

ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

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ABOUT GLOBAL THOUGHT

- Global Political Economy
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The Committee on Global Thought was established by Columbia University President Lee C. Bollinger in 2006 with the mission of enhancing the school's engagement with global issues. As the current events and concerns of the world are increasingly the subject of our academic focus, new structures need to be developed to facilitate avenues of inquiry that can identify and explain global phenomena. These issues, from democratization to supra-national governance to the role of new communication technologies, often fall between the conventional borders of academic disciplines. The Committee on Global Thought is designed to bridge these gaps, expanding cross-disciplinary connections to develop new ways to analyze and address the challenges and opportunities of globalization.

Since its inception, the Committee on Global Thought has grown to eighteen distinguished faculty members from all corners of the University. Their diverse scholarship addresses a broad spectrum of issues, but is united by parallels of global processes that

assert themselves ever-more forcefully. In this respect, even seemingly disparate lines of inquiry may prove to be inextricably intertwined. The Committee on Global Thought provides a forum for these connections to be made, strengthened and interrogated. The Committee on Global Thought also recognizes that this dynamic new field of study is enhanced by drawing on resources beyond the traditional realm of academia. The Committee on Global Thought actively pursues the contributions of policy makers, journalists, architects and urban planners, practitioners from the international financial community, filmmakers, artists, and representatives of international, non-governmental and non-profit institutions.

The Committee on Global Thought disseminates this knowledge via public events and private seminars, publications, an undergraduate outreach program and a post-doctoral research scholars program, among other avenues. Several new academic programs are currently under development.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2011-2012

Events

- The Fifth Annual Kenneth J. Arrow Lecture
- Ecogram IV: CHINA—Supercities and Mega-Migrations: China's Urban Futures
- Sovereign Wealth Funds and Other Long-Term Investors: from 'Savings Glut' to Sustainable Growth

Programs

- MA in Global Thought
- Undergraduate Committee on Global Thought
- Center on Global Sustainable Capitalism

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee on Global Thought draws its membership from across Columbia University, and comprises professors who are prominent for their contributions to our understanding and knowledge of global issues, as well as contributions to their own fields.

- Akeel Bilgrami, *Johnsonian Professor of Philosophy*
- Patrick Bolton, *Barbara and David Zalaznick Professor of Business, Finance and Economics, Columbia Business School*
- Partha Chatterjee, *Professor of Anthropology and of Political Science*
- John Coatsworth, *Professor of History and International and Public Affairs and University Provost*
- Mamadou Diouf, *Leitner Family Professor of African Studies and Director, Institute for African Studies*
- Nicholas Dirks, *Franz Boas Professor of Anthropology, Professor of History, and Vice President and Dean of the Faculty for the Arts and Sciences*
- Michael Doyle, *Harold Brown Professor of International Affairs, Law and Political Science and Co-Director, Center on Global Governance, Columbia Law School*
- Carol Gluck, *George Sansom Professor of History*
- Reinhold Martin, *Associate Professor and Director, Temple Hoyne Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation*
- Mark Mazower, *Ira D. Wallach Professor of World Order Studies and Professor of History, Director, Center for International History, and Director, Heyman Center for the Humanities*
- José Antonio Ocampo, *Professor in the Professional Practice of International and Public Affairs and Co-President, Initiative for Policy Dialogue*
- Richard G. Parker, *Professor of Anthropology and Professor of Sociomedical Sciences and Director, Center for Gender, Sexuality, and Health*
- Katharina Pistor, *Michael I. Sovern Professor of Law and Director, Center on Global Legal Transformation*
- Wafaa El-Sadr, *Professor of Clinical Epidemiology, Director, Center for Infectious Disease Epidemiologic Research, and Director, International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs, Mailman School of Public Health*
- Saskia Sassen, *Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology and Co-Chair, Committee on Global Thought*
- Joseph Stiglitz, *University Professor, Co-President, Initiative for Policy Dialogue and Co-Chair, Committee on Global Thought*
- Jan Svejnar, *Professor of Business Economics, School of International and Public Affairs, and Director, Center for Global Economic Governance*
- Sudhir Venkatesh, *William B. Ransford Professor of Sociology*

UNIVERSITY LECTURES

Hosted by the Offices of the President and Provost, the University Lecture is a semiannual address given by an outstanding member of the Columbia University faculty, celebrating his or her work. Committee members were honored to deliver both addresses this year.

"Scholars and Spies: Worldly Knowledge and the Predicament of the University," Nicholas B. Dirks, February 20, 2012

"The HIV/AIDS Epidemic: Global Tragedy, Lasting Triumphs,"

Wafaa El-Sadr, April 5, 2012

NOTABLE COMMITTEE NEWS

Saskia Sassen and Joseph Stiglitz named in *Foreign Policy's* "Top 100 Global Thinkers"

The Global Thought co-chairs were named in *Foreign Policy's* annual list, published in December, that honors thinkers who have contributed big ideas to shape global movements and events.

Reinhold Martin exhibits "Foreclosed: Rehousing the American Dream" at MOMA

Jointly conceived and curated by Martin and Barry Bergdoll, MoMA's Chief Curator of Architecture and Design, this exhibition and workshop was an exploration of new architectural possibilities for cities and suburbs in the aftermath of the recent foreclosure crisis. The exhibit was on view February 15–August 13, 2012.

John Coatsworth named University Provost

On February 17, 2012, Lee C. Bollinger, President of Columbia University, appointed John Coatsworth to the permanent position of Provost. Coatsworth had been Interim Provost since July 2011, prior to which he was Dean of the School of International and Public Affairs.

José Antonio Ocampo nominated for President of the World Bank

In Spring 2012, José Antonio Ocampo was selected by World Bank directors representing developing countries and Russia as one of two

developing-country candidates to become the Bank's next president. Ocampo, formerly the Finance Minister of Colombia, based his campaign on experience that affirmed that successful development is always the result of a judicious mix of market, state, and society.

Katharina Pistor Wins Max Planck Research Award

Katharina Pistor was awarded the Max Planck Research Award in July by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the Max Planck Society. Pistor will scale up her analysis of the impact of financial regulatory efforts undertaken by various nations on the global financial system and inquiry into the limitations of emergent global property rights regimes. Pistor plans to partner with colleagues in Germany, New York, Oxford, Brazil and India.

Nominated by the Committee on Global Thought, Michelle Bachelet awarded Columbia University honorary degree

Michelle Bachelet received an honorary doctor of laws at University Commencement, following her nomination by the Committee on Global Thought. Bachelet has been a tireless supporter of women's rights in her current capacity as the Under-Secretary General of UN Women and, formerly, as the first female President of the Republic of Chile.

NEW MEMBERS

The Committee on Global Thought welcomed four new members from the Mailman School of Public Health, the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and School of International and Public Affairs. The Committee continues to broaden its membership to include representatives from a variety of disciplines and areas of research.

WAFAA EL-SADR

Professor of Epidemiology and Medicine, and Director, International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs, Mailman School of Public Health

Wafaa El-Sadr, MD, MPH, is Professor of Epidemiology and Medicine at Columbia University, and the Director of International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs and Global Health Initiative at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. She became a member of the Committee on Global Thought in March 2012.

