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The Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS) experienced unprecedented challenges in 2019–20, as the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted international travel and standard on-campus operations. Thanks to the continued generosity of our alumni and the exceptionally hard work of all in the Institute, our scholars managed, nonetheless, to maintain significant levels of international research and teaching activities.

Before the crisis, in the fall of 2019, the African Studies program at PIIRS hosted a student-organized and student-led Africa Summit. This exceptionally well-attended gathering was built around “A Public Conversation with His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana.” It was the first Princeton campus event to feature a sitting African head of state. The Summit also enabled Princeton students to engage with influential African entrepreneurs and business leaders, as well as heads of NGOs and government officials. In parallel, the Brazil LAB at PIIRS hosted a similar breakthrough gathering, “Amazonian Leapfrogging: Long-term Vision for Safeguarding the Amazon for Brazil and the Planet.” This proved to be among the first-ever gatherings, anywhere on the planet, with multinational businesses active in the Amazon, Indigenous leaders from Brazil, top scientists on the environment, filmmakers, and others who otherwise have not been able to meet face-to-face. The conference’s discussions, which were consensus and solutions-oriented, were featured widely in American and Brazilian media.
Our goals are clear: to become even more student-oriented in all our programming; to be even more energetic in our incorporation of engineering and the hard sciences as well as the arts, alongside the social sciences and humanities; and to restructure our institutional architecture to align better not just with the regional but also the trans-regional nature of vital international issues.
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Christian Agawu is a sociologist with international development experience in education, health, and the environment who has taught at the university level in the United States and in Ghana. She joined the faculty of the Program in African Studies in 2009.

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Visiting Lecturer

Srinivas Bangalore is the director of AI research technologies at Interactions LLC. He was a lead inventive scientist at Interactions and a principal research scientist at AT&T Labs. He has a Ph.D. in computer science from the University of Pennsylvania and has made significant contributions to many areas of natural language processing, including spoken language translation, multimodal understanding, language generation, and question-answering. He has co-edited three books on supertagging, natural language generation, and language translation, has authored over 100 research publications, and holds over 100 patents in these areas. Bangalore has been an adjunct associate professor at Columbia University, a visiting professor at Princeton University, and Otto Monstead Professor at Copenhagen Business School.

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Chambi Chachage’s postdoctoral research project is on the history of racial capitalism in Tanzania with a particular focus on the business culture of people of African descent. He is the co-editor of Africa’s Liberation: The Legacy of Nyerere. He has just completed a Ph.D. dissertation at Harvard University on “A Capitalizing City: Dar es Salaam and the Emergence of an African Entrepreneurial Elite (c. 1862–2015).”

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Alicia Cooperman studies politics at the intersection of development and the environment and analyzes how collective action interacts with local politics to influence sustainable development. Cooperman’s postdoctoral work focuses on energy policy and deep decarbonization in India as part of the Rapid Switch project. Her book project, “Trading Favors: Local Politics and Development in Brazil,” focuses on community associations and water security and draws on 18 months of fieldwork in Brazil with support from a Fulbright-Hays fellowship. She is co-Primary Investigator of a large field experiment in Brazil entitled “Participatory Measurement, Monitoring, and Management of Groundwater in Northeast Brazil,” as part of the EGAP Metaketa III. Cooperman earned a Ph.D. in political science from Columbia University, a master’s of international affairs from the University of California-San Diego’s School of Global Policy and Strategy, and a bachelor’s degree in human biology from Stanford University.

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Milad Hooshyar holds a Ph.D. in civil engineering from the University of Central Florida. His research interests include surface water hydrology, surface processes, geomorphology, dynamical systems, and numerical simulation.
Sadaf Jaffer
Lecturer

Sadaf Jaffer is a scholar with research interests in Islamic, South Asian, and gender studies. Her current book project, entitled “Secularism, Sexuality and Islam: Ismat Chughtai’s Indian Muslim Progressivism,” elucidates alternative Muslim subjectivities through the lens of a prominent Urdu writer and cultural critic. Jaffer is currently a postdoctoral research associate in South Asian Studies at Princeton University where she teaches courses on Islam, South Asia and South Asian American studies. Prior to this appointment, she served as a postdoctoral fellow in Global Studies at Stanford University. Jaffer has published a paper in the *Journal of Women’s History* entitled “Women’s Autobiography in Islamic Societies: Towards a Feminist Intellectual History” in addition to posts on the Foreign Policy Research Institute, Huffington Post and the Altmuslimah blogs. She earned her bachelor’s degree in foreign service from Georgetown University and obtained her Ph.D. in Near Eastern languages and civilizations from Harvard University with a secondary field in women, gender and sexuality studies.

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Joe Lane completed his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering at the University of Queensland, Australia in 2015, and was also a Research Fellow at the University of Queensland working on a multi-disciplinary research project with the Dow Centre for Sustainable Engineering Innovation. His research interests include systems analysis relating to the energy, food and water sectors. Lane has spearheaded the startup of Indian research under the Rapid Switch initiative, identifying bottlenecks to the transition away from a coal-dependent energy sector. He also has interests in communicating regional and sectoral risks in low-carbon energy transitions and in understanding viable future rates of growth in underground CO2 storage worldwide.

Larissa Kyzer
Translator in Residence

Larissa Kyzer is an Icelandic to English literary translator and writer. Among her book-length translation projects are the Nordic Council Literature Prize-nominated novel *A Fist or a Heart* (Icelandic: Elín, ýmislegt) by Kristín Eiríksdóttir, The Ninth Step by Ingvi Pór Kormákkson, and the forthcoming “Screenshot,” by Bergur Ebbi. She has also translated poetry, short stories, children’s literature, and plays by authors including Auður Jónsdóttir, Elísabet Jökulsdóttir, Fríða Ísberg, Kári Tulinius, and Steinunn G. Helgadóttir, among others. Kyzer holds degrees in comparative literature, creative writing, and library science. She also a has a master’s degree in translation studies from the University of Iceland. She is a board member of Ós, an Iceland-based international and literary collective, as well as a member of the American Literary Translators Association and PEN America. She will assume the role of co-chair of PEN America’s Translation Committee in December.

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Xiaotian Li is an Associate Professor at the School of Leisure and Social Sport at Capital University of Physical Education and Sports. He completed his Ph.D. in sport sociology at the Beijing Sports University in 2009, and was a postdoctoral researcher in sport sociology at the Beijing Normal University in 2011. His main research areas are sport sociology and the influencing factors of participation in physical exercise in rural and urban China. His recent research examines the relationship between physical exercise and health for Chinese urban and rural residents, as well as the relationship between physical exercise and obesity.

Tomaz Mastnak
Research Scholar

Tomaz Mastnak received his doctorate in sociology from the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia. His primary area of research is the emergence and articulation of conflictual relations between East and West, Christendom and the Muslim world, and between Europe and the non-European world. Mastnak is the author of a wide range of books and articles in the history of political thought and political theory. He has been a research fellow at the European University Institute, Oxford University, American University of Cairo, Harvard University, and New York University.
Miqueias Mugge
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Miqueias Mugge received his Ph.D. in social history from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2016. Before joining PIIRS and the Brazil LAB, he was a postdoctoral fellow in the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA, 2016–2018), and a lecturer in the Spanish and Portuguese department (2017–2018). A former Fulbright fellow, Mugge has authored and co-authored five books, exploring subjects as the Brazilian militia, slavery, and German immigration in 19th-century southern Brazil. He is currently finalizing two book manuscripts: “Lords of War: The Politics of Military Elites in Southern Brazil (1845–1873)” and “Memento Vivere” (co-authored with João Biehl).

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Priti Narayan uses ethnographic and archival methods to investigate how residents of Chennai, India make claims to city land in a landscape marked by violent, large-scale slum evictions. Her research project, “Terrains of Negotiation: Strategic Residents and the State in a Developing City,” explores how the urban poor navigate “terrains of negotiation” — among politicians, local bureaucrats, and activists — to preserve their citizenship in the city. Her work highlights how historical structures of patronage-based state-society relations interact with neoliberal urbanism. Narayan is a member of Pennurimai lyakkam, a slumdweller rights organization, and has been working on housing rights in Chennai for over seven years. She has a Ph.D. in geography from Rutgers University; an M.A. in sociology from Columbia University; a PG Dip. in television journalism from the Asian College of Journalism; and a B.Sc. in electronic media from the University of Madras. She has book chapters and web publications published on slum evictions and resettlement, environmental gentrification, and urban participation.

Damion Searls
Translator in Residence

Damion Searls is a translator from German, Norwegian, French, and Dutch and a writer in English. He is the author of a book on Hermann Rorschach and the Rorschach test, and has translated many classic modern writers, including Proust, Rilke, Nietzsche, Walser, Ingeborg Bachmann, Alfred Döblin, Jon Fosse, Elfriede Jelinek, and Nescio; edited a new abridged edition of Thoreau’s “Journal”; and produced a lost work of Melville’s. Searls studied German philosophy at Harvard University and American literature at the University of California-Berkeley, and has received writing and translating awards from PEN America, PEN Center USA, the Netherland America Foundation, the University of California, and the Austrian, Belgian, and Dutch governments.

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Jessica Seddon has worked as a researcher, strategist, and leader on institutional design initiatives for more than two decades in the United States, Latin America, and South Asia. Her work focuses on the interaction between technology change and institutional environments to identify and seize new opportunities for solving complex social challenges. She is particularly interested in ways in which innovations in how we detect and process information shapes the risks and opportunities for responding to environmental change. Seddon was most recently Director of Integrated Urban Strategy at World Resources Institute (WRI), where she continues to serve as Global Lead for WRI’s air quality work. Prior to joining WRI, she founded and led Okapi, an institutional design and strategy consultancy incubated by IIT Madras. Jessica earned her Ph.D. from Stanford University Graduate School of Business and her B.A. from Harvard University.
Danielle Stewart
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Danielle Stewart is an art historian whose research centers on modern photography and the visual culture of mid-century Brazil. Her work investigates the capacity of mass distributed artistic, documentary, journalistic, and advertising photographs to shape urban spaces and construct urban imaginaries. At Princeton, Stewart will work on revising her dissertation, “Framing the City: Photography and the Construction of São Paulo, 1930–1955,” into a book manuscript that analyzes how photographs of mid-twentieth century São Paulo helped forge the city’s identity as a modernized, industrial metropolis. Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, educated in Utah, and a resident of Harlem, Stewart has also lived in Curitiba, Brazil. This wide range of American cityscapes fundamentally informs her research. Stewart completed her M.Phil. and Ph.D. in art history at the CUNY Graduate Center, and her B.A. and M.A. degrees at Brigham Young University. She has presented her research at domestic and international venues, including conferences hosted by the Universidade de São Paulo, the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, the College Art Association, and the Latin American Studies Association. Her work has appeared in publications by the Museu de Arte de São Paulo, the Instituto Moreira Salles, the Fundación Cisneros, and H-ART (Universidad de los Andes). Stewart has also taught courses on Latin American art and photography at Hostos College, Brooklyn College, Lehman College, and The Cooper Union.

Vítor Vasconcelos
Postdoctoral Research Associate, PIIRS and the Andlinger Center for Energy and the Environment (ACEE)

Vítor Vasconcelos finished his Ph.D. in sciences at the University of Minho, Portugal, in 2017. His research agenda focuses on the role institutions play in managing social-ecological systems. It covers the topics of the management of public goods, the resilience of ecological systems, and evolutionary biology by using and developing tools and resources in the areas of mathematical ecology, complex systems, stochastic processes, game theory, scientific computing, network science, and numerical methods. Besides extending the theoretical work that is showcased in his previous research, he is now working on three central, practical systems of global environmental importance: the global and local food systems, the sustainability of the Coral Triangle, and the ecological, social, and technical bottlenecks of rapid decarbonization of the energy system in India.

FUNG GLOBAL FELLOWS

Sebastiaan Bouwman
Fung Global Fellow

Sebastiaan Bouwman received his Ph.D. in international history from the London School of Economics and Political Science. During his time as a graduate student, he was a doctoral fellow at the Leibniz Institute of European History in Mainz. He also served as managing editor at Cold War History Journal and was a junior scholar at the Cold War International History Project at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. His research focuses on the history of human rights, transnational organizations, and religion in the context of international history since 1945 — particularly since the Cold War and decolonization. He is working on a book manuscript, provisionally titled “Universal Rights in a Divided World: The Human Rights Engagement of the World Council of Churches from the 1940s to the 1970s.” As a Fung Fellow, he will also be developing a new research project dealing with the origins and the evolution of the postwar international refugee regime.

Ayça Çubukçu
Fung Global Fellow

Ayça Çubukçu is the author of For the Love of Humanity: The World Tribunal on Iraq. Before joining the faculty at the London School of Economics, Çubukçu taught for the Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University and the Committee on Degrees in Social Studies at Harvard University. A transdisciplinary scholar by training, she holds a B.A. in government from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia. Çubukçu co-edits the LSE International Studies Series at Cambridge University Press and is a member of Humanity Journal’s editorial collective. Her research interests are in social, political, and legal
theory with a focus on internationalism, cosmopolitanism, postcolonial studies, political violence, and transnational social movements. At Princeton, Çubukçu will be working on a new book project on international solidarity and its entanglement with the ethics and politics of violence.

**Onur Ulas Ince**  
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Onur Ulas Ince was trained as a political theorist at Cornell University. His research draws on history of political thought, political economy, history of capitalism, and colonial studies. He is above all interested in how socioeconomic transformations constitutive of global capitalism have shaped various discourses of political economy since the early modern period. His first book, Colonial Capitalism and the Dilemmas of Liberalism, examines the impact of colonial economic relations on the formation of British liberal thought between the late-17th and early-19th centuries. At Princeton, he will continue working on his second book, titled “Between Commerce and Empire.” This project extends the framework of “colonial capitalism” to a study of political-economic critiques of imperialism in Britain in the 18th and 19th centuries.

**Sophia Kalantzakos**  
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Sophia Kalantzakos pursues interdisciplinary research focused on environmental governance, public policy, and geopolitics, especially resource competition and climate change as threats that are reshaping political powers across the globe. Her most recent books include China and the Geopolitics of Rare Earths and The E.U., U.S., and China Tackling Climate Change: Policies and Alliances for the Anthropocene. She heads eARThumanities, the Environmental Humanities Research Initiative at NYU-Abu Dhabi. During her time as a Fung Fellow, Kalantzakos will examine how China’s rise, its vision for the Belt and Road Initiative, shifting power relations, and the land and maritime “reunification” of Eurasia and Africa have begun to reshape global institutions, norms, and governance structures provoking a renewed intellectual debate over global relations and exchanges.

**Pascale Siegrist**  
**Fung Global Fellow**

Pascale Siegrist obtained her Ph.D. from the University of Konstanz in 2018, having previously studied in Paris, Moscow, and Cambridge. She has since held fellowships at the Global Intellectual History Graduate School at the Freie Universität in Berlin and at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. Her research deals with the “global” thought of key figures in the anarchist movement in France, Russia, and across the globe. Taking the historical overlap between anarchism and geography as a starting point, her work explores themes such as cosmopolitanism, space, federalism, and geopolitics in anarchist theory. At Princeton, she will finish her first monograph on how Élisée Reclus, Pëtr Kropotkin and other fin-de-siècle thinkers sought to develop anarchism into a form of “world knowledge” that was to raise global consciousness and unite humankind.

