

FALL 2023 NEWS

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Dear Friends of the Institute of European Studies,

I am sending you our newsletter for the Fall 2023 semester. I do so at a time when Europe is still facing an ongoing war in Ukraine. IES stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine as well as all of those in Russia and elsewhere who oppose the unjustified invasion of Ukraine.

This semester, IES had an opportunity to discuss the war in its geopolitical context with Austrian Ambassador Wolfgang Petritsch, President of the Austrian Marshall Foundation. In cooperation with our partner organization, the Institute of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies and MCI Innsbruck, we also had an opportunity to discuss the war with Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, leader of the Belarusian opposition movement against dictator Alexander Lukashenko.

Another highlight of the semester was the Gerald D. and Norma Feldman Annual Lecture, with Dirk Moses, Professor of International Relations at the City College of New York, who spoke on German memory culture in the aftermath of the October 7 Hamas attack in Israel. In this newsletter you will find an overview of these and other activities, made with the assistance of our team of undergraduate reporters.

I would also like to announce a few exciting new developments at IES: IES welcomes the decision by the Anglo-American Studies Program to join forces our Center for British Studies, led by Prof. Mark Bevir. Equally important was the generous donation of the Modern Greek Studies Foundation, which allowed the expansion of our Modern Greek and Hellenic Studies Program, directed by Prof. Christine Philiou. I should also reference the foundation, in cooperation with the Embassy of France, of a French Center of Excellence that is directed by Prof. Jonah Levy. Finally, I want to highlight that the United States Department of Education has again awarded our Institute the status of National Resource Center on Western Europe in the context of which we also received funding for Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships in Western European Languages, these awards have a value of over \$2million.

I want to use this opportunity to thank my colleagues at IES for making this success possible, our Associate Director Akasemi Newsome, our administrative director Gia White, our new program manager Rachaël Longuepee, and the other IES staff affiliates Duarte Pinheiro, Heike Friedman, Ray Savord, and Lotta Weckstrom.



We have many more events planned for next year and are proud to offer those to you at no charge. As always, we appreciate any support you can give to help us sustain our high quality interdisciplinary programming on Europe. To donate, please consult our website or contact me personally and I will be pleased to tell you more about the Institute's funding opportunities.

I hope to welcome you again to one of our events at IES in the next year.

With warm regards and my very best wishes for the upcoming holidays,

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF AFFILIATES

This Fall, The Institute of European Studies was pleased to welcome our new colleague, RACHAËL LONGUÉPÉE. Rachaël Longuépée is the Program Manager for the Institute of European Studies and the France-Berkeley Fund in addition to being the Assistant Director of the Center for British Studies. She is responsible for managing the IES visiting scholars' program and works on a broad range of events and initiatives including international research exchanges and the undergraduate apprentice program (URAP). Rachaël provides support to the Austrian Studies Program, the Center for British Studies, the Irish Studies Program, the Modern Greek & Hellenic Studies Program, the Program for the Study of Italy, and other IES programs. Prior to joining UC Berkeley, Rachaël worked in special as well as French education at French private schools in the Bay Area. Her experience focuses on cross-cultural leadership, partnerships, events, and teaching. She holds a BA in Intercultural Studies as well as a diploma of music and leadership which she obtained in Sydney, Australia.



As of October 1, 2023, ISABEL RICHTER is Deputy Director of the GHI and the new Head of Office at the GHI's Pacific Office in Berkeley. A former DAAD Professor at UC Berkeley (2017-2022) and a Visiting Fellow at the institute in Washington in 2016, she is well acquainted with both the GHI and its West Coast office at UC Berkeley. With a background in European Cultural History (18th-20th Centuries) she will particularly strengthen the GHI's longstanding research focus in German/European and Jewish history, but will simultaneously continue to expand the Pacific Offices work on other regional foci such as Pacific and Transoceanic Studies.

CHRISTINE PHILLIOU, Director of the Modern Greek & Hellenic Studies Program at IES, has been awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for a 3-year research project to create a comprehensive, public-facing website to build new types of knowledge and raise public awareness about Istanbul and its constituent Orthodox Christian communities in the 19th and 20th centuries. The project, titled "Visualizing Local Christian Communities in Muslim Cosmopolitan Istanbul in the 19th and 20th Centuries" is intended to write these communities that have been marginalized by nationalism back into the historical record of Europe and the Middle East.



