algrave and Mr. Duffy”

5:00 pm
Closing remarks by Carol A. Klee, Professor and Chair, Department of Spanish & Portuguese

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th

9:00am-10:30am
Human Rights: Violations and Advocacy — Moderated by Professor Evelyn Davidheiser, Director, Institute for Global Studies
- Christie Nicson, “The Institutionalization of Sex Trafficking in Eastern Europe”
- Carly Dooley, “Violations of the Right to Life During the Guatemalan Civil War: History and Theoretical Explanations”
- Yan-Soo (Lauren) Kim, “On the Border Between North Korea and China”
- Katie Menke, “The Power of Narrative: Maintaining the Media Relevancy of Disappeared Salvadoran Children”

10:45am-12:15pm (Spanish)
Social and Aesthetic Revolutions in Literature and Film — Moderated by Professor William Viestenz, Department of Spanish & Portuguese Studies and Institute for Global Studies
- Augustus Griffin, “El Cine Imperfecto y el nueve cine como herramientas de transformación”
- Megan Odom, “Una ruptura con la realidad en El cuarto de atrás: Un análisis de la liminalidad y el posmodernismo en una metaficción historiográfica”
- Jon Van Keulen, “Películas de Pasiones: El Rol de Poder y Deseo en el Cine de Almodóvar”
- Amanda Van Haren, “The role of mythology in Cervantes’ La Numancia”

3:00pm-4:30pm (Spanish)
Languages and Ideology — Moderated by Professor Carol A. Klee, Professor and Chair, Department of Spanish & Portuguese Studies
- Ashley Mytnik, “Mexican Spanish in Contact with Minnesotan English/El español mexicano en contacto con el inglés de Minnesota”
- Christopher Crump, “Race and Miscegenation in Brazil”
- Max Utterberg, “La diferencia entre conocimiento y sabiduría/ The Difference between Knowledge and Wisdom”
- Elizabeth Wurm, “Promoting Linguistic Diversity: Distinctive Features of Rioplatense Spanish (‘Promover la diversidad lingüistica: Rasgos distintivos del español rioplatense’)”

5:00 pm
Closing remarks by Carol A. Klee, Professor and Chair, Department of Spanish & Portuguese