

**Day 1  
Friday, April 20**

<b>Registration Lobby Spiro Hall -- 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM</b>					
<b>SESSION 1 - 1:00-2:15 PM</b>					
<b>Spiro - 5</b>	<b>Spiro - 27</b>	<b>Spiro - 31</b>	<b>Spiro - 2</b>	<b>Spiro - 3</b>	<b>Spiro - 28</b>
CP – 6	PP/PA – 1	AP – 1	PT – 1	TL – 1	IR – 5
<i>Student Forum on Political Issues</i>	<i>Examinations of Leadership &amp; Governmental Performance</i>	<i>The Impacts of the Three Branches of Government</i>	<i>Reconstructing Modern Republicanism: Beyond “Non-Domination”</i>	<i>Current Issues in Pedagogy</i>	<i>Global Problems</i>
<b>SESSION 2 - 2:30-3:45 PM</b>					
<b>Spiro - 5</b>	<b>Spiro - 27</b>	<b>Spiro - 31</b>	<b>Spiro - 2</b>	<b>Spiro - 3</b>	<b>Spiro - 28</b>
AP – 2	IR – 1	HP – 2	PT – 3	PD – 1	PP/PA - 3
<i>Elections and Political Communication</i>	<i>Current Global Issues</i>	<i>American Politicians and Political Movements</i>	<i>Rights, Camera, Action: Image, Perception, and Media Power</i>	<i>Class and Ethnic Politics in Brooklyn</i>	<i>Bureaucracy, Budgets, Quality and Good Governance – The Science of Muddling Through in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i>
4:00 – 5:00 PM Keynote Address	Frances Fox Piven, CUNY Graduate Center “Occupy and American Politics” Manzulli Board Room -- Foundation Hall				
5:00 – 7:00 PM Reception	Faculty Dining Room – Wagner Union				



**Day 2**  
**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

SESSION 1 - 9:30-10:45 AM			
<b>Spiro - 5</b>	<b>Spiro - 27</b>	<b>Spiro - 31</b>	<b>Campus - 231</b>
AP - 3	CP - 4	SL - 1	IR - 2
<i>Social Movements in American Politics</i>	<i>Political Issues of Diaspora and Migration</i>	<i>The Politics of New York State</i>	<i>Historical and Contemporary Problems of International Relations</i>
<b>Campus - 333</b>	<b>Campus - 104</b>	<b>Campus - 101</b>	<b>Campus - 228</b>
PT - 2	PD - 2	Poster Session	CP - 2
<i>Theory and Praxis</i>	<i>Responses to Diversity from the Local to the Global</i>	<i>Politics and Diversity in New York City and Long Island</i>	<i>Issues of Democracy and Human Trafficking</i>
SESSION 2 - 11:00 AM -12:15 PM			
<b>Spiro - 5</b>	<b>Spiro - 27</b>	<b>Spiro - 31</b>	<b>Campus - 231</b>
HP - 1	CP - 5	IR - 3	CP - 1
<i>Shaping Politics: Women, Unions, and Revolution</i>	<i>Transitions to What? Lesson from Failing Authoritarian States: China, Indonesia, Mexico, Tunisia, and Egypt</i>	<i>International Law, International Courts, and Genocide</i>	<i>Islamic Politics, Rebellion, and the Aftermath</i>
<b>Campus - 101</b>	<b>Campus - 104</b>		
PT - 5	PP/PA - 2		
<i>Undergraduate Theory Roundtable</i>	<i>Current Issues in Public Policy</i>		
SESSION 3 - 12:30-1:45 PM			
<b>Campus - 101</b>	<b>Spiro - 27</b>	<b>Spiro - 31</b>	
IR - 4	PT - 4	PP/PA - 4	
<i>Current Issues of International Relations</i>	<i>Liberty, Enlightenment and Justice</i>	<i>Improving Equity among Vulnerable Populations</i>	
<b>Campus - 231</b>	<b>Campus - 104</b>	<b>Spiro - 5</b>	
SL - 2	TL - 2	CP - 7	
<i>Policy Implementation and Governance in the States</i>	<i>Forum in Undergraduate Research</i>	<i>"Democracy Now!" and The Arab Spring and Occupy Wall Street Movements</i>	