IES is delighted to welcome our 2023-24 EU Fellow, AGATA KOTKOWSKA. With over two decades of professional experience within the European Commission, Agata Kotkowska brings insights into the European regional, energy, and environmental policies. Trained as an economist, her expertise focuses on sustainable finance, innovative financial instruments, green budgeting, and effective utilization of European public funding for the green transition towards carbon-neutral Europe. Currently affiliated with the Institute of European Studies as a visiting researcher, she is exploring the financial innovations essential for the private capital market to leverage investments in support of biodiversity requirements in Europe and across the globe.

On September 6, 2023, IES Associate Director AKASEMI NEWSOME co-led a workshop titled, "Excellence, Identity, and Inclusion: The Experiences of Diverse Scholars in Germany" at the Berliner Medizinhistorisches Museum der Charité; in Berlin, Germany. The workshop was the brainchild of Dr. Andrea Stith, Director of Research Development at Northeastern University and Board Member of the American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. Mr. Christian Haenel, President of the American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation welcomed participants before ceding the floor to two distinguished panels of experts. Panelists brought international and multi-disciplinary perspectives to the issues of identity, empowerment, and scholarship as well as to questions of equity, access, and success in a professional context.



In 2023, the Anglo-American Studies Program joined the Institute of European Studies and its Center for British Studies. The underlying purpose of the Program is to widen and deepen campus interest and knowledge of British political, legal, and cultural affairs and their implications for the United States and the broader Commonwealth of Nations. The program supports faculty and graduate student research, conducts scholarly conferences, and features an annual R. Kirk Underhill lecture at UC Berkeley by a leading figure from political or scholarly circles.

JONAH LEVY, Director of the Center of Excellence in French & Francophone Studies at IES, recently published his latest book, *Contested Liberalization: Historical Legacies and Contemporary Conflict in France*. Economic liberalization has been contested and defeated in France to an unparalleled extent in comparison to other leading political economies in Western Europe. Levy offers a historical explanation, centered on the legacies of France's postwar statist or dirigiste economic model. This book will interest scholars and students of political economy and comparative politics, especially those working on economic liberalization, French politics, and the welfare state.

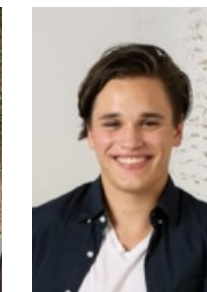


DAENA FUNAHASHI, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and IES Faculty Affiliate, published her first monograph, *Untimely Sacrifices*. The volume questions why individuals may give their time and energy to the collective against their own self-interest. Turning to Finland where public health officials named occupational burnout as a "new hazard" of the new economy, Daena Funahashi asks: What moves people to work to the point of pathological stress? By pitting anthropological takes on sacrifice next to the clinical discourses on pressure, work, and coping, Funahashi offers ways to rethink what drives stress. It is a book essential to those interested in how forces unassimilable to conventional economy come to matter in issues of labor, stress, and welfare.

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships provide funding to students to encourage the study of critical and less commonly taught foreign languages in combination with area studies, international studies or international aspects of professional studies.

Academic Year 2023 - 2024 Grantees

- Caitlin Brown Romtvedt (PhD, Music) Basque
- Dimitri Diagne (PhD, History) Portuguese
- Nikesha Medard (MA, Architecture/Urban and Regional Planning) French
- Ben Papadopoulos (PhD, Foreign Languages and Literature) Modern Greek
- Sebastian Pouw (Ugrad, Architecture/Urban and Regional Planning) Dutch
- Kayla van Kooten (PhD, Foreign Languages and Literature) Dutch



Summer 2023 Grantees

- Aidan Lee (PhD, History) French
- Madeline Zimring (PhD, Literature) Norwegian
- Hugh Zimmerbaum (PhD, Foreign Languages and Literature) French
- Sally Tucker (PhD, Area Studies) Spanish
- Natalya Nielsen (PhD, Foreign Languages and Literature) Swedish
- Jes Heppler (PhD, Philosophy) French
- Elena Amaya (PhD, Sociology) German
- Olivia Goldring (PhD, Foreign Languages and Literature) Italian
- Simon Cohen (PhD, Music) French
- Kyle Martin (PhD, History) German



