

8:00-8:30 Check-in & Registration

8:30-10:00: Session 1

Panel I: Issues and Concepts in Middle East Politics (Richmond Salon 4)

Panel Chair: Dr. William Newmann

Christopher Rories (VCU): *Sufism and Political Islam: Mystical Influences on Islamist Ideology*

Olga Skorokhodova (Moscow State University): *Overcoming the Oil Shock of 1973-74: A New Model of US-OPEC Relations from Confrontation to Cooperation*

Johnathan Tyktor (VCU): *Out of Eden: An Examination of the Decline and Redistribution of the Prestige and Responsibilities of the United Kingdom During the Suez Crisis of 1956*

Dakota Umbel (VCU): *Democracy for Capital*

Panel II: Contemporary Threats to Security (Richmond Salon 1)

Panel Chair: Dr. John Aughenbaugh

Michael Bunt (VCU): *Homegrown Terror: Seeds of Domestic Radicalization within U.S. Borders*

Shannon Flowers (VCU): *Lego Theory*

Dylan Kean (VCU): *The Enigma of North Korea: How Long Can Isolation Last*

Nathan Patin (VCU): *Takfir: Apostasy and Its Use By Jihadists*

Panel III: The Global Environment (Richmond Salon 2)

Panel Chair: Brian Toibin

Caroline Lewis (VCU): *Entertainment vs. Merit: Weighing the Benefits and Harmful Effects of Cetacean Captivity*

Maria Montilla Carmona (University of Cordoba): *Environmental Taxes in Spain*

Amy Newsock (University of Richmond): *An Analysis of University of Richmond and Virginia Commonwealth University Students Perspectives and Behaviors Concerning Climate Change*

Leigh Ann West (University of Richmond): *It's Not What but How: A Comparative Analysis of Two Community-Based Approaches to Soil Improvement in Haiti*

10:15-11:45: Session 2

Panel I: Issues in Homeland Security and Emergency Management

(Richmond Salon 3)

Panel Chair: Prof. Jim Keck and Dr. Jason Levy

Hunter R. Barton (VCU): *Recovery Phase of Emergency Management*

Benjamin Berger (VCU): *Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Bridging the Gap Between Concept and Operation*

Amber Carter (VCU): *The Role and Effectiveness of Behavior Detection in Transportation and Border Security*

Renee Hupp (VCU): *Nuclear Energy: Case Studies to Protect the Future*

Zirian Shammo (VCU): *Kurdistan Crisis*

Amber Madison (VCU): *Richmond Raceway: Security Threats I*

Steve Schaffer (VCU): *Richmond Raceway: Security Threats II*

Aaron Thompson (VCU): *Richmond Raceway: Security Threats III*

Panel II: Comparative Policies in International Criminal Justice

(Richmond Salon 2)

Panel Chair: Dr. Jill Gordon

Hillary Clausen (VCU): *Narcotraffic in a Time of Neoliberalism: The Violent Collision of NAFTA, the Washington Consensus, and the War on Drugs*

Patricia Moreno Gonzalez (University of Guadalajara): *Human Security*

Sarah C. Lincoln (VCU): *The Hong Kong Triads and the Japanese Yakuza*

Jessica Rossiello (VCU): *Do They Really Work?: An Analysis of Sex Offender Registry Laws*

Panel III: Comparative Politics: The Modern State (Richmond Salon 4)

Panel Chair: Prof. Chris Burdett

Helen Fordham (Curtin University of Technology): *David Hicks and the Case for Ethical Governance: An Australian Perspective on Global Public Intellectualism*

Mark C. Gordon (VCU): *A Case for Long-term Historical Ethnic and Cultural Demographic Change as the General Explanation of the Formation of Modern Breakaway States*

Hu Jai (Fudan University): *Collaborations Between Local Governments in Regional Public Affairs*

Carrie Mann (VCU): *Democratic Elections in Hong Kong and Singapore*

Andre Alves Rei (University of Sao Paulo): *State Building and State Capacity*

Panel IV: Security Challenges in Latin America (Richmond Salon 1)

Panel Chair: Dr. William Newmann

Adam S. Lees (Hampden-Sydney): *Andean Autocrats: Historical Context and Political Lessons of Late Twentieth Century Military Regimes in Chile and Argentina*

Manuel Alejandro Lopez Nunez (University of Guadalajara): *The National Security of Mexico: Current Situation and Challenges for the Mexican Government*

Claudia Siu Orellana (VCU): *Coup d'etats and the Importance of Constitutional Impeachment Clauses*

Haley Petit (VCU): *The Zapatista Movement: A Reaction to Globalization and Neoliberal Policies*

11:30-12:30: Lunch and Reception

12:15-1:45: Session 3

Panel I: Political Economy (Richmond Salon 3)

Panel Chair: Prof. Chris Burdett

Alison Foster (VCU): *From U.S. Food Subsidies to Local Economies in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Melen Hagos (James Madison University): *Why is There Variation in Poverty Levels in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Michael Kane (Curtin University of Technology): *Creating Economically Productive 21st Century Cities*

Ariel Maloof (VCU): *The United States Economical Dependency on the Corporatist Euro-system*

Panel II: A Roundtable Discussion: Politics and Utopia: Explorations in the Politics of the Possible

(Richmond Salon 2)

Panel Chair: Dr. Deirdre Condit

Discussants:

Erika Del Cid (VCU)

Christopher Meier (VCU)

Kaila Caldwell (VCU)

Ghatul Araia (VCU)

Milan Powell (VCU)