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**Registration – 11:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Spiro Hall Lobby

**Session 1 – 1:00-2:15 pm**

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**CP – 6: Student Forum on Political Issues**

**Chair and Discussant: Frank P. LeVeness, St. John’s University • levenesf@stjohns.edu**

*The Rise of Secular Governance: Development and Equality in Modern Turkey*

Shama Ams, St. John's University •shamameister@gmail.com

*Mexican Cartels: The New Face of Mexican Democracy*

Jackson Nye, Baylor University •Jackson\_Nye@Baylor.edu

*Nagorno-Karabakh: Conflict Resolution Challenges and Prospects*

Noëlle de Noüe, St. John’s University • noelle.denoue10@my.stjohns.edu

*Rwanda: The Reconciliation Challenge*

Amanda Farias, Student, St. John’s University •amanda.farias08@gmail.com

**PP/PA – 1: Examinations of Leadership & Governmental Performance**

**Chair and Discussant: Maria D’Agostino, John Jay College • mdagostino@jjay.cuny.edu**

*The Efficient Public Manager and the Alienated Public*

Hillary Knepper & Mary Timney, Pace University • hknepper@pace.edu

*Improving Local Government Performance with Improved Financial and Economic Forecasting*

Kevin M. Bronner, University at Albany (SUNY) • kbronner@albany.edu

*SEC and Ponzi Scheme Investigations; an Administrative View*

Marie Springer, John Jay College • mspringer@jjay.cuny.edu



**AP – 1: The Impacts of the Three Branches of Government**

**Chair and Discussant: Robin Lauerma, Messiah College • rlauerma@messiah.edu**

*Congressional and Executive Relations: Partisanship and Divided Government*  
 Joshua Habursky, Washington & Jefferson College • haburskyj@washjeff.edu

*Holy War on the Battlefield of Energy: Jimmy Carter’s Religious Rhetoric on Energy Policy*  
 David O’Connell, Columbia University • djo2115@columbia.edu

*The Effects of Supreme Court Decisions Regarding Abortion on the Public Opinion of Abortion*  
 Katherine Slye, Elmira College • kslye12@elmira.edu

*Foreign Imposed Regime Change: Assessing the Strategic Relationship between Foreign Principals and their Domestic Agents*  
 Leanne Tyler, Columbia University • lct2109@columbia.edu

**PT – 1: Reconstructing Modern Republicanism: Beyond “Non-Domination”**

**Chair and Discussant: Nancy Reifer, Manhattanville College • Nancy.Reifer@mville.edu**

*Republicanism and the Rethinking of Radical Politics*  
 Michael Thompson, William Paterson University • thompsonmi@wpunj.edu

*Machiavelli, the New Deal, and the Problem of Democratic Republicanism*  
 Brian Stipelman, Dowling College • stipelmb@gmail.com

*Democratic Republicanism as an Alternative to Liberalism*  
 Jason Schulman, Lehman College, CUNY • jaschul@gmail.com

*“An Apprenticeship for Life in Common”: Jean Jaurès on the Modern Republic*  
 Geoffrey Kurtz, BMCC, CUNY • gkurtz@bmcc.cuny.edu

*Republican Ideals and the “Imperial Presidency” – A Numismatic Approach*  
 Joe Jordan, City University of New York • JoeJordan80@gmail.com

**TL – 1: Current Issues in Pedagogy****Chair and Discussant: Phyllis Conn, St. Johns University • connp@stjohns.edu***Social Media and Cyberbullying*

Marilyn Dono-Koulouris, St. John's University • donokoum@stjohns.edu

*Thinking and Writing: A Path to Civic Engagement*

Stephen Thomas Rzonca Sr., St. John's University • rzoncas@stjohns.edu

*Teaching the Myth of Meritocracy: Plato, Marx and False Consciousness*

Steve Snow, Wagner College • sgsnow@wagner.edu

**IR – 5: Global Problems****Chair and Discussant: Joseph Rukanshagiza, Sage College of Albany • rukanj@sage.edu***Impact of Global and Local Responses to Transitional Justice in Africa*