FALL 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

New historical findings about Cabrilho and other Portuguese in the maritime discovery of California, 1542-1543

On September 11th, the Institute for European Studies and the Center of Portuguese Studies jointly organized a lecture from PAOLO AFONSO, professor at American River College. The lecture focused on new research findings related to the nationality of the renowned maritime explorer, Juan Rodriguez Cabrilho. Professor Afonso argued that the controversy surrounding Cabrilho's nationality stems from misconceptions about the meaning of being "natural" to a place. To support his argument, Professor Afonso presented newly discovered evidence, including a map by Florentine cartographer Matteo di Jacopo Neroni da Peccioli that featured the toponym "Cabrilho's Bay" with the navigator's name spelled in its Portuguese form.



A French recreation of a 1604 Spanish map of California including "Cabrilho's Bay" (B. de Cabrilho)

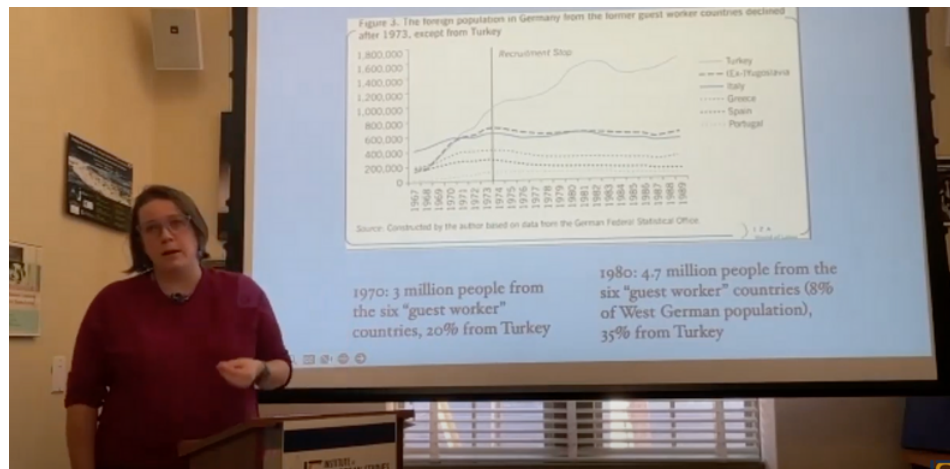


A short history of the Indos: On the migration of Indo-Dutch and Indo-Americans 1950-2020

On September 12th, the Institute of European Studies' director Professor Dewulf hosted PETER VAN RIEL for a lecture titled "A short history of the Indos: On the migration of Indo-Dutch and Indo-Americans 1950-2020". Peter Van Riel is a specialist in the Dutch East Indies and Indonesian studies at the [Pelita Foundation](#) and host of [De Indische Podcast](#). As the son of an Indo mother and of a Dutch father, he is working on recording the stories of mixed families who left the Dutch East Indies and Indonesia in the mid-20th century.

'Harlem in Germany': Race, Migration, and the American Analogy in the Federal Republic

On September 12, the Institute of European Studies' Center for German and European Studies hosted Professor LAUREN STOKES of Northwestern University to present and discuss their most recent book *Fear of the Family: Guest Workers and Family Migration in the Federal Republic of Germany*. Professor Stokes engaged with an audience of forty-four people in discourse on West German guest worker policy in the 1950-1970s, how the dialogue about guest worker policy was racialized and created consequences for guest worker families.



Science Communication – Changes in the Relationship between Science and Society

On September 15th, IES collaborated with the German Embassy, German Consulate General San Francisco, German Research Foundation, German Center for Research and Innovation in San Francisco, German Historical Institute Washington DC, and the Henry Wheeler Center for Emerging and Neglected Diseases at University of California, Berkeley to discuss how to further develop and structure science communication within the scientific community as well as between scientists and society to shape responsible policy. The program featured a keynote by Nobel laureate RANDY SCHEKMAN and three panels including scholars across STEM fields.