ICAP, the Center she founded and currently directs, works in sub-Saharan Africa and Central Asia in partnership with governmental and non-governmental organizations building in-country capacity for HIV prevention, care and treatment and related issues. More than one million individuals living with HIV have gained access to HIV services and more than 500,000 have received access to life-saving antiretroviral therapy through these programs. ICAP champions a health systems approach to reaching key health goals and a commitment to building meaningful partnerships with governmental and non-governmental organizations. Her work has also advanced the concepts of health

systems strengthening globally for the purpose of confronting major health threats faced by communities around the world. For two decades, Dr. El-Sadr served as chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at Harlem Hospital Center in New York City. In this role, she developed a highly lauded research program linked to innovative programs.

Dr. El-Sadr has led the design and implementation of numerous studies that have furthered the understanding of the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases. In 2008, Dr. El-Sadr was named a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellow and in 2009 she became a member of the Institute of Medicine. Dr. El-Sadr earned her medical degree from Cairo University in Egypt, a master's degree in Public Health in epidemiology from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, and a master's degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School for Government at Harvard University.

REINHOLD MARTIN

Associate Professor and Director, The Temple Hoyne Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture, the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation

Reinhold Martin is an Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, and Director of the Temple Hoyne Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture, at Columbia University, and is a partner in the firm Martin/Baxi Architects. He joined the Committee on Global Thought in March 2012. He was a Whiting Fellow in the Humanities from 1996-1997 and also acted as an editor of *Grey Room*--a scholarly journal devoted to the theorization of modern and contemporary architecture, art, media, and politics. He received his B.Arch from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a Grad. Dipl. (History and Theory) from the Architectural Association in 1991 and an M.A. in Architecture from Princeton University.

His book recently published by MIT, *The Organization Complex*, is a historical and theoretical analysis of corporate architecture in the United States after the Second World War. As it is noted in a book review: "Its title refers to the aesthetic and technological extension of the military-industrial complex, in which architecture, computers, and corporations formed a network of objects, images and discourses that realigned social relations and transformed the postwar landscape. In-depth case studies of architect Eero Saarinen's work for General

Motors, IBM, and Bell Laboratories and analysis of office buildings designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill trace the emergence of a systems-based model of organization in architecture, in which the modular curtain walls acts as both an organizational device and a carrier of the corporate image. Such an image--of the corporation as a flexible, integrated system--is seen to correspond with a "humanization" of corporate life, as corporations decentralize both spatially and administratively. Parallel analyses follow the assimilation of cybernetics into aesthetics in the writings of artist and visual theorist Gyorgy Kepes, as art merges with technoscience in the service of a dynamic new "pattern seeing." Image and system thus converge in the organization complex, while top-down power among many media technologies supplies the patterns--images of organic integration designed to regulate new and unstable human-machine assemblages."

MARK MAZOWER

Iru D. Wallach Professor of World Order Studies and Professor of History, Columbia University, Director, Center for International History and Director, The Heyman Center for the Humanities

Mark Mazower is a historian and writer, specializing in modern Greece, 20th century Europe and international history. He became a member of the Committee on Global Thought in January 2012. He read classics and philosophy at Oxford, studied international affairs at Johns

Hopkins University's Bologna Center, and has a doctorate in modern history from Oxford (1988). His books include *Inside Hitler's Greece: The Experience of Occupation, 1941-44* (Yale UP, 1993); *Dark Continent: Europe's 20th Century* (Knopf, 1998); *The Balkans* (Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 2000); and *After the War was Over: Reconstructing the Family, Nation and State in Greece, 1943-1960* (Princeton UP, 2000). His *Salonica City of Ghosts: Christians, Muslims and Jews, 1430-1950* (HarperCollins, 2004) was awarded the Duff Cooper Prize. In 2008 he published *Hitler's Empire: Nazi Rule in Occupied Europe* (Allen Lane) which won that year's LA Times Book Prize for History. His most recent book is *No Enchanted Palace: the End of Empire* (Princeton UP, 2009) and he is currently working on a history of internationalism.

A member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he is the director of the Center for International History at Columbia University and his articles and reviews on history and current affairs appear regularly in the *Financial Times*, the *Guardian*, *London Review of Books*, *The Nation* and *The New Republic*.

JAN SVEJNAR

Professor of Business Economics, School of International and Public Affairs and Director, Center for Global Economic Governance

Jan Svejnar focuses on the effects of government policies on firms, labor, and capital markets; corporate and national governance and performance; and entrepreneurship. He became a member of the Committee on Global Thought in January 2012, and founded the Center on Global Economic Governance at the School of International and Public Affairs in April 2012.

Professor Svejnar previously served as director of the International Policy Center at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. He is also a founder and Chairman of CERGE-EI in Prague (an American-style Ph.D. program in economics that educates economists for Central-East Europe and the Newly Independent States). He serves as the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of CSOB Bank and Co-Editor of the *Economics of Transition*. He is also a Fellow of the European Economic Association and Research Fellow of the Center for Economic Policy Research (London) and Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA, Bonn).

From 1996 to 2004, Professor Svejnar was the Executive Director of the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. From 1992 to 1997 he served as the Founding Director of the Economics Institute

of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. He also served as Co-Director of the Transition Programme at the Center for Economic Policy Research in London, President of the Association for Comparative Economic Studies, President of the International Association for the Economics of Labor-Management, Associate Editor of the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Governing Board member of the European Economic Association, and advisor to numerous policy makers, institutions and firms.

He is the author and editor of a number of books and has published widely in academic, policy and practitioner-oriented journals in advanced and emerging market economies. Professor Svejnar also taught at the University of Pittsburgh and at Cornell University. He received his B.S. from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations and his MA and Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton University.

SELECTED COMMITTEE PUBLICATIONS

Self-Knowledge and Resentment

Akeel Bilgrami, Harvard Univ. Press

Sovereign Wealth Funds and Long-Term Investing

Patrick Bolton, Frederic Samama and Joseph Stiglitz, eds., Columbia Univ. Press

The Black Hole of Empire: History of a Global Practice of Power

Partha Chatterjee, Princeton Univ. Press

Lineages of Political Society: Studies in Postcolonial Democracy

Partha Chatterjee, Columbia Univ. Press

The Oxford Handbook of Latin American Economics

José Antonio Ocampo and Jamie Ros, eds, Oxford University Press

Governing the World: The History of an Idea

Mark Mazower, Penguin Press HC

Cities in a World Economy

Saskia Sassen, Sage Publications

The Price of Inequality: How Today's Divided Society Endangers Our Future

Joseph Stiglitz, W.W. Norton

VISITING SCHOLARS

MISHA GLENNY

Investigative Journalist

Misha Glenny is best known for his coverage Central and Eastern European issues for the BBC World Service and the *Guardian* during the 1990s, and for his expertise in global criminal networks and cybercrimes. His most recent book, *DarkMarket: Cyberthieves, Cybercops and You*, presents his current research in the field of cybercrime. He is also well-known for his extensive research on the globalization of criminal networks, as showcased in his book *McMafia*, which he released in 2008. In 1993 he received a Sony Award for his coverage of Yugoslavia. He has also published a number of books on the fall of Yugoslavia and political instability in the Balkans, including

The Balkans: Nationalism, War and the Great Powers, 1804-2012.

In the Spring 2012 semester, Glenny taught a graduate-level course “Crime, Corruption and Transition”. He participated in several events at Columbia University on topics such as the Greek crisis and investigative journalism and corruption. He spoke at a private seminar for the faculty of the Committee, and presented a lecture for the Undergraduate Committee, where he spoke with undergraduate students about international criminal networks and cyber-crime. His visit was co-sponsored by The Harriman Institute, IMAC (SIPA) and others.

