## GENERAL INFORMATION

All sessions are free and open to the public. Sessions are held at the Council Chamber in the Templeton Campus Center. Details are subject to change. Parking fees are \$5, free after 5 p.m. For more information visit go. lclark.edu/affairs/international/symposium

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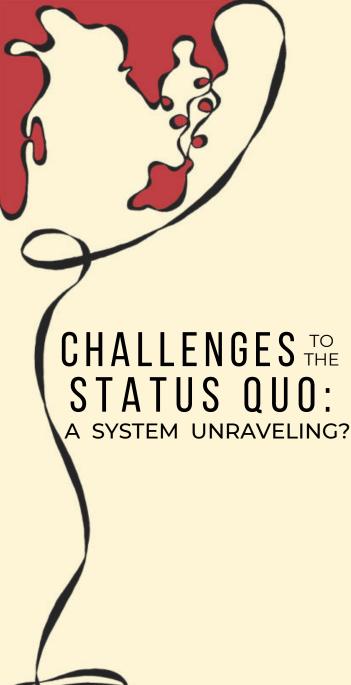
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### IN NGOS WE TRUST? DETERMINING THE AGENDA OF FOREIGN-FUNDED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

# PRIVATE MILITARY CONTRACTORS: TERMS AND CONDITIONS MAY APPLY\*

# HUMAN RIGHTS: UNIVERSALLY INCLUSIVE OR CULTURALLY CONTEXTUAL?

## Wednesday, April 10, 3:30 p.m.

Moderator: Leah Gilbert, Political Science

Some believe that NGOs have become tools of foreign meddling and a vessel for foreign interests. Others would argue that these NGOs promote democracy for all people. This debate explores the question: are democracy-promoting NGOs influencers of foreign interests or advocates for civil society?

## DAVID KRAMER

Monday, April 8, 3:00 p.m.

is a Senior Fellow in the Vaclav Havel Program for Human Rights and Diplomacy at Florida International University. He has previously served as the President of Freedom House and as Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs during the George W. Bush administration.

## TIMOTHY M. GILL

is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina Wilmington and has worked as a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Inter-American Policy and Research at Tulane University. His research focuses extensively on democracy assistance efforts and the role of the US in Latin America.

#### Moderator: Clifford Bekar, Economics

Some argue the use of Private Military Contractors comes at the cost of accountability and leaves open the possibility for abuse. How should states balance the costs and benefits when considering employing PMCs? Is their use justifiable, considering there is a financial incentive to propagate conflict?

## JOSE L. GOMEZ DEL PRADO

Tuesday, April 9, 3:30 p.m.

is a lecturer at the University of Barcelona focusing on human rights and diplomatic relations. For six years he was the chair of the U.N. working group on mercenaries, which studied the effects of private military and security contractors. Under his leadership, the working group helped develop and advocate for regulatory standards for the military contractor industry.

# MOLLY DUNIGAN

is a senior political scientist and associate director of the Defense and Political Sciences Department at the RAND Corporation based in Santa Monica, California. Her research focuses on private military and security contractors and civil-military relations, for which she is an internationally recognized expert.

#### Moderator: Heather Smith-Cannoy, International Affairs

## The idea of human

rights as inclusive of the traditions and cultures of all people is challenged by the argument that human rights don't include groups who are marginalized by the state and the system, therefore functioning as tools of neo-colonialism and imperialism. At the heart of this debate lies the question, are human rights universal?

Opponents of nuclear weapons

point out the potential for

human suffering inherent to

weapons of mass destruction.

In contrast, their proponents

emphasize the beneficial war-

preventive capabilities. Given

international turbulence, this

disarmament safe, feasible, or

the current climate of

debate asks the burning

question: Is nuclear

desirable?

is the founder and executive director of the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI), a civil society organization based in Uganda. Currently, he is serving as the independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order for the United Nations Human Rights Council.

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### BONNY IBHAWOH

is a professor of global human rights and African studies at McMaster University in Canada. He was a human rights fellow at the Carnegie Council for Ethics and International Affairs in New York. He focuses primarily on human rights, imperialism, and the decolonization of Africa.

# THE POPULIST DISRUPTION: MAKE DEMOCRACY GREAT AGAIN

Monday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.

Moderator: Todd Lochner, Political Science

The rise of populist movements across the world reflects a crisis of representation within democratic systems. Many agree that the current system is not perfect. However, some argue that a radical change is necessary, while others believe moderate reforms will suffice. How do we improve representation and make our governments more democratic? Can democracy be fixed?

# YASCHA MOUNK

is an associate professor of international affairs at Johns Hopkins University, a senior adviser at Protect Democracy in Washington D.C., a columnist at Slate, and the host of "The Good Fight" podcast. Mounk speaks to audiences on five continents as a leading global expert on the crisis of liberal democracy and the rise of populism.

# RICHARD MORALES

is an executive counselor for the Frente Amplio por la Democracia (FAD) a political party in Panama, and was a presidential candidate for the party in 2018. He also currently teaches political science at University of Panama. Morales is an experienced community organizer with a focus on social work in rural areas and indigenous communities.

## Moderator: Elizabeth Bennett, International Affairs

As climate change accelerates, governments around the globe are putting forward marketbased approaches to reduce their footprint. Yet, seldom are willing to point at the market structure of the global economy as the source of the problem. This session explores can capitalism provide the tools to reverse environmental degradation? If not, what are feasible alternatives?

# DAN DUDEK

AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

IN DEMAND: CAN CAPITALISM SUPPLY IT?

is the Environmental Defense Fund's Vice President for Asia. Dudek is credited for developing the cap-and-trade model that the United States adopted in the early 1990s to control sulfur dioxide in rainfall, which among other initiatives made him a leading expert on finding market-based approaches to reducing pollution.

Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

# PAAVO JÄRVENSIVU

is an independent researcher at BIOS Research Unit and a board member for the Mustarinda Association in Finland. His research at BIOS focuses on how materialistic societies contribute to environmental problems and climate change. At Mustarinda, Järvensivu works to rebuild a society focused on maintaining ecological diversity.

# A WORLD OF MADness: THE MERITS AND LIMITATIONS OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.

## IRA HELFAND

is a member of the International Steering Group of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017, and co-President of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), the founding partner of ICAN and itself the recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize.

# BHARAT KARNAD

is a professor of national security studies at the Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi, India. Self-described as "India's foremost conservative strategist," he previously served as the national security advisor to India's National Security Council and conducted strategic nuclear orientation courses for Indian senior military officials.

Moderator: efense Fund's Vice Kyle Lascurettes, ek is credited for International Affairs