The Career and the Many Genres of Nikos Kazantzakis

On September 23rd, The Modern Greek and Hellenic Studies Program at IES hosted Emeritus Professor PETER BIEN (Dartmouth), a world-renowned authority on the life and work of Nikos Kazantzakis and the translator of many of his works and Selected Correspondence, to present on the longue duree of Kazantzakis' career and the many genres in which he wrote, beyond his better-known prose.



Untimely Sacrifices: Work and Death in Finland

On September 26th, the Institute for European Studies was pleased to host DAENA FUNAHASHI, Assistant Professor at the UC Berkeley Department of Anthropology, who presented her new book "Untimely Sacrifices: Work and Death in Finland" based on her ethnographic work in burnout rehabilitation centers. Looking at the history of labor, Funahashi challenged the current conventional notions of work, energy, and economics by emphasizing the role of gift exchange and pondering the forces that drive us to do what we do. Funahashi disputed the idea of occupational burnout being the new hazard of the new economy, focusing instead on what we are willing to sacrifice.

Coalition in Distress? The Rise of the Far Right in Germany and How to Contain it

On October 2nd, The Institute of European Studies in Collaboration with the Goldman School of Public Policy hosted a lecture by ANDREA RÖMMELE (Hertie School) evaluating government performance and discuss potential scenarios for Germany (and beyond). Römmele reported on the results of the "traffic light coalition" as well as potential political challenges including the increasing support for the far right-party (AfD).

Sahar Sadeghi | Conditional Belonging: The Racialization of Iranians in the Wake of Anti-Muslim Politics

On October 4th, the Center for Middle Eastern Studies in collaboration with the Institute of European Studies hosted a book talk by SAHAR SADEGHI (Muhlenberg College) on her recently published book. *Conditional Belonging* details Iranians' complex and contradictory relationship with race and belonging through a comparative analysis of the Iranian experience in the United States and Germany, focusing particularly on the immigrants' different processes of racialization.

Samuel Dolbee | Locusts of Power: Borders, Empire, and Environment in the Modern Middle East

On September 28th, The Modern Greek and Hellenic Studies Program at IES and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies hosted SAMUEL DOLBEE (Vanderbilt University) for a book talk. In his environmental history, Samuel Dolbee shed new light on borders and state formation by following locusts and revealing how they shaped both the environment and people's imaginations from the late Ottoman Empire to the Second World War.



The untold story of ship logbooks: The contribution of digital methods to the history of navigation in the nineteenth century

On October 5th, The Modern Greek and Hellenic Studies Program at IES with the support of the France-Berkeley Fund invited APOSTOLOS DELIS, Researcher at the Institute for Mediterranean Studies, to give the first lecture in the series, “Digital Humanities and the Study of Mobilities in the Aegean/ Mediterranean Region.” Delis presented his data project to track and analyze shipping routes, based on data from logbooks, in the Mediterranean in the nineteenth century. The presentation covered both the content of the datasets as well as interpretive issues, and questions of methodology for analyzing and mapping data.

Hot Topics in the Social Sciences

From October 6th to November 27th, The Center of Excellence in French and Francophone Studies at IES in partnership with the UC Berkeley Department of French organized a series of French-language lectures on a variety of social science topics. Speakers included CORINE LESNES (reporter at *Le Monde*), DAVID SPECTOR (École d’Économie de Paris), JONAH LEVY (UC Berkeley) and ERIC BIRLOUEZ (author).

Eric Fassin | The Neofascist Moment of Neoliberalism: Illiberal France and Beyond

On October 17th, the Institute of European Studies hosted Professor ERIC FASSIN for a lecture co-sponsored by the Center for Interdisciplinary Critical Inquiry, the Center of Excellence in French and Francophone Studies, the Department of French, the French Embassy, the Townsend Center for the Humanities, and the Center for Right-Wing Studies. Professor Fassin teaches sociology at Paris 8, and is a researcher at the Laboratory of Gender and Sexuality Studies. His lecture focused on the neo-fascist moment of neoliberalism and delved into free-speech in France, the politicization of racial identity, the contemporary reality of neo-facism, and immigration.