SIR PARTHA DASGUPTA

Frank Ramsey Professor of Economics, University of Cambridge

Sir Partha Dasgupta’s research interests have covered welfare and development economics; the economics of technological change; population, environmental, and resource economics; the theory of games; and the economics of undernutrition. Dasgupta was named Knight Bachelor by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2002 for services to economics. He is a fellow of the Royal Society and a foreign member of the American Philosophical Society. He was also a visiting scholar of the Committee on Global Thought in 2011, when he delivered the Fourth Annual Arrow Lecture, “Time and Persons in the Welfare Economics of Climate

Change.”

Throughout his visit to Columbia University, Sir Partha met with faculty and graduate students of the Economics Department and the Sustainable Development concentration at the School of International and Public Affairs. He delivered a public lecture, “Sustainable Consumption: A Multi-Disciplinary Perspective,” with Joseph Stiglitz (University Professor, Columbia University) and Robert Solow (Professor Emeritus of Economics, Harvard University). He also met with post-doctoral research scholars of Global Thought. His visit was co-sponsored by SIPA and the Program for Economic Research.

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH SCHOLARS

Global Thought's Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship program allows emerging scholars to pursue interdisciplinary research pertaining to globalization or transnational issues at Columbia University. Post-doctoral research scholars have the opportunity to work with distinguished faculty, develop and teach a course offered in conjunction with a disciplinary department and organize public academic events or seminars. The fellowship brings together talented young scholars in a collaborative intellectual environment, providing new perspectives on their work as they prepare to launch their academic careers. Post-doctoral research scholars enhance Global Thought's engagement with developing areas of inquiry at Columbia University and beyond.

HANNAH APPEL

2011-2012

Hannah Appel earned her Ph.D. in Anthropology from Stanford University in 2011. Her research interests include the daily life of capitalism and the private sector in Africa, critical development studies and political economy led her to pursue fourteen months of ethnographic fieldwork in the transnational oil and gas industry in Equatorial Guinea. During her post-doctoral research fellowship, Appel further developed this project, "Futures," preparing several academic articles and crafting a book manuscript. Appel also became involved in the Occupy Wall Street movement, participating in alternative banking and think-tank working groups while actively analyzing the movement in the press and academic venues, including blogging for the *Social Text Journal*.

In Spring 2012, she hosted a seminar in conjunction with the Department of Geography at University of California, Berkeley that brought together an interdisciplinary panel of contributors from the new edited volume *Oil Talk: Thinking and Retelling the Political and Cultural Economy of Oil and Gas*. The event consisted of issue-specific workshop discussions and included a public keynote, delivered by Michael Ross, Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Los Angeles.

In Fall 2012, she will begin a post-doctoral research scholar appointment at UC Berkeley.

ANTARA HALDAR

2010-2012

Antara Haldar received her Ph.D. in Law from Trinity College, University of Cambridge in 2010. She has studied both law and economics, holding a BA in Economics from St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi and a BA in Law from Trinity College, University of Cambridge. Her doctoral research critically examined the importance of formal property rights for economic development using two prominent credit access programs targeted at poverty alleviation—land-titling in Peru and microfinance in Bangladesh.

In her postdoctoral research, Haldar embarked on a new project to study the interactive dynamics of formal and informal law as played out in the recent financial crisis—constructing case studies based on events in both the US and the UK.

RACHEL HARVEY

Research Advisor, 2011-2012

Rachel Harvey received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago and served as Research Director at Global Thought in 2011, where she was also a post-doctoral research scholar. Her research uses qualitative and historical methods to explore how even the most global formations contain irreducible particulars that are critical to their emergence and continued development; while the most esoteric particulars contain, to varying degrees and intensities,

different global dynamics. Her most recent research examines this dynamic in relation to the significance of cooperation between urban-based private industry and financial authorities, such as central banks, in the creation and utilization of national based-laws as a foundation for enacting governance in the global foreign exchange market.

As Research Director, Dr. Harvey coordinated research for the Sovereign Wealth Funds and Other Long-Term Investors Project, and later for the Center for Global Sustainable Capitalism (CGSC). She was the co-principal investigator in the CGSC project Long-Term Investment Obstacles Project, where she oversaw the design and implementation of a survey to investigate the relative importance of different investment constraints, and the strategies employed by funds to address such challenges. She also contributed to the conference “Sovereign Wealth Funds and Other Long-Term Investors: from ‘Savings Glut’ to Sustainable Growth” and has supported the production of the Arrow Lecture volumes.

From 2008-2010 she was a post-doctoral research scholar at the Committee on Global Thought, and from 2010-2011, at the Center on Global Legal Transformation, Columbia Law School.

DANIEL IMMERWAHR

2011-2012

Daniel Immerwahr earned his Ph.D. in U.S. history from the

University of California, Berkeley in 2011. His research focuses on the role of the United States in the global South. During his time as a post-doctoral research scholar, he revised the manuscript of his first book on the history of community development, which the United States employed as both a domestic reform and a foreign aid strategy in the middle decades of the twentieth century. He also commenced research on his second book, a study of the relationship between the United States and its colonies in the 1940s. In Spring 2012, he taught the graduate-level seminar, International Development in History, which explored economic development projects in the twentieth century.

In Spring 2012, Immerwahr organized two public events. The first, Debt: The Long View, explored how debt has changed over time and its significance in our culture and society. Central to the conversation was the role of the state and banks in shaping our debt regime and the significance of Occupy Wall Street and other social movements. The second, Development and Empire, explored continuities and discontinuities between colonial management and postwar development.

In Fall 2012, Immerwahr will join the history faculty of Northwestern University.

ETIENNE SMITH

2010-2012

Etienne Smith earned his Ph.D in Political Science from Sciences Po

Paris in 2010 and holds a master’s degree in Political Thought. His research interests include intellectual history in francophone West Africa, African politics (Senegal, Mali, Rwanda), and a comparison of controversies on “race,” multiculturalism and post-colonialism in Senegal, France and the United States. In the second year of his post-doctoral research scholar appointment, he worked with Global Thought member Mamadou Diouf, to closely follow a series of elections taking place across Africa, with a particular focus on Senegal and the defeat of Abdoulaye Wade. He also published two articles in *Project Syndicate* with Alfred Stepan, Wallace Sayre Professor of Government (SIPA).

In Spring 2012, Etienne Smith taught Politics of Identity in Africa, an undergraduate seminar, which examined the politics of identity and accommodation of diversity in selected countries of contemporary Africa in a historical, anthropological and political theory perspective. Smith also served as Global Thought’s representative to Columbia’s International Network to Expand Regional and Collaborative Teaching (INTERACT) initiative, which focuses on developing global studies in the undergraduate curriculum.

In Fall 2012, Smith will be adjunct faculty at SIPA where he will coordinate the first collaborative course between Columbia, Sciences Po Paris and Paris 1-Sorbonne in African Studies (Democracy, Citizenship and Leadership in Africa), funded by the Alliance Program.

SELECTED COURSES

Global Thought faculty and post-doctoral research fellows offer courses at the undergraduate and graduate level. Listed here are courses offered by post-doctoral research scholars, visiting scholars, and a selection of courses regularly offered by faculty.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN HISTORY

Daniel Immerwahr, History

This colloquium examined the emerging historical literature on development, drawing broad connections about development's history. Because the historical study of development is currently in its infancy, it included reflections about the history of development offered by practitioners of the field, theoretical treatments of the topic, and historical scholarship on related topics, such as the history of empire and human rights.