Carla De Ycaza, New York University • cjd5@nyu.edu

*Jihad in the Ranks! The Islamist Threat to the US Armed Forces*

Mark Silinsky, Army Intelligence Center • silinsky@yahoo.com

*Israel and Palestine and the Pressure of International Recognition and the Arab Spring*

Sarah Faxon, St. John's University • s.e.faxon@gmail.com

*Tearing Down the Great Wall: Weakness of the People's Liberation Army*

Stephen Paul Brooker, St. John's University • brookers@stjohns.edu



**Session 2 – 2:30-3:45 pm**

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**AP – 2: Elections and Political Communication****Chair and Discussant: Jim Twombly, Elmira College • jtwombly@elmira.edu**

*Assessing Electoral Competition: A First Look at the Influences of Partisan Voter Index Scores and Fluctuating Election Margins on the Home Styles of U.S. Representatives*

Michael A. Armato, University at Albany, SUNY • marmato@albany.edu

*Inverted Class Loyalties as a Trend in Recent Presidential Elections: A Case Study of Westchester County*

Si Sheppard, Long Island University, Brooklyn • simon.sheppard@liu.edu

*Neoliberalism & the Rise of the Tea Party: Right-Wing Ideology in the Liberal News Media*

Dean Snyder, Syracuse University • dwsnyder@maxwell.syr.edu

*Para-Political Media Commentators - News and the Public Sphere*

Andrew Horvitz, University at Albany, SUNY • ahorvitz@albany.edu

**IR – 1: Current Global Issues****Chair and Discussant: Stephen Paul Brooker, St. John's University • brookers@stjohns.edu**

*Applying Insights from Recent Transitional Justice Scholarship to Northern Ireland.*

Brendan Flanagan, Ramapo College of New Jersey • bflanaga@ramapo.edu

*Economic Development & Growth: Does Freedom play a Role?*

Lina Echeverri, Washington and Jefferson College • echeverrilm@washjeff.edu

*Development of a European Identity in the EU*

Sharon Hoeck, Messiah College • sh1310@messiah.edu

*Liberian Refugees in Staten Island.*

Khadijat Olagoke, Buffalo State College • khadijato@live.com

*Turkey, the Middle East and the West: A New Foreign Policy*

Misbah Hyder, St. John's University • m.hyder786@gmail.com



**HP – 2: American Politicians and Political Movements**

**Chair and Discussant: William Byrnes, St. John University • byrnew@stjohns.edu**

*The Framers, the Constitution and the Origins of American Political Economy*

Hugh A. Wilson, Adelphi University • Haswilson@earthlink.net

*New Nixon vs. New Politics: Young Voters and the 1968 Presidential Campaign*

Seth Blumenthal, Boston University • sblument@bu.edu

*America's Perennial Debate: Perspectives on Immigration Policy from the McCarthy Era and Today*

Adam T. Bentz, Leigh University • Atb4@lehigh.edu

*Conservative Immigration Reform and Illegal Immigrants*

Huiyun Tang, University of Virginia • huiyun1213@hotmail.com

**PT – 3: Rights, Camera, Action: Image Perception, and Media Power**

**Chair and Discussant: Patrick McGovern, SUNY Buffalo State • mcgovepj@buffalostate.edu**

*From Whom Are Rights Derived? Children and the Social Contract: Carole Pateman and Charles W. Mills in Dialogue - The Penn State Case*

Lesley A. Massiah-Arthur, Fordham University • massiah@fordham.edu

*Normalizing Gender, Performing the State: Disciplinary Power and Biopower at the Airport Security Checkpoint*

