Seventh Annual Thesis Conference
21 April 2007—9:00 am Newcomb Hall, Commonwealth Room

Brief Welcome
Prof. Michael Smith, Program Director

Panel One—9:00 am

McKenzie Haynes
毛主席万岁 Long Live Chairman Mao: How the Symbol of Mao Zedong Reconciles the Paradox of Modern Chinese Political Culture

Maha Kausar
“Let us tell them what is true:” Limiting and Enabling Women in Local Politics in Sahiwal, Pakistan

Mark D. Thyrring
Postwar Possibilities: The Allied Occupation and Gender Inequality in Japan

Brief commentary and discussion

Panel Two—10:05 am

Jennifer A. Kane
In the Wake of the American Dream: The Duplicity of Progress

Kate Daughdrill
Art Matters: The Role of Socially Engaged Art in Improving Local Communities

Brief commentary and discussion followed by a very short break

Panel Three—11:10 a.m.

Benjamin P. DeForest
Translating the Boundaries: A Comparative Study of Ancient, Modern and Contemporary Conceptions of Disciplinarity

Daniel Joseph Foré
High Politics and Political Theory: The Major Writings of Marvell, Sidney and Locke

Josh Cincinnati
Edit This Thesis: The Power of Wikipedia, Community, and Democracy

Brief commentary and discussion followed by a lunch recess. Please note the time to reconvene: 1:15 pm, sharp.
Panel Four—1:15 p.m.

Jackie Kruszewski  
Eyes on the World: The Potato in Andean Agricultural Development and its Implications for Global Food Systems

Andrew Braedon Duncan  
“The President in His Labyrinth”: Chavismo & the Search for a Multipolar World

Elizabeth V. Stork  
Radical Democracy: Grassroots Social Movements in Latin America and the Challenge to Global Liberalism

Brief commentary and discussion

Panel Five—2:20 p.m.

A-J Aronstein  
Realistically Speaking: New American Realists and the Politics of the Contemporary Novel

Alana Levinson-LaBrosse  
The Daughters of Storm-footed Steeds: Metaphor and the Hybridization of Rhetoric in India

Caitlin N. Howarth  
The Imprint of Violence: Studying Mutilation in the Context of Genocide

Brief commentary and discussion

Panel Six—3:30 p.m.

Elena Maria Coyle  
Public Housing and the Difference Principle: A Policy Analysis in post-Katrina New Orleans

Timothy Ly  
Broken Structures, Not Broken Windows: How NGOs Can Mitigate the Structural Violence of Neoliberalism

Brief commentary and discussion

Panel Seven—4:20 pm

Rachel Crouch  
Property Formalization and Infrastructural Development in Peri-Urban Lima

Daniel Pike  
Unveiling War’s Influence on Gender Dynamics

Charles A. Taylor  
The Devil’s Excrement: A Property Rights and Institutional Explanation of the Resource Curse

Brief commentary and discussion

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