CRIME, CORRUPTION AND TRANSITION

Misha Glenn, Hariniman Institute/ School of International and Public Affairs

Organized crime and corruption represent one of the central challenges facing all governments in transition from the planned to the market economy. Over two decades after the fall of Communism, they still form a considerable barrier to economic growth and the consolidation of democratic institutions.

IMMIGRATION, CITIES, STATES: DECIPHERING THE GLOBAL

Saskia Sassen, Sociology

Transnational processes such as economic globalization and cross-border migrations confront the social sciences with a series of theoretical and methodological challenges. This course examined these challenges through a focus on both macro-level cross-border flows and micro processes which might take place at a global or at a sub-national level.

GLOBAL ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE

José Antonio Ocampo, School of International and Public Affairs

This course familiarized students with major issues surrounding global economic governance and its effects on developing countries. It began with the objectives of international cooperation, the historical evolution of the current governance and typologies of the different rules, organization and governance structures that have been created at varied times. It then moved to major topics in the broad agenda of global economic governance. "Global economic governance" was understood in a broad sense, to refer both to global and regional frameworks, as well as those rules of international transactions that have been left to bilateral agreements or are under the domain of national sovereignty.

POLITICS OF IDENTITY IN AFRICA

Etienne Smith, Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies

This seminar examined the politics of identity and accommodation of diversity in selected countries of contemporary Africa in a historical, anthropological and political theory perspective. It eschewed a narrowly institutional or short-term conflict-solving approach to favor instead a careful analysis of interwoven political, social and cultural dynamics, emphasizing the articulation rather than the dichotomization of the "above" and the "below," the past and the present, the global and the local.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Committee on Global Thought conducts research on a sweeping range of topics at Global Thought, at various centers across Columbia University and in the broader academic community. These grants, housed at Global Thought, draw on the resources of the Committee to realize path-breaking research.

THEATRUM MUNDI/GLOBAL STREETS

This project is supported by the Andrew A. Mellon Foundation and led by Saskia Sassen and Richard Sennett (New York University). It also includes an active collaboration with the London School of Economics Cities project, using the already signed agreement between Columbia University and LSE. The organizing question is how urban design, artistic practice, and cultural interventions can constitute publicness and urban capabilities. It seeks to propose a new discipline for urbanism based in both the humanities and the social sciences, which can advance the making of cities, provide better public understanding of how people can contribute to this making in the places where they live, and, finally, more conceptually, to detect and discover urban capabilities.

Beyond the partnership with LSE, this project aims to become multi-sited by utilizing Columbia's Global Centers. Deeper involvement by the faculty of the Committee on Global Thought is also planned.

URBANIZING TECHNOLOGY: THE MOBILITY COMPLEX

This project is supported by the Audi Urban Future Initiative and led by Saskia Sassen. It explores the challenges of urbanizing technology and the implications of technological obsolescence for “intelligent” cities.

GLOBAL SCHOLARS INITIATIVE

INITIATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

Faculty

- Katharina Pistor
- Jan Svejnar
- Sudhir Venkatesh

Post-Doctoral Research Scholars

- Antara Haldar
- Etienne Smith

Staff

- Robin Stephenson
- Sasha de Vogel

In April 2012, the Global Scholars Initiative led by Katharina Pistor convened to discuss methods and targets to increase the number and quality of foreign applicants to Global Thought's post-doctoral research fellowship competition.

During the 2011-2012 post-doctoral fellowship competition, it was noted that the vast majority of applicants came from Anglophone institutions, and that candidates from American institutions were more likely to advance in the selection process. The faculty of Global Thought is committed to partnership and exchange with scholars from around the world, including the global south, and thus resolved to attract more international talent. The Global Scholars Initiative was developed to assess recruitment, criteria updates and applicant screening to broaden the international reach of the post-doctoral research fellowship program.

The Global Scholars Initiative made the following recommendations:

I. **Recruitment**

- Faculty and staff will compile a list of top international institutions in fields pertaining to Global Thought, focusing on non-Anglophone and global south institutions.
- Competition announcements will be sent directly to relevant departments or faculty for wide dissemination.

II. **“Translating” Applications**

- Applications from abroad often

do not send the same signals as domestic applications. Different terminology, different career paths and different application standards can make comparisons challenging. The Initiative recommends to address these problems by helping applicants to adhere to common standards, but also by helping those assessing applications to avoid the most common mistakes in assessing them.

i. **Common Standards:**

- The competition application should include sample standard or template CVs and Cover Letter.
- The application should include an additional form inviting candidates to explain their degree within their own system, the position they hold, or any other matter of import that may not be entirely self-explanatory to readers unfamiliar with their system.
- The application may also include an additional optional form for those writing letters of reference, allowing them to assess candidate in a range of criteria on a numerical scale. This is meant to avoid the common problem that foreign academics write far less enthusiastic letters than their American counterparts.

ii. **Selection Criteria and Anti-Bias Checklist**

- More formalized evaluation criteria should be established to ensure the

best candidates are recruited.

- When considering foreign applications, the following areas should be assessed for bias:
 1. Writing style of both applicants and referees.
 2. Number of publications (some systems prevent doctoral students from publishing prior to finalizing their thesis; others impose mandatory time limits and therefore restrict the time available for publishing).
 3. Publications may be in foreign languages and systems may not have a rank order of journals or other outlets, making it difficult to assess output.
 4. Nature of the degree (consult candidate's explanation on additional form).
 5. Teaching: foreign Ph.D.s may have had access only to subordinate teaching possibilities, as teaching awards are not common outside the US.
 6. Grants/funding: Many systems are state-sponsored and students need not apply for additional grants. This does not necessarily mean that there is no screening process.
 7. To the extent we rely heavily on reference letters, beware of different approaches (superlatives vs. understatements); also note that there is extensive research on bias in letters written for women or minorities.

2012-2013 POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH SCHOLARS

In September 2012, Global Thought will welcome a new cohort of post-doctoral research scholars to the Columbia University community.

Astra Bonini

Ph.D. in Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, 2011

Research Project: Raw Material Wealth and Economic Mobility - A World-Historical Perspective

Proposed Course: Natural Resources and Development (Sociology)

Bilge Erten

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2011

Research Project: Short- and Medium-Term Cycles in Financialized Commodity Markets

Proposed Course: Political Economy of Development in the Global Economy (SIPA)

Representative to INTERACT

Darryl Li

Ph.D. in Anthropology, Harvard University, 2012

Research Project: Race, Empire and War: Military Migration in Comparative Perspective

Proposed Course: Law, Empire and War (Anthropology/Law)

Sanjay Pinto

Ph.D. in Sociology, Harvard University, 2012

Research Project: Comparative Political Economy, Multinational Corporation Labor Practices Across Different National Institutional and Social Contexts

Proposed Course: The BRICs and The World (Sociology)

UNDER-GRADUATE COMMITTEE

LEADERSHIP

Faculty

- Carol Gluck

Staff

- Laura Morrison

Students

Founding Leadership

- Sam Roth (CC '12)
- Vighnesh Subramanyan (CC '12)

2012-2013 Leadership

- Claire Sabel (CC '13)

The student leaders spearhead the development of Undergraduate Committee events by working with members of the Undergraduate Committee and Global Thought faculty and staff. They collaborate with undergraduate leadership groups in the University community to publicize events and conduct outreach, facilitating connections between Global Thought and Columbia's undergraduates.