John McMahon, CUNY • johnmcmahon3@gmail.com

*China, America: A Distorted Communication*

Barry Murdaco, CUNY • bmurdaco@gc.cuny.edu

*A Tale of Two Crescent Cities*

Ashley Lord, University Southern Mississippi • ashley.lord@eagles.usm.edu



**PD – 1: Class and Ethnic Politics in Brooklyn**

**Chair and Discussant: Robert Pecorella, St. John’s University • pecorelr@stjohns.edu**

*Gentrification as Class Politics*

Judith DeSena, St. John’s University • desenaj@stjohns.edu

*Visualizing Class and Ethnic Politics*

Jerome Krase, Brooklyn College • jerrykrase@aol.com

*Politics in an Ethnic Enclave*

Phyllis Conn, St. John’s University • connp@stjohns.edu

**PP/PA – 3: Bureaucracy, Budgets, Quality and Good Governance – The Science of Muddling Through in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**Chair and Discussant: Hillary Knepper, Pace University • hknepper@pace.edu**

*The Emerging Market for Lobbyists in Today’s Bureaucracy*

Ryan Cangialosi, Pace University • rc24198w@pace.edu

*Alternative Staffing Models in Westchester County Police Departments*

Richard E. Riegel, Pace University • rr03280n@pace.edu





**4:00-5:00 pm – KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

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Manzulli Board Room, Foundation Hall

Keynote Speaker:

Francis Fox Piven, Distinguished Professor of Political  
Science and Sociology at CUNY

*“Occupy and American Politics”*



**5:00-7:00 pm – RECEPTION**

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Faculty Dining Room, Wagner Union

***Welcome from***

President, New York State Political Science Association

***Come Join Us for a Reception***

Selection of local favorites and vegetarian friendly



DAY 2 – SATURDAY, APRIL 21

**Registration and Breakfast – 8:30 am – 9:30 am**

Faculty Dining Room – Wagner Union

**Session 1 – 9:30-10:45 am**

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**AP – 3: Social Movements in American Politics**

**Chair and Discussant: Jeffrey Kraus, Wagner College • jkraus@wagner.edu**

*To what extent was the Black Panther a movement against economic injustice?*  
Daniel Kelly, St. John's University • daniel.kelly11@stjohns.edu

*Labor struggles and new social movements in the 21st century: American workers take on the streets as Occupy New York wages on*  
David M Chapinski, Felician College • dmchapinski@gmail.com

**SL – 1: The Politics of New York State**

**Chair and Discussant: Robin Lauerma, Messiah College • rlauerma@messiah.edu**

*The Quirks of NY Election Law: Presumption of Validity and Petition Strategies: Two Landmark Cases in a Single County*  
Jim Twombly - Elmira College • jtwombly@elmira.edu

*Voting Behavior in New York State Gubernatorial Elections*  
Harvey L. Schantz – SUNY, Plattsburgh • Harvey.Schantz@Plattsburgh.edu

*Access and Participation in the New York State Assembly*  
Eric Radezky – Rutgers University • radezky@eden.rutgers.edu



**IR – 2: Historical and Contemporary Problems of International Relations****Chair and Discussant: Sharon Murphy, Nazareth College • Smurphy3@naz.edu***Poor Health of Soviet Leaders: Brezhnev Revisited*

Luc Duhamel, University of Montreal • Luc.duhamel@umontreal.ca

*Democratizing Globalization: Role of Global Civil Society*

Lucky Osagie Imade, American University of Nigeria • Lucky.imade@aun.edu.ng

*Social Media and Political Mobilization in Iran*

Kristen Blake, Molloy College • kblake@molloy.edu

*Informal Empire: Egyptian Public Debt, Suez Canal, & British Strategy*

Antonio Munoz, St. John's University • munozaj@farmingdale.edu

**PT – 2: Theory and Praxis****Chair and Discussant: Gene Callahan, Purchase College • gcallah@mac.com***Conceptions of Power and Terror in the Political Thought of Hannah Arendt*

Nancy Reifer, Manhattanville College • Nancy.Reifer@mville.edu

*Thinking and Action in Hannah Arendt's political philosophy*

Amando Basurto, New School • basua260@newschool.edu

*Government's Judgment – Arendt*

Koyama Hanako, Shinshu University • koyamah@shinshu-u.ac.jp

*Nietzsche's Philosopher and Political Action*

Michael Harding, University of Dallas • michaelpharding@gmail.com

*Civil Society as Anti-totalitarianism: Theorizing the Practice of Dissent in Communist Eastern Europe*

