Political Science Senior Conference
Friday, April 9
9:00am – 5:00pm

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Main Schedule
9:00am-10:20am: Session 1
10:30am-12:00pm: Session 2
12:10pm-1:40pm: Session 3
1:50-3:20pm: Session 4
3:30-5:00pm: Session 5

Zoom Rooms
Panel A: https://cpp.zoom.us/j/84208614183
Panel B: https://cpp.zoom.us/j/81887200840
Panel C: https://cpp.zoom.us/j/83254105239

News, Media, and Public Opinion
Session 1, Panel A (9:00am-10:20am) – Link to room
Faculty Moderators: Dr. Chaturvedi & Dr. Menounou
Giselle Barragan
The News Media Experience for Congresswoman: How has sexism and gender stereotypes in the news media portrayed female politicians at the congressional level?
Francine Espinosa
How did the national legalization of same-sex marriage impact public opinion on the LGBTQ community?
Marsha Mata
Citizen Trust in E-Government
Emily Mendez
Social Media and Politics
Nairi Mouradian
Examination of the Secrets of Social Media and Internet Usage in Effecting Political Participation and Voter Turnout
Mia Santillan
The Effects of Celebrity Endorsements on Voter Participation

Interning at Campaign Organizations
Session 1, Panel B (9:00am-10:20am) – Link to room
Faculty Moderators: Dr. Guerrero & Dr. Speak
Antonio Bizarron
Can Deep Canvassing Change Voter Engagement in America?
Sarai Camara
The Reality of Campaigning
Jesse Elisara
Effective Phone Banking
Karolina Juscamaita
An Unfortunate Combination: Elections During a Pandemic
Gianpaul Lincoln
Communication within Campaign Management
Jeremy Ziegel
Impact Diseases have on Elections

The Housing Crisis & Criminal Justice
Session 1, Panel C (9:00am-10:20am) – Link to room
Faculty Moderators: Dr. Hom & Dr. Reese
Sophia Aguirre
In with the Old, Out with the New: Analyzing the Socioeconomic Impact of Gentrification in Los Angeles
Kaitlyn Baltazar
A Government for the People: A deeper look at what influences police reform
Erica Castaneda
The impact regulations have had on affordable housing in the United States and how minority groups have been affected by the outcome
Jennifer Luna
The Unjust Mechanisms of the Criminal Justice System
Edith Morales
Finding a Solution: An Examination of Housing Programs
Yesennia Sandoval
Addressing the patterns, socioeconomic, and political factors contributing to the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles
Deystany Vickers
Prison Enslavement

Social Division in the United States
Session 2, Panel A (10:30am-12:00pm) – Link to room
Faculty Moderators: Dr. Chaturvedi & Dr. Reese
Juliana Barragan
U.S State’s Ideological Gun Policies: Significance of Mass Shootings
Christopher Lopez
What is causing the surge of economic nationalism within the United States?
Andrew Mendoza
Partisanship and Ideology in the United States
Harry Muttram
The Effects of Public Perception of Immigration on Bureaucratic Discretion
Stephanie Perkins
How does voter restriction laws passed by state legislation cause disparities against minorities and how does it affect voter turnout rates?
Alexis Vergara
Does implementation of stricter gun control policies help create less violent crime in the United States

Interning with Public Organizations
Session 2, Panel B (10:30am-12:00pm) – Link to room
Faculty Moderators: Dr. Hom & Dr. Speak

Vivian Fernandez
Old vs. New Campaign Strategy Effectiveness

Amanda Gonzalez
Joseph Juarez
Julissa Lopez

Equal Access to Justice?: Self-Represented Litigants' Impact on an Overburdened Justice System

Mario Alberto Mendoza
COVID-19 Effecting NGOs Management & Services

Soledad Reyes
Karla Silva

Elections & Political Participation in the US
Session 2, Panel C (10:30am-12:00pm) – Link to room
Faculty Moderators: Dr. Guerrero & Dr. Menounou

Marisol Barrales
The Social Impacts of Youth Environmental Movements

Peter Chueng
Demographics of voters who voted by mail in the United States 2020 national election

Danielle Gonzalez
Randell Monzon
How does Ranked Choice Voting influence the Voter Turnout Gap between white and racial voters in local elections?

Gregory Morris
The Efficacy of Negativity in Campaign Advertisements

Steven Supratman
Presidential Debates and It’s Influence on Present-Day Presidential Elections

Ashley Orellana
The Impact of Social Media on Modern Protests

Institutions in the US and Abroad
Session 3, Panel A (12:10pm-1:40pm) – Link to room
Faculty Moderators: Dr. Chaturvedi & Dr. Speak

Elen Chtchyan
Troubling International Relations: Turkey & Armenia

Sandy Le
Minority Congress Members and Representation

Tamsin Tilford
Ethnic Disparities in South African Healthcare Post-Apartheid

Caitlyn Pierce
Does Time Together and Collegiality Matter on the U.S. Courts of Appeals?