Founded in 2012, the Undergraduate Committee aims to engage undergraduate students at Columbia University in the rich scholarship on globalization that Columbia nurtures. Committee member Carol Gluck conceived of the Undergraduate Committee as an opportunity for Columbia's undergraduate students to gain access to distinguished scholars and practitioners, from the Columbia community and beyond, whose work brings them to the forefront of global trends.

In the 2012-2013 year, a group of students on the Undergraduate Committee, in tandem with CGT staff, will plan and execute events which will facilitate conversation on some of the many current issues related to globalization topics. Global Thought faculty hope to encourage Columbia undergraduates to engage issues and consider broad and interdisciplinary solutions and methodologies for addressing them.

UPCOMING

In 2012-2013, the Undergraduate Committee hopes to connect with more students from Columbia College, SEAS and Barnard, specifically the incoming class of 2016.

Foreign Policy in 2012 Elections September 2012

Michael Doyle will discuss the foreign policy implications of the 2012 Presidential elections. What are the key international relationships that could be affected by a change in office? How do the added political pressures of an election year affect international relations?

INAUGURAL EVENTS

“Your Global Thoughts?”

Undergraduate Forum

March 5, 2012

This event brought together Global Thought faculty Akeel Bilgrami, Mamadou Diouf, Michael Doyle, Carol Gluck, Reinhold Martin, José Antonio Ocampo, Katharina Pistor, Saskia Sassen and Sudhir Venkatesh with an intimate audience of undergraduates for an open discussion about what the students felt were the most pressing global issues in their world today. The group spoke about Occupy Wall Street, forms of power and powerlessness, and interconnectedness in the modern world. Following the event, students had a chance to speak informally with faculty. “We want to talk about which global issues engage you,” Carol Gluck told students at the event. “It’s your world, and you should take control of it—take charge of it. What do you care about?”

CGT Undergraduate Breakfast with Misha Glenny

April 6, 2012

In the first seminar-style meeting of the Undergraduate Committee, undergraduates participated in a lecture by Global Thought Visiting Scholar Misha Glenny, an investigative journalist and specialist in international criminal networks and cybercrime. Following a presentation by Glenny, students discussed the implications of growing global crime, security on the Internet, and the impact both might have on their lives.

M.A. IN GLOBAL THOUGHT

LEADERSHIP

Faculty

- Akeel Bilgrami
- Partha Chatterjee
- Michael Doyle
- Carol Gluck
- José Antonio Ocampo
- Saskia Sassen
- Sudhir Venkatesh

Staff

- Robin Stephenson
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Over the 2011-2012 academic year, the Committee on Global Thought developed a proposal for a Masters of Arts in Global Thought. The program, currently under review by the Columbia University Senate, will be a graduate-level interdisciplinary program that brings together existing and emerging research to explain and analyze global issues. The program seeks to establish a framework and context for thinking about globalization, both historically and in the present. Students will be exposed to relevant topics in politics, international relations, and economics as well as to the cultural and social formations that underlie them. New core courses treat theories and processes of globalization by questioning existing dichotomies, such as global/local, developed/developing, and formal/informal, and by developing new conceptualizations that can account for the Western and global experience. Understanding global interdependencies and developing new ways to think about them is a central goal. The program will continue to develop over the next year and plans to begin accepting applications in Fall 2014.

DEVELOPMENT OF CONCEPT AND PROPOSAL

Over the past half century, the academic study of globalization has become an established field of inquiry into the transnational movement of ideas, people, commodities, and technologies, as well as the cultural,

social, political and economic processes that shape our contemporary world. Columbia University, as a world-class institution located in one of the world's most dynamic cities, has become a leader in global education by recognizing that the study of globalization demands diverse approaches and the involvement of multiple disciplinary and theoretical perspectives. The M.A. in Global Thought further enhances the University's global programs by providing a forum for the post-graduate exploration of global processes.

The M.A. in Global Thought unites an unusually broad spectrum of disciplines, including the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, law, business, health, architecture, and urban planning. While global issues have long been studied in each of these fields, this program seeks to dissolve the boundaries between them, allowing students a fuller view of the spectrum of constraints and opportunities that global processes have brought to bear on local, national and trans-national issues. Thus, a guiding principle of the program is to link a set of interrelated core issues with a range of disciplinary methods to provide a cohesive understanding of the daunting complexities of global processes. The M.A. in Global Thought aims to prepare students for doctoral-level education, further research, or for a career that requires a strong conceptual understanding of globalization.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Graduates of the M.A. in Global Thought will have: A) strong foundational knowledge of the logics of globalization and the norms and ideals that support them; B) expertise in one thematic specialization; and C) the ability to design and undertake an original research project. The program is designed to prepare students for the professional world or further doctoral study. To connect this intellectual framework to the world of practice, the M.A. structure allows a mix of academic content and examination of diverse “acute issues,” that relate scholarly analyses to current global affairs

The degree requires two Residence Units and completion of 30 points, including three core courses, a 2-semester M.A. Thesis Seminar, and five specialization courses. Students must demonstrate advanced-level language proficiency to receive the degree. No more than one R-credit course may be counted toward the degree.

CORE COURSES

Three required core courses will address foundational questions of substance, method, data, and interpretation to provide the intellectual framework for all students in the program.

Global Governance

Globalization raises classical governance issues, namely who exercises the authority to govern or manage others, how this authority is legitimized, and how the governance can be effectuated and made accountable. However, globalization also poses new challenges for thinking about and effectuating governance. Global issues have no single or natural locus of governance. The international legal order with the UN at its center is one of many global governance regimes. It coexists, sometimes competes with, and at others, complements local and regional, state and non-state, participatory and special interest regimes. Moreover, different agents of global governance employ

different governance tools and pursue different ends. In short, global governance differs along multiple dimensions from state governance. The purpose of this course is three-fold: To introduce students to the multiplicity of global governance regimes and how they operate; to develop a normative framework for assessing different global governance regimes; and to introduce students to literatures in the social sciences, law, economics, and the humanities on global governance.

Global Politics and Culture: Issues in Secularism, Diversity, and Identity

This course aims to investigate the presuppositions of prevailing common sense on the effects globalization has had, and is having, on cultural diversity, by studying the new concepts and categories that have emerged as central in the study of culture and politics in recent years. Weekly topics include secularism in postcolonial contexts, as well as cosmopolitanism,

Disclaimer: This program is pending accreditation by the State of New York and approval by the Columbia University Senate.

feminism and religion in relation to secularism and “tolerance.” While the emphasis of the course will be on contemporary debates, it will also look at relevant historical genealogies of some of the controversies. Regional and urban variations across the world in the local framing of many of these debates will be given special consideration.

Global Political Economy

This course aims to familiarize students with the forces that are shaping economic globalization and its effects on different countries and world citizens. The course will start with an analysis of trends in the global economy, and to what extent they are leading to convergence of income levels across countries, or rather to a growing differentiation between industrial and developing countries, or among the latter between successful (“emerging”) and less successful countries. It would then look at the effects on world citizens, by looking at trends in the broader sense of indicators (income, education and health) now encompassed under the rubric of human development, and trends of income distribution both worldwide and within countries.