Binev Binio, Georgetown University • bsb29@georgetown.edu

*Should We Intervene? Western Feminist Intervention in the Face of Cultural Relativism*

Amanda Rotella, Fordham • arotella@fordham.edu



**PD – 2: Responses to Diversity from the Local to the Global****Chair and Discussant: Shannon Risk, Niagara University • [srisk@niagara.edu](mailto:srisk@niagara.edu)**

*The Poverty Draft? Exploring the Role of Socioeconomic Status in US Military Recruitment of Hispanic Students*

Adam McGlynn, East Stroudsburg University • [amcglynn@esu.edu](mailto:amcglynn@esu.edu)

*Collective Memories, Place and Community as a Process: The McCarren Park Pool in Brooklyn, NY: A Place's History of Openings and Closings*

Kenn Vance, Graduate Center, CUNY • [kvance@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:kvance@gc.cuny.edu)

*Social Media in Translation*

Diane Paravazian, St. John's University • [paravazd@stjohns.edu](mailto:paravazd@stjohns.edu)

**Poster Session: Politics and Diversity in New York City and Long Island**

Students from St. John's University studying the history of New York City and Long Island with Dr. Phyllis Conn will present posters featuring their research on diversity in the region. Posters will include research on the experience of immigrants, African-Americans, and other groups.

**CP – 4: Political Issues of Diaspora and Migration****Chair and Discussant: Frank P. LeVeness, St. John's University • [levenesf@stjohns.edu](mailto:levenesf@stjohns.edu)**

*Becoming Transnational Citizens: Circulatory Migration and Civic Engagement Among the Liberian Diaspora*

Janet Reilly, CUNY Graduate Center • [jreilly@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:jreilly@gc.cuny.edu)

*Tapping the "Conflict Periphery": Diasporic Mobilization for Homeland Struggles*

Danielle Zach, CUNY Graduate Center • [dzach@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:dzach@gc.cuny.edu)

*Second-Generation U.S. Dominicans and the Question of a Transnational Orientation*

Utku Sezgin, Graduate Center, CUNY • [usezgin@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:usezgin@gc.cuny.edu)



**Session 2 – 11:00 am -12:15 pm**

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**HP – 1: Shaping Politics: Women, Unions and Revolution****Chair and Discussant: Steve Snow, Wagner College • sgsnow@wagner.edu***Blooming Literacy and Movement: How Growing Literacy in North Africa Sparked Revolution*

Sarah Eltabib, St. John's University • eltabibs@stjohns.edu

*"The Political Thang:" Gender and Union Divisions in Historical Perspective*

Stephen Patnode, Farmingdale State College • patnodes@farmingdale.edu

*Emma Goldman's Politics in the Melting Pot and the Mosaic*

Megan Hahin, Buffalo State College • Mhahin21@gmail.com

*Electoral Volatility and Social Policy*

Kathleen Henehan, London School of Economics and Political Science • K.A.Henehan@lse.ac.uk

**CP – 5: Transitions to What? Lessons from Failing Authoritarian States: China, Indonesia, Mexico, Tunisia, and Egypt****Chair and Discussant: Tony Spanakos, Montclair State University • spanakos@gmail.com***The Struggling But Rising Power of Chinese Social Media In Political Life*

Xiaoyuan Luo, New York University • alleniverson0607@gmail.com

*Transition To Democracy In Mexico: Political Institutions 'Built To Last'*

Bernardo Rangel Sada, New York University • brs324@nyu.edu

*The Role of Minority with Economic Power in Democratization Indonesia*

Susy Tekunan, New York University • st1634@nyu.edu

*Assessing the Importance of New Media in the Arab Spring: The Cases of Egypt and Tunisia*

Yasemin Yilmaz, New York University • ayy210@nyu.edu



**IR – 3: International Law, International Courts, and Genocide**

**Chair and Discussant: Michaela Hertkorn, New School for General Studies and New Jersey City University • mhertkorn@gmail.com**

