

3rd Annual International
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The State



Intercultural Dialogue & Alternative Approaches
to International Politics

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Dear Participants,

Welcome. The new problems arising in world politics are veering away from the state-centric perspective into an as of yet undefined post-modern situation. This new scenario demands unique approaches to the present and emerging problems, relying upon new actors, new institutions and new strategies. Exploration of intercultural dialogue, the emerging role of NGOs, MNCs and other non-state actors, and the changing role of traditional political players is crucial to understanding and forming the new structure of the international system. What possibilities arise? What hope?

The 3rd Annual International Graduate Conference at AGS is a platform for discussing such issues via the scholarly work of participants from around the world. We look forward to a day of information, debate, and dialogue that will provide everyone with more knowledge and tools to confront the challenges of research and problem solving. Thank you for taking part.

Schedule of Events

AM

9:00 – Coffee and Croissants in the Alliance Française Rue de Fleurus building.

9:45 – Opening Statements

10:00 – Panel 1

PM

12:00 – Break. Interactive Exhibition and Working Group presented by the CAD.

12:30 – Panel 2

2:30 – Break for Lunch. Interactive Exhibition and Working Group presented by the CAD.

4:00 – Panel 3

6:00 – Break. Interactive Exhibition and Working Group presented by CAD.

6:30 – Film Screening. *Summer in Palestine*. Presented by CAD

Center For Alternative Diplomacy

The Center for Alternative Diplomacy (CAD) has coordinated the launch of its events/programming with its partner institution AGSIRD's annual conference due to the symbiotic nature of this year's theme, 'Intercultural Dialogue'. Take part in the exhibition between panels and after the conference. The accompanying program explains the various ways that CAD is mixing the creative and political realms. Ultimately, the goal of the CAD is to further merge the worlds of discourse, the political, academic and artistic, as each inform and affect the other.

Visit CAD on the web at www.centerforalternativediplomacy.org.

**Program for 3rd Annual
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Panel 1: Intercultural Dialogue

10:00 A.M. Chair: Dr. Ruchi Anand

The increasing awareness of most of the world's people of the *other*, of the differences that humans share, is one of the most important and interesting phenomena of the communications technology and "globalization." What are the implications of this new knowledge on international politics? How can the growing awareness of cultural differences and similarities be harnessed to provide problem-solving skills? Who are we now and are we that different?

- Laura Lee Smith – *Elitism in Academia*
- Wren Sellers - *The Museum as a Tool: Navigating Uncertainty as we Move Away from the State-centric Perspective*
- Amanda Sellers - *The Extension of TAN Preferences onto the Framework of Multi-Level Governance: A Post-Functionalist Look at the Formulation of EU Immigration Policy*
- Stine Jensen - *Civil Citizen Diplomacy*
- Ian Lewis Campbell – *An Alternative to Diplomacy*

Panel 2 Searching Beyond the State

12:30 P.M. Chair: Sir Christopher MacRae

What are the possibilities of moving beyond the nation-state structure in the international system? What actors are involved and what are their potential impacts? Future answers to these problems are dependent upon creativity, dialogue, and a bit of international chance. What is the forthcoming shape of the world?

- Igor Okunev - *Realization of the Principles of Political and Territorial Structure on Different Levels of the Political Map*
- Hayat el-Hariri - *Beyond the spectrum of the state: War on Terror and the Redefinition of the International System*
- Chaminda Hettiarachchi - *Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka- Local and Global Dimensions*
- Jenna Brereton - *The International Community's "Responsibility to Protect" in Africa: Moving From Discourse to Action, and the Failure to Defend Human Security in Northern Uganda and Darfur*

Panel 3 Alternative Approaches

4:00 P.M. Chair: Dr. Steve McGiffen

The world is seemingly growing more complex. The impact of migration, technology change, development or lack thereof, ethnic and regional conflict, and the growing interdependence of every nation demands alternative approaches. If we are living through a time of global change, what are the new methods of communication and problem solving that will have to be implemented? What are the rising issues that will come to play a major role in international politics? What is the old and what is the new?

- Rod Thompson - *The Role of Remittances in Development: A diminished role for the state?*
- Marisa Borges - *Social Contract in Post-Conflict Reconstruction: From violence to citizenship*
- Sumiko Tanaka - *Global Commons Theory: New Perceptions in International Identities.*
- Daniel Rodrigues - *The Mouvement Normand and the Regionalist Question in France: How to solve the problem of Normandy and other French regional minorities?*
- Irem Kok - *The Cross Scale Role of Greenpeace in Trans-boundary Movement of Hazardous Waste: The MV Ulla Case in Iskenderun Bay, Turkey*
- Patrick Clairzier – *Overcoming Hegemony: US Foreign Policy and Haiti*

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