The following modules of the course seek to provide participants with a framework and context for historical and current debates on particular issues central to the current globalization process: the world trading system and the growing spread of investors who

cross the national lines and become transnational firms: the global monetary and financial system as its implications in terms of financial volatility and debt crises; the more limited but also growing flow of migrants that also cross borders, on many occasions undocumented; and one of the most important global environmental issues, climate change.

Finally, the last module will look at the central debates surrounding the role of developing countries in the globalization process: international support for the less developed countries, the policy space that countries have to undertake active development policies to catch up the more advanced members of the global community, and the rise of the most successful developing countries as global players.

SPECIALIZATION

Students will select a specialization field among three options, corresponding to the core courses: Global Governance, Global Culture and Politics, or Global Political Economy. They will then develop a 5-course program of study based on their interests within their specialization. Courses chosen from specialization-specific approved course lists will provide students with a comprehensive, interdisciplinary expertise in a particular issue. Of these five specialization courses, no more than three may be in the same discipline, and all must be at the 4000 level or above.

THESIS

Students must also enroll in a two-semester sequence of M.A. Thesis Seminars, in the first semester developing a thesis topic and in the second, writing a thesis that draws together their interdisciplinary work and reviewing acute issues in topics relating to globalization. The thesis will be an original piece of research, interpretation, or analysis and be based, at least in part, on primary source materials. The M.A. thesis should draw together the student’s interdisciplinary training and research, and use a variety of source materials and analytical strategies. It will be 45-60 pages, excluding bibliography.

LANGUAGE

Students must also achieve advanced proficiency in a language other than English equivalent to six semesters of study.

CENTER ON GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE CAPITALISM

LEADERSHIP

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- Patrick Bolton

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BACKGROUND

Global Thought established the Center on Global Sustainable Capitalism (CGSC) in 2012 to foster a sustainable capitalism through the creation of investment strategies and institutions that promote financial stability, environmental sustainability, and equitable development in partnership with long-term investors and sovereign wealth funds. CGSC grew out of two years of academic conferences and workshops, which placed academics in conversation with SWFs, other long-term asset managers, and policymakers from across the world, where participants explored how these unique investment funds can play key roles in preventing and solving contemporary banking, climate, and development challenges.

As evidenced by the countercyclical actions of SWFs during the financial crisis, these funds have the potential to act as a stabilizing force. Long-term investors such as pension funds, moreover, have long been critical in providing wealth to future generations. While both SWFs and long-term investors have the potential to address the most pressing global stability challenges, further analysis and inquiry is required. CGSC was developed to examine the role that SWFs and other long-term investors can play in creating a more sustainable capitalism through the provision of critical analysis, creation of new data, and the education of SWF and long-term investment fund personnel.

CGSC will explore in depth the specificities of SWFs and other long-term investors, their objectives, capabilities, comparative strengths, and constraints by asking:

- As potential providers of long-term liquidity and investment funds to capital markets, what role do SWFs play in world financial markets?
- How can or should fund managers act in ways that are consistent with the long-termist perspective?
- How can SWFs and other long-term investors develop long-term investment strategies in financial markets characterized by short-term horizons?
- What institutional designs and incentive structures can be used to induce asset managers, policy makers, and others to focus on long-term concerns?
- How can investments be made that yield high social returns at a global scale, i.e. promoting equitable development and mitigating climate change?
- How should the management of investment risks be improved so that more of the funds are used for investments with high social returns?

OBJECTIVES

- Foster new research by leading specialists and practitioners, convene discussions, engage fund managers and policy makers.
- Develop new theories, knowledge, investment approaches, and institutional designs in the field of global finance research and sustainable capitalism.
- Disseminate this knowledge to policy makers and business leaders.

KEY OUTCOMES

- Public/Private interactions to dynamically address urgent global opportunities and crisis prevention through long-term investing.
- Provide concrete ideas to drive innovation and facilitate investment initiatives.
- Deliver executive education around the world to members utilizing Columbia Global Centers including those based in France, China, Kenya, Jordan, India, and Chile.
- Broaden access to new research, tools, and investment advising.
- Produce conferences, workshops, and publications to disseminate research and facilitate communication and cooperation across sectors.

RESEARCH

Center research is oriented toward developing novel institutions and financial strategies that facilitate long-term investments that are profitable for SWFs and LTIs while simultaneously yielding high social returns.

Obstacles Facing Long-Term Investors

CGSC's first research endeavor is based on the premise that further investigation is essential for developing a common understanding of the most obstructive barriers. The project, led by Dr. Rachel Harvey, uses surveys completed by fund managers to confidentially identify the most important investment constraints, the strategies traditionally used to mitigate obstacles and how different barriers impact asset allocation. The ultimate objective is to gain knowledge on the impact of these barriers on SWFs' ability to make sustainable investments and later to begin to generate the political will and tools to address the most pressing obstacles.

SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUNDS AND LONG-TERM INVESTING

Columbia University Press

Published in November 2011, this conference proceedings volume, edited by Patrick Bolton, Frederic Samama and Joseph Stiglitz captures the panel discussions, keynote addresses and papers of the 2010 Sovereign Wealth Funds and Other Long-Term Investors conference. It examines the specificities of SWFs in greater detail and discusses the implications of their growing presence for the world economy, including the objectives and performance of SWFs, as well as their benchmarks and governance.

With contributions from policymakers, practitioners and academics from around the world, this volume explores critical questions in this relatively new area of inquiry.

2012 CONFERENCE

SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUNDS AND OTHER LONG-TERM INVESTORS: FROM 'SAVINGS GLUT' TO SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

ESCP, Paris, France

October 17-18, 2011

"From 'Savings Glut' to Sustainable Growth" brought together investors from sovereign wealth, pension and other long-term funds with policymakers, academics and leading economic thinkers for an intensive two-day program of plenary sessions, smaller working groups and keynote addresses. Discussions focused on how SWFs and LTIs can transform savings into a force for global financial, geopolitical and environmental stability, without sacrificing profit. SWFs and LTIs have tremendous opportunity to play an increasingly productive role on the international stage; this conference series explores the avenues and obstacles to doing so.

This conference series is coordinated by the Committee on Global Thought and the Sovereign Wealth Funds Research Initiative, Universite Paris Dauphine and sponsored by Amundi Asset Management.

Keynote Speakers

- Amar Bhattacharya, Director, Intergovernmental G24 on International Monetary Affairs and Development
- Augustin de Romanet, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Caisse des Depots et Consignations
- Al Gore, Chairman of the Board, Generation Asset Management
- Nathalie Kosciusko-Morizet, Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing, France
- Jin Liqun, Chairman, China Investment Corporation
- Christian Noyer, Governor, Bank of France
- Carlos Obeid, Chief Financial Officer, Mubadala Development Corporation
- Saskia Sassen, Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology, Columbia University
- Nicholas Stern, I.G. Professor and Chair of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics
- Joseph Stiglitz, University Professor, Columbia University

Session Themes

- Global Imbalances: Savings, Consumption, Investment Objectives, Liabilities and Externalities
- Obstacles to the Global Deployment of Investment
- Green Investments: Ratings, Indices and Agencies
- Africa: Opportunities and Challenges of Transition
- Long-Term Investment Premium
- How (Much) Should Carbon be Priced?
- Long-Term Sustainable Investment Strategies
- Risk Factors/Risk Management
- Sustainable Infrastructure and Green Cities
- Global Food Security

UPCOMING

The Center on Global Sustainable Capitalism will formally launch in Fall 2012 with the private conference, **Long-Term Investing: An Optimal Strategy in Short-Term Oriented Markets.**

Key Questions:

- Is long-term investing an optimal strategy that adds value?
- Does long-term investing need certain mechanisms to facilitate its deployment?
- What particular incentive structures are necessary to encourage long-term investments, if any?

