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Survival of the Biggest? Cultural Preservation vs. Integration

Saliloko Mufwene is the Edward Carson Waller Distinguished Service Professor of Linguistics and the interim faculty director at the Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture at the University of Chicago. He is the founding editor of the Cambridge Approaches to Language Contact, an interdisciplinary series focusing on dialect contact, language evolution and convergence phenomena and his personal research focuses on the analysis of language through different paradigms such as culture, economics and evolutionary development.

Moderator: Kabeer Hassan, Sociology, Anthropology

The intersection of cultures has increased with the prevalence of globalization in the international system, but the meeting of cultures through economic and political ties has resulted in equal exchanges. In this relationship, should minority cultures embrace the dominant one in the name of the collective good of society, or does that threaten the advantages that cultural diversity brings?

International Cooperation to Confront Environmental Catastrophe

April 6th 3:30 - 5:00 PM


Moderator: Jessica Klein, Environmental Studies

Every day environmental issues are more pressing than the day before, and varying strategies are pushed as an ideal way for the world to mobilize against these complex challenges. Do international agreements hold the key to effective responses, or do they represent bureaucratic red tape getting in the way of real world solutions?

Obsolete Relic or Best Hope for the Future: Can the Liberal International Order Survive?

April 6th 7:00 - 8:30 PM

G. John Ikenberry is the Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University. He is also the co-director of Princeton’s Center for International Security Studies and the Princeton Project on National Security. He is a leading scholar in his field and a prolific author. His research and recent work centers around the stability and future of global order, liberal internationalism, and liberal democracy.

Moderator: Kyle Lasarowitz, International Affairs

Experts in the field have described the global order since WW II as a Liberal International Order, characterized by multilateral cooperation and promotion of liberal democracies. Given the recent chaotic fluctuations in global power, is the Liberal International Order continue to be the dominant global framework or will it be left behind?

Civil Movements: Moving Mountains or Kicking Rocks?

April 5th 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Srđa Popović is one of the co-founders of the Center for Applied Nonviolent Action and Strategies in Serbia. While he was a student at the University of Belgrade, he founded a nonviolent resistance group with his peers called Otpor, which was one of the leading organizations during the Revolution that culminated in the toppling of the Serbian dictator, Slobodan Milošević, on October 5, 2000. A known advocate for nonviolent resistance, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2012.

Moderator: Supama Chaudhry, International Affairs

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The Digital Dilemma: Does the Web Empower or Overload the Individual?

April 7th 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Roslyn Fuller is a research associate at the Center for Information Systems and Techno-culture (INSITE) at the Waterford Institute of Technology based in the United States. She is dedicated to the study of the interactions between people and technology and is interested in the digital divide and the impact of new media on society and politics.

Moderator: Tung Yin, Law School

The digital age has generated innovative technology that allows for instance of information. However, the digital age has also led to an increase in misinformation and fake news, which can have serious consequences for individuals and society. How do we navigate this complex landscape and ensure that we are making informed decisions?

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Benjamin Press is a James C. Gaither Junior Fellow in the Democracy, Conflict, and Governance Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. His research focuses on global political trends, comparative politics, and U.S. governance policy. He also runs the Carnegie Endowment’s Global Protest Tracker, a renowned collection of data on contemporary protest movements around the world. His published work has been featured in just Security, The SAS Review of International Affairs, and the World Politics Review.

Moderator: Supama Chaudhry, International Affairs

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