**Claire Vergerio**  
**Fung Global Fellow**

Claire Vergerio received her D.Phil. from the University of Oxford. As a scholar of international relations, she works at the intersection of international political thought, history, and international law. She is particularly interested in the regulation of warfare and its relationship to different visions of international order, as well as in the construction of the historical narratives that underpin the disciplines of international law and international relations. At Princeton, she will be finalizing her monograph on the role played by the revival of the work of Alberico Gentili in the restriction of the legal right to wage war exclusively to sovereign states.
In Year 7, 2019–20, the community continued its work toward the goal of forming “global systemic risk” as an academic subdiscipline. To this end, PIIRS GSR is producing both a book on “Global Systemic Risk” with Cambridge University Press, and a MOOC. (Originally planned to be filmed at Princeton in August 2020, filming of the MOOC has been postponed until Fall 2020 due to the increased demands that remote learning has placed on the McGraw Center.) These works will draw upon the multidisciplinary work of the research community to study global complexity and interdependence and the causes and consequences of systemic risk. Together, the book and MOOC are designed to reach both academic and popular audiences. The community also contributed to the University curriculum, as Miguel Centeno taught a seminar on GSR for the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) Junior Summer Institute (JSI) program and will also teach a half-term course on GSR for SPIA MPA graduate students in the 2020-21 academic year. After the completion of the MOOC, PIIRS GSR will develop undergraduate courses. Continuing the work on Historical Systemic Collapse begun in FY2019–20, PIIRS GSR has formed a global collaborative network (GCN) around this emerging subfield of Historical Systemic Collapse through a grant from the Office of the Vice Provost for International Affairs. This GCN brings together four other world-class institutions — Cambridge Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, Oxford Future of Humanity Institute, Stockholm Resilience Centre, and Complexity Science Hub Vienna — to further define the subfield. This collaborative group has received a contract from Routledge Press to produce a book edited by PIIRS GSR. With chapters to be submitted in November 2020, followed by a virtual conference in December, we expect to submit the manuscript in the spring of 2021. In a third research initiative, members of PIIRS GSR produced a collaborative paper with American University Cairo on Systemic Risk in Global Value Chains, submitted in January 2020 to Global Perspectives. In collaboration with the Stockholm Resilience Centre and other participants in our two conferences on “AI and the Environment” (January and October 2019), PIIRS GSR has been invited to submit a paper to Nature Machine Intelligence, in the final stages of drafting as of July 2020. Finally, as the threat of COVID-19 began to develop, PIIRS GSR and SPIA co-sponsored a panel discussion that featured five professors from SPIA in February 2020. In the following weeks, PIIRS GSR produced a 10,000-word paper, submitted for publication, addressing the causes, consequences, and response to the pandemic from the perspective of global systemic risk.
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2019–20 UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWS

Academic year 2019–20:
Baran Çimen ‘20, physics major, Envision annual conference co-president

Summer 2020:
Turquoise Brewington (SPIA ‘22), Benjamin Clarick (SPIA ‘21), Joseph Anthony DiMarino (SPIA ‘22), Bailey Ransom (SPIA ‘22), Kevin Zheng (SPIA ‘21), Akash Bobba (HS). In June 2020, PIIRS GSR selected six summer research assistants to study the global systemic risk causes and consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. The five SPIA undergraduates received summer funding and credit from SPIA for their work.

PUBLIC LECTURES

01.22.20 “Money and Government,” Robert Skidelsky, afternoon talk at Louis-Simpson with the author of a prize-winning three-volume biography of Maynard Keynes

02.27.20 “Up to the Minute: The Coronavirus (COVID-19),” panel discussion jointly hosted by the School for Public and International Affairs and PIIRS GSR with Miguel Centeno (moderator, PIIRS GSR, SOC, and SPIA), Bryan Grenfell (EEB and SPIA), Doug Mercado (SPIA), C. Jessica Metcalf (EEB and SPIA), David Wilcove (EEB, PEI, and SPIA), and Dr. Irini Daskalaki, M.D., (PUHS)

CONFERENCES

10.15.198 “Artificial Intelligence, People, and the Planet,” a full-day conference with 80 participants at Swedish Consul Residence, New York City, focusing on how applications of artificial intelligence contribute to addressing urgent social and environmental challenges, and how academia, government actors, and the private sector in Sweden and the United States can work together to leverage the strengths of AI. Co-sponsored by PIIRS GSR and Stockholm Resilience Centre, held in New York City.

11.22-24.19 “Envision 2019: Addressing ‘The Future of Us,’” conference pushed participants to consider how new technologies will change how we live, our social groupings, our social, political, and economic systems, our psychology, and more fundamentally, what it means to be human. This theme emanated from our deeply held belief that careful consideration of these questions is central to maximizing the benefits of innovation. Co-sponsored by PIIRS GSR, held in Princeton, New Jersey.
Indian Ocean, Climate Change, and Epidemic Disease

The major potential impacts of climate change on human health are increasingly recognized. Striking hydrometeorological variations in the Indian Ocean region (from annual cycles of rainfall, evaporation, winds, and extreme events, e.g., tropical cyclones) can drive outcomes ranging from outbreaks of vector-borne diseases to disruptions of health system functioning.

Since 2018, our research community has integrated climate scientists, hydrologists, and infectious disease biologists to develop methods and approaches to understand current scenarios and project future burdens. Our research community continues to meet every two weeks (remotely), to discuss progress around a number of research topics, and to coordinate collaborative teaching efforts in courses across the university around this theme — as well as in undergraduate research projects. The report that follows begins by describing our central research themes — continuing and new — in Section I. Section II lists organized and sponsored events for 2019–20. The report closes with Section III, a list of our faculty, postdoc, and student members during 2019–20.
GENERAL RESEARCH TOPICS

In 2019–20, our research community pivoted to advance a range of COVID-19 related topics, as well as continued to build on the body of research developed to date. Many of the cases studies described in the previous report (e.g., dengue in Sri Lanka) have now been published, and are listed in the references section.

Climate Drivers and SARS-CoV-2, led by Rachel Baker
Building on previous work on the topic of how climate drivers modulate the transmission of directly transmitted infections, Rachel Baker has produced important advances in understanding the context of this pandemic. Despite the fact that, like other coronaviruses, this virus is likely to be sensitive to the impact of climate, with increased transmission in drier, colder conditions, Baker led a paper indicating that the role of climate is likely to be minimal on infectious disease incidence given the size of the susceptible population (published in Science, Baker et al. 2020a). Building on this work, this group has also laid out expectations for how climate effects shape outcomes in sub-Saharan Africa (Rice et al., in prep.). Baker and other group members have also developed a rich body of work on how social distancing has shaped transmission of similar directly transmitted infections (Baker et al., in prep.). A range of other developments around these themes are in progress.

Disentangling COVID-19 Mortality from Background Seasonal Mortality in Madagascar, led by Fidisoa Rasambainarivo and Ben Rice
Building on previous work which leveraged uniquely detailed death records from Antananarivo, Madagascar, to understand the seasonal signature of mortality in Madagascar and how it has changed in recent decades (Schlüter et al. 2020), Fidisoa is leading efforts to identify anomalies that might indicate the impact of COVID-19. This is particularly important given the weak state of surveillance systems in this setting.

Hydrologic Forcing and Compound Climatic Shocks, led by Milad Hooshyar
Many different aspects of vector-borne diseases are modulated by interacting hydroclimatic variability (e.g., rainfall, temperature, and humidity). We developed a minimalist model of ecohydrologic dynamics coupled with the well-known SIR epidemiological model to explore hydroclimatic controls on infection dynamics and extreme outbreaks. The resulting HYSIR model predicts a noise-induced bifurcation producing oscillations in infection dynamics, whereby the periodicity of infections is controlled by both epidemiological (e.g., transmission and recovery rate) and hydrologic (i.e., soil moisture decay rate or memory) parameters.

The model also allows us to study the impact of a sequence of extreme events on disease outbreaks. Co-occurrence of extreme events (e.g., drought and heatwave occurring at the same time) are thus likely to be important drivers of infectious disease burden, yet the implications of this remain little described.
The interplay between the sequence of hydroclimatic extremes and the internal temporal dynamics driven by the social and ecological drivers of epidemics might be of particular importance in shaping burden. Numerical simulations of the HYSIR model show extreme outbreaks in response to particular combinations of hydroclimatic conditions, neither of which is extreme per se, rather than a single major climatic event. These combinations depend on the assumed functional relationship between the hydrologic variables and the transmission rate. This track of our research emphasizes the importance of hydroclimatic history and system memory in evaluating the risk of severe outbreaks.

**Hydrologic Memory and Dengue Virus in Sri Lanka, led by Milad Hooshyar**

The burden of dengue fever, a mosquito-borne tropical disease, is projected to impact 50–60% of the global population by 2085. The transmission process of dengue is strongly controlled by hydroclimatic conditions that impact the vector’s life cycle and behavior. We are investigating the impact of moisture availability on the monthly distribution of reported dengue cases in Sri Lanka. Our preliminary results show that the hydrologically driven epidemiological model (HYSIR), which takes into account hydrologic memory in addition to the nonlinear dynamics of the transmission process, captures the two-month lag between rainfall and dengue cases’ seasonal peaks. Interestingly our analysis reveals a non-monotonic dependence of dengue cases on moisture, whereby an increase of cases with increasing moisture is followed by a reduction for very high levels of water availability. Our analysis hints at the possibility of seasonally varying dependence of transmission rate to water availability that may arise from human or mosquito activity patterns.

**Understanding the Connection Between Sri Lankan Rainfall and Climate, led by Wenchang Yang**

Rainfall is a crucial climate factor that impacts outbreaks of various infectious diseases (e.g. dengue) in the tropics, including Sri Lanka. Therefore, a better understanding of Sri Lankan rainfall variability can improve the prediction of the development of these diseases over this region. However, this has been a challenge for climatologists since Sri Lankan rainfall varies across a broad range of time scales and is potentially modulated by multiple climate modes, including El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO), Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), Interdecadal Pacific Oscillation (IPO), and Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO). By using the most updated observational climate datasets as well as state-of-the-art climate models, we are investigating how the Sri Lankan rainfall is modulated by ENSO and IOD on the interannual time scale, and by IPO and AMO on the interdecadal time scale. We are also examining how the rainfall responds to the greenhouse gases-induced global warming. It is expected that a solid climatic context will be established that provides insights into the seasonal prediction or future projection of climate-sensitive infectious diseases over this region.
EVENTS

UNDERGRADUATE LECTURES

11.19 “Ecohydrologic Controls on the Infectious Disease Dynamics.” Milad Hooshyar, in the course Ecohydrology CEE587/ENV587

CONFERENCES

“Memory Effects of Extreme Hydroclimatic Events.” Milad Hooshyar, AGU Fall meeting, 2019.

We have presented on results relative to COVID-19 at a range of Princeton internal gatherings.

FACULTY, RESEARCHERS, AND STUDENTS

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE CLIMATE AND DISEASE GROUP (members name shown in bold):


The PIIRS Rapid Switch India Research Community got off to a “rapid” and great start, quickly identifying and hiring three outstanding postdoctoral fellows: Alicia Cooperman, Joe Lane, and Vítor Vasconcelos. The Community also joined with a broader Rapid Switch Initiative, not restricted to India and more engineering focused, launched in parallel by the Andlinger Center for Energy and the Environment (ACEE). ACEE’s annual “Effiliates” Retreat, in June 2019, focused on global decarbonization challenges, with participants from around the world, including some PIIRS research partners from India. The first global Rapid Switch Workshop, held in conjunction with and immediately following the Andlinger retreat, was a valuable chance to explore and consolidate partnerships that have been developing with Indian colleagues. Subsequently, collaborations with additional Indian researchers at Oxford University and in India were established, in part through visits to India by PIIRS researchers.

Chris Greig visited India for 10 days in December 2019, where he met with colleagues at several universities and research institutes to further develop Rapid Switch India collaborative projects and commence planning for the second global Rapid Switch Workshop. This was originally to be held in 2020 in New Delhi, but has now been postponed to mid-2021 due to COVID-19 disruptions. Alicia Cooperman and Sara Constantino visited Delhi, also in December 2019, to conduct interviews in the context of one of the projects summarized below. Other anticipated travel to and from India did not take place due to COVID-19. However, interactions with Indian colleagues have been maintained through regular, virtual meetings.

We summarize here some key methodological innovations stemming from the PIIRS Rapid Switch India Research Community and ongoing research projects. Most of the latter are more fully described at https://acee.princeton.edu/rapidswitch/india/.
METHODOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS

Social Norms Clusters Analysis
To study how people are influenced by the actions and beliefs of those around them (i.e., perceived norms) in the context of decision making about energy and the environment, Elke Weber and postdoc Gregg Sparkman have developed a novel method of processing and depicting complex psychological data: norms cluster analysis. They apply network analysis to multiple norm perceptions to understand how they are interrelated and connected to decision making. They are further developing this analysis to be able to identify which social norms are most influential in decision making. This has two applications: First, it means they can help identify which norms are driving decision making in a complex system of beliefs like demand-side behavior and environmental policy support. Second, this can be used to understand (or inform) successful social norm interventions that may be used to reach sustainable development goals. This analysis technique can also be used to contrast how norms operate across different cultural contexts. They are using it to study energy and environmental decision making in India, among other applications.

Multilayer Behavioral Change
In a collaboration led by postdocs Vítor Vasconcelos and Sara Constantino and involving Simon Levin, Elke Weber, and Luojun Yang, the community is exploring the use of multilayer complex adaptive systems modeling to explain behavioral change and tipping points in behavior induced by changes in social norms in heterogeneous populations.

Electricity Generation Expansion Modeling
Expectations of major economic growth in India during the coming decades could see the country accounting for as much as one-third of the projected increase in energy use globally. Electricity generation, with a heavy reliance on renewable resources, will likely expand three-fold as part of that expansion. Led by PIIRS scholar Joe Lane, working with Neha Patankar and Jesse Jenkins, and informed by colleagues in India, the community is developing the capability for doing electricity generation expansion modeling in the Indian context. This capability will allow the development and assessment of the robustness of scenarios that maximize the penetration of renewable energy resources (especially solar) over the long term while assuring the security and reliability of electricity services spatially and temporally.
RESEARCH PROJECTS

COVID-19 and Climate Change
The community is running a large-scale national survey on COVID-19 and climate change responses in collaboration with colleagues at India’s Council on Energy, Environment, and Water. The aim of the survey is to understand how concern for climate change, response capacity (material realities of individuals in the survey), and demand for energy have changed with the COVID-19 pandemic, which has resulted in economic and health shocks to many households as well as frequent power outages. The secondary aim is a comparative analysis of the responses by U.S. and Indian respondents, specifically opinions with respect to international measures and agreements to address climate change, with U.S. responses being collected in a separate project. The India survey will be across 19 states and union territories and will include up to 10,000 respondents. We expect the survey to launch in late September 2020.

Researchers: Sara Constantino, Alicia Cooperman, Bob Keohane, and Elke Weber

Social Norms in Energy and Environmental Decision Making in India
As India’s population and wealth continues to grow, national consumption of goods and energy will increase, and norms around energy use and sustainable practices will have a significant local and global impact. Researchers are examining how consumption decisions in India are influenced by common social practices and shared beliefs (“norms”) on energy and environmental behaviors. This project investigates how people decide to act regarding energy and the environment, and how the influence of peers within a community can be used in guiding decision making among individuals and for the country as a whole.

Researchers: Gregg Sparkman, Rohini Majumdar, and Elke Weber, with Radhika Khosla (Oxford University)

Social Norms as a Complex Adaptive System
Social interactions tend to reinforce shared behavioral patterns, often through a common understanding of acceptable actions and social incentives that encourage coordination. These social incentives and feedback make norms self-reinforcing and stable. They can also produce tipping points — sudden shifts in norms that propel societies into alternative states. Understanding their dynamics is crucial for policy measures aimed at accelerating societal transitions. Most theories of social norm dynamics take a single norm and examine its historical shifts. However, social norms are often a property of a group of individuals, and formal and informal institutions (e.g., family, firm, political, and religious organizations) who coordinate the behaviors and beliefs of their members around certain norms. These institutions do not represent a single norm but a cluster of norms. In this context, we are modeling norms as a complex adaptive system to make predictions about when societies will reach a tipping threshold.

Researchers: Vítor Vasconcelos, Sara Constantino, Simon Levin, Elke Weber, and Luojun Yang

Incentivizing Rooftop Solar Deployment in India
This project is evaluating the behavioral, social, and political barriers and opportunities for increasing adoption of distributed solar resources (DSR) in India, particularly grid-connected rooftop solar. Researchers visited India in December 2019 to identify sources of individual preferences for DSR, the role of community groups and networks in decisions to adopt DSR, and effects of DSR on preferences, development outcomes, and social fabric. Academics, practitioners, and other experts were interviewed at nine research institutes, four government agencies or multinational banks, two private sector firms, and four universities. The findings aim to help policymakers understand and overcome challenges for DSR and to identify the segments of the population for whom current solar policies are most effective at incentivizing solar uptake.

Researchers: Elke Weber, Sara Constantino, and Alicia Cooperman
The Political Economy of Coal in India
The coal industry plays an important economic role in India, providing 75% of the country’s electricity and contributing the majority of the revenue of the national railway company. This study seeks to understand, from a sociopolitical standpoint, the challenges that might confront the coal sector and its dependent industries and communities as India ramps up its efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Taking a behavioral and political science perspective, the study maps out key actors in the coal value chain and seeks to understand their motivations and constraints to determine a realistic pace for reducing coal dependency.