THE FIFTH ANNUAL ARROW LECTURE

MORAL HAZARD IN HEALTH INSURANCE: DEVELOPMENTS SINCE ARROW (1963)

Lecturer

- Amy Finkelstein, Professor of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Discussant

- Jonathan Gruber, Professor of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

with

- Kenneth J. Arrow, Professor Emeritus, Stanford University
- Joseph Stiglitz, University Professor, Columbia University

The Fifth Annual Arrow Lecture, “Moral Hazard in Health Insurance: Developments Since Arrow (1963)”, was delivered on April 10, 2012 by Amy Finkelstein, Professor of Economics at MIT and co-Director of the Public Economics Program at the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Finkelstein’s research focuses on public finance and health economics, market failures and government intervention in insurance markets, and public policy’s impact on the health care sector. Just as the Supreme Court was ruling on the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act, Finkelstein’s lecture examined the issue of moral hazard in health insurance, an issue first identified by Arrow. Her lecture explored whether demand for medical care is sensitive to price and how alternative health insurance policies affect the level and growth of health care spending. A few weeks after the event, Finkelstein was awarded the John Bates Clark Medal.

Discussant Jonathan Gruber, Professor of Economics at MIT, has served as advisor to both democratic and republican politicians on health care reform.

ABOUT THE ARROW LECTURE

The annual Arrow Lecture honors economist Kenneth J. Arrow by featuring a scholar whose work addresses an aspect of his groundbreaking contributions to the field over the last 60 years. Arrow lecture speaker candidates model the “scholarly depth, wide-ranging interests, personal and intellectual

generosity and openness, and consistent refusal to engage in ideological quibbling,” that Arrow is famous for.

The Arrow Lecturer is selected by a committee of Professors Patrick Bolton, Joseph Stiglitz, David Weinstein and Michael Woodford, and Myles Thompson of Columbia University Press. This series is a collaboration between Global Thought and the Program for Economic Research. The 2012 Arrow Lecture was co-sponsored by SIPA, with the support of Columbia University Press.

ABOUT PROFESSOR KENNETH J. ARROW

Professor Arrow is Professor of Economics and of Operations Research, Emeritus at Stanford University. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University, where his dissertation explored his famous “impossibility theorem” and became the foundation for his seminal book, *Social Choice and Individual Values*. He was awarded the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences with John Hicks in 1972 for their “pioneering contributions to general economic equilibrium theory and welfare theory”. He remains the youngest person to have received the Nobel Prize in Economics, and many of Arrow’s students, including Joseph Stiglitz, have gone on to win the Nobel Prize. Arrow has also made major contributions to endogenous growth theory and information economics, and is considered one of the most influential practicing economists.

EVENTS

Global Thought's lectures, conferences and seminars bring together experts from the Columbia University community and beyond, to critically address global issues of contemporary importance

Additional events are listed throughout the Annual Report.

LUNCHEON WITH STEPHANE HESSEL

September 29, 2011

Stephane Hessel, a diplomat, ambassador, concentration camp survivor and former French Resistance fighter, authored *Indignez-Vous* in 2011, advocating a return to a post-war program of social and economic ideals. Hessel is also a key member of the Collegium International, an international consortium of former heads of government, ministers, diplomats and academics. The Committee on Global Thought hosted a special luncheon with Hessel to discuss the danger of political apathy among today's youth, and how to help inspire young people to think critically about the status quo of politics and international relations. Hessel's presentation helped inspire Global Thought member Professor Carol Gluck to establish the Undergraduate Committee, which launched the following semester.

UPRISINGS AND TRANSITIONS: TODAY'S POLITICS AND ECONOMICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

October 7, 2011

This full-day conference examined the major path-breaking transitions in North Africa and the Middle East as a continuation of three panels presented in Spring 2011 when the uprisings first broke out. The event focused on complex, unresolved issues in the region, and on new histories in the making by analyzing key issues in this

rapidly changing area: financing transition, unemployment, health and migrations. Each panel of interdisciplinary experts, including many Committee on Global Thought members, highlighted future challenges and strategies for the nations and organizations involved in these popular movements, as well as implications for the international community.

"Financing Transition" explored the mobilization of external and internal resources to promote economic development, and the lessons learned from the transitions in the former socialist world.

- Katharina Pistor, Michael I. Sovern Professor of Law, Columbia University
- Bruce Kogut, Sanford C Bernstein & Co. Professor of Leadership and Ethics, Columbia University Business School
- Timothy Mitchell, Professor, Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies, Columbia University
- Alfred Stepan, Wallace Sayre Professor of Government, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

"Youth Unemployment, Neoliberalism and Economic Growth" discussed the high rates of youth unemployment throughout the region, its associated risks, including impact on the economy and regional stability.

- Ishac Diwan, Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School and Director, Middle East and Africa, Center for International Development

- Joseph Stiglitz, University Professor, Columbia University
- Sudhir Venkatesh, William B. Ransford Professor of Sociology, Columbia University
- José Antonio Ocampo, Professor in the Professional Practice of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

"Political Upheavals and Displacements" examined how the transitions have impacted society, culture, human rights and public health as critical components of large-scale transformations.

- Saskia Sassen, Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology, Columbia University
- Mahmood Mamdani, Herbert Lehman Professor of Government and Professor of Anthropology, Columbia University
- Richard G. Parker, Professor of Anthropology, Professor of Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University
- Partha Chatterjee, Professor of Anthropology, Columbia University

Co-Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration, and Religion, Department of Sociology, School of International and Public Affairs

INJURED CITIES, URBAN AFTERLIVES

October 14, 2011

- Saskia Sassen, Co-Chair, Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University and others

This conference, convened on the tenth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001, explored the effects of catastrophe on cities and their inhabitants, to analyze the politics of shock and terror that states use in response to their vulnerability, and to imagine more life-affirming modes of redress and re-invention.

Co-Sponsored by Center for Critical Analysis of Social Difference; Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life; ISERP; the Office of the President, Columbia University

ECOGRAM IV: CHINA—SUPERCITIES AND MEGA-MIGRATIONS: CHINA'S URBAN FUTURES

November 11, 2011

- Saskia Sassen, Co-Chair, Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University and others

This day-long conference was the fourth annual event on the changing landscape of urban spaces, curated by Professor Saskia Sassen, Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology. By 2025, China is expected to have 15 super-cities with an average population of 25 million. Europe will have none.

This conference aims to bring together scholars and practitioners from a variety of fields to develop a fuller, interdisciplinary view of the migration flows and rapidly transforming spaces that are revolutionizing China. Panels topics included Migrations: Post-Economic Crisis Patterns and Potentials; Super-Cities: Green and Smart?; "The Super City" and the "Right to a Slum"; and Architecture + Environment.

Co-Sponsored by the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

HONOR KILLINGS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

January 31, 2012

- Nicole Pope, Journalist, Author
Nicole Pope's work examines honor-based violence, its roots and its evolution, as well as the ongoing struggle to eradicate it in Turkey, Pakistan and other countries, including Western European nations. Pope discussed her exhaustively researched new book, *Honor Killings in the 21st Century*, with students of women's issues, Middle Eastern studies and SIPA's International Media, Advocacy and Communications concentration.

