

*Third Annual*

**UCLA** INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE

## **Graduate Student Conference**



**GOING GLOBAL: TRANSNATIONAL ISSUES  
IN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPLICATIONS**

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**Friday, April 22, 2016**

**8:30 AM – 5:30 PM**

**306 and 314 Royce Hall, UCLA**

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***Today's conference is organized by graduate students in the M.A. programs at the International Institute and brings together scholars from a wide range of fields whose research takes an interdisciplinary approach to global issues.***

### Keynote Speaker: Robin L.H. Derby, Ph.D.



Our Keynote speaker, **Robin L.H. Derby** is Associate Professor in the Department of History and the Latin American Institute at UCLA. Her research interests include Latin American political regimes, authoritarianism, state terror, U.S. imperialism, popular religion, and cultural history with a focus in the Caribbean region (especially the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Puerto Rico and Cuba).

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## ***Please join us for a Reception at 306 Royce Hall after presentations have concluded.***

We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who participated in making our *Third Annual International Institute Graduate Student Conference* a success:

### ***...the presenters...***

Alejandro García	Elyan Hill	Jin Aeng Choi	Signin Ojulu
Alyssa Goodstein	Emma Colven	Kathleen Bush-Joseph	Soumi R. Chowdhury
Amanda Domingues	Erica Anjum	Liron Lavi	Thomas Thompson
Amy Zhou	Grace Ballor	Mack Eason	
Andrea Suh	Hope McCoy	Manoel G.R. Moreira	
Christian Reyes	Jan Pieter Snoeij	Mehrenegar Rostami	
Clare Beer	Jenny Jong-Hwa Lee	Mohammad Rafi	
Deepak Singhania	Jia Feng	Pallavi Sriram	

### ***... our moderators...***

Adria Tinnin	Chelsi Dimm	Hughlin Boyd	Natalie Dickson
Ana Maria Durán	Erica Anjum	Kurt Klein	Niat Afeworki

### ***...the conference committee...***

Alda Migoni	Erica Anjum	Magda Yamamoto	Sandy Valdivieso
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Chelsi Dimm	Kevin Kind	Niat Afeworki	Tatiana Sulovska

### ***...our volunteers...***

Connie Zhou	Michelle Lawetzki	Shriya Didwania
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	<p><u>Panel #7:</u></p> <p>Cities in Flux: Global Implications of Infrastructure and Urban Planning</p> <p><i>“The Techno-Politics of Adaptation Infrastructures: Planning Jakarta’s Great Garuda Sea Wall Project”</i> <b>Emma Colven, Geography</b></p> <p><b>Moderated by Ana Maria Durán, Urban Planning</b></p> <p><b>306 Royce Hall</b></p> <p><i>“Decentralization and the Delivery of Basic Services in a Developing Country: Providing Water and Sanitation to Urban Consumers in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia”</i> <b>Erica Anjum, African Studies</b></p>
2:30—3:45 PM	<p><u>Panel #8:</u></p> <p>Challenging Eurocentrism: Decolonial Aesthetics</p> <p><i>“At Far Off Points, People Pass By: A Transnational Approach to Iranian and Iraqi Modernist Poetry”</i> <b>Thomas (Levi) Thompson, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures</b></p> <p><b>Moderated by Niat Afeworki, African Studies</b></p> <p><b>314 Royce Hall</b></p> <p><i>“Politics, Race, Sex, and Danger: Conservative Nationalism, the Femme Fatale, and Social Thought in Manuel Galvez’s Historia de Arrabal”</i> <b>Alyssa Goodstein, Latin American Studies</b></p>
4:00—5:30 PM	<p>Reception (<b>306 Royce Hall</b>) Open to registered participants</p> <p>Best Paper Award Announcement — Joseph Watson, Associate Dean of the Graduate Division, UCLA</p>