Researchers: Pooja Ramamurthi, Atul Kohli, and Elke Weber

Priority Energy System Decarbonization Challenges for India
Based on a review of expectations implicit in global decarbonization scenarios, an analysis summarized in a poster for the November 2019 Andlinger Center Annual Meeting identifies the crucial role that India plays in ambitions for meeting targets in the Paris Climate Agreement. The analysis identified four priority challenges that will guide ongoing Indian energy systems research led by PIIRS scholar Joe Lane: growth in Indian energy demand; growth in solar PV electricity production; the phase out of coal-fired power generation; and the role for carbon capture and storage.

Researchers: Joe Lane, Chris Greig and Eric Larson

Establishing Plausible Scenarios for Mid-century Energy Demands in India
India’s energy demand growth is critically important to the global decarbonization effort, given the scale of Indian economic growth that’s expected over the next 40 years. This project aims to generate insights to provide realistic outlooks for energy growth by sector and fuel type, and realistic outlooks for interactions between demand growth and economic development. This project, still in a formative stage, has commenced with a review of available demand projections in academic literature and publications by Indian energy regulatory bodies.

Researchers: Joe Lane and Chris Greig

Expectations for Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) in India
A global review of CCS prospects, submitted (on invitation) to Nature Climate Change, identifies a major clash between international expectations and actual CCS prospects in India. This finding has important implications for India’s prospects for meeting long-term international expectations around decarbonization. To explore arguments for and against international funding support to enhance CCS prospects in India, and elsewhere in developing Asia, Joe Lane and Kian-Mintz Woo (University College Cork) commenced a collaboration to connect India-relevant CCS issues to the moral philosophy literature. A discussion piece was submitted for inclusion in Princeton's Climate Futures Initiative in Science, Values, and Policy's workshop, “Bridging Gaps of Affluence, Nation, and Time,” in August 2020.

Researchers: Joe Lane and Chris Greig, with Andrew Garnett (The University of Queensland)
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Jesse Jenkins (Andlinger Center, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering)
Robert Keohane (SPIA, Politics, emeritus)
Atul Kohli (SPIA, Politics)
Eric Larson (Andlinger Center, Senior Research Scholar)
Simon Levin (Ecology and Evolutionary Biology)
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Katherine Graham, Electrical Engineering ’22
Josh Kolenbrander, Computer Science ’23
Calahan Martin, Economics ’21
Shira Moolten, Psychology ’21
Masi Nagdee, Civil and Environmental Engineering ’22
Jorge Pereira, Political Science ’21
Alexander Weaving, Computer Science ’22

TEACHING/ADVISING
Teaching and mentoring activities of the Rapid Switch India Research Community included giving a new undergraduate course in the spring of 2020, advising two senior theses, and development work on a course to be offered in fall 2021.

Alicia Cooperman, Joe Lane, and Vítor Vasconcelos co-taught (with Eric Larson and Chris Greig) ENE372: Rapid Switch – The energy transition challenge to a low-carbon future. This class had an enrollment of 12 students with majors that included science, engineering, humanities, and political science. It provided instruction on energy systems analysis, finance, social change, political science, and risk and uncertainty assessment. The students then worked in groups of three to develop final reports analyzing major energy transitions, including a large-scale solar energy deployment program for the state of Rajasthan, India, and urban transportation electrification in the city of Jaipur, India.

Chris Greig, Joe Lane, and Eric Larson co-advised two senior theses. Neil Sleighton (Operations Research and Financial Engineering) wrote a thesis entitled “Multi-Objective Optimization for Planning and Design of Regional Mini-Grid Development in Rural India.” Riley Wagner (Chemical and Biological Engineering) wrote a thesis entitled “Design of Sustainable Solar-Powered Microgrids with Capacity for Grid-Integration in India.” Both students won departmental awards for their theses.

GRADUATE STUDENTS
Rohit Gupta (STEP, SPIA)
Rohini Mahumjar (Psychology)
Pooja Ramamurthi (STEP, SPIA)
Luojun Yang (Ecology and Evolutionary Biology)

*Alicia and Vítor have both secured assistant professorships during the past year: Alicia in Political Science at Texas A&M University (starting September 2020), and Vítor at the Informatics Institute, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands (starting February 2021).
LECTURES

07.20.19 “From Consensus to Polarization of Opinions in Complex Contagion.” Vitor Vasconcelos. International Conference in Computational Social Sciences, Amsterdam, Netherlands.


08.13.19 “The endogenous origin of institutions: Scale, information spreading, and learning about the past to sustain cooperation.” Vitor Vasconcelos. Ecological Economics: Transitioning Toward Sustainability / Environmental Justice (USSEE), Louisville, Kentucky.


01.11.20 “The emergence and disturbance of institutions.” Vitor Vasconcelos. PIK and Mercator Institute for the Global Commons, Potsdam, Germany.


02.01.20 “Modeling complex systems.” Vitor Vasconcelos. Joint seminar for Informatics Institute and Institute of Physics, University of Amsterdam.


03.06.20 “Understanding Social Change: Dynamic Norms and Advocacy in Social and Environmental Problems.” Gregg Sparkman. Delivered to Rare Headquarters, a nonprofit examining human behavior related to the environment.


MEETINGS


“Everything in the world began with a yes,” Clarice Lispector viscerally asserts in her 1977 novel, *A Hora da Estrela* (The Hour of the Star). “One molecule said yes to another molecule and life was born.” The LAB is made up of so many creative and engaged “molecules” that, together, say yes to the values of a healthier, more just, and more inclusive Brazil. Yes to a greener, Amazonian-minded country, with more ingenious forms of care — even if at a distance.

In 2019–20, the Brazil LAB became a stimulating interdisciplinary community on campus as well as a significant Princeton presence in Brazil. Throughout this report, we share snippets of the wonderful academic, artistic, and outreach activities undertaken by the LAB’s affiliated faculty, researchers, and students in collaboration with our amazing Brazilian partners.

This past year, Thomas Fujiwara joined the Brazil LAB as Associate Director, significantly expanding our research on social development and inequality. Together with colleagues in the sciences, social sciences, and the arts and humanities, we have consolidated the LAB’s three main research hubs: Environment, Political Economy, and the Arts and Humanities. These hubs speak to the LAB’s innovative engagement with vital issues — from ecosystem transformations to democratic insecurities to socioeconomic and health inequities to emerging forms of political mobilization and cultural expression — that affect people in Brazil and globally, and that are salient to both established scholarship and nascent critical work.

We are deeply grateful to all the Princeton and Brazilian scholars who have been contributing to these various initiatives and to our engaged steering committee. The LAB has an impressive group of over 60 faculty and academic professionals from 25 departments and programs participating in these diverse activities. Moreover, there are fascinating synergies emerging among our three research hubs, and we look forward to exploring them through new partnerships with various PIIRS research labs and centers.
Always attuned to what Brazil can teach us, this past year the LAB strengthened collaborations with the pioneering nonprofits Imazon, Amazônia 2030, MapBiomas, Instituto Serrapilheira, Igarapé, and the Instituto de Estudos para Políticas de Saúde. Our collaborations with the Graduate Program in Anthropology of the Museu Nacional and various academic units of the University of São Paulo have likewise yielded excellent results.

We also expanded the LAB’s visiting fellows program to great effect. The prominent scholars Lilia M. Schwarz, Tasso Azevedo, Beto Veríssimo, Marina Hirota, Aparecida Vilaça, Maria Virginia Amaral, and Marcelo Medeiros have interacted creatively with Princeton colleagues and students during their visits to campus, and their participating in public events, courses, and workshops related to our research hubs.

Through multimodal research on critical Brazil-related questions and creative cross-fertilization of different intellectual traditions, we are together producing cutting-edge scholarship and crystallizing Princeton-Brazil solidarity efforts.

Our Fall 2019 conference, “Amazonian Leapfrogging,” was an extraordinary event, with multiple stakeholders — environmental and Indigenous leaders, policy experts, artists, business innovators, and social entrepreneurs — convening at Princeton and engaging in a robust and constructive dialogue about safeguarding the Amazon for Brazil and the planet.

Cross-campus partnerships are a hallmark of the LAB’s workings. We have developed multiple initiatives in collaboration with the program in Latin American Studies, under the directorship of Gabriela Nouzeilles. We have also benefited immensely from partnerships with the Department of Anthropology, the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, the Humanities Council, and the University Center for Human Values.

The Brazil LAB Colloquium and the Brazil Today Series are integral to the intellectual community we are forging on campus and to networks we are fostering with Brazil’s most brilliant thinkers and doers. Our well-attended events this year included talks by Laura Carvalho and Celso Rocha de Barros, Cecilia Machado, Ilona Szabol, and Geovani Martins. Before lockdown, the LAB hosted the first Stanley J. Stein Honorific Lecture. Brazil’s foremost historian of slavery João José Reis delivered an insightful and moving lecture, highlighting the legacy of our beloved Professor Stein, a great supporter of the Brazil LAB and all things Brazil at Princeton, who sadly passed away in 2019.

Using our active Brazil LAB YouTube channel, we organized timely online events during the pandemic. Drawing from our now extensive network of Brazilian collaborators, we held a series of probing discussions about the immediate and long-term impact of COVID-19, garnering thousands of viewers from Brazil, the United States, and around the world.

Expanding our commitment to the Arts and Humanities, the Brazil LAB established an exciting new partnership with the Lewis Center for the Arts this past year and are now collaborating on a conference entitled, “Clarice Lispector, 100 Years.” The fall event will be livestreamed and feature a keynote address by author Jhumpa Lahiri (director of the Program in Creative Writing), along with a conversation with Idra Novey and Johnny Lorenz (Lispector’s translators), and Paulo Gurgel Valente (Lispector’s son and literary executor). Conference co-organizer Marília Librandi, lecturer in Spanish and Portuguese, will also launch a sonic library platform at the LAB this fall, featuring writers, intellectuals, and everyday readers creatively reflecting on Lispector’s literary works.

Our vision to train a cosmopolitan new generation of Brazilianists, capable of producing trailblazing scholarship, is also well underway. Our 2019 PIIRS Global Seminar, “Becoming Brazil,” was impactful and is significantly informing the academic careers of the students who participated. We had already identified an exciting group of undergraduates for this year’s seminar, also planned to be based at the Instituto Moreira Salles in Rio de Janeiro, but unfortunately, given pandemic-related travel restrictions, the seminar had to be postponed until summer 2022.

The LAB is playing a pivotal role in expanding Princeton’s curricula on Brazil, the Amazon, and inequality across the Americas. All our research, teaching, and outreach
projects have benefited immensely from the excellent work of research associate Miqueias Mugge. Mugge recently taught the seminar “Amazonia: The Last Frontier,” which he will teach again next year. We are exploring the possibility of turning the seminar into an MOOC in collaboration with the McGraw Center and our Brazilian partners.

Beginning in AY21, the economic sociologist Marcelo Medeiros will be our research associate for the next two years, and the anthropologist Carlos Fausto, who was appointed a Princeton Global Scholar, will be a key contributor to various Amazonian and Indigenous Studies initiatives at the LAB and across campus for the next four years.

Much remains to be done. We are immensely proud, however, of the work we have collectively developed at the LAB in such a short period of time. And we now invite you to revisit this past year’s most memorable activities and see all the “molecules” in action, turning the LAB into such a lively presence.

 EVENTS

 COLLOQUIUM SERIES – FALL TERM

09.19.19 “Radicalized Brazil | Now What?”
Laura Carvalho (University of São Paulo), Celso Rocha de Barros (Brazilian Sociologist and Political Analyst), João Biehl (Princeton University)
10.03.19 “Public Security and Democracy in Brazil: Challenges and Opportunities.”
Ilona Szabó (Instituto Igarapé), Marcelo Medeiros (Princeton University)
Carlos Fausto (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro), Rob Nixon (Princeton University)
11.02.19 “On Brazilian Authoritarianism.”
Lilia Schwarcz (USP and Princeton University), Debora Diniz (University of Brasilia), Arcadio Díaz-Quiñones (Princeton University)

 COLLOQUIUM SERIES – SPRING TERM

02.06.20 “Forest Mathematics: Unstable Sets in Indigenous Amazonia.”
Aparecida Vilaça (Museu Nacional, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro), Fernando Codá Marques (Princeton University)
2.28.20 “Solidarity and Activism when Democracy Fails.”
Alessandra Orofino (Nossas), Federico Neiburg (Institute for Advanced Study and Museu Nacional, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro)

 STANLEY J. STEIN HONORIFIC LECTURE

03.05.20 “When the Africans Hid Themselves: The 1857 Strike in Bahia.” João José Reis (Federal University of Bahia), Isadora Mota (Princeton University)

 BRAZIL TODAY SERIES AND LUNCH TALKS – FALL TERM

09.24.19 “The Sun on My Head: A Book Discussion with Geovani Martins.” Geovani Martins (Brazilian Author), Pedro Meira Monteiro (Princeton University)
Cecilia Machado (Getulio Vargas Foundation), Thomas Fujiwara (Princeton University)

 BRAZIL TODAY SERIES & LUNCH TALKS – SPRING TERM

02.14.20 “Cooperation and Conflict Inside and Outside the Capoeira Roda.”
Ernesto Batista Mané Júnior (Princeton University), Mauricio Acunã (Princeton University)
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

10.17-18.19

“Amazonian Leapfrogging: Long-term Vision for Safeguarding the Amazon for Brazil and the Planet.”
Hugo Aguilaniu (Instituto Serrapilheira), Paulo Artaxo (University of São Paulo), Juliano Assunção (PUC-Rio),
Daniel Azeredo (Brazilian Federal Prosecutor), Tasso Azevedo (MapBiomas), Helder Barbalho (Governor,
State of Pará, Brazil), João Biehl (Princeton University), Marcello Brito (Brazilian Agribusiness Association),
Estevão Ciavatta (Brazilian Filmmaker), Michael Celia (Princeton University), Luciano Huck (Communicator
and RenovaBR), Stephen Kotkin (Princeton University), Roberto Marques (Natura & Co.), Carlos Nobre
(University of São Paulo), Michael Oppenheimer (Princeton University), Stephen Pacala (Princeton University)
Adriana Petryna (University of Pennsylvania), Steve Schwartzman (Environmental Defense Fund),
Marcio Senne de Moraes (Vale), Elena Shevliakova (Princeton University), Robert Socolow (Princeton University),
Bernardo Strassburg (PUC-Rio), Almir Suruí (Indigenous Leader), Ilona Szabó (Igarapé Institute), Izabella Teixeira
(International Resource Panel and former Minister of the Environment of Brazil), Johannes van de Ven
(Good Energies Foundation), Beto Veríssimo (Imazon), Jennifer A. Widner (Princeton University)

WORKSHOPS

11.08-09.19

“Amazonian Poetics | Poéticas Amazônicas.”
Organized by Pedro Meira Monteiro (Princeton University), Carlos Fausto (UFRJ), and Marília Librandi
(Princeton University)

03.06.20

“Captured + Escaped: Storying Images of Slavery and Post-Abolition in Brazil.”
Organized by Miqueias Mugge (Princeton University), Lilia M. Schwarcz (USP and Princeton University), and
João Biehl (Princeton University)

ONLINE EVENTS

02.06.20

“COVID-19 in Brazil Today: Reckoning with the Pandemic in the Global South.”
Monica de Bolle (Peterson Institute for International Economics), Miguel Lago (Institute for Health
Policy Studies), Marcelo Medeiros (Brazilian Institute for Applied Economic Research and Princeton University),
João Biehl (Princeton University), Thomas Fujiwara (Princeton University)

04.22.20

“COVID-19 and the Amazonia’s Future.”
Marcia Castro (Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health), Ilona Szabó (Igarapé Institute),
Pedro Vasconcelos (Evandro Chagas Institute), Beto Veríssimo (Imazon), João Biehl (Princeton University)

05.06.20

“Pandemic and Chaos: Where to Next, Brazil?”
Angela Alonso (University of São Paulo), Arminio Frago (Gávea Investimentos), Alessandra Orofino
(Nossas), João Biehl (Princeton University), Thomas Fujiwara (Princeton University)
Migration: People and Cultures Across Borders

Now completing our fourth academic year (the third of which was our Mellon-funded Sawyer Seminar year), the PIIRS Migration Lab enjoyed another year of intense activity: stimulating talks and presentations, fruitful collaboration among Princeton faculty, contributing to the intellectual life of the University, and participating in international networks of scholars, practitioners, and artists involved in immigration and the lives of migrants.

