Cooperation and Conflict: Dimensions of Politics

Department of Government
Student Research Conference 2010

Friday, April 9, 2010

Opening Reception and Greeting
Time: 3:00pm-3:30pm  Location: D637
Dr. Agnes Bain, Professor of Government

Panel #1: Conflict or Cooperation?: A Closer Look at International Efforts toward Stability and Democratization
Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm  Location: D219
Discussant: Dr. Simone Chun

Presenters:
Padmini Seepersad (Senior), "Dangerous Alliances: An Examination of U.S. Intervention in Guatemala, Cuba, and Nicaragua Between 1945 and 1980"
Nako Fitchorov (Graduate), "France’s Relationship with Its Former Colonies in Africa: Exceptional or Different"
Philip Davey (Senior), "Democracy in Africa: A Focus on Uganda"
Christina Webster (Freshman), "Reevaluating the Conditions of Success for UN Peacekeeping Missions in the DRC"

Panel #2: Polarization and Political Motivation
Time: 3:30pm-4:30pm  Location: D220
Discussant: Dr. Rachael Cobb

Presenters:
Richard Gello (Sophomore), "Why Have all the Moderates Gone?: An Analysis of Congressional Polarization since the 1970s"
Will Sutton (Junior), "Polarization and Unemployment: The Effect of the Jobless on Congress"

Panel #3: The Political Realities of Economic Challenges
Time: 4:40-5:10pm  Location: D219
Discussant: Dr. Ken Cosgrove

Presenters:
Valentino Capobianco (Junior), “It’s the Economy, Stupid”
Richard Capuano (Sophomore), “Farming the Economy: Is Mexico a Fertile Market?”
Daniel Mann (Sophomore), “Vive le Quebecois libre: How did English-Canadian economic hegemony, a small French-Canadian political elite, and a theocratic social welfare system affect working-class French Canadians?”

Panel #4: Confronting Gendered Oppression of Body + Politics
Time: 4:40pm-5:10pm  Location: D220
Discussant: Dr. Teri Fair

Presenters:
Laura Kroh (Graduate), “Eradicating the Cut: The Effect of International Pressure on Female Genital Cutting in Egypt”
Tanya Burvtặteva (Graduate), “Why do we still live in the men’s world: socio-cultural perspectives on women’s representation in electoral politics in the Russian Federation”

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Continental Breakfast
Time: 9:30am-10:00am  Location: D311

Conference Plenary Session
Time: 10:00am-11:00am  Location: D311
Speaker: Dr. Matthew B. Platt, Department of Government, Harvard University
“Cooperation and Conflict in Political Settings”

Panel #5: Evaluating Perceptions of Political Leadership
Time: 11:10am-12:10pm  Location: D308
Discussant: Dr. Brian Conley

Presenters:
Thomas Statuto (Senior), “Necessity the Mother of Reinvention”
Samantha Keefe (Freshman), “Trust and the Media: Assessing the Role of the Media in Presidential Elections”
Richard Capuano (Sophomore), “Kennedy in Crisis: An Evaluation of a Leader”
Deborah Searfoss (Senior), “The New Left: A Rise Against the U.S.”

Panel #6: International Security: Challenges to Terrorism and Nuclear Reality
Time: 11:10am-12:10pm  Location: D302
Discussant: Dr. Roberto Dominguez

Presenters:
Emilia Losowska (Senior), “Building the Case for Dual-Use Trade: Transparency, Harmonization, and Oversight and What Means for Global Security”
Cassandra Hawkins (Graduate), “Policing Terrorism: Domestic and Transnational Case Studies”
Kaitlin Regensburger (Graduate), “The Threat of a Nuclear Iran”

Luncheon and Awards Ceremony (D 403)
Time: 12:20pm-2:00pm  Location: D403

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