Europe in the World: What about Freedom and Democracy?

On October 19th, the Institute of European Studies in collaboration with MCI | The Entrepreneurial School hosted a panel discussion with distinguished guest SVIATLANA TSIKHANOUSKAYA, political activist and leader of the Belarusian Democratic Movement. As the leader of the Belarusian Democratic Movement, she is gathering support and advocating for the release of political prisoners and a peaceful transition of power through free and fair elections. When the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine started, Tsikhanouskaya announced an anti-war movement to prevent the participation of Belarus.



Occupied Germany & Japan after WWII from Global Cultural History Perspectives (Besatzungsalltage/ senryōka nichijō)

On October 19th, IES was delighted to hear a fascinating lecture by ROBERT KRAMM, Doctor of History and Freigeist-Fellow at Munich's LMU. Currently a visiting scholar at the German Historical Institute's Pacific Office, Kramm presented his preliminary thoughts on occupied Germany and Japan after the Second World War from the perspective of global cultural history. Going beyond the traditional understanding of juxtaposing the two histories in high politics, Kramm focused on a bottom-up analysis, telling the shared and divided story of occupied Germany and Japan through the lived experience of life, race, gender, and sexuality.



Struggling for Sovereignty, Changing Political Alliances: Western and Eastern European Military Assistance for Revolutionary Cuba During the Early Cold War

On October 24th, the Institute of European Studies in Collaboration with the German Historical Institute hosted a lecture by ALBERT MANKE (University of Göttingen) on international relations between Western and Eastern European nations and Cuba during the Cold War. Manke discussed how Cuba had initially turned to Western European countries to acquire arms in order to secure its newly-gained sovereignty, but the U.S. government frustrated these attempts by means of an arms embargo and political pressure on its Western allies.



An Assessment of Current Political Issues in Europe: A Fireside Chat with Ambassador Wolfgang Petritsch

On October 24, the Institute of European Studies in collaboration with the Institute of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, the Austrian Studies Program, the Institute of International Studies, the German Department, and the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation hosted a discussion with the President of the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation and diplomat, WOLFGANG PETRITSCH, moderated by Professor JEROEN DEWULF, Director of IES, and Professor JOHN CONNELLY, Director of ISEES. This discussion focused on the unique political situation that Europe finds itself in as it faces conflict both internally and externally. Petritsch described how political perceptions in Europe have changed over the past decade from the perspective of the European Security Strategy. Petritsch partially attributes this change to two events, the election of Donald Trump and Brexit. The panelists also discuss how the United States’ soft and hard power in relation to Europe has changed.

Ana Hatherly and Mário Cesariny: (Un)Predictable dialogues

On October 25th to celebrate the 100th birthday of the late poet Mario Cesariny, the Center for Portuguese Studies at the Institute of European Studies held the VII Annual Conference of Ana Hatherly analyzing the work of 2 major poets and artists of the Portuguese 20th century cultural scenario: Ana Hatherly and Mário Cesariny. PERFECTO CUADRADO FERNÁNDEZ (Universitat de les Illes Balears) and RUI TORRES (Universidade Fernando Pessoa) explained the contribution of Mário Cesariny and Ana Hatherly to the transformation of Portuguese Literature in the second half of the 20th century.

Uncovering and Discovering the European Cimmigration Control Apparatus from Within

On October 25th, The Institute of European Studies and the Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative co-organized a lecture by MAARTJE VAN DER WOUDE (Leiden Law School) on European intra-Schengen borderlands, which she described as places of “incommensurable contradictions” where tensions between notions of openness and closedness, between security and insecurity, between freedom of movement and the restriction of mobility are all present at once. Her talk traced the way in which discretion gets created, delegated and wielded by the different legislative, enforcement and judicial actors on the European, national and street level that together form crucial components of the intra-Schengen crimmigration control apparatus as it has taken shape over the past decades.

Resistance and reconciliation in Indonesian and Dutch films and literature on the Indonesian revolution

On October 26, ARNOUD ARPS, Niels Stensen Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Postcolonial and Memory Studies at Oxford University and UCLA, gave a talk on the Indonesian War of Independence (1945-1949), examining cinematographic and literary materials to understand whose war is remembered and how it is commemorated in contemporary culture. Arps argued that literature has the capacity to continue reimagining how we understand ourselves in relation to the world and some of the most pressing issues of our time - cultural reconciliation, survival after terror and migration.