Our colloquium series sponsored talks by both eminent and emerging scholars such as Leisy Abrego (UCLA), on the Social Construction of Central Americans; Michael Strausz (Texas Christian University) on Immigration Politics in Japan; Lisandro Perez (John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY) on Cuban New York; Cynthia Feliciano (Washington University) on Adult Outcomes of Children of Immigrants; Yossi Harpaz (Tel Aviv University) on Dual Nationality; Mimi Sheller (Drexel) on climate refugees; and Nina Badelj (Stanford's Center for Advanced Study) on Ethnic Minorities in Eastern Europe among others.

During the 2020 fall term, our Migration Lab, in collaboration with the Center for Migration and Development, will offer a new colloquium series featuring a good number of young and more established scholars who were not able to be with us during the 2020 spring term because of the COVID-19 outbreak. Included in that series will be Hugo Ceron-Anaya (Lehigh University) on the Racialization of Class in Mexico; Jon Shefner (University of Tennessee-Knoxville) on Austerity Policies in Latin America; and Linda Bosniak (Rutgers Law School) on Borders, Sanctuary, and Constitutional Loss. As part of this colloquium series, we are also hoping to include two special events: (1) a symposium on children of immigrants in the age of deportation and (2) a virtual reading of interest to the larger Princeton community featuring Richard Blanco, the Fifth Presidential Inaugural Poet in U.S. History and professor of English at Florida International University.
The Migration Lab engaged in fruitful collaborations with the Center for Migration and Development (which co-sponsored our colloquium series), the Program in East Asian Studies, and The Study Group on Language and the United Nations (New York), and we look forward to upcoming collaborations with the program in Gender and Sexuality Studies and the Princeton Environmental Institute. Six colloquia canceled because of COVID-19 are now being rescheduled as virtual presentations, and we plan to resume our monthly gatherings as “virtual dinner” meetings. A core cohort of participants, drawn from the humanities, the social sciences, journalism, and the arts, will soon begin our fifth season as a research community. Our monthly meetings, devoted both to planning future activities and to discussing presentations and work in progress, are regularly joined by visiting speakers, advanced graduate students, and postdocs involved in migration studies.

CONFERENCES

A: Among the activities postponed due to COVID-19 was our international conference, “Language and Migration: Experience and Memory,” now scheduled to take place in the spring of 2021. Co-chaired by Esther Schor for The Migration Lab and Professor Humphrey Tonkin for The Study Group on Language and the United Nations, this interdisciplinary, international symposium will examine the role of language in the lives and works of migrants.

Part One, in New York City, will consider how language affects the experiences of permanently or temporarily settled refugees and migrants, those in transit, and the larger population around them. Our keynote speaker will be Professor Sarah Dryden-Peterson of the Harvard School of Education, followed by panelists of scholars and practitioners.

Part Two, at Princeton University, will focus on memory in the cultural work of migrants and immigrants. The symposium will resume with a reading by Princeton creative writing faculty Jhumpa Lahiri, Yiyun Li, and Aleksandar Hemon, followed on by a keynote address by Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Viet Thanh Nguyen, and a full-day session on memory, language, and migration.

This conference has received funding from the Humanities Council, African American Studies, the Lewis Center, the University Center for Human Values, and the departments of English, Comparative Literature, and Sociology.

B: We are pleased to have held (online) our “Symposium on Children of Immigrants in the Age of Deportation,” marking the publication of the Ethnic and Racial Studies Special Issue on Children of Immigrants in the Age of Deportation, which resulted (in part) from our 2018 conference of the same name. That event is consistent with our intention to use publications as a culmination to research and conferences and workshops organized by our PIIRS Migration Lab.

C: We look forward to extending our collaborations across the University in two proposed conferences, to take place during the next two years.
MIGRATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

What are the demographic characteristics of immigrants and refugees ejected by climatological and environmental changes? Where are they more likely to originate and which countries are emerging as likely points of destination? How can governments at the local, state, and federal levels design realistic policies that combine distributive justice and respect for human rights? What are the roles of grassroots organizations, communities of faith, public service agencies, and civic leaders in the mobilization of resources to address the needs of immigrants ejected by ecological disturbances? These are among the questions that our conference will address.

Douglas S. Massey (Henry G. Bryant Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs) has accepted our invitation to guide this effort. Under his leadership, we will bring together scholars conducting state-of-the-art research and practitioners engaged in advocacy, service provision, and community mobilization on behalf of immigrants affected by climate change. Our hope is to provoke interdisciplinary dialogue among scholars, including faculty from our own PEI, but also to facilitate exchanges between academics, NGO workers, and members of grassroots organizations. Events will be livestreamed and stipends will be available for graduate students. We look forward, eventually, to the publication of the proceedings.

MIGRATION AND LGBTQ PEOPLE

What are the demographic characteristics of LGBTQ immigrants in various parts of the world? What are the problems they confront in homelands, in transit to other countries, and in places of destination? What kinds of immigration policies and measures would be needed to address the unique conditions faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer migrants? What types of resources and mobilization efforts most effectively address the needs of sexual minorities in transit? These are among the questions the proposed conference will investigate.

John Borneman (Professor of Anthropology), a core member of our research community, has accepted our invitation to lead this effort. Under his guidance, we will bring together scholars conducting state-of-the-art research and practitioners engaged in advocacy, service provision, and community mobilization on behalf of LGBTQ immigrants. Our hope is to provoke interdisciplinary dialogue among scholars but also to facilitate exchanges between academics and members of grassroots organizations.

NEW COURSE

“Migration: Peoples and Cultures Across Borders,” winner of a grant from the Princeton 250th Anniversary Fund for Innovation in Undergraduate Education.

We are thrilled that our new, interdisciplinary, team-taught course on migration (proposed and directed by Patricia Fernández-Kelly) has received a 250th Anniversary Fund Grant for Innovative Teaching. The proposed course is meant to fulfill distribution requirements in Epistemology and Cognition (EC), Ethical Thought and Moral Values (EM); Historical Analysis (HA); Literature and the Arts (LA); and Social Analysis (SA). Students will be able to join precepts consistent with their interests and preferences. The course will be taught by Professor Fernández-Kelly and a team of colleagues and trained graduate assistants in Fall 2021.

“Migration: People and Cultures Across Borders,” comes directly out of our four-year collaboration as a PIIRS research community and will be taught by several of our core members. The course is both an innovation for Princeton’s curriculum and a timely examination of a world crisis. Recent changes in the structure of production at the world level, technological innovation, rapid transportation, the dissemination of western standards of culture and achievement, and environmental and climatological changes are spurring population flows within and across borders. While increasing numbers of people seek refuge and opportunity away from the places where they were born, advanced countries face
challenges never faced before, including the weighing of domestic distributonal justice against the rights of immigrants and asylum seekers. Over the last decade, countries in the Americas, Europe, and Southeast Asia have witnessed the emergence of populist and nationalist movements that sharpen racial divides and hostility toward newcomers, especially those without proper documentation. The years ahead may see a collision between nation states bent on protecting scarce resources and desperate people seeking refuge and opportunity. How will the new generations respond to such challenges? How can we, as educators, contribute to thoughtful and well-informed deliberations over matters affecting the well-being of millions? These are central questions that the proposed course seeks to broach.

The course also aims to engage students in community engagement. To achieve that objective, we will offer, on a first-come-first-serve basis, an opportunity for a maximum of 40 students to participate in ProCES (Program in Community Engaged Scholarship). Participating students will be involved in research and research-related activities for the benefit of a local grassroots organization. In this case, they will work in partnership with the Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund (LALDEF), a community-based organization which advocates and educates on behalf of immigrants and Latinx people in Central New Jersey.

**GOING FORWARD**

We are most grateful to PIIRS, especially to Director Stephen Kotkin, for endorsing the continuation of our activities for the next two academic years. We look forward to running our “Language and Migration: Experience and Memory” conference in spring of 2021, and plan to sustain the intellectual fervor and fellowship of our community, on a slightly smaller scale, for the next two years, and to collaborate fruitfully with PEI and Gender and Sexuality Studies (GSS) on our upcoming conferences. We also want to acknowledge the excellent assistance of Rachel Golden and Sam Evans, who always went the extra mile to enable us to fulfill our mission.
FALL 2019 COLLOQUIUM SERIES

09.18.18  “Communists, Criminals, and Caravans: The Social Construction of Central Americans as Crisis.”
Leisy Abrego (UCLA)

Michael Strausz (Texas Christian University), Co-sponsored by the Program in East Asian Studies

Ryan Gibson (Emory University)

10.03.19  “Citizenship 2.0: dual Nationality as a Global Asset.” Yossi Harpaz (Tel Aviv University)

10.10.19  “Hyper Education: When Good Grades, Good Schools, and Good Behavior are Not Enough.”
Pawan Dhingra (Amherst College)

Lisandro Perez (John Jay College of Criminal Justice)

Cynthia Feliciano (University of Washington, Saint Louis)

11.20.19  “Climate Refugees, Kinetic Elites, and the Struggle for Mobility Justice.”
Mimi Sheller (Drexel University)

Deborah Yashar (Princeton University)

Nina Bandjl (University of California-Irvine and Stanford’s Center for Advanced Study)

SPRING 2020 COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Tomás Jiménez (Stanford University)

05.20.20  Virtual Symposium, co-sponsored by the University of Miami Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas (postponed from Thursday, March 12)
“Symposium on Children of Immigrants in the Age of Deportation,”
marking the publication of the Ethnic and Racial Studies’ Special Issue on Children of Immigrants in the Age of Deportation, this special event features editors and authors in conversation with immigrants in the Princeton Area. Alejandro Portes (University of Miami and Princeton University), Douglas S. Massey (Princeton University), Helen Marrow (Tufts University)
Each year, the Fung Global Fellows Program invites applications from scholars working in the social sciences and the humanities from around the world to be in residence at PIIRS for an academic year and to engage in research and discussion around a common theme. Fellowships have traditionally been awarded to six exceptional scholars who are employed outside the United States, who will return to their positions at the conclusion of the fellowship, and who have demonstrated outstanding scholarly achievement and unusual intellectual promise.

The program for 2019–20, which was in its sixth year, was again directed by Jeremy Adelman, Henry Charles Lea Professor of History. Professor Adelman is an expert on the history of Latin America and the Caribbean with a focus on economic, imperial, intellectual, and political histories. The program was built around the topic “Thinking Globally.” The cohort was selected from one of the largest pools of applicants in the history of the program. In all, 233 people applied for six positions. As always, this year’s cohort was brilliant and engaged in cutting-edge research. Members of the cohort were: Sebastiaan Bouwman, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Ph.D. in International History, London School of Economics and Political Science; Ayça Çubukçu, Senior Fung Global Fellow, Associate Professor in Human Rights, Department of Sociology, London School of Economics and Political Science; Ayça Çubukçu, Senior Fung Global Fellow, Associate Professor in Human Rights, Department of Sociology, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE); Onur Ulas Ince, Assistant Professor of Political Science, School of Social Science, Singapore Management University; Sophia Kalantzakos, Professor, Environmental Studies and Public Policy, NYU-Abu Dhabi; Pascale Siegrist, Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Ph.D. in History, University of Konstanz; and Claire Vergerio, Assistant Professor of International Relations, Institute of Political Science, Leiden University.

There were two principal adjustments to the program this year. The first involves the nature of the fellows. You will notice a few minor adjustments to their profiles. For one, we allowed more flexibility with the line separating early career fellows from more senior ones. We felt that disqualifying those who were past the 10-year receipt of their dissertation was a missed opportunity. So, this year, a brilliant Turkish scholar from the LSE, Ayça Çubukçu joined us as a “Senior Fung Fellow,” bringing deep expertise as a human rights scholar. For the first time we also allowed younger applicants, admitting more recently minted doctoral graduates as postdoctoral fellows. Here, too, we felt we were missing an opportunity to invest in up-and-coming brilliant young scholars. So, two postdoctoral research associates joined us, a Dutch scholar researching the Christian origins of human rights, Sebastiaan Bouwman, and a Swiss historian of global intellectual history, Pascale Siegrist. Still, the core of the fellowship is dedicated to the emerging scholars who currently have positions at their home institutions but who are not yet as recognized as we predict they will become — and so realizing one of the missions of the program: to invest in the future generation of great global thinkers and establish durable collaborations with them.
The second adjustment was to our programming. We made three alterations to the programming to augment the value of the program to the University and the Fellows. The first was that we held weekly internal seminars throughout the fall semester to discuss pre-circulated chapters, book prospectuses, or essays written by the Fellows. This served to stimulate the Fellows to begin writing from the start of their fellowship, while promoting cohesion in the group. It also allowed Professor Adelman to be more deeply involved in their publishing plans at a much earlier stage. Indeed, one upshot was that Professor Adelman was able to introduce members of the cohort to magazine editors in the hopes of getting their publications circulating in a wider, global, readership.

The second alteration to the programming was embedding the Fellows into a HIS450 course that Professor Adelman taught, “Remaking the World since 1800.” Each Fellow was a guest lecturer for at least one week in the course as the topic specialist that week. This allowed our students to have access to the Fellows, the Fellows to get a sense of teaching styles and commitments here at Princeton, and to further the PIIRS mission of being a hub of global debate that reaches down into the fundaments of the undergraduate curriculum.

The third alteration to our programming was to invite four notable global scholars to be “in residence” at PIIRS for one week. We called them “Fung Global Scholars in Residence.” Their commitments for the week were to (1) join the HIS450 course as an additional guest lecturer; (2) to give a public lecture with a partner unit of the University or to co-organize a workshop with Professor Adelman and the Fellows; (3) to hold special office hours so Princeton students could have access to them for their own writing projects; and (4) to have a special lunch workshop in which the Scholars in Residence caucus with the Fellows to talk about world affairs and their academic trajectories. The addition of the Scholars in Residence was to amplify the power of the Fung course, allowing the Fellows to develop more contacts, and ensure that our public programming was highly visible to the rest of the campus. The Distinguished Scholars that were invited for the spring of 2020 were: Professor Sebastian Conrad from Freie Universität in Berlin, a famous world historian; Professor Shalini Randeria, an Indian anthropologist currently the director of the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna; Professor Gisèle Sapiro, a French sociologist at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris; and the prominent writer and journalist and President of the Central European University, Michael Ignatieff.

We are fortunate to have successfully fulfilled some of our programming goals before the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted all aspects of academic life. We welcomed our first two inaugural “Fung Global Scholars in Residence,” Professor Sebastian Conrad, who was in residence February 16–21, and Professor Gisèle Sapiro, who was in residence March 2–6. The visiting scholars were very active within the Fung Program, participating in the HIS450 course, and also very engaged with additional events such as our internal seminars, talks, lunches, dinners, and one-on-one interfacing with the Fellows and with students and colleagues across the University.

Additionally, our ambitious and exciting spring semester event programming got off to a great start in February. We began with a highly successful joint, two-day symposium with the PIIRS Program in South Asian Studies (SAS) entitled “Inventing the Third World: In Search of Freedom in the Global South, 1947–1979.” We followed closely on the heels of this symposium with another incredibly successful joint two-day symposium with the Shelby Cullom Davis Center for History entitled “Global Legal Histories.” Both symposiums hosted speakers from around the world and were very successful. The first will turn into an anthology of essays that Professor Gyan Prakash (a former Fung Director) and Professor Jeremy Adelman will co-edit. The second will lead to a new collaboration with a cluster of scholars at the Center for Global Legal History in Frankfurt, Germany.