Co-Sponsored by International Media, Advocacy and Communications (SIPA)

DEMOCRATIZATION IN TURKEY: PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES

February 21, 2012

- David Cuthell, Executive Director, Institute of Turkish Studies

- Nicole Pope, Journalist, Author

Nicole Pope, journalist and author of *Turkey Unveiled: A History of Modern Turkey* and *Honor Killings in the 21st Century*, examined Turkey's prospects for democracy. Her lecture built on over 15 years of service as a foreign correspondent in Turkey for the French daily *Le Monde* and numerous other international publications.

Co-Sponsored by the Middle East Institute and International Media, Advocacy and Communications (SIPA)

DEBT: THE LONG VIEW

March 8, 2012

- Peter Goodman, Business Editor, Huffington Post
- David Graeber, Reader, Department of Anthropology, Goldsmiths College, University of London
- Louis Hyman, Assistant Professor of History, Cornell University
- Greta Krippner, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan

This discussion of debt and finance explored how debt has changed over time and its significance in our culture and society. Central to the

conversation was the role of the state and banks in shaping our debt regime and the significance of Occupy Wall Street and other social movements that seek to resist or constrain the control of debtors by their creditors.

Co-Sponsored by the Heyman Center for the Humanities

IS THE COLD WAR OVER? RUSSIA AND US MEDIA FROM PERESTROIKA TO THE 2012 ELECTIONS

March 20-21, 2012

This two-day conference convened prominent journalists and scholars from the United States and the former Soviet Union from the last two decades. Participants discussed the evolution of journalism in Russia as well as American coverage of Russia since the fall of the Berlin Wall. Topics included the perils of investigative journalism, the increasing importance of the Internet and changing face of journalism.

Co-Sponsored by International Media, Advocacy, and Communications Specialization (SIPA), The Harriman Institute; and the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma (Journalism School)

DEVELOPMENT AND EMPIRE: A PANEL DISCUSSION

March 21, 2012

- Mark Mazower, Ira D. Wallach Professor of World Order Studies and of History

- Fred Cooper, Professor of History, New York University
- David Engerman, Professor of History, Brandeis University
- Julian Go, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Boston University
- Odd Arne Westad, Professor of International History, London School of Economics

This focused conversation centered on a field of scholarly inquiry that has only recently come to command attention: the relationship between economic development and empire. In the simple version of the development story, global development only began following the independence of most former colonies; however, we are now realizing the importance of the continuities and discontinuities between colonial management and postwar development.

Co-Sponsored by the Heyman Center for the Humanities

SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION: A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE

April 2, 2012

- Partha Dasgupta, Frank Ramsey Professor of Economics, Emeritus, University of Cambridge
- Robert Solow, Professor Emeritus, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Joseph Stiglitz, University Professor, Columbia University
- Robert C. Lieberman, Dean, School of International and Public Affairs

Celebrated economist Sir Partha Dasgupta delivered a lecture on methods of modeling sustainable consumption, a concept which parallels sustainable production. Nobel laureates in economics Robert Solow and Joseph Stiglitz provided commentary.

Co-Sponsored by the School of International and Public Affairs

OIL TALK: THINKING AND RETELLING THE POLITICAL AND CULTURAL ECONOMY OF OIL AND GAS

April 13-14, 2012

- Michael Ross, Professor of Political Science, UCLA
- Suzana Sawyer, Professor of Anthropology, UC Davis
- Michael Watts, Professor of Geography, UC Berkeley

This private two-day event served primarily as an opportunity to workshop book contributions to the forthcoming volume *Oil Talk*. The work of the gathered contributors is presented as a type of counterpoint to traditional oil and gas scholarship which now seems all too familiar. These “alternative histories” of oil and gas operate from the presumption that, paradoxically, in spite of the explosion of books on the

industry—and the incontestable centrality of oil and gas to modern capitalisms—we know so little about so many aspects of what we might call the “oil and gas complex”. Panels included “Petro-Infrastructures: Licit and Illicit,” “Petro-Politics: Science, Law, Expertise,” “Petro-Markets: Turbulence, Risk, Resiliency” and “Petro-Utopias/Dystopias: Imagining and Representing Oil”. The event concluded with a public keynote lecture.

Co-Sponsored by the Department of Geography, UC Berkeley

UPCOMING

Global Thought has several exciting events planned for 2012-2013. Visit cgt.columbia.edu for current information.

Presidential Economic Advisors Forum

Bringing together leading economic advisors from both the Democratic and Republican presidential campaigns, this forum will focus on economic policies that separate and unite the two candidates.

Ecogram V: Theatrum Mundi/The Global Street

This annual conference on urban spaces brings together a diverse group of participants to address presence and absence in the city.

Churchill's Secret War

Madhusree Mukerjee will discuss her new book, *Churchill's Secret War*, which uses meticulous research and new sources to relate how Winston Churchill and his war cabinet exhaustively used Indian resources to fight the Second World War.

PARTNER- SHIPS

Global Thought partners with centers engaged in the interdisciplinary study of global issues on the Columbia University campus and around the world. By participating in these networks of scholars, Global Thought encourages new conversations and innovative debates in key areas of inquiry.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Center for Global Economic Governance (SIPA)

Led by Committee member Jan Svejnar, CGEG generates pioneering policy-oriented research on global economic governance, stresses excellence and recognition, and achieves visibility and impact. Launched in 2012, it aims to bring together key players from the academic, policy and business world.

Center for Global Legal Transformation (Law)

Led by Committee member Katharina Pistor, this center examines the impact of new forms of governance in the wake of globalization by studying the distributional effects of new global legal processes for people around the world as well as their impact on widely shared normative principles, such as democratic self-determination and the advancement of individual capabilities.

Initiative for Policy Dialogue

Led by co-Presidents and Committee members Joseph Stiglitz and José Antonio Ocampo, IPD works to broaden dialogue and explore trade-offs in development policy by bringing the best ideas in development to policymakers facing globalization's complex challenges and opportunities. IPD strives to contribute to a more equitably governed world by democratizing the production and use of knowledge and emphasizes diverse participation to enable civic involvement in economic policymaking.

EXTERNAL

Collège d' Études Mondiales, Fondation Masion des Sciences de L'homme

Collège d' Études Mondiales (Institute for Global Studies) aims to open new fields of inquiry related to addressing the current global age with research, scholarship, and intellectual debate. This international network of academic centers exchanges ideas, people, and projects with a global point of view.

Sovereign Wealth Fund Research Initiative

The Sovereign Wealth Fund Research Initiative was established in 2009, bridging the gap between academics, policy-makers and fund managers to identify new and innovative solutions for sustainable capitalism.

Theatrum Mundi

Theatrum Mundi is an effort, sponsored by educational and cultural organizations in Britain, the United States, and Germany, which seeks to re-vitalize urban culture. It focuses on the public realm of cities, and explores new ways to animate streets, squares, parks, libraries, and places for art; the project aims to help citizens become more involved in these spaces. Theatrum Mundi brings together people working in the performing and visual arts with people engaged in urban design and analysis; conducts workshops and research; sponsors experimental projects and exhibitions; and offers consultancy advice to libraries, museums, cultural centers and citizen groups.

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