



**Weatherhead Center**  
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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

## *Undergraduate Associates Thesis Conference 2010*

**Thursday, February 18–Saturday, February 20**

**Center for Government and International Studies, South Building  
1730 Cambridge Street, Belfer Case Study Room (S-020 on the concourse level)**

*(Please note that the presenters' theses are due in March and thus are works in progress.  
The titles and abstracts printed below are drafts reflecting works in progress.)*

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### **Thursday, February 18**

**12:15 p.m. Welcoming Remarks: James Robinson**, Acting Director, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs; Professor of Government

**12:30 p.m.–3:15 p.m. Cities in a Transnational World: Comparative Perspectives on Immigration and Urban Life**

**Chair: Jocelyn Viterna**, Assistant Professor of Sociology and of Social Studies, Department of Sociology; Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies

**Sarah Burack** (History), a Williams/Lodge International Government and Public Affairs Research Fellow: “Riot in the Hill: Afro-Caribbean Identity and Transnational Politics in London, 1958–1965”

**Elizabeth Nichols** (History and Literature), a Williams/Lodge International Government and Public Affairs Research Fellow: “Creating an *Espace Propre* in *La Goutte d’Or*: Creativity, Plurality and Agency in a Multicultural Parisian Neighborhood”

**Elizabeth Powers** (Sociology), a Canada Undergraduate Fellow: “How Can Government Policy Affect Support Networks? South Asian Immigrant Women in Toronto and Boston”

**Melissa Tran** (Sociology), a Samuels Family Research Fellow: “Transnationalism Online: How a Social Networking Website Connects Mexican Migrants”

**Fifteen Minute Break: refreshments will be available.**

**3:30 p.m.–6:15 p.m. Power and the Public: Public Health and Welfare in Developing Economies**

**Chair: Vincenzo Bollettino**, Director of Programs and Administration at the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative

**Neagheen Homaifar** (Social Studies), a Williams/Lodge International Government and Public Affairs Research Fellow: “Microfinance Mothers: A Generational Transmission of Gender Perceptions and Cooperation”

**Sarah Hinkfuss** (Economics, and Environmental Science and Public Policy), a Williams/Lodge International Government and Public Affairs Research Fellow: “Equity in the Informal Water Market: A Case Study of Ayn al-Basha, Jordan”

**Asli Bashir** (History and Literature), a Williams/Lodge International Government and Public Affairs Research Fellow: “Analyzing the Image of the Girl-child during Uganda's HIV/AIDS Crisis: When the discourse of Protection Imperils”

**Lydia Lo** (Social Studies), a Williams/Lodge International Government and Public Affairs Research Fellow: “Helping Spirit: Organizational Context and Humanitarianism among Malawian NGO Workers”

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**Friday, February 19**

**8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast served outside of S-020.**

**9:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Trying Times: Local Justice, Global Dynamics**

**Chair: Jacqueline Bhabha**, Lecturer on Law, Harvard Law School; Director, University Committee on Human Rights Studies

**Trevor Bakker** (Social Studies), a Rogers Family Research Fellow: “Transmitting International Justice: The Hybrid Model of the Special Court for Sierra Leone”

**Joanna Naples-Mitchell** (Social Studies), a Simmons Family Research Fellow: “Experiment in Universality: The ‘Special Procedures’ Mechanisms of the United Nations Human Rights Council and the Challenge of Human Rights Implementation in Sovereign States”

**Emily Hogin** (Social Studies), a Williams/Lodge International Government and Public Affairs Research Fellow: “Counterterrorism in the Classroom: How Competition Between Teachers and Police Officers Shaped the United Kingdom’s ‘Preventing Violent Extremism’ Policy”

**HyunJin Kim** (Social Studies), a Williams/Lodge International Government and Public Affairs Research Fellow: “Tuvalu and Climate Change: Disappearing Islands and the Obligation to Help: Reassessing the International Community’s Obligation to Help Small Island-states with Climate Change Impacts”

**11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.: Lunch provided outside S-020.**

**12:45 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Unity and Disunity: The Durability of Democracies and their Political Institutions**

**Chair: Steven Levitsky**, Professor of Government, Department of Government

**Diane de Gramont** (Social Studies): “Leaving Lima Behind? The Victory and Evolution of Regional Movements in Peru”

**Dimitrije Ruzic** (Economics), a Samuels Family Research Fellow: “The European Union and the Eurozone: Intra-industry Trade and Economic Convergence”

**Elisha Rivera** (Government): “Understanding Policy-Making: An Examination of the Family-based Immigration Policies of the United States and Australia”

**Lillian Khoury** (Government), a Williams/Lodge International Government and Public Affairs Research Fellow: “The Rule of Law in the context of the French Mandate of Syria (1920–1946)”

**Break: Refreshments will be available.**

**4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Protest and its Discontents: Civil Strife in a Changing World**

**Chair: Janet Lewis**, Ph.D. candidate in Government, Weatherhead Center Graduate Student Associate

**Nishchal Basnyat** (Government), a Rogers Family Research Fellow: “Chasing Utopia: Maoism, Monarchy and Democracy in Nepal”

**Megan Shutzer** (Social Studies), a Rogers Family Research Fellow: “Operation Return Home: The Resettlement of Kenya’s Internally Displaced”

**Priya Gupta** (Anthropology), a Williams/Lodge International Government and Public Affairs Research Fellow: “Environmental Protest and Identity Construction in Argentina and Uruguay”

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## **Saturday, February 20**

**9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast served outside of S-020.**

**9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. The Cold War and the Postwar: Perspectives on Diplomatic and International History**

**Chair:** Ian Jared Miller, Director, Undergraduate Student Programs, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs; Assistant Professor, Department of History

**Eugene Kim** (History), a Program on Transatlantic Relations Undergraduate Fellow: “A Deafening Silence: American and British Responses to the Warsaw Uprising, August–October 1944”

**Rob King** (History): “Academic Scribblers: Reports and the Making of American Strategy on Latin America, 1948–1980”

**María Carla Chicuén** (History), a Williams/Lodge International Government and Public Affairs Research Fellow: “The puzzling development of Spain and Great Britain’s favorable diplomatic and commercial relations with Cuba from 1958 to 1964”

**Kevin Zhou** (Government), a Samuels Family Research Fellow: “Two Faces of History: The Evolution of Sino-Japanese Relations”

**Closing remarks: Ian Jared Miller**