*Comparative Analysis of Endeavors for Prestige Between Argentina and Brazil.*

James Bartosik, St. John's University • JamesABartosikJr@gmail.com

*Adoption of International Norms by Non-State Actors: Kosovo Liberation Army and Human Rights Norms*

Jennifer Mueller, CUNY Graduate Center • jmueller@gc.cuny.edu

*Community based alternative dispute resolution in criminal cases in the Federated States of Micronesia*

Sam Edwards, Green Mountain College • edwardss@greenmtn.edu

**CP – 1: Islamic Politics, Rebellion, and the Aftermath**

**Chair and Discussant: Azzedine Layachi, St. John's University • LAYACHIA@stjohns.edu**

*Pakistan and the Taliban: A Complex Nexus*

Sayeed Iftekhar Ahmed, Independent Researcher • sia112002@yahoo.com

*In the Aftermath of Rebel Victory*

Cynthia Lee, Columbia University • csl2124@gmail.com



**PT – 5: Undergraduate Theory Roundtable**

**Chair and Discussant: Wilford Pinkney, CUNY Graduate Center • wpinkney@gc.cuny.edu**

*The Global Injustice of Coal*

Melody Baumhover, Green Mountain College • baumhoverm@greenmtn.edu

*Critique of Revolutions: The Mass Public's Willingness to Revolt*

Erik Burrows, SUNY Cortland • 24erik.burrows@gmail.com

*Alternative Political Thought and Real Political Practice*

Robert Horowitz, Buffalo State – SUNY • HORWITRPO1@mail.buffalostate.edu

*Property, Identity and Gay-Marriage*

Christine Julien, Buffalo State – SUNY • JULIENCG01@mail.buffalostate.edu

**PP/PA – 2: Current Issues in Public Policy**

**Chair and Discussant: Adam McGlynn, East Stroudsburg University • amcglynn@esu.edu**

*Whatever Happened to Green Trade? The evolution of environmental policies to reconcile trade liberalization and environmental protection.*

Linda Allen, American Public University • lindaallen@alumni.iu.edu

*It's Alive! The Fight against 'Frankenfoods' in France*

Patricia A. Stapleton, The Graduate Center, CUNY • pstapleton@gc.cuny.edu

*Immigration and the Determinants of Welfare Generosity*

Paul Bremmer, St. Bonaventure University • bremmepr@bonaventure.edu



**Session 3 – 12:30-1:45 pm**

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**IR – 4: Current Issues of International Relations**

**Chair and Discussant: Harvey Strum, Sage College of Albany • strumh@hotmail.com**

*"Islands of Development: The Myth of the Social Contract."*

Alex Hershey, New School • alex\_hershey@hotmail.com

*Seeking Domestic Legitimacy through Security Council Membership*

Michael Napolitano, New York University • Michaelnapolitano13@gmail.com

*Influences of Post Islamism and Democracy in Egypt and Middle East*

Khalil Javan, Azad Islamic University of Mashhad • Javan200430@yahoo.com

**PT – 4: Liberty, Enlightenment and Justice**

**Chair and Discussant: Joe Jordan, City University of New York • JoeJordan80@gmail.com**

*Outline of a Nonideal Theory of Justice*

Marcus Arvan, University of Tampa • marvan@ut.edu

*Emotion and Political Discourse in Burkean and Enlightenment Thought*

William Byrne, St. John's University • byrnew@stjohns.edu

*Liberty Versus Libertarianism*

Gene Callahan, Purchase College • gcallah@mac.com

*Coase meets Rawls: The Theory of the Firm and its Implications for Political Theory*

Abraham Singer, Toronto • abe.singer@utoronto.ca

*Beauty, Greatness and Justice: Reconciling Aristotle with Democracy and Lincoln*

Marc Sable, Bethany College, W VA. • msable@bethanywv.edu





**PP/PA – 4: Improving Equity among Vulnerable Populations****Chair and Discussant: Mary Timney, Pace University • mtimney@pace.edu***Professional Attitudes about Health Care Reform*

Sherlon McKenzie, Pace University • sherlon.5linx@gmail.com

*Improving Employment Retention among African Americans*

Olga P. Martinez-Pitillo, Pace University • om72069n@pace.edu

*Examining the Impact of Social Marketing on a Nonprofit*

Shakira Croce, Pace University • sc49755w@pace.edu.