Unfortunately, as we began to prepare for our next symposium slated for March 26–27, “Democracy & Demography: The Body Politic and the Politics of Bodies, Past, Present, Future,” and our next scholar in residence, Professor Shalini Randeria, COVID-19 brought everything to a crashing halt. When the implications of the pandemic reached Princeton, our first concern was for the safety and welfare of our
Fellows. Due to family reasons, two of our Fellows returned to their home countries: Onur Ulas Ince returned to Singapore and Ayça Çubukçu returned with her young son to Turkey. Thankfully, the Dean of the Faculty confirmed that their appointments could continue as “international assignments” abroad. The other four Fung Fellows resolved to remain in Princeton until their appointments ended in summer. Due to Princeton University’s compliance with the New Jersey Governor’s state-wide “stay at home” Executive Order that was issued on March 21, we had to cancel all remaining events, guests, meetings, and seminars that were to be held on campus. The entire cohort adjusted as well as could be expected and thus virtual programming started right back up with the following:

• Regular weekly Zoom internal seminars were held at 9 a.m. each Tuesday;
• The HIS450 undergraduate course, “Remaking the World, 1820–2020: Territories, People, and Global Orders,” took place each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m, and the Fellows remained active and engaged as guest speakers for this course via Zoom; and
• Fellows “e-met” for 1.5 hours, three times per week, for a virtual “writing workshop.”

We also created a blog spot for the Fung Program (https://fung.princeton.edu/), for virtual collaborative work, articles, recorded conversations, and other projects that reflected both their current research and the program’s current theme.

Lastly, in a true display of resilience, one of the Fung Global Fellows, Ayça Çubukçu, who had relocated back home to Turkey due to COVID-19, went ahead with her planned May 7 event that was to be held at Princeton. The event was pivoted to a virtual platform with “The Fate of Internationalism: Talking Solidarity in a Pandemic.” This event was widely attended, as over 500 people registered for the event and over 400 people have watched the recorded video since its release.

ALUMNI WORKSHOPS

During the fall semester, on October 18 and 19, 2019, an alumni workshop, “The Culture and Politics of Resentment,” was convened by members of the 2017–18 Fung cohort: Daniel Karell, Olga Pantaleeva, Jürgen Schaflechner, Yunus Sözen, and Sjoerd van Tuinen. The workshop aimed to advance theorization and empirical study of resentment, drawing together scholars from across disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. The workshop critically analyzed our historical conceptualization of resentment, its power to act on the social world, and the current trend of ascribing unsettling sociopolitical events to a wave of “resentment.”

As part of this alumni workshop, two of the cohort members, Jürgen Schaflechner and Sjoerd van Tuinen, screened their new documentary film, “The Toxic Reigns of Resentment,” on the first day of the workshop. This project was the result of a grant that Schaflechner and van Tuinen were awarded in 2017–18 through the Fung Global Network Fund (see below). With this documentary film, they set out to “rigorously examine the coherence and utility of the concept of ressentiment.” Members of the two-day workshop together with members of the broader Princeton community came together to preview and discuss this compelling documentary. The Fung Global Fellows Program was credited as the main backer of the documentary project. The film can be viewed here: https://frontaalfilm.com/toxic-reigns-of-resentment/.

FUNG GLOBAL NETWORK FUND

Given the Fung Program’s mission to expand Princeton’s international network and to create lasting connections with all Fung Global Fellows and their home institutions, since the 2014–15 academic year, the program budget has included a special fund for which both former and current Fung Fellows are eligible to apply. The prerequisites for an award are the participation of at least one Princeton faculty member and at least two current or former Fung scholars in a proposed project, as well as a financial contribution from one or more partner institutions to this project.
This “Fung Global Network Fund” can be used to stage a range of projects or events, which have typically included workshops and conferences, focused research collaborations, or seed money for a larger project grant, such as the “The Toxic Reigns of Resentment” documentary film mentioned above. This year, the sixth annual Call for Applications deadline occurred on February 15, 2020. One excellent proposal was awarded, which was a cross-cohort collaboration entitled “Translating Race and Anti-Racism,” submitted by Laavanya Kathiravelu (2015–16 cohort) and Olga Panteleeva (2017–18 cohort). The award will fund a Princeton-based workshop (date to be confirmed, pending safety of travel and current state of the pandemic). The workshop will bring together U.S.-based academics and scholars who work on racialized settings outside of the epistemic centers of Anglo-centric anti-racist discourse. In light of the current racial climate in the United States and abroad, this workshop will be especially critical.

For information on the Fung Global Fellows, faculty profiles, program themes, and application details see http://piirs.princeton.edu/funggfp/.

PUBLIC EVENTS

10.18-19.19 Workshop
“The Culture and Politics of Resentment.”
Gyan Prakash, Director of the 2017-18 Fung Global Fellows Program; Fung Fellow 2017-18 cohort: Daniel Karell, NYU Abu Dhabi; Olga Panteleeva, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Jürgen Schaflechner, University of Heidelberg; Yunus Sözen, LeMoyn College; Sjoerd van Tuinen, Erasmus University; Participants: Ruth Braunstein, University of Connecticut; Rory McVeigh, University of Notre Dame; Gulnaz Sharafutdinova, Kings College London; Asaid Haider, Penn State; Robert Pfaller Universität für künstlerische und industrielle Gestaltung; Stefan Dolgert; Brock University; Robert Schneider; Indiana University Bloomington; Jeremy Engels; Penn State.

10.18.19 Film Screening
Documentary film screening by the creators and producers of the film, two members of the Fung Global Fellows cohort of 2017-18: Jürgen Schaflechner, University of Heidelberg and Sjoerd van Tuinen, Erasmus University. The film can also be viewed here: https://frontaalfilm.com/toxic-reigns-of-resentment/.

02.28-29.20 Symposium
“Inventing the Third World: In Search of Freedom in the Global South.”
Gyan Prakash, Acting Director, Program in South Asian Studies (SAS), PIIRS, and Dayton-Stockton Professor of History; Jeremy Adelman, Director, Fung Global Fellows Program, Director of the Global History Lab, and Henry Charles Lea Professor of History; Penny Von Eschen, University of Virginia; Marcelo Ridenti, UNICAMP; Daniel Steinmetz-Jenkins, Dartmouth College; Naresh Fernandes, independent writer; Jessica Bachman, University of Washington; Agustín Cosovschi, CETOBaC, Paris; Srirupa Roy, University of Göttingen; Andreas Eckert, Humboldt University, Berlin; Atreyee Gupta, University of California-Berkeley; Alexandra Reza, University of Oxford; Cindy Ewing, University of Toronto; Patrick Iber, University of Wisconsin; Monica Popescu, McGill University; and Fung Global Fellows Sebastiaan Bouwman, Aycça Çubukçu, and Onur Ulas Ince.

03.06-07.20 Symposium
“The Fung Program & The Shelby Cullom Davis Center Symposium: Global Legal Histories.”
Jeremy Adelman, Director, Fung Global Fellows Program, Director of the Global History Lab, and Henry Charles Lea Professor of History; Angela Creager, Thomas M. Siebel Professor in the History of Science, Professor of History, Chair, Department of History; Thomas Duve, Max Planck Institute for European Legal History; Ruth Buchanan, Osgoode Hall Law School; Benedetta Albani, Max Planck Institute for European Legal History; Mariana Dias Paes, Max Planck Institute for European Legal History; Rohit De, Yale University and Davis Center
Fellow, Princeton; Mary Mitchell, Purdue University and Davis Center Fellow, Princeton; Kentaro Matsubara, Tokyo University; Claire Vergerio, Fung Global Fellow; Jessica Whyte, University of New South Wales; Scott Shapiro, Yale University; Sundhya Pahuja, University of Melbourne; Rachel Rothschild, NYU School of Law; Jessica Marglin, University of Southern California; Ayça Çubukçu, Fung Global Fellow; Eric Weitz, CUNY; Meredith Terretta, University of Ottawa; Taisu Zhang, Yale University; Alexander Semyonov, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russia; Onur Ulas Ince, Fung Global Fellow; Lauren Benton, Vanderbilt and IAS School of Historical Studies.

05.07.20 Virtual Conversation
“The Fate of Internationalism: Talking Solidarity in a Pandemic.” Ayça Çubukçu (moderator), Fung Global Fellow, Associate Professor of Human Rights, Co-Director of LSE Human Rights, London School of Economics and Political Science; and panelists: Anthony Alessandrini, Associate Professor of English at Kingsborough Community College and the Master of Arts Program in Middle Eastern Studies, The Graduate Center of The City University of New York; Noura Erakat, Assistant Professor of Africana Studies, Rutgers University; Christina Heatherton, Assistant Professor of American Studies, Barnard College, Columbia University
Cuba Research Network

2019–20 Activities

BOOK PUBLICATION


This volume — the first book-length publication by the Cuban Research Network — collects the essays written by the writers and scholars who participated in the Havana conferences organized in 2018 and 2019. It offers a wide spectrum of perspectives on Havana's cultural scene, including theater, literature, and Afro-Cuban religious practices.

PRINCETON ACTIVITIES

10.22.19
Lecture and discussion by Jorge Fornet, visiting scholar (Program in Latin American Studies), on “Censorship and the Cuban Revolution.” Jorge Fornet, one of the leading Cuban literary scholars and author of the groundbreaking book 1971, gave a talk about censorship in the literary world after the 1959 Cuban Revolution. Students had read selections from his work as preparation for his visit.

This talk was held in conjunction with Rubén Gallo’s exploration seminar on “The Culture of the Cuban Revolution (SPA 342)” and was open to the public.

11.06.19
Lecture and discussion by Juan Cruz Ruiz, journalist and literary critic, on “Mario Vargas Llosa and Cuba.” Juan Cruz Ruiz, a Spanish literary critic and expert on the work of Mario Vargas Llosa, led a workshop discussion on the piece. Students prepared by researching Vargas Llosa’s involvement with the Cuban Revolution and gathering material from Vargas Llosa’s archive held at Firestone Library.

12.02.19
Lecture and discussion by Carlos Díaz, theater director, Havana. Carlos Díaz, one of the leading theater directors in Cuba and the founder of Teatro El Público, lead a workshop on his play “Harry Potter: se acabó la magia” (2018), which offers a unique insight into the current problems faced by Cubans: the temptation of emigration to Miami, underemployment, the economic crisis, and the black market. Students had prepared for the visit by watching a video-recording of the play.

This talk was held in conjunction with Rubén Gallo’s exploration seminar on “The Culture of the Cuban Revolution (SPA 342)” and was open to the public.

UNDERGRADUATE TRAVEL SPONSORED BY THE CUBAN RESEARCH NETWORK

Beatriz Oliva (’22) and Miguel Gonzáles (’21) – Research trip to Havana during fall break (Oct. 28 – Nov. 2) to conduct research on Mario Vargas Llosa’s involvement with the Cuban Revolution.

Natalia Solano (’21), Germán Arrocha (’20), Eduardo Paz (’20), Beatriz Oliva (’22), and Miguel Gonzáles (’21): Overnight trip to Miami on Dec. 4, 2019, to attend the presentation of Mario Vargas Llosa’s “Tiempos Recios,” and for a meeting with the author.
OTHER PRINCETON ACTIVITIES

Undergraduate students hired to assist Princeton faculty on Cuba research during summer 2020:

Daisy Torres – assisting Rubén Gallo on Havana newspaper research.

Roy Kim – assisting Ingrid Brioso Rieumont on Havana photography research.

Danielle Peters – assisting Rachel Price on Cuban slavery project.

Alston Carson – assisting Hanna Garth on Cuban anthropology research.

HAVANA ACTIVITIES
(CO-SPONSORED BY PRINCETON-IN-CUBA)

10.22.19
Group conversation with Professor of International Relations Jesús Arboleya Cervera, director of the Center for the study of the United States in Cuba and former Cuban ambassador to the United States.

02.17.20
Group conversation with Professor Alberto Prieto, 2019 Cuban National Prize in Political Science.

02.19.20
Screening of “Soy Cuba” (1962), followed by workshop with Luz María Reyes Collazo, actress and dancer who acted in the film.

02.21.20
Group visit to the National Art Schools of Cuba with architecture professor Davide Del Curto from the Polytechnic University of Milan, who is leading the pilot project on the conservation of the School of Dramatic Arts, designed by Italian architect Roberto Gottardi.

02.28.20
Artist’s talk by K-cho (Alexis Leyva), Cuban visual artist and founder of the independent space El Romerillo.

03.05.20
Lecture and workshop with Carlos Díaz, theater director and founder of Teatro El Público.

03.12.20
Master class with Ernán López-Nussa, jazz musician and composer.

03.17.20
Screening of “Celeste” (2019), followed by discussion with the director, Arturo Infante.

03.18.20
Lecture by Rosario Cárdenas, dancer, choreographer and principal, Compañía Rosario Cárdenas

03.19.20
Workshop with Pedro Juan Gutiérrez, novelist and author of “Trilogía sucia de La Habana.”

03.20.20
Screening of “Santa y Andrés” (2017), followed by discussion with Carlos Lechuga, film director and Eduardo Martínez, actor.

03.22.20
Cabaret performance by Osdalgia, Cuban singer and performer.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Library Acquisitions: Roberto Gottardi Papers
The Cuban Research Network (CRN) continued to facilitate the acquisition of the Roberto Gottardi papers by Firestone Library. Gottardi was one of the three most important architects working in Cuba after the Revolution, and one of the authors of the Cuban Art Schools, the foremost work of architecture constructed in the early years (1962–65) of the Revolution. Gottardi passed away in 2016 and the CRN sponsored visits to Cuba by Firestone’s Latin American Librarian, Fernando Acosta, as well as visits to Princeton by Gottardi’s widow, Luz María Collazos, who finally sold the archive to Princeton last year.

CRN Research Collaboration with Cuban Heritage Collection (CHC)
Graduate student Ingrid Brioso Rieumont is collaborating on a pilot project to remediate the metadata for photographs of enslavement in Cuba from the Cuban Heritage Collection at the University of Miami. The project is led by CHC archivist Amanda Moreno.

PUBLICATIONS ON CUBA (2019–20)
BY CNR AFFILIATES

Ingrid Brioso Rieumont


Andy Alfonso
“Mamá, yo quiero saber de dónde son los poetas.” 2020. In Crónicas de una pequeña ciudad mexicana en La Habana.
World Politics (WP) is a peer-reviewed quarterly journal of international relations and comparative politics produced under the sponsorship of PIIRS and the trustees of Princeton University. It is published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) in both print and online editions, the latter through Cambridge Core. The journal, one of the most highly regarded in the field of political science, publishes analytical and theoretical research articles and review articles in comparative politics and international relations and their subfields.

Editorial bodies for the journal include an editorial board (an advisory group consisting of academics from other institutions), an editorial committee (the decision-making body, consisting of Princeton faculty), and a group of associate editors (Princeton faculty who assist in reviewing submissions). Since the academic year 2011–12, each member of the editorial committee receives an annual remuneration, paid by the publisher directly from journal revenues, in appreciation for the extensive amount of work he, she, or they do for the journal. In 2019–20, the editorial committee included Mark R. Beissinger, Miguel A. Centeno, Rafaela Dancygier, G. John Ikenberry, Amaney A. Jamal, Stephen Kotkin, Grigore Pop-Eleches, James Vreeland, and Deborah Yashar. Yashar served as chair.

In 2019–20, Joy Scharfstein served as executive editor and Joan Hsiao served as editorial assistant. Sean Luna McAdams and Federico Tiberti served as the journal’s graduate student editorial assistant. Freelancers were hired for some copyediting.

The challenges COVID-19 presented to the journal were unprecedented. At the microlevel, the closing of the Princeton campus and adherence to social distancing guidelines resulted in monthly editorial committee meetings moving from a conference room to the Zoom platform. In broader perspective, much of the work of producing the journal has been off-site for a number of years, with authors and reviewers contributing from around the globe, the publisher located in the UK, coding done in India, copyeditors scattered around the country, and the typesetter working from New Mexico. Moving the editorial staff to work at home in mid-March was easily accomplished and the transition has been seamless. In late March 2020, Cambridge halted manufacturing of the print versions of all its journals as the global pandemic affected the supply and distribution chains.

Articles submitted to the journal are reviewed in a triple-blind procedure by academics from Princeton and from other institutions: authors and reviewers are not identified to one another, and members of the editorial committee make their decisions without knowledge of the authors’ identities. Approximately 500 non-Princeton referees reviewed articles for the journal in 2019 and are acknowledged online at the journal web site (http://piirs.princeton.edu/research-funding/world-politics-journal/reviewers), as well as in the October 2020 (volume 72, no. 4) print issue.
WP is a leading journal among comparative and international relations publications. The journal has consistently published award-winning articles and we’re pleased to report that an article won an award from the American Political Science Association (APSA) in 2020. Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner won the Luebbert article prize from the Comparative Politics section for her article, “The Pursuit of Social Welfare: Citizen Claim-Making in Rural India,” *World Politics*, vol. 70, no. 1, and Fiona Shen Bayh, received the prize for best article from the Comparative Democratization section for her article, “Strategies of Repression: Judicial and Extrajudicial Methods of Autocratic Survival,” *World Politics*, vol. 70, no. 3. The complete list of award winners was not available at press time.