Fluid Dreamscapes: Lin Hierse in Conversation with Elizabeth Sun and Deniz Göktürk

On October 27th, IES in partnership with the German Historical Institute and Department of German welcomed LIN HIERSE for a book talk on her debut novel, *Wovon wir träumen*. Hierse read excerpts from her work in German and was joined by ELIZABETH SUN (UC Berkeley), who presented English excerpts which she had translated, and DENIZ GÖKTÜRK (UC Berkeley), who interviewed the author and moderated a public Q&A.

Defending Democracy: In Conversation with Dr. Amy Gutmann

On October 27th, IES in partnership with the Institute of International Studies and Social Science Matrix welcomed AMY GUTMANN, the United States Ambassador to Germany since 2022, for a discussion moderated by SUSAN HYDE (UC Berkeley). Dr. Gutmann received the 2023 Clark Kerr Award to acknowledge her exceptional and notable contributions to the progress of higher education.

European Sanctions and Human Rights

On October 31st, The Institute of European Studies hosted two presentations by visiting scholars CARMELA PÉREZ-BERNÁRDEZ (University of Granada) and LUIS M. HINJOSA-MARTÍNEZ (University of Granada) on European Sanctions and Human Rights. Prof. Pérez-Bernárdez gave a lecture entitled "Smart sanctions against human rights violations: The European approach," followed by Prof. Hinojosa-Martínez who gave a lecture entitled "The right of individuals to effective judicial protection in the European sanctions against third countries."



Toward Justice in Study Abroad, Intercultural Learning, and Language Education

On November 3rd, The Berkeley Language Center with support from IES hosted a lecture by JANICE MCGREGOR (University of Arizona) on study abroad (SA), a fixture in post-secondary language education in the US. McGregor introduced two different-yet entwined-facets of SA and language learning that can cause harm: the common ideological construction of SA as "L2-land" and US institutional budget models. To highlight the impact of these two facets, she shared an analysis of student and educators' ways of talking about SA and language learning from data sets spanning 2010-2023.

Gerald D. and Norma Feldman Annual Lecture: German Memory Culture at a Crossroad?

In honor of former IES Director, Gerald Feldman, the Institute of European Studies hosted the Gerald D. and Norma Feldman Annual Lecture on November 3rd. The lecture was given by DIRK MOSES, a professor of international relations at the City College of New York. Professor Moses explored the evolution of German identity, which he argued has become dependent on the relationship with Holocaust victims and emphasized the deepening attachment to Israel as a sanctuary. He then discussed the portrayal of the Gaza conflict in the media and the projection of German guilt relating to the holocaust onto Arab people. Moses raised questions about the telos of German memory culture, underscoring the complexity and controversy surrounding the intertwined issues of German memory culture and patterns of exclusion.

Tipping Points for Global Economic and Ecological Transformation

On November 7th, the German Historical Institute held the annual Bucerius lecture in collaboration with the Institute of European Studies. MARCEL FRATZSCHER, President of the German Institute of Economic Research and professor of macroeconomics at Humboldt University, Berlin gave a lecture, focusing on three major transformations that are affecting societies globally; globalization and changing relationships between nation-states, climate change, and growing social polarization.



Engineering Innovative Paths and Pacts between US and EU towards a Sustainable Environment

On November 8th, the Center for Portuguese Studies at IES hosted a panel discussion on sustainable development. SCOTT MOURA (UC Berkeley) presented his current research projects about energy systems, vehicle electrification, distributed energy resources, and explained the significant improvements of the California Partners for Advanced Transportation Technology (PATH). AGATA KOTKOWSKA, European Commission Deputy Head of Finance, Budget and Audit Unit in DG Environment and Visiting Researcher at UC Berkeley, illustrated Sustainable Energy Practices and Green Budgeting taking place in the context of the European Union.