Conference Schedule	
8:30—9:00 AM	Check-in & Light Breakfast ( <b>314 Royce Hall</b> )
9:00—9:05 AM	Welcome Remarks — Chelsi Dimm, Conference Chair
9:05—9:20 AM	Opening Remarks — Robin L.H. Derby, Associate Professor, Department of History, UCLA ( <b>314 Royce Hall</b> )
9:30—10:45 AM	<p><u>Panel #1:</u></p> <p>Music, Dance, and Migration: Intercultural Experiences in Liminal Spaces</p> <p><i>“Dancing Otherness: Healing, Migration, and Collective Memory in Ewe Festival and Ritual Performances in Ghana and Togo”</i> <b>Elyan Hill, World Arts and Cultures/Dance</b></p> <p><i>“Orquesta Tipica Touring as Mexican Cultural Diplomacy (1902-1931): Uncovering Sources to Write the History of Mexican-American Community-Building”</i> <b>Alejandro García, Musicology</b></p> <p><b>Moderated by Chelsi Dimm, African Studies</b></p> <p><b>314 Royce Hall</b></p> <p><i>“The Silk Road Today: Intercultural Musical Encounters”</i> <b>Mehrenegar Rostami, Ethnomusicology</b></p> <p><i>“On Dancing Tropes and Political Geographies – Imagining Eighteenth Century Southern Coromandel”</i> <b>Pallavi Sriram - World Arts and Cultures/Dance</b></p>
	<p><u>Panel # 2:</u></p> <p>Democracy as a Chronotope: Citizen Self-Constitution through Time, Tech, and Elections</p> <p><i>“The Temporal Aspects of Elections and Democracy: Evidence from Israel”</i> <b>Liron Lavi, Political Science</b></p> <p><i>“Are Biometric Identification Machines (BIM) Helping Clean Up Elections in Colombia? Evidence from Elections to Department Assemblies”</i> <b>Manoel Gehrke Ryff Moreira, Political Science</b></p> <p><b>Moderated by Adria Tinnin, Political Science</b></p> <p><b>306 Royce Hall</b></p> <p><i>“Four Years Later: National Identity Politics &amp; Historical Implications in South Sudan”</i> <b>Sigin Ojulu, African Studies</b></p> <p><i>“Is Universal Jurisdiction Imperialist? Assessing allegations that international criminal law has been subverted to imperialist ends”</i> <b>Mack Eason, Political Science</b></p>

11:00 AM— 12:00 PM	<p><b>Panel #3:</b></p> <p>Gender and Health in Global Contexts</p> <p><b>Moderated by Natalie Dickson, African Studies &amp; Public Health</b></p> <p><b>306 Royce Hall</b></p> <p>"The Uncertainty of Treatment Decisions: Women's Use of HIV Treatment in the Context of Option B+ in Malawi" <i>Amy Zhou, Sociology</i></p> <p>"Contemplating Quotas: The Effectiveness of Political Gender Quotas in Kenya" <i>Amanda Domingues, African Studies</i></p> <p>"Balance of Power, Domestic Violence and Health Injuries: Evidence from Demographic and Health Survey of Nepal" <i>Soumi Roy Chowdhury, Economics</i></p>
	<p><b>Panel # 4:</b></p> <p>Globalized Education: Local Needs in the Context of Western Model Hegemony</p> <p><b>Moderated by Hughlin Boyd, Education</b></p> <p><b>314 Royce Hall</b></p> <p>"Bras Ouverts—Open Arms: An Education-Based Development Model" <i>Kathleen Bush-Joseph &amp; Jan Pieter Snoeij, School of Law</i></p> <p>"Internationalization of Higher Education in Asia: A Case Study of South Korea" <i>Jenny Jong-Hwa Lee, Education</i></p> <p>"Transnationalism and Higher Education: Russian Faculty Perceptions of Change" <i>Hope McCoy, Education</i></p>
12:00—1:00 PM	Networking Lunch ( <b>314 Royce Hall</b> )

1:00—2:15 PM	<p><b>Panel #5:</b></p> <p>Movement: Migration and Cultural Identity</p> <p><b>Moderated by Erica Anjum, African Studies</b></p> <p><b>306 Royce Hall</b></p> <p>"Onibus 174: The Violence Around Us and the Violation in Us" <i>Jin Aeng Choi, Asian Languages and Cultures</i></p> <p>"Internet and ICT Usage in the Somali Diaspora" <i>Christian Reyes, Education</i></p> <p>"Migrant Children in Mexico's Agroindustry: Exploitation, Migration, and Education" <i>Andrea Suh, Education</i></p> <p>"1950 Tales as a Taboo: Contextualizing the James Flint Affair of 1759 in the English East India Company's Asian Trading World and the Qing Emperor's Coffer" <i>Jia Feng, History</i></p>
	<p><b>Panel #6:</b></p> <p>Decentralization and Institutional Reform: Inter and Intra-state Public and Private Strategies</p> <p><b>Moderated by Kurt Klein, Public Policy</b></p> <p><b>314 Royce Hall</b></p> <p>"Unraveling the Welfare Effects of Administrative and Political Decentralization in Indonesia" <i>Deepak Singhania, Economics</i></p> <p>"Selling Conservation - The Eco-Economic Logics of Land Conservation in Chile" <i>Clare Beer, Geography</i></p> <p>"Multinational Firms and European Integration: A Multi-Sector Analysis of Firm Contributions to EU Development" <i>Grace Ballor, History</i></p> <p>"The Precariousness of Aryan Belonging: Confronting Nazi Racial Law and the Determination of Iranian National Identity" <i>Mohammad Rafi, German</i></p>