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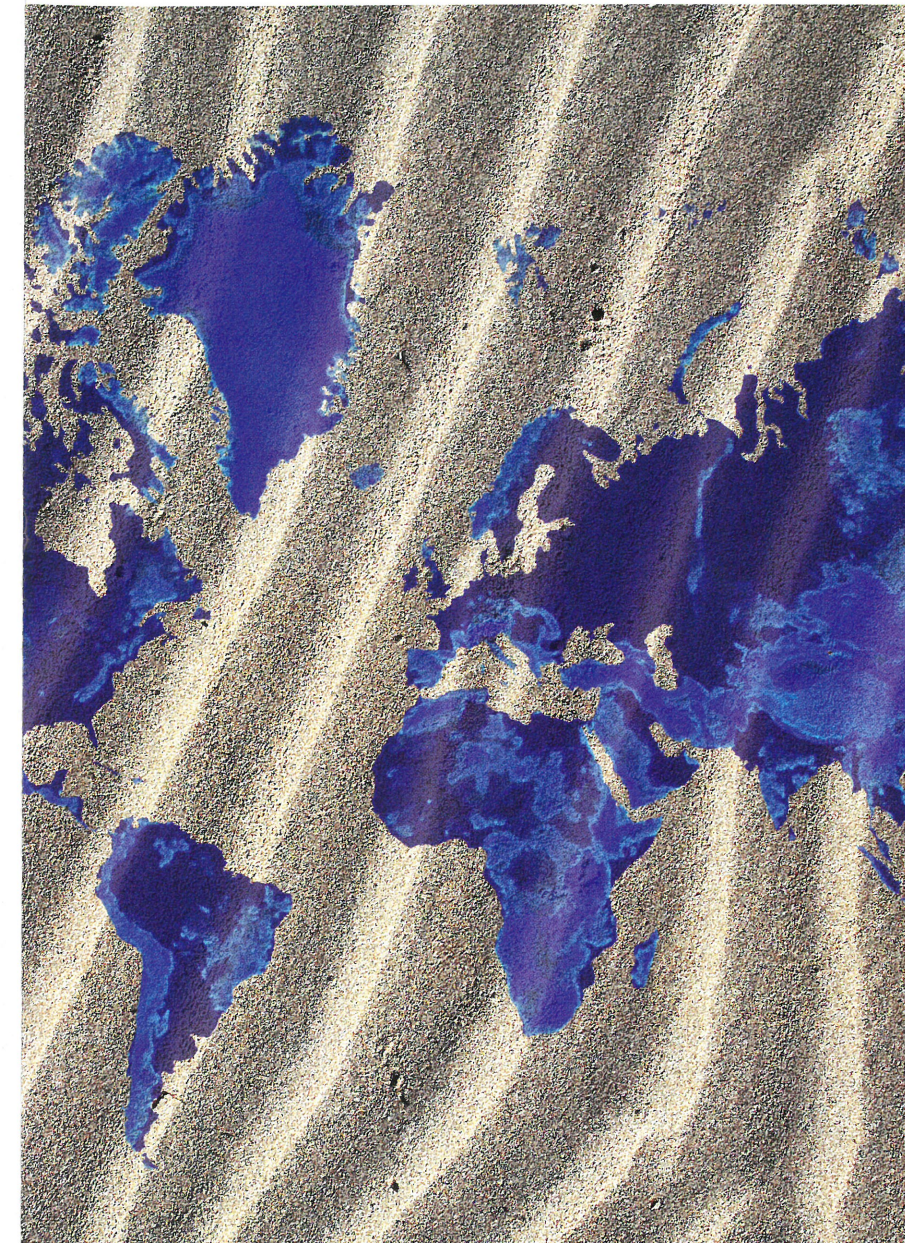
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Monday, April 4, 3 p.m.

Signing Away Sovereignty? The Dilemma of Human Rights and National Autonomy

The territorial sovereignty of nation-states is a cornerstone of international politics. Proponents of the "responsibility to protect" mandate argue that sovereignty may be breached if mass atrocities are occurring. Others argue that these principles of intervention present an even greater threat of unlawful and destabilizing interference. When there is a risk of mass atrocities, how should the international community respond?

Aidan Hehir is a senior lecturer in international relations and program director of the Security and International Relations Program at the University of Westminster. His research focuses on international law and the use of force, humanitarian intervention, and state building. Hehir has been invited to speak at the British Foreign Office and Chatham House.

Elana Berger is a research associate with the Global Center for the Responsibility to Protect, headquartered in New York City. Berger is an attorney focusing on international law and has worked on issues ranging from international child labor standards to the U.N. Convention Against Torture.

Moderator: Heather Smith, Assistant Professor of International Affairs

Monday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.

State Secrets and Public Prerogative: Does Information Transparency Compromise National Security?