Since November 2014, *World Politics* articles have been available online for download as early as six weeks before the print cover date. These “FirstView” versions are available through CUP’s Cambridge Core website. This fast-track route to publication makes these articles widely accessible at the earliest possible opportunity and increases the window in which an article can be cited.

The editorial office continues to improve manuscript tracking and reporting processes, as well as the journal’s production processes. It continues to take full advantage of the reporting capabilities of ScholarOne and continues to refine and improve the journal’s digital recordkeeping and manuscript tracking.

CUP, the publisher of *World Politics* since 2009, handles the journal’s business: subscriptions, permissions, marketing, payments to members of the editorial committee, and payments for production (typesetting, printing, and mailing). The revenues the journal receives from the publisher support the editorial staff and office and the honoraria to editorial committee members. Revenues remitted to the journal for 2019 were $232,616 (75% of total income). This amount is down about $10,000 from the $242,044 remitted in 2018. While the journal is in good shape, the political economy of publishing has meant that income for all journals, including *World Politics*, is steadily declining as traditional WP subscriptions decline, new digital consortia packages are offered by the presses, and the business responds to demands for open access to content. This revenue trend is likely to continue for all journals, especially as the financial impact of COVID-19 is expected to be reflected in library budgets.

Since 2008, *World Politics* has been accepting submissions only online via ScholarOne Manuscripts, an Internet-based system for manuscript submission, review, and processing, available at http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/wp. The journal received 421 original submissions and 25 revisions (446 in total) in 2019, with an acceptance rate of about 3.2%. Authors of articles published in 2019 are working at institutions in Canada, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The journal’s five-year impact factor is 4.617; it is currently ranked third in the international relations category and tenth the political science category of the Journal Citation Reports.

*World Politics* has assembled a terrific editorial committee for the current academic year (2020–21). The advent of virtual committee meetings has enabled the opportunity, for the first time, to include scholars from outside the Princeton faculty on the committee. The group looks forward to working with the excellent staff to oversee the production of this important journal.
The mission of the Center is to advance the study of contemporary China at Princeton University and to provide substantive analysis from social science perspectives of the dramatic sociological shifts taking place in China today. Some of the most prominent examples of these shifts include features of Chinese society such as work organizations, the education system, the urban/rural divide, migration, social inequality, marriage and family, ethnicity, and religion. Other examples include China’s fast economic growth, its nascent democratization efforts, and its technological advances. The emphasis is on understanding social phenomena in China within its historical, cultural, political, and economic contexts. Such study will not only encourage a better understanding of China, but also of other societies, including developing and developed countries alike.

Recognizing the importance of China’s place in the world, the Wythes Center’s main goal is to bring together scholars whose work focuses on issues that affect China today. The intent of the Center is to give an institutional home for such interdisciplinary collaboration for faculty and students whose research and work converge.

The Wythes Center is directed by Yu Xie, the Bert G. Kerstetter ’66 University Professor of Sociology, who holds a joint faculty appointment with PIIRS. He is also a visiting chair professor at the Center for Social Research, Peking University. His main areas of interest are social stratification, demography, statistical methods, Chinese studies, and the science of science. His published works include: Marriage and Cohabitation (University of Chicago Press 2007) with Arland Thornton and William Axinn, Statistical Methods for Categorical Data Analysis with Daniel Powers (Emerald 2008, second edition), and Is American Science in Decline? (Harvard University Press 2012) with Alexandra Killewald. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Academia Sinica, and the National Academy of Sciences. In 2019, he was given the Paul F. Lazarsfeld Award for a career of outstanding contributions to sociological methodology, a lifetime achievement award from the American Sociological Association. Xie joined the Princeton faculty after 26 years at the University of Michigan.

The Center’s activities include a lecture series, graduate student workshops, a number of research initiatives, peer-reviewed journals and book series, faculty and student grants, and a PIIRS Global Seminar in China. Our faculty and students are drawn from departments including sociology, East Asian studies, economics, history, politics, religion, and from the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA). The Center also hosts visiting scholars, postdoctoral research associates, and other experts on contemporary China.
The Center’s annual report, with full coverage of its activities, may be found here: https://ccc.princeton.edu/about.

Faculty associates include Janet Chen (History), Chih-p’ing Chou (East Asian Studies), Gregory C. Chow (Economics, emeritus), Jianqing Fan (Finance), Deborah Kaple (Sociology), Stephen Teiser (Religion), Rory Truex (Politics and SPIA), Lynn T. White III (Politics, emeritus), and Wei Xiong (Economics), all of whom were selected for their work and coursework on contemporary China.

Through its own postdoctoral program, and three jointly hosted programs, the Center sponsored the following postdoctoral research associates:

- **Cheng Cheng**, Non-Resident Postdoctoral Research Associate with the Peking-Princeton Joint Postdoctoral Program
- **Huancheng Du**, Non-Resident Postdoctoral Research Associate with the CUHK, Shenzhen-Princeton Postdoctoral Program
- **Junming Huang**, Postdoctoral Research Associate (partially funded through the National Institute of Health and PCES)
- **Fengming Liu**, Non-Resident Postdoctoral Research Associate with the Peking-Princeton Postdoctoral Program
- **Donghui Wang**, Postdoctoral Research Associate
- **Yang Zhou**, Non-Resident Postdoctoral Research Associate with the Fudan-Princeton Postdoctoral Program

The Center hosted several visiting scholars and students to assist the Director with research data initiatives:

- **Zihao Chen**, visiting student from Peking University
- **Qing Huang**, visiting student from Peking University
- **Xiaotian Li**, visiting scholar from the School of Leisure and Social Sport at Capital University of Physical Education and Sports
- **Yichun Yang**, visiting student from the Renmin University
GRADUATE STUDENT SEMINARS

The Contemporary China Graduate Colloquium (CCGC) is a graduate student-led research group dedicated to fostering and promoting research on all aspects of contemporary China. Founded in 2011, the goal of the CCGC is to bring together graduate students, postdocs, and faculty in the social sciences and related disciplines whose work or research interests are relevant to contemporary (post-1949) China. The primary purpose of the colloquium is for graduate students, postdocs, and faculty to present their work and receive feedback.

CENTER SPEAKER SERIES

Guests from other universities and institutions are invited to give public lectures on contemporary China. We ask speakers to hold office hours with students and research staff in addition to their public lectures.

STATE CAPACITY AND BUREAUCRATIC STRUCTURE:

A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA AND INDIA

Over the past decade, China built the world’s largest high-speed rail network while India has struggled to expand its own overburdened railway system. What explains the striking difference in state capacity for railway development between these two countries? Drawing on two years of fieldwork in China and India, I argue that the organizational structure of state bureaucracies matters. Notable forms of bureaucratic structure, where authority and accountability are highly concentrated in key organizations and individual positions, yield greater state capacity by combining flexible coordination mechanisms with clear lines of responsibility. Diffuse forms of bureaucratic structure, in contrast, are characterized by overlapping lines of authority and accountability, causing decision-making paralysis and a diffusion of responsibility that ultimately results in diminished state capacity. I show that within the railway sector, the nodal structure of India’s state bureaucracy results in diminished state capacity and the implications of these findings for the study of state capacity and organizational effectiveness.

SOCIAL POSITIONS, COMMUNITY CONTEXT, AND STRATIFICATION BELIEFS AMONG YOUTH IN CHINA

Research on youth in disadvantaged neighborhoods suggests that community contexts can affect adolescents’ beliefs about what it takes to get ahead in society. Nevertheless, a systematic analysis of such beliefs across a wide range of communities remains rare, especially in developing countries. China has experienced a rapid increase in income inequality at both the individual and community levels, which makes it interesting to learn how youth perceive and explain social stratification in China. Using data from the China Family Panel Study (2010–2014), we examine how individual social positions, community socioeconomic status, and their interplay are linked to Chinese adolescents’ views on the importance of meritocratic, structural, and fatalistic contributors to future success. Our analyses show that more education, higher social positions, and higher community SES generally lead youth to place more importance on meritocratic elements and less emphasis on structural and fatalistic elements for future success. The positive association between parental education and meritocratic beliefs among youth is weaker in more disadvantaged communities. For the interplay between family and community SES in determining adolescents’ stratification beliefs, we found evidence for both the “compound disadvantage” theory and the “relative deprivation” theory. Moreover, we found that meritocratic beliefs are conducive to adolescents’ later academic performance.

LaLai Li is an Assistant Professor of Sociology. She earned her Ph.D. degree in sociology at the SUNY-Albany. Before joining Rutgers, she worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the Population Research Center at the University of Maryland. She studies social determinants of health, family dynamics, and social inequality in different societies, including China, India, and the U.S. One line of her research seeks to understand how social factors, such as residential context, working conditions, family dynamics, and gender roles, play under the skin to produce and perpetuate health inequalities. Another strand of her research investigates family behaviors in different societies undergoing social, economic, and demographic transitions. She has examined the gender differences in providing support to older parents in China, the phenomenon of “boomerang kids” in the U.S., and spatial separation of spouses due to migration in India.
PUBLIC LECTURES AND CCGC SEMINARS


09.27.19  Practice Job Talk: “Frightened Mandarins: The Adverse Effects of Fighting Corruption on Local Bureaucracy.”

10.03.19  “Living in Harmony with Nature: Is It Possible and How – Cases from China.” Lu Zhi (Peking University).
          Co-sponsor: Princeton Environmental Institute

10.07.19  “Making Careers in Asian Studies.” Lynn White, Professor of Politics and International Affairs
          (Princeton University).

10.14.19  “Trade Sentiment in Chinese Media and Financial Markets.” Marlene Amstad (Chinese University of Hong Kong,
          Shenzhen). Co-sponsor: Bendheim Center for Finance.

          Kyle Chan, doctoral candidate Department of Sociology, (Princeton University)

10.25.19  Practice Job Talk: “Different places, different stories: A study of the spatial heterogeneity of county-level fertility
          in China.”

11.18.19  “China’s Urban Champions: The Politics of Spatial Development.” Kyle A. Jaros (University of Oxford)

          China Graduate Colloquium.

11.22.19  Panel Discussion: “Voices from the Movement: Unpacking the Hong Kong Protests.”
          Co-sponsors: Princeton-U.S. China Coalition.

12.02.19  “Social Positions, Community Context, and Stratification Beliefs Among Youth in China.”
          Lei Lei (Rutgers University)

12.09.19  “How China and India Govern Their Cities.” Xuefei Ren (Michigan State University)

12.16.19  “Social Movement and Dynamics of Identity in Hong Kong.” Xiaogang Wu (Hong Kong University of Science
          and Technology [HKUST])

02.03.20  “Societal Images of Diversity: The Shape of What's to Come.” Susan Fiske, Professor of Psychology and
          Public Affairs (Princeton University)

02.07.20  Workshop: “Journal of Contemporary China Special Issue, second workshop.”


03.02.20  “Will China’s Belt and Road Initiative Increase Tropical Deforestation? Lessons from Recent Development Aid
          Projects.” Xiangli Giam (University of Tennessee). Co-sponsors: Center for Policy Research on Energy and
          the Environment and Princeton Environmental Institute.

03.02.20  “Hyper-Quantification in China.” Kyle Chan, doctoral candidate, Department of Sociology, (Princeton University)
Since the August 2019 appointment of the Center’s inaugural director and Sanjay Swani ’87 Professor in India Studies, Professor Anu Ramaswami, the M.S. Chadha Center for Global India (CGI) has rapidly established a national and international research profile.

This report highlights initiatives supported during the 2019–20 academic year, including two research communities, 16 summer internships, a Global Seminar, and a major international conference. Despite the considerable logistical challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Princeton students and faculty remain enthused and invigorated over the expanded academic, cultural, and regional opportunities that this Center makes possible, both on campus and in the region.

The focus of this year’s report is on new developments at the Center, in the first year of its leadership by Professor Ramaswami. There were many, but the activities covered in-depth in last year’s report have also continued very successfully. International Internship Program (IIP) internships in India supported by the Center again proved to be popular, with 16 students participating during the summer of 2019. The Swani Family Global Seminar at Ashoka again went ahead successfully during summer 2019, and a full report detailing this program is can be found in the CGI annual report. The Indian Ocean and Rapid Switch research communities also continue to thrive, and a list of their postdoctoral researchers funded by the Center can be found in Appendix 1. This year’s exciting progress was therefore built on strong, established foundations, and much of the work this year has consciously built on and integrated these existing initiatives.

The foundation for this year’s activities was set by a strategic workshop with the Center’s faculty executive committee in September 2019, led by Professor Ramaswami. Extensive discussions identified the key elements of the Center’s mission: “The M.S. Chadha Center for Global India (CGI) seeks to address key interactions between India and the world that have potential to transform human and planetary well-being and our imaginaries of the human experience. CGI is novel in its focus on the linkages between India and the world, rather than solely focused within India. Examples of global India topics include: the impact of Indian urbanization on the world and vice versa, new visions of literature, art, and music at the intersection between India and the world, technology leapfrogging in India and the world, the global impact of India’s diaspora, and studies of India’s democracy in a global perspective.” The outcomes of the strategic workshop were discussed and enthusiastically approved by the Center’s first Advisory Council meeting later that month.

The fall semester saw two major events on campus, both of which attracted large, engaged audiences that illustrated the enthusiasm within the community for the Center’s work. The first of these was a round table discussion entitled “What does Global India mean to me, and to the world?” featuring a wide range of participants from academia, the NGO sector, and the arts. The second built on the success of the Swani Global Seminar in India and featured their core lecturer, Pratap Mehta, speaking on the subject of “Democratic Authoritarianism in India in a Comparative Global Perspective.” The semester also saw considerable activity with the Center reaching out and coordinating large numbers of graduate students and faculty with interests in the theme of global India. This, in turn, has formed the core of an extensive mailing list and electronic community with whom the Center is now in regular contact and to whom forthcoming events can be advertised. A list of the 36 faculty who have so far signed up as associates to the Center can be found in Appendix 2.
In February 2020, the Center supported further events that reflected its growing influence on campus. In collaboration with the University Counseling and Psychological Services, and in response to mounting concerns about the political situation in India, it organized a listening circle entitled “Divergent Views on Contemporary India.” CGI also co-sponsored two workshops: “Caste and Rage: Global Marginality and Solidarity,” organized by the Princeton Mellon Initiative in Architecture, Urbanism, and the Humanities, and a Qawwali Workshop, organized by Princeton University’s Muslim Life Program and Hindu Life Program. Such collaborations play an important part of broadening the Center’s reach and future planning will undoubtedly build on this model.

Sadly, however, the COVID-19 pandemic inevitably came to dominate the spring semester, simultaneously posing huge logistical challenges to the Center’s planned activities but also reinforcing the critical importance of the research it supports. Both of these themes came to define the Center’s inaugural conference in March 2020. This was initially planned as a major international gathering on campus, featuring speakers from universities in both the United States and India as well as representatives from the fields of politics and business and workers from NGOs. As both travel and large in-person gatherings became impossible, the conference pivoted to an ambitious online format conducted through a series of Zoom webinars. The response was extraordinary, with over 450 people registering to hear panels featuring a total of 53 speakers. Despite the extraordinary backdrop to this event, it clearly established the Center’s burgeoning national and international reputation.

The conference also highlighted the potential for online events and other forms of digital communication, all of which can now be supported by the Center’s website, launched in April 2020. In May, for example, Professor Ramaswami participated in “Reimagining India: Cities in the Post-COVID World,” a virtual lecture sponsored by the Princeton Club of India and the Indian Chamber of Commerce, addressing the long-term impact on Indian cities upended by the pandemic, and the potential changes in technology, sustainability, and policy. A series of regular podcasts, overseen by Jessica Seddon, a Visiting Research Scholar at the Center, is also planned.

All thriving academic research centers at Princeton combine regular events with ongoing projects, and CGI is no exception. In addition to the established Rapid Switch and Indian Ocean projects, this year has seen the establishment of the Sustainable Urban Infrastructure Systems Lab, spearheaded by Professor Ramaswami and now a part of the national Sustainable Healthy Cities Network. This year, the network was the beneficiary of a major $2.5 million grant from INFEWS (Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems), a joint program of the National Science Foundation and the United States Department of Agriculture. This major new initiative showcases many of CGI’s key themes and reinforces its emphasis on international and policy-orientated collaboration.