Minority and Majority as Asymmetrical Concepts: The Perils of Democratic Equality and Fantasies of National Purity

On November 13th, The Center for German and European Studies at IES hosted TILL VAN RAHDEN (University of Montreal) for a lecture based on his latest book, *Vielheit. Jüdische Geschichte und die Ambivalenzen des Universalismus*. Van Rahden presented on the conceptual couple of majority/minority, which is viewed as a harmless way of identifying an arithmetic relationship. The idea of a dichotomy between majority and (Jewish) minority as a short hand to describe relations between ethnic or religious groups, however, is recent. In his lecture, Till van Rahden outlined how the opposition of majority and minority introduced a level of abstraction into struggles over recognition.





Transmitting Anne Frank to GenZ: Opportunities and challenges in telling Anne Frank's life story to the next generation

On November 15th, IES welcomed RONALD LEOPOLD, Director of the Anne Frank House Museum, to give the annual Johan Snapper Lecture in Dutch Studies. Almost 80 years after her tragic death in concentration camp Bergen-Belsen, Anne Frank still figures prominently in the public domain. Over the years, her diary and her life story have been the subject of an expansive output of adaptations and engagements, giving her an iconic status. While there is an unabated interest in Anne Frank, new generations connect to her on their own terms and within their own, rapidly changing, media landscape. It poses a challenge to us to open up to their worlds and to find new ways to tell the story of Anne Frank.

What Are Friends For? How Friendships Promote Immigrant Integration: A Focus on Denmark

On November 27th, the Institute of European Studies hosted a lecture by ASHRAF RACHID (Aarhus University) on his ongoing research project to address the question: do immigrants'

friendships with ethnic majority-members promote their integration? In addition to presenting his theoretical arguments and preliminary findings, he also shed light on immigration and integration policies in Denmark – the case of interest in his project.

Navigating change: studying the social transformation of La Ciotat's maritime society during the sail-to-steam transition.

On November 29th, The Modern Greek & Hellenic Studies Program at IES held a lecture by KALLIOPI VASILAKI (IMS-FORTH). Vasilaki discussed her study of the coastal town of La Ciotat, in the French Mediterranean, which underwent a profound and rapid transformation in the 19th century. The transition from sail to steam power in shipping had a decisive impact on the town, fundamentally reshaping its economic foundations and social fabric. Vasilaki offered a comprehensive overview of the methodologies employed to explore the transformation process of La Ciotat's maritime society.

The Politics of Individualization of Employment Relationships in France and Europe.

On December 5th, the Center of Excellence in French & Francophone Studies at IES was pleased to host a lecture by MAXIME BORG (European University Institute). Borg analyzed the increasing flexibilization of the European labor force, concluding that this trend primarily stems from the casualization of the high-skilled labor force. By analyzing the politics of reforms of several European labour markets, he demonstrated that institutional changes individualizing social rights and employment relationships lie at the root of the flexibilization of high-skilled workers.

Recent Trends in AI

On December 7th at the occasion of the visit of the Minister-President of Flanders (Belgium) to the Berkeley campus, the Institute of European Studies hosted a roundtable on recent trends in AI. The panel began with a presentation by PIETER ABBEEL (UC Berkeley) reviewing the trajectory of AI technologies and increasing interest in the subject over the past few decades. This was followed by a roundtable discussion with various business leaders, including Shaun Johnson, Han Vanholder, Jan Rabaey, Francoise Chombar, Luc Van den hove, Jan Smedts, and Luc Martens.

The Myth of the Nordic Utopia

On December 6th, the Nordic Center at IES hosted a panel discussion featuring Dr. ELIZABETH LÖWE HUNTER (UC Berkeley) and Dr. JASMIE KELEKAY (UC Berkeley), moderated by TEJU ADISA-FARRAR (Fibers Fund) on how the mythology of utopia harms communities of color in the Nordic Countries. They argued that this myth assumes a one-size-fits-all framework, ignoring the structural violence faced by Afro Nordic people, other racial minorities, and indigenous people.

Robust Governance in Turbulent Times: Lessons from Danish Governance of the COVID Pandemic

On December 8th, the Nordic Center at UC Berkeley held a public session on cross-disciplinary explorations of democracy. The conference began with a book talk with CHRIS ANSELL (UC Berkeley), EVA SØRESNEN (Roskilde University) and JACOB TORFING (Roskilde University) on Robust Governance in Turbulent Times, co-authored with their colleague Jarle Trondal. The event concluded with an open session to consider how the Nordic Center could most constructively support similar efforts to explore matters of democracy and good governance at the intersection of humanities and social sciences.