The leaking of secure information has persistently challenged the balance between informational transparency and international security. Should the demands of national security dictate the level of transparency between the state and society? Or does freedom of information take priority in ensuring government accountability? Many countries have tried to strike this balance, but the question remains, who draws the line?

Colonel David Lapan is the deputy assistant secretary of defense for media operations at the Pentagon. Lapan served as press officer in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, where he was public affairs liaison to U.S. Central Command during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also served as public affairs officer for the Multi-National Force—West during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Daniel Ellsberg is a senior fellow of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. In 1969, Ellsberg photocopied a 7,000-page study on decision making in Vietnam that he helped produce under Robert McNamara at the RAND Corporation. In 1971, Ellsberg gave the document to the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and other newspapers. It became known as the Pentagon Papers.

Moderator: Paula Abrams, Professor of Law at Lewis & Clark Law School

Tuesday, April 5, 3:30 p.m.

Gimme Shelter: Evaluating the Impact of Refugees on Host States

The relationship between international refugees and their host states remains contested. Some argue that the burdens imposed are too costly to bear and that the influx of refugees across borders poses a threat to state security. Others maintain that this flow of individuals brings opportunities for increased prosperity and cultural enrichment.

Sokhom Tauch is the executive director of the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO). He fled to the United States in 1975 as a refugee from Cambodia. Before becoming executive director, he was IRCO's fiscal manager for over 19 years. He has provided fiscal advising to other refugee self-help organizations across the country. In addition to working in refugee resettlement, Tauch is active in Oregon's Cambodian and other communities.

Keith Beardsley is a partner at True North Public Affairs. He has served 30 years as a senior political advisor. At True North he helps groups implement public policy within the Canadian government. Previous posts have included deputy chief of staff to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and head of research for the Progressive Conservative Party. His work has positioned him as a political commentator and strategist.

Moderator: Tim Mechlinski, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Tuesday, April 5, 7 p.m.

Does Foreign Aid Work? The Dichotomy of Development and Dependence

The uneven distribution of wealth among states has given rise to cross-border flows of aid. Whom do these donor-recipient relations actually benefit? Advocates of foreign aid argue that this support has a positive impact on the recipient country, while critics say that aid is actually doing more harm than good.

Neal Keny-Guyer is the chief executive officer of Mercy Corps, a leading international humanitarian and development organization. He has forged new directions at Mercy Corps, most notably implementing global mergers and strategic alliances; placing human rights, civil society, and social entrepreneurship at the forefront of Mercy Corps' humanitarian mission; and building an organizational reputation for ground-breaking, innovative programming in the world's toughest environments.

James Shikwati is president of the Inter Region Economic Network (IREN), a think tank dedicated to promoting sustainable African development and economic analysis of government policy. An outspoken campaigner for economic reform in Africa, he has been recognized as one of the top 100 most influential Kenyans by The Standard Group, and among the World Economic Forum's 250 young global leaders.

Moderator: Cari Coe, Assistant Professor of International Affairs

Wednesday, April 6, 3:30 p.m.

Lights, Camera, Politics: Debating the Power of News Media in Today's Foreign Policy

The prominence of media in the modern world is unprecedented. Considering the rapid growth of technology and the speed at which information can now cross borders, what is the impact of media on international relations? Does the media merely report politics, or does it shape policy?

Steven Livingston is professor of media and international affairs at George Washington University. His research and consulting work have taken him around the world as an expert in political communication. His work focuses on how media and information technology impact international relations, with a special emphasis in national security and policy making.

Warren P. Strobel is the senior foreign affairs correspondent for the Washington Bureau of McClatchy Newspapers. Over the course of his career, Strobel has worked for a variety of publications, focusing on issues of national security and intelligence. Strobel and his colleagues received an award for their reporting on the misuse of intelligence and planning failures prior to the Iraq war.

Moderator: Andrew Cortell, Associate Professor of International Affairs

Wednesday, April 6, 7 p.m.

How to Deal: Is Legalization Effective for Combating Transnational Crime?

The changing notion of borders has empowered transnational criminal organizations (TCOs), which are financed through the illicit distribution of heroin, cocaine and other drugs. These groups traffic people, arms, drugs, and other goods across international lines, decreasing the authority of governments over their own borders. Can governments minimize the impact of TCOs through legalization of these goods, or is prohibition the solution?

Steven B. Duke is a professor of law at Yale. He teaches and writes on criminal law, criminal procedure, evidence, and drug policy. He has submitted many briefs on criminal matters to the United States Supreme Court and has orally argued three cases there. He has written widely on the subject of drug control and opposes drug prohibition.

Antonio Maria Costa is the executive director of the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime, currently on sabbatical to complete a book on crime, finance, and politics. Costa has served as the under-secretary general of the United Nations and the director general of the U.N. Office at Vienna from 2002 to 2010. Previously he was the secretary general of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Moderator: Todd Lochner, Associate Professor of Political Science