The coming year will no doubt be characterized by considerable uncertainty and dislocation. The M.S. Chadha Center for Global India is, however, now well-placed to manage these challenges and to continue producing, supporting, and publicizing cutting-edge research. At the time of writing, the appointment of the first permanent Center Manager is about to be finalized, thus consolidating the administrative structure during a time when increasingly required coordinating of the Center’s varied activities is imperative. At a time when its work could scarcely be more important, CGI now has the resources, expertise, and momentum to play its role to the full.
**PUBLIC EVENTS**

10.17.19  Indian Members of Parliament Lunch

11.13.19  “What does Global India mean to me and to the world?” An interdisciplinary faculty panel introducing the M.S. Chadha Center for Global India.

11.18.19  “Democratic Authoritarianism in India in a Comparative Global Perspective.” Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Vice Chancellor (Ashoka University)

02.26.20  “Listening through Divergent Views on Contemporary India.”

03.27-28.20 Conference: “Urbanization, Environment and Global India.” (online)

**CO-SPONSORED EVENTS**

10.16.19  A panel discussion with Indian Members of Parliament (organized by CISS)

02.08.20  Qawwali Workshop on the history, art and cultural impact of Hindu Muslim devotional music.

**APPENDIX 1: POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHERS FUNDED BY CGI, 2019–20:**

- Milad Hooshyar (Indian Ocean project)
- Alicia Cooperman (Rapid Switch project)
- Vítor Vasconcelos (Rapid Switch project)
- Joe Lane (Rapid Switch project)

https://archum.princeton.edu/people/priti-narayan
Africa is the continent where our future will be determined. The continent boasts an abundance of both cultural and natural resources and is home to some of the fastest growing economies in the world, making Africa a fascinating place to study. Princeton’s Certificate Program in African Studies (AFS) provides opportunities to all Princeton undergraduate students, regardless of major, to learn about the continent. The program offers classes in Africa’s political, economic, and social history; built environments and urban geographies; and ecology, genetic diversity, and epidemiological concerns. The program also offers classes in Africa’s vibrant art scenes past and present, where literature, music, and art have come to define a new postcolonial African cosmopolitanism. The program director is Emmanuel Kreike, professor of history; the Swahili instructor is Mahiri Mwita, lecturer; the Twi instructor is Hannah Essien, lecturer; and Timothy Waldron is the program manager.

The main new activity of the program has been to support and institutionalize the student-led initiative, “The Africa Summit,” which aims to annually organize an on-campus and multi-day event that highlights the importance of Africa and encourages student engagement with the challenges and opportunities the continent offers. The focus is on contemporary issues that link Africa to the United States and the wider world. An important aspect of the event is to expose our students not only to larger academic and societal challenges but also to engage with practical solutions in terms of social, technical, and business innovations. To create opportunities to develop networks with Africa-based entrepreneurs, policymakers, and social media innovators is an integral part of the program. The first highly successful Africa Summit took place in the spring of 2019 and the first Africa Summit’s African Head of State event took place in the fall of 2019. Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 crisis, the spring 2020 Africa Summit event had to be postponed to the fall of 2020, when it will take place as an online event. In a collaborative one-year appointment with the Innovations for a Successful Societies (SPIA), PIIRS, and the Program in African Studies (AFS) could hire Bunmi Otegbade, who was the student-leader of the first Africa Summit student-group, to assist the Africa Summit group and the AFS Program as a key facilitator to institutionalize and consolidate the Africa Summit activities. One of the outcomes of this effort has been to set up the PIIRS/African Studies Africa Summit Fellows Program. Nominated by their peers, this program allows AFS to appoint key leaders as PIIRS/African Studies Fellows for the annual Africa Summit each year, with a modest stipend for conference travel and research.
EVENTS CALENDAR

09.20.19
“A Public Conversation with His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufu-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana.” Hosted by Professor Emmanuel Kreike, Director, Program in African Studies.

10.10.19
“Mpala in Motion: Student Films from the PIIRS Global Seminar in Kenya.” Hosted by Katie Carpenter ’79 and Daniel Rubenstein, Director, Program in Environmental Studies.

11.15.19

03.05.20

04.17.20

06.06.20
“Pan-African Scientific Research Council Inaugural Event.” Professor Leonard Wantchekon (Princeton University)

PROGRAM- SPONSORED COURSES

AFS 105 Intermediate Wolof I
ANT 453 / AFS 453 Rituals of Governing
ART 474 / AAS 474 / AFS 474 Art and Politics in Postcolonial Africa
HIS 423 / AAS 423 / AFS 423 Africa: Revolutionary Moments and Liberation Struggles
ITA 309 / AFS 309 Topics in Contemporary Italian Civilization: Africa in Italian Imagination
LIN 260 / AFS 262 Languages of Africa
MUS 350 / AFS 350 / ANT 373 Studies in African Performance
POL 433 / AFS 433 Seminar in Comparative Politics: Themes in African Politics
AFS 310 Development Aid in Sub-Saharan Africa: Rogues, Benefactors, and Recipients.”
AFS 450 Critical African Studies
ANT 272 / AFS 272 Intoxicating Cultures: Alcohol in Everyday Life
COM 434 / AAS 434 / AFS 435 / GSS 434 Gender and Sexuality in African History
HIS 315 / AFS 316 Colonial and Postcolonial Africa
HIS 492 / AFS 492 / AAS 492 Utopias of Yesteryear: Socialist Experiments in Africa
SWA 101 Elementary Swahili I
SWA 105 Intermediate Swahili I
TWI 101 Elementary Twi I
TWI 105 Intermediate Twi I
AFS 2020 CERTIFICATES AND THESES

Grace Baylis, Princeton’s School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA), “Combating human trafficking does not have to be at the expense of sex workers.”

Winfred Darko, Computer Science, Africa Summit event volunteer


Maia Hauschild, Anthropology, “From Clinic to Chapel: A Genealogy of the Therapeutic Efficacy of Hallucinogens.”


Nicholas Judt, Comparative Literature, “The Sea! The Sea! Truths and Truth in Cheikh Hamidou Kane’s L’Aventure Ambigue.”

Collins Metto, Computer Science, African Summit event volunteer.


Trina Swanson, Anthropology, “Becoming Mothers: Journeys of Young Motherhood in a Tanzanian Health Centre.”

Catherine Sweeney, Sociology, “Urban Refugee Response: A qualitative study of organizational adaptation in Kampala, Uganda.”


Caleb Visser, Politics, “Babies Across Borders: The International Politics of Adoption.”
PROGRAM IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY

The Program in Contemporary European Politics and Society encourages the interdisciplinary study of modern Europe, with a particular focus on politics, economics, and society in western and central Europe since World War I. The program offers a core course and a certificate in European Politics and Society. In addition, it sponsors lectures, seminars, workshops, and other events for the University community, and financially supports undergraduate, graduate student, and faculty initiatives. Professor of anthropology John Borneman is the program director.

PROGRAM-SPONSORED COURSES

ECO 372/EPS 342
Economics of Europe

EPS 302/ECS 302
Landmarks of European Identity

EPS 300 /POL 384
European Politics and Society in the 20th Century

2020 CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

William Grear, Politics, “The Quest for an Expansive Democratic Equality: Leftwing Political Strategy in the Age of Populism.”

Justinas Mickus, Politics, “European Competition Policy in the Time of Digitization, Geopoliticization, and Brexit.”


LECTURE
10.22.19
“THE SURVIVAL OF THE JEWS IN FRANCE, 1940–44”
Featuring historian Jacques Sémelin.

WORKSHOP
02.29.20
REMITTANCES AND THE IMAGINATION OF CONNECTEDNESS

In 2017, an estimated $625 billion was sent by migrants to individuals in their home countries; about three times the worldwide total for foreign aid (World Bank). Remittances are widely viewed as a purely economic phenomenon whose impact is unquestionably positive for both “sender” and “receiver.” Indeed, the Sustainable Development Goals now include targets to reduce remittance costs for migrants. The workshop took a broad, thematic view of what constitutes remittances beyond the economic dimension (social, cultural, etc.) and paid particular attention to countries and regions that are neglected in the scholarly literature. It focused on the link between remittances and personal and state self-determination, asking the following questions:

• How do remittances enhance the autonomy and life prospects of recipients and senders?

• How do remittances impact the self-determination of states?

• What are some implications of remittances for emerging forms of global governance?
Founded in 2004, the E.U. Program is supported by a grant from PIIRS. It sponsors events and activities at Princeton University relating to the European Union and European politics generally. These include an active seminar series, an annual research workshop, policy meetings, public commentary, visiting fellows, graduate and undergraduate student activities, a Senior Thesis prize, and formal partnerships with Humboldt University, Sciences Po, and the University of Geneva. The program is directed by Professor of Politics and International Affairs Andrew Moravcsik and is codirected by Senior Research Scholar in Public and International Affairs Sophie Meunier, who runs the seminar series and annual workshop.
SEMINAR SERIES

09.25.19  "An Unidentified Political Object: The Yellow Vests Mobilization in France."

10.09.19  "Europe and China: Face-Off in the Horn of Africa."


11.06.19  "The U.S., European Defense, and Mark Twain's 'Lies, Damn Lies, and Statistics.'"

11.20.19  "The Futures of Nuclear Europe."

02.05.20  "Losing Many a Battle, while Hoping to Win the War? E.U.’s Rule of Law Struggles in Poland and Hungary."

02.12.20  "The Decline of Social Democracy and Democratic Decay."

02.19.20  "Markets in Action: Social Order and Disorder in the Eurozone."

02.24.20  "Turkey Plus/Minus the European Union: Domestic and International Implications."

02.25.20  "Embracing the Dragon: Greece becomes the 17th plus 1."

02.26.20  "The Euro at 21: A View from the South."

03.02.20  "Finding New Narratives of Worth: Self-Worth and the Crisis of American and European Societies."

03.04.20  "Does Development Aid Improve State Capacity? The Impact of E.U. Funding on Local Government Capacity in Poland."

ANNUAL WORKSHOP
09.13.19

Workshop Failing Forward or Falling Backward? Crises and Patterns of European Integration.

E.U. SENIOR THESIS AWARDS 2020:

Awarded to
Laetitia Derrough
Justinas Mickus
The Program in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies draws on a core faculty in the humanities, history, and social sciences to support and maintain a diverse undergraduate curriculum. The program offers a certificate of proficiency to undergraduates who combine the study of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia with any other departmental concentration, from the humanities and the School of Public and International Affairs to the sciences and engineering.

The program’s purpose is to provide undergraduates with expertise in a core language of Eurasia — for most students, Russian — and a scholarly grounding in the study of the region. Other languages applicable toward the certificate include Polish, Czech, the languages of southeastern Europe (Romanian, Bulgarian, and Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian), and Turkish, the last being related to most Central Asian languages as well as some in the Caucasus and in Russia.

The program offers preparation for government service, international business and finance, law, media, science, teaching, nongovernmental organizations, and other aspects of global affairs. As such, courses from many departments count toward the certificate. The program is compatible with all concentrations. Associate Professor of Near Eastern Studies Michael Reynolds is the program director; Carole Dopp is the program manager.

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<td>“Dignity as a Central Category of World Politics and its Russian Version.” Oleg Kharkhordin (European University of St. Petersburg)</td>
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### SLAVIC/REEES GRADUATE FILM SERIES

*Sponsored by the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures and the Program in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies*

**Fall 2019:** “Around the World with Dostoevsky.”
Organized by Eva Troje, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures.

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### 2020 CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

- **Leora Eisenberg**, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures
- **Christopher Russo**, Department of Physics
- **Rebecca Senatore**, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures
- **Emily Spalding**, Department of Comparative Literature
- **Seyitcan Ucin**, Department of Comparative Literature

### MONTY RAISER FUND

- **Zaza Asatiani**, Department of Sociology
- **Hoang Le ’22**, Department of Electrical Engineering
- **Ryan Sung ’22**, undecided
The Program in South Asian Studies (SAS) offers an interdisciplinary space for students and faculty to explore the political, economic, social, religious, philosophical, and literary cultures of the region. Its particular focuses are modern India and Pakistan and developing resources in classical Sanskrit traditions. With a curriculum reflecting the wide-ranging perspectives available at Princeton, SAS is committed to promoting a comprehensive understanding of the pre-modern and modern histories of the region and of its relations with the rest of the world.

The program sponsors Hindi, Urdu, and Sanskrit language instruction, offers a variety of courses with a South Asian focus, and hosts the certificate program in SAS. It sponsors a regular South Asian Studies graduate student lunchtime colloquium as well as a premier, internationally renowned graduate student conference. The program hosts regular conferences on Hindi/Urdu Literature and the Arts and Hindi/Urdu Language Pedagogy. It sponsors a wide range of popular campus events — lectures, seminars, and roundtables on a range of SAS topics — which constitute an interdisciplinary forum for advanced undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty with shared South Asian regional interests. The program also co-sponsors South Asian cultural events on campus and sponsors a bi-weekly South Asia “Tea” where students and faculty with South Asian interests meet informally and network.

The program director is Jonathan Gold, associate professor of religion (on leave 2019–20); the acting director is Gyan Prakash, professor of history; and Sam Evans is the program manager.

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EVENTS

09.18.19  Panel Discussion: “Kashmir: Past, Present, Future.” Mona Bhan (Syracuse University), Mohamad Junaid (Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts), Hafsa Kanjwal (Lafayette College); Moderator: Zia Mian (Princeton University)

10.15.19  Lecture: “Unruly Waters: Water and the Making of Modern South Asia.” Sunil Amrith (Harvard University)


02.11.20  Panel Discussion: “Borders and Citizens in South Asia.” Sahana Ghosh (Brown University), Dina Siddiqi (New York University), Suchitra Vijayan (The Polis Project); Moderator: Rohit De (Yale University)

02.19.20  Lecture: “Caste Matters: A Reflection on Inequality.” Suraj Yengde (Harvard University)


GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP SERIES

10.26.19  “The Queer Muslim Project: Queer Activism and Indian Secularism.” Emma Thompson (Religion); Comment: Jiya Pandya (History)

11.15.19  “Another Vision of Pakistan: Shabbir Ahmed Usmani and Political Thought in Late Colonial India.” Hasan Hameed (History); Comment: Amna Qayyum (History)

11.22.19  “Indian Sex Life: Sexuality and the Colonial Origins of Modern Social Thought.” Professor Durba Mitra (Harvard University)

12.06.19  “The Power of Coal in India.” Pooja Ramamurthi (Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy)

02.11.20  “Intertwined Itineraries: Debt, Decolonization and International Law in Post-War II South Asia.” Dr. Kalyani Ramnath (Harvard University)

03.10.20  “Yielded Bodies: A Disability Analysis of the Scientific and Medical Research in the Aftermath of the 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy.” Jiya Pandya (History); Comment: Shivani Shedde (School of Architecture)

07.02.20  “Reading the (Post)Colonial Archive: The 1953 Lahore Disturbances Through State Records.” Meher Ali (History); Comment: Hasan Hameed (History)

CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

09.23.19  “Controversial History: Sanskrit Narratives of Indo-Muslim Rule, c. 1190–1721.” Audrey Truschke (Rutgers Newark)

11.11.19  “Universal Religion: Persianate Hinduism in Colonial India.” Supriya Gandhi (Yale University)

02.19.20  “Caste and Race: Global Marginality and Solidarity.” Suraj Yengde (Harvard University) and Joshua Guild (Princeton University)

UNDERGRADUATE FUNDING AWARDS

The Program in South Asian Studies awarded a total of $1,200 to one undergraduate student in 2019–20 for an online summer language course.

SENIOR THESIS PRIZE

The Isabelle Clark-Decès Memorial Thesis Prize was awarded to Avanti Divan (History) for her thesis, “An Empire of Textbooks: A History of History in Colonial India.”

2020 CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

Mashad Arora, Operations Research and Financial Engineering
Simone Downs, SPIA
Mahishan Gnanaseharan, Politics
Sadie Henderson, History
Bhadrajee Hewage, History
Manny Ramirez, SPIA

SAS FRIDAY AFTERNOON TEA

During the 2019–20 academic year, the Program in South Asian Studies hosted “Chai and Samosas” gatherings for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty, postdocs, etc. with an interest in South Asia. These popular get-togethers were held every other Friday afternoon through February 2020.
The Program in Translation and Intercultural Communication (PTIC) seeks to allow students to develop skills in language use and in the understanding of cultural and disciplinary difference. Translation across languages allows access to issues of intercultural differences and the program encourages students to think about the complexity of communicating across cultures, nations, and linguistic borders. Associate Professor of Comparative Literature Karen Emmerich was the program director; Yolanda Sullivan was the program manager.