Digital Refuge: Presenting and Preserving Refugee Narratives

On December 13th, The Modern Greek & Hellenic Studies Program at IES invited KATERINA LINOS (UC Berkeley Law) to present her work on the Digital Refuge Project. Over a million displaced people have entered Europe over the last few years, fleeing war-torn regions; the Digital Refuge Project maps their journeys through their own words. Prof. Linos presented the scope of the project, which includes translating, coding, mapping and charting over 6,000 interviews with refugees, and over 10,000 Facebook posts from Arabic and Farsi refugee sites, to contrast the official narrative of the European refugee crisis, with the perspective of displaced persons themselves.



CONFERENCES

In Fall 2023, IES was pleased to host our annual Undergraduate Conference as well as sponsor two conferences approaching global topics through an interdisciplinary lens.



UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE FROM KIEV TO BRUSSELS: UNDERSTANDING THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE IN A BROADER EUROPEAN CONTEXT

On November 17th, undergraduates from UC Berkeley, Stanford, and DeAnza College participated in the annual IES Undergraduate Conference. The conference consisted of three panels addressing the implications of the war in Ukraine from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, followed by a keynote address by EVAN READE, International Affairs Advisor, Office of the Lt. Governor of California.

Introductory Remarks

Jeroen Dewulf, UC Berkeley

Keynote speech

Evan Reade, International Affairs Advisor, Office of the Lt. Governor of California

Panel 1: Civil Society

Moderator: Jonah Levy, UC Berkeley

- Jinze Hu, DeAnza College
- Ashley Meyer, Stanford University
- Grant Gillinger, Berkeley

Panel 2: Security and Defense

Moderator: Christopher Jackson, DeAnza College

- Alexander Richter, Berkeley
- Christina Mueller, Berkeley
- Zachary Yan

Panel 3: Focus on Eastern Europe

Moderator: Luis M. Hinojosa Martínez, University of Granada

- Brett Dunham, Berkeley
- Ali Ansari, Stanford University
- Andrey Kasputin, Berkeley

CUMULATIVE RADICALIZATION IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

Sponsored by the Social Science Matrix, Institute of European Studies, Institute for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, France-Berkeley Fund, Center for Jewish Studies, and Armenian Studies Program

How and why do policies of mass violence and genocide emerge? During this conference on October 27th, scholars convened to develop fresh answers to this critical question. Integrating insights from the literatures on political violence and “cumulative radicalization,” an influential idea developed in Holocaust studies, the participants explored how interactions between macro-level decisionmakers and subnational dynamics shape whether and how radicalization of violence takes place in a wide range of cases.

Introductory Remarks

Scott Straus and Robert Braun, UC Berkeley

On the Armenian Genocide

- Ronald Suny, University of Michigan

On the Holocaust

- Claire Zalc, CNRS-ENS & EHESS
- Kasia Nalewajko, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

On the Cambodian Genocide

- Benjamin Kiernan, Yale

On Genocide in South-East Asia

- William Kwok, Yale

On Mass Violence in China

- Yang Su, UC Irvine

On Mass Violence in Guatemala

- Rachel Schwartz, University of Oklahoma

Introductory Remarks

Richard Rhodes, UC Berkeley
Anna Serra-Llobet, UC Berkeley

Panel 1

The National Flood Insurance Program in United States: can it be fixed?

- Gerry Galloway, University of Maryland
- Antoinette Stein Federal Emergency Management Agency FEMA Region 9

Canadian experiments in managing flood risk

- Jessica Strauss and Robin Bourke, Public Safety Canada

The Floods Directive: a Europe-wide framework to manage flooding

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Flood risk management in Austria: links between mapping, spatial planning and building regulation

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Flood insurance: International examples and public-private partnerships

- Francisco Espejo, Consorcio de Compensación de Seguros, Spain and OECD Expert Group on Insurance

Closing Remarks

Implications for Innovative policies in California

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