*Higher Education and the United Nation's Principles for Responsible Management Education*

Anna Vidiaev, Pace University • vidiaev@yahoo.com

**CP – 2: Issues of Democracy and Human Trafficking****Chair and Discussant: Cynthia Ward, The Sage Colleges • wardc@sage.edu****Discussant: Tony Spanakos, Montclair State University • spanakos@gmail.com***The Capacity to Respond to Society and the Persistence of Authoritarianism in China*

Yipin Wu, Northeastern University • wu.yip@husky.neu.edu

*Democracy and Expectations of Democracy in Uruguay, Costa Rica and Chile*

Mariano Jose Magalhaes, Augustana College • marianomagalhaes@augustana.edu

*Political Mobilizations in Nigeria: The 2011 Elections and the Prospects for Democracy*

James Apam, Benue State University, Nigeria • jimapam62@hotmail.com

*The Role Of Women In Transnational West African Human Trafficking Networks: U.S. Experiences*

Popy Begum, John Jay College • McNair Scholar pobegum@yahoo.com



**SL – 2: Policy Implementation and Governance in the States**

**Chair and Discussant: Harvey L. Schantz, SUNY Plattsburgh • Harvey.Schantz@Plattsburgh.edu**

*An Assessment of Early Intervention with Regard to Autism Spectrum Disorders*  
John E. McNulty, Binghamton University • jmcnulty@binghamton.edu

*A Constructive Theory of Lobbying*  
Brian M. Conley, Suffolk University • bconley@suffolk.edu

*Efficiency, Economy, and Social Equity in Online Education at America's Urban Community Colleges*  
Marco Castillo, NY City College of Technology, CUNY • MCastillo@citytech.cuny.edu

*Mobilizing the Poor Within a Neoliberal Framework*  
Bridget Baker, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy University at Albany • bkbaker@albany.edu

**TL – 2: Forum in Undergraduate Research**

**Chair and Discussant: Michael Armato, SUNY Albany • marmato@albany.edu**

*The Effects of Immigration on Corporate Development*  
Tyler Seling, Wagner College • Tyler.seling@wagner.edu

*Grassroots Mobilization of Minority Populations and the Effects of Government Funding*  
Jennifer Claycombe, Wagner College • Jennifer.claycombe@wagner.edu

*To Kill or Not to Kill? The Effectiveness of the Death Penalty*  
Anthony Bonagura, Hartwick College • bonaguraa@hartwick.edu

*Why Did Social Networks Fail to Mobilize Serbs, Yet Manage to Topple Some of the Most Authoritarian Regimes?*  
Nemanja Shukalo, University of Nicosia • Sukalo.nemanja@gmail.com

*Fair Trade and Organic Consumption During an Economic Recession: The Case of Buffalo, NY*  
Ariel Peters, Buffalo State College • petersariel@ymail.com

*Anton Makarenko: Soviet Education*  
Chris Dugan, Niagara University • cdugan@mail.niagara.edu

**CP – 7: ROUNDTABLE: “Democracy Now!” and The Arab Spring and Occupy Wall Street Movements**

Simin Farkhondeh, Democracy Now! • [simin@democracynow.org](mailto:simin@democracynow.org)

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Nasser Weddady, American Islamic Congress • [info@speakingmatters.org](mailto:info@speakingmatters.org)

This roundtable aims to discuss how recent popular movements have been organized and have come together using social media and old style organizing techniques. There is an assumption that these events have been possible because of access to social media only. While it is true that social media in their various forms have helped people express their frustrations and organize themselves, it is also important to note that these movements have historical contexts and come from long term activities among segments of the population. Social media has been a powerful tool, but not necessarily the only catalyst for change. The participants will look at how social media have been used in the Occupy Wall Street, Arab Spring and other recent popular movements.