### PROGRAM-SPONSORED COURSES

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2020 CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Eunice Lee, English “Translation as Activism: Reading Kim Myong-sun’s Korean Translation of Edgar Allan Poe’s ‘The Assignation’ as a Work of Feminist Literature.”

Irma Qavolli, Independent Concentrator, Linguistics “The Effect of Arbitrator Style on Interpreter-Produced Disfluencies.”

2020 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FUNDING

PTIC provided funding to undergraduate students who proposed translation projects to be taken in summer 2020.

Students were each asked to provide a description of their anticipated project, noting the text they planned to translate, why the text was worth translating, the approximate length, knowledge of the language(s) in question, and prior experience with translation. Translations from and into any languages, and texts of any genre, including non-literary texts were permitted. Twenty-one awards of $800 each were made to the following students:

Diamond Acharya, “‘The Fault in our Stars’ Nepali Translation.”
Daniel Benitez, “Translation of Luis Rafael Sanchez.”
Julia Campbell, “Translation of C. Alvarez Rodriguez’s ‘La tribu, Retratros de Cuba.’”
Carlos Giron, “Reflections on Al-Andalus Translation Project.”
Amital Haas, “Palliative and Hospice Care in Israel.”
Brenda Theresa Hayes, “Memories Translation Project.”
Lauren Johnson, “Queer African Studies Translation Project.”
Edelyn Lau, “Modern Tempo: An Anthology of Liu Yichang’s Short Stories.”
Alec Leng, “Translation of Azuma Hiroki’s ‘Gemu teki riariznmu no tanjou.’”
Angelika Morris, “English Translation of Marielle Franco’s Thesis.”
Megan Pan, “Translation of Yasmina Khadra’s ‘L’attentant.’”
Cecilia Panfil, “Translating Literary Documents for Local Elementary Schools.”
Anna Qin, “Chinese to English Animation Translation.”
Alejandro Roig, “Translation of Truth and Other Trash.”
Peter Scharer, “Italian to English Translation of Stories by Giorgio Manganelli.”
Francisca Weinrich-Freiberg, “Catarina: a Dictionary Translated.”
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FALL 2019


09.23.19  Noah Buchholz (Lecturer, Program in Linguistics)  “From Spoken to Signed: American Sign Language Translation”


10.07.19  Nannan Liu (Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany)  “The Politics of Translation – The Discovery of Walter Benjamin in China.”


10.21.19  Bela Shayevich (Artist, Writer, Translator)  “How Should a Translator Act?: Translation and Performance on Stage and in the Classroom.”

11.04.19  Larissa Kyzer (PTIC, Translator in Residence)  “Vandratað er meðalhófið: Custodianship, Negotiation, and Collaboration in Icelandic Literary Translation.”

11.11.19  Joshua Freeman (Princeton University, Society of Fellows)  “Uyghur Poetry into English.”

11.18.19  Aaron Robertson (Oxford University)  “Translating National Trauma When History Disappears: Igiaba Scego’s Beyond Babylon.”

12.02.19  Christopher Clark (CUNY)  “Queneau as Translator of James Joyce, of Descartes’ Philosophy and Dunne’s Physics.”


TRANSLATION LUNCH SERIES
SPRING 2020

02.05.18  Damion Searls (PTIC, Translator in Residence)  “No Sources, No Targets: Translation as Realignment.”

02.12.20  Vicente Rafael (University of Washington)  “Castilian, Or the Colonial Uncanny in Philippine Colonial History.”

02.17.20  Thomas Hare (Comparative Literature)  “A Critical Translation of The Great Hymn to Aten, line 1.”


03.02.20  Kaiama L. Glover (Barnard College)  “‘Africa’ in French: Mid-Century Translations of Colonial Blackness.”

CO-SPONSORED EVENTS


02.09.20  Nikos Kouroupakis and The Princeton Laptop Orchestra  “Greek Music Across Digital and Acoustic Domains.”

02.20.20  South Asian Translation Reading Group  Co-Sponsored with Comparative Literature
TRANSLATOR IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Princeton University’s Translator in Residence program continued for the second year with the appointment of Larissa Kyzer and Damion Searls. Kyzer is a writer and Icelandic to English literary translator. Based in Brooklyn, New York, she lived in Reykjavík for five years after receiving a Fulbright grant in 2012. She holds a bachelor’s degree in comparative literature, a master’s degree in library and information science, and a master’s degree in translation studies, which she earned at the University of Iceland. Her translations include novels, children’s books and chapter books for young readers, short stories, poetry, essays, plays, nonfiction, and, most recently, Kristín Eiríksdóttir’s Nordic Council Literature Prize-nominated *A Fist or a Heart*. Kyzer is a member of Ós, an Iceland-based international and literary collective, the American Literary Translators Association, and PEN America’s Translation Committee.

Damion Searls, a translator from German, Norwegian, French, and Dutch and a writer in English, served as the Spring 2020 Translator in Residence. He is the author of a book on Hermann Rorschach and the Rorschach test, and has translated many classic modern writers, including Proust, Rilke, Nietzsche, Walser, Ingeborg Bachmann, Alfred Döblin, Jon Fosse, Elfriede Jelinek, and Nescio; edited a new abridged edition of Thoreau’s “Journal”; and produced a lost work of Melville’s. Searls studied German philosophy at Harvard University and American literature at University of California-Berkeley, and has received writing and translating awards from PEN America, PEN Center USA, the Netherland America Foundation, the University of California, and the Austrian, Belgian, and Dutch governments. Searls was awarded the Lois Roth Award for a translation of a literary work from the Modern Language Association of America for his of Uwe Johnson’s “Anniversaries: From a Year in the Life of Gesine Cresspahl.” While in residence he co-taught TRA501 and participated in the events and activities of the program.

PTIC READING GROUP

The Program in Translation hosted a creative writing and translation group. During the Fall semester the “Brú” (Bridges) reading group met to offer budding writers and poets a way to stretch their use of language and explore the creative side of translation. The group gave both undergraduate and graduate students an informal way to expand their translation skills, play with language, explore creative and experimental translation strategies, develop short works in progress, and receive real world advice on publishing translations. Led by Translator in Residence Larissa Kyzer, the group met bi-monthly.
PIIRS is a major funder of graduate study abroad during the summer. Each year, PIIRS partners with a dozen academic programs and centers across campus to provide funding for graduate students through the annual Summer Funding Application for intensive language study in the summer and for predissertation and dissertation fieldwork and research during the summer and academic year.

In spring 2019, PIIRS awarded $113,078 to 52 students for language study and $128,325 to 77 students for research the following summer. Eighteen students (listed below with their dissertation topics) were awarded a total of $521,912 in spring 2019 for dissertation completion and were named PIIRS Graduate Fellows for the 2020 academic year. While they were in residence at PIIRS, they participated in a seminar series in which they presented their research to other fellows and invited faculty.

**The Fellows for the 2020 academic year were:**

- **Paul Babinski,** German, “World Literature in Practice: The Orientalist’s Manuscript, 1600–1800.”
- **Daniela Barba-Sanchez,** Politics, “Human Rights and State Neutrality in Unconsolidated Democracies: The Case of Mexico.”
- **Marina Bedran,** Spanish and Portuguese, “A Turn to Amazonia: Brazilian Art, Literature, and Culture from the 1950s to the 1980s.”
- **Sheryl Chow,** Music, “The relationship between music theory, science, and Western learning in early eighteenth-century China.”
- **Claire Cooper,** East Asian Studies, “Brought by the Dutch: Buying and selling imported commodities in early modern Japan.”
- **Rebecca Faulkner,** Religion, “Muhammad Iqbal and the Meanings of South Asian Islamic Modernism.”
- **Kalyani Monteiro Jayasankar,** Sociology, “At the Water’s Edge: Coping with Climate Change in Mumbai and Miami.”
- **Sarah-Jane Koulen,** Anthropology, “The ICL Cohort: An Ethnography of Experts, Expertise and Experience in International Criminal Law.”
- **Irina Simova,** Comparative Literature, “The Order of Things: Alexander Kluge and French Post-Structuralism.”
- **Sean Toland,** German, “Concert Halls and Weekly Journals: Writing a Musical Public around 1800.”
- **Xue Zhang,** East Asian Studies, “From the Western Regions to New Dominion: Geographical Knowledge of Xinjiang in Qing China, ca. 1759–1875.”
PIIRS Global Seminars were launched in 2007 as a collaboration of the Office of International Programs in an effort to increase study abroad opportunities for Princeton undergraduates, while encouraging service. To date, more than 800 undergraduates have participated in summer seminars in locations such as Africa, East Asia, South Asia, Europe, the Near East, and South America.

Each seminar, open to 12 to 15 first-year students, sophomores, and juniors, is led by Princeton faculty who have created a unique six-week program of study that can only be fully experienced by traveling to the city and country at the heart of its subject matter. Daily lectures by seminar faculty and guests, daily language classes, weekend excursions to sites relevant to the course, and community service make up the course prospectus.

PIIRS was preparing for a very exciting Global Seminar program for the summer of 2020, as faculty and students were set to travel to nine countries including: Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Brazil, China, Cyprus, Ghana, India, and Italy. Due to COVID-19 and Princeton University’s prohibition of sponsored travel, all Global Seminars were canceled for this summer. PIIRS will continue to monitor the international landscape and develop new health and safety protocols for this extensive summer travel program. We hold great hope that conditions allow for the resumption of the Global Seminars next summer and are presently preparing for this scenario in the event international travel opens again.
In 2018, the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS), in cooperation with the Office of International Programs (OIP), launched Princeton Exploration Seminars. Building on the success of Global Seminars, which are offered every summer, Exploration Seminars are semester-long, credit-bearing courses with an international travel component that typically take place over fall or spring break. Proposals, collected on a rolling basis, are welcome from faculty from every division — natural sciences, engineering, social sciences, humanities, and the arts — and can be for travel within both existing and new courses in a department. Travel is expected to be central to the pedagogical mission of the seminar, and enrollments are limited to 15 students. PIIRS provides substantial financial support to the exploration seminars, and PIIRS and OIP staff advise departments on their implementation.
During the 2019 fall break, October 26 through November 3, four courses embarked on trips all over the world — to Cuba, Guatemala, India, and Russia — to experience distinct cultures firsthand.

**THE CULTURE OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION**
Rubén Gallo  
Department of Spanish and Portuguese  
CUBA

In Rubén Gallo’s “The Culture of the Cuban Revolution,” students studied the literature, architecture, film, and dance that emerged after Fidel Castro’s march into Havana in 1959. By attending theater performances during the Havana Theater Festival and meeting with actors and directors, students witnessed how the Cuban Revolution continues to shape the everyday lives of residents of Havana.

**GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND FEMINISMS IN SOUTH ASIA**
Fauzia Farooqui  
PIIRS, Program in South Asian Studies  
INDIA

On the other side of the globe, students in “Gender, Sexuality, and Feminisms in South Asia,” taught by Fauzia Farooqui, traveled to India, where they examined how different communities have pushed against gender norms and cultural expectations, resulting in a diverse range of feminist projects.

**IDENTITY IN THE HISPANIC WORLD**
Christina Lee  
Department of Spanish and Portuguese  
GUATEMALA

To explore issues of social stratification and poverty and their connection to identity formation, students in Christina Lee’s “Identity in the Hispanic World” course traveled to Guatemala to work alongside a local nonprofit organization that addresses insufficiencies in Antigua’s education, healthcare, and housing. Together they constructed a home, helped a weaving cooperative and assisted in social work visits. Students also witnessed the melding of Guatemalans’ Indigenous and Catholic identities through experiencing the city’s Day of the Dead celebrations, which include religious street processions, flying kites, and visiting cemeteries.

**URBAN STUDIES RESEARCH SEMINAR**
Katherine M.H. Reischl  
Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures  
and Aaron P. Shkuda  
Department of Architecture  
Course cross-listed with Urban Studies and Architecture  
NEW YORK CITY AND MOSCOW

Students in Katherine M.H. Reischl’s and Aaron P. Shkuda’s “Urban Studies Research Seminar” were introduced to urban studies research methods through visits to two cultural capitals: Moscow and New York. Throughout the semester, they took advantage of Princeton’s proximity to New York, where they surveyed the city’s communities and landmarks represented in historical accounts, literary works, art, and film. Over fall break, they journeyed to Moscow to study the Russian capital in situ.

Two Exploration Seminars — “Early Modern Amsterdam: Tolerant Eminence and the Arts” with Nigel Smith, William and Annie S. Paton Foundation Professor of Ancient and Modern Literature and professor of English, and “Spanish for a Medical Caravan in Ecuador” with Paloma Moscardo-Valles, Lecturer in Spanish and Portuguese, were scheduled to take place over spring break 2020 but were unable to go forward due to the coronavirus pandemic. PIIRS hopes to re-launch the Exploration Seminars in the 2021 academic year.
Each year, in conjunction with the Office of International Internships, PIIRS is a major funder of international internships for Princeton undergraduates. Last year, PIIRS provided over $190,000 through its own general funds and through endowed funds from the Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation, the Dr. M.S. Chadha India Studies Fund, and the Paul and Marcia Wythes Center on Contemporary China. The funds support over 50 internship placements worldwide. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all international internships funded by PIIRS were canceled for the summer of 2020 as University-sponsored travel was prohibited.

PIIRS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWS

PIIRS administers a program aimed at facilitating summer international research for the senior thesis. The fellowships are available to students working in any discipline who are about to begin the second semester of their junior year on campus and are interested in conducting summer research abroad for their senior thesis. Up to 10 juniors are selected through a competitive application process. Those accepted into the program work with a PIIRS faculty member during the spring semester of their junior year to develop a proposal for summer senior thesis research abroad. The program is directed by associate professor of history and Near Eastern studies, Max Weiss.

Upon successful completion of the program, including submission of a grant proposal and budget, students are awarded funds for summer research. Each PIIRS Undergraduate Fellow is eligible for $3,000–$6,000 in funding to meet the entirety of his or her travel and other expenses related to summer research abroad. In the spring of their senior year, PIIRS Undergraduate Fellows are obligated to give a short presentation on their fieldwork experiences to the incoming junior cohort and to be available for occasional consultation where appropriate with the new cohort. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, University-sponsored travel was prohibited during summer 2020.

Avner Goldstein, Avner Goldstein,
Chisom Ilogu, History
Amital Haas, Anthropology
Lyubomir Hadjiyski, SPIA
Kirsten Keels, Music
Shafaq Khan, SPIA
Suraj Kushwaha, Independent Study – AB
Liam Lynch, Philosophy
Yael Marans, English
Fumika Mizuno, Politics
Hannah Smalley, Spanish and Portuguese
Jackson Vail, History
PIIRS CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

9.19-20.19 “Seuls en Scène” The French Theater Festival is sponsored by Princeton University’s Lewis Center for the Arts, L’Avant-Scène, Department of French and Italian, Humanities Council, PIIRS, Department of Art and Archaeology, Department of Comparative Literature, Program in Contemporary European Politics and Society, Center for French Studies, and Rockefeller College. Other sponsors include Festival d’Automne à Paris, Jeune Théâtre National, Cultural Services of the French Embassy, the Education Department of the French Embassy, Institut français, and the French American Cultural Exchange Foundation.


02.01-29.20 Spring festival: “Celebrating Diversity in the Francophone World.” These events were made possible thanks to the generous support of: The 250th Anniversary Fund for Innovation in Undergraduate Education, The Department of French and Italian, Canadian Studies, The Humanities Council, The Lewis Center for the Arts, The Program for Community Engaged Scholarship, and PIIRS.

02.27.20 “Behind Enemy Lines with Marthe Cohn: Holocaust Survivor and French Spy,” a project of the Scharf Family Chabad House at Princeton University. Sponsored by PIIRS, Office of Religious Life, Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, USG Projects Board, The Center for Jewish Life, German Department, and Carl Fields Center.

03.06-07.20 “Rethinking the Aerial Destruction of Cities in East Asia, 1932–45.” Organizer: Sheldon Garon (History and East Asian Studies).