Aaron Santana
The Aftermath of Direct Elections in the United States

Taylor Sunga
Current United States Crisis Management: Is It Effective?
Contemporary Problems in the United States
Session 3, Panel B (12:10pm-1:40pm) – Link to room
Faculty Moderators: Dr. Hom & Dr. Nyenhuis
Alex Avina
A Collapsing United States?
Yamyly Liliana Aldape Chavez
How Immigration Policies Change According to a Countries Needs
Anjana Pamela Renteria
Exploring out of Punishment and into Rehabilitation: Analysis of Justice Reforms to Reduce Recidivism Rates
Ryan E. Senneff
Understanding the Homelessness problem in California
Joy Taui
Social Media’s Influence on Political Engagement
Dana Yang
Effects of racial residential segregation on socioeconomic factors/outcomes in the United States.

Climate Change, Ethnic Conflict, & Terrorism
Session 3, Panel C (12:10pm-1:40pm) – Link to room
Faculty Moderators: Dr. Mendoza & Dr. Scarcelli
Charles Bensfield
Climate Change Policy: Mitigation and Adaptation
Tairy Miranda
Human Trafficking: A continuous conflicting issue
Pasindu Harshana Perera
Proliferation of Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka
Erika Soares
Is Poverty a Root Cause of Terrorism?
Guadalupe Tino
Can climate change truly be solved using an international agreement? A policy analysis into the Paris Agreement
Emely A. Vanegas
The Climate of Conflict: Can Climate Change Cause Violent Ethnic Conflict?

Public Opinion & Political Behavior in the US
Session 4, Panel A (1:50-3:20pm) – Link to room
Faculty Moderator: Dr. Guerrero
Andrew Gonzalez
Arti Kapoor
The Connection between LGBTQ Rights and Global Colonization
Natalie Kassar
Cracks in the Ivory Tower: An Evaluation of Title IX-Related Resources within the California State University System
Sionnell McCubbins
Breanna Ruiz
Maritza Sandoval
Effects of Socially Distance Learning on Elementary students
The Comparative Perspective
Session 4, Panel B (1:50-3:20pm) – Link to room
Faculty Moderator: Dr. Mendoza & Dr. Nyenhuis

**Orlando Arbizu**
Why are the contemporary Latin American anti-governments occurring?

**Catherine Gao**
Why did Asian Countries Democratize?

**America Magana**
The Media Narratives of Sub-Saharan Africa

**Nicholas McGuire**
development in Africa

**Fernando Ochoa Servin**
Political Participation in Latin America: A Quantitative Analysis of Three Countries

**Kenneth Vielmann**
Explaining United States Influence in Latin America

Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
Session 4, Panel C (1:50-3:20pm) – Link to room
Dr. Menounou & Dr. Scarcelli

**Brian Covarruvias**
A Troubled Bilateral Policy between Mexico and the United States: The Merida Initiative

**Christopher Donoyan**
Turkish Military Policy and Military Advancement into the Middle East

**Thomas O. Gingell**
Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism: Analysing the Replicable Effects of Strategic Best Practice

**Ulises Marquez**
Tactics of Terrorism: The High Technology & Low Technology Spectrum

**Monica Solis**
What Explains Russian Aggression Towards NATO and Its Allies?

**Ingrid G Palacios**
Nuclear Proliferation: A Race Between Nations for Better or Worse?

Social Strife in the United States
Session 5, Panel A (3:30-5:00pm) – Link to room
Faculty Moderators: Dr. Guerrero & Dr. Menounou

**Natalie Hauze**
Government Policies that have Influenced the Imprisonment of Minorities

**Daniel Lomeli**
Selective Exposure with Biased Media and the Effects it Brings Americans Toward the Opposition

**Cristiana M. Lopez**
Existing & Potential Impacts Due to Marijuana Legislation

**Jennifer Martinez**
The Violation of Human Rights: Asylum Policies

**Montserrath O. Martinez-Paz**
Criminal Law: Racial System

**Daniel Salcido**
Is the Criminal Justice System Fair and Impartial?

**American Politics & Comparative Politics**
Session 5, Panel B (3:30-5:00pm) – [Link to room](#)
Faculty Moderators: Dr. Nyenhuis & Dr. Speak

**Tayre Alonso**
The Mental Health System

**Alex Carcamo**
Why do Latin American governments violate their citizens' human rights?

**Emma Jue-Sans**
The Impact of Representation: LGBTQ+ Legislators

**Fernando Lopez**
Creating Effective Police Reform in the United States

**Priscilla Martir**
What makes Social Movements successful?

**Matthew Miller**
How can the United States respond to the rise of China and the two countries coexist or is conflict inevitable?

**Moné Shokry**
How does an authoritarian regime survive or collapse?

**International Relations**
Session 5, Panel C (3:30-5:00pm) – [Link to room](#)
Faculty Moderators: Dr. Mendoza & Dr. Scarcelli

**James Berry**
Causes of Xenophobic Tendencies in American History

**Sean Lutz**
Understanding the Modern Relationship Between Russia and the West

**Nicholas Ortiz**
Sino-African Relations: Differing Perspectives on Debt-Trap Diplomacy and Foreign Aid

**Micah Parker**
Victim Perpetrators: A Legal Analysis this classification of child soldiers

**Shahin Shams**
Is secularism in the Middle East going to be the wave of political discourse to answer theocratic regimes?

**Jeffrey Soria**
The United States and China: On the Cusp of Conflict

**Robert Weeks**
Right-Wing Extremism: Understanding the Various Factors which Have Contributed to the International Growth of Right-Wing Extremism