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Debate Schedule

Survival of the Biggest? Cultural Preservation vs. Integration

April 5th
3:30 - 5:00 PM

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:
Kabir Helmsath,
Sociology and
Anthropology

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

Sophie Croisy

is a lecturer at the Institute of Cultural and International Studies at the University of Versailles Saint-Quentin in France. She has done extensive research on the intersection of cultures in literature, and written on the value of minority cultures in a globalized world. She is also a lecturer at the Center for Cultural History of Contemporary Societies in the United Kingdom, where her research centers around cultural studies, and specifically the transfer and mediation of cultural knowledge.

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:
Suparna
Chaudhry,
International
Affairs

Civil movements have risen to the forefront of the global stage, creating questions about the efficacy of organized nonviolent protest in catalyzing sustainable, institutional change. Some argue that success is usually ill-defined and infeasible, while others contend that success is readily attainable given the correct strategies. The question on everyone's mind: in a world of leaderless protests, are "organized" movements the most viable model?

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 protest 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 SAIS Review of International Affairs*, and the *World Politics Review*.

International Cooperation to Confront Environmental Catastrophe

April 6th
3:30 - 5:00 PM

Shikha Dalmia

is a columnist at *The Week*, and has contributed to *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Times of London*, *Time*, *USA Today*, *The Daily Beast*, *Forbes* and the *Washington Examiner*. Dalmia most notably spent 15 years as a Senior Analyst at the Reason Foundation, a nonprofit think tank advancing free minds and free markets, where she wrote extensively on the environment, immigration, Social Security, health care and foreign policy.

Moderator:
Jessica Kleiss,
Environmental
Studies

Every day environmental crises 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 market-based solutions?

Augusto Lopez-Claros

currently serves as the Director of the Global Indicators Group at the World Bank Group in Washington, DC, and previously held the positions of Chief Economist and Director for the Global Competitiveness program. His research focuses on the role of international organizations in fostering international economic cooperation. He has over 20 years of experience working firsthand with organizations including the IMF and World Bank.

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. Millbank 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:
Kylie Lascuraines,
International
Affairs

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

Gregory F. Treverton

is the Professor of the Practice of International Relations & Spatial Sciences at the University of Southern California. He serves as a non-resident senior adviser with the Transnational Threats Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C. He formerly served as the Chairman of the National Intelligence Council from Sep. 2014 to Jan. 2017 under the Obama Administration, and oversaw the Global Trends Report titled "The Paradox of Progress". His research interests include geopolitics, international security, and defense strategy.

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 Centre for Information Systems and Techno-culture (INSYTE) at the Waterford Institute of Technology based in Ireland. She is the founder and director of the Solonian Democracy Institute, which seeks to further research and understand alternative democratic practices. Her area of expertise focuses on mass digital participation, ancient Athenian democracy, and money in media and politics.

Moderator:
Tung Yin,
Law School

The digital age has generated innovative technology that is able to transfer information freely and quickly. By 2021, some would argue that the information onslaught presented by modern technology has created conditions in which individuals cannot realistically determine fact from fiction, giving way to a period of technological chaos. Others would argue that widespread access to this unprecedented reservoir of information allows citizens to make more informed decisions than ever before. The question arises: Does information overload prevent or enable individuals from being effective participants in society?

Samuel Woolley

is an Associate Professor of Journalism and Information at the University of Texas at Austin, and the project director for propaganda research at the Center for Media Engagement at UT. He has previously served as the director of research at the Computational Propaganda Project through the University of Oxford, and most recently became the founding director of the Digital Intelligence Lab at the Institute for the Future. His research interests are in the areas of digital media, political polarization, and automation and IA in social media.