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History
The first annual SIS Undergraduate Research Symposium took place in 1998 to provide a forum for undergraduates to present outstanding research. Now in its fifteenth year, the symposium continues to highlight exceptional undergraduate research projects covering an array of important international issues. By offering students an opportunity to discuss and further develop their undergraduate research, the symposium helps to celebrate our diverse interests as students and build a community of scholars who exemplify the commitment to academic excellence and global service—core tenets of SIS.
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4:00 PM Introduction & Welcome Founders Room
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4:15-5:45 PM Session 1 Panel 1: The Middle East & North Africa – Introspection & Projection (SIS 260)
Chair: Professor Kristin Smith Diwan ~ Discussant: Jennifer Bushaw
Olivia Henshaw: America’s Dominant Discourse on Chinese Aid to Sudan
Alexandra Schultz: Childhood Diarrhea in Egypt: A Hopeful Case
Travis Stright: The Inhibitors and Prospects of Democracy in the Arab World: Identifying Factors of Successful Revolutions

Panel 2: The Environment In Demand (SIS 349)
Chair: Edward Lucas ~ Discussant: Kate Reese
Jessica Darmawan: Palm Oil in Indonesia: Adopting Sustainable Practices while Meeting Global Demand
Sean Dugdale: Water Wars: Institution Effectiveness and Perception as Determinant of Conflict in Water Scarce States
Matthew Epsie: Protecting Biodiversity: The EU as a Case Study

Panel 3: Internalizing International Relations (SIS 348)
Chair: Jason Rancatore ~ Discussant: Horia Michael Dijmarescu
Christine Crow: Female Security Force Peacekeepers and the Effectiveness of Peacekeeping Operations
Allison Sylvester: Collective Memory of Villa Grimaldi: Contentious Frameworks for Understanding Torture after Transition in Chile
Julia White: Identity Crises: Effect of Immigration on Latino Identity in the United States

Panel 4: From Theory to Practice (SIS Dean’s Office Conference Room, 1st floor)
Chair: Professor Aaron Boesenecker ~ Discussant: Rachel Nadelman
Alyssa Carlson: Income Inequality and Asymmetric Responses to Corruption
Emily Edwards: The Effect of Economic Growth on Quality of Life in Developing Countries
Hannah Suh: Shades of Blue

5:45-6:15 PM Reception Founders Room
Introduction: Nathan A. Thompson, SIS/ BA ’13, Student Co-Coordinator
Remarks: James Goldgeier, Dean

4:45-6:15 PM SIS Atrium Poster Session
Andrea Chamorro: The U.S. Cotton Industry
Colin Benz: “Türkenproblematik:” Views of the German Youth towards Turkish Minority

4:45-6:15 PM Poster Session (continued) SIS Atrium
Matthew Osborn: Patterns of Peacekeeping
Elinor Shetter: Examining Outliers Towards the Improvement of Maternal Mortality
Gabriela Siem: Does Economic Growth Affect the Level of Democracy: A Latin American Case Study
Aaron Turk: China’s Increased Military Spending: What in the World Are They Thinking?
Rachel Wolff: Civic Education and Developing Countries: A Challenge in Democratic Theory

6:15-7:45 PM Session 2 Panel 1: Sub-Saharan Africa – Communities in Concert (SIS 260)
Chair: Professor Boaz Atzili ~ Discussant: Johannes Langer
Stephanie Eichmann: Tourism as a Tool for Development: A Case Study of the Okavango Delta, Botswana
Emily Hoerner: Worlds of Potential: Funding for Community-Based Organizations in Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya
Glynnis McIntyre: Microfinance: An Analysis of Success and Challenges in West Africa
Sarah Teitel: International Intervention in Rwanda

Panel 2: Security – Partnerships for Success (SIS 349)
Chair: Professor David Bell Mislan ~ Discussant: Tom Long
Nicholas Hajek: Disarming the Soviet Legacy: Cooperation and Contention in U.S.-Russian Threat
Joshua Jacobs: Conventional Vulnerabilities to Saudi Energy Infrastructure
Gary Zottoli: Only Nixon Could Go to China

Panel 3: Adaptation & Transnational Identities (SIS 348)
Chair: Professor Patrick Thaddeus Jackson ~ Discussant: Kate Tennis
Elise Alexander: Salt of the Earth: Cultural Adaptation of Protestants in the Levant
Elizabeth Calos: Transnational Citizenship Policies in Net-Sending and Net-Receiving Countries: The Immigration Relationship between Ecuador and Spain
Ayano Kosuge: Equal Educational Opportunities for Children of Dekasegi, Japan

7:45-8:00 PM Thank You & Closing Founders Room
Introduction: Jared P. Hutchins, SIS/ BA ’13, Student Co-Coordinator
Concluding Remarks: Professor Aaron Boesenecker, International Politics Program, Faculty Supervisor