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GDS Governance and Leadership

Tim Seidel, Section/Program Chair

April 2023 – April 2024 Eastern Mennonite University (EMU)

Rohan Kalyan, Section Vice Chair

April 2023 – April 2024 Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)

Lisa Tilley, Past Section Chair

April 2022 – April 2024 SOAS, University of London

Bikrum Gill, Newsletter Editor

April 2023 - April 2024 Virginia Tech





Note from the GDS Collective

Dear GDS Community,

It was great to see so many of you in Montreal. Hoping you all are well.

In this newsletter we are excited to share updates from the GDS community, award announcements, recent publications and other celebrations. Minutes from the GDS business meeting are also included, including statements of support for those affected by the earthquake in Turkey, Syria, and Rojava as well as for a "Community Statement on Academic Freedom" (here).

We also want to highlight some upcoming upcoming dates:

June 1: As you all know, the deadline for proposals is already upon us for ISA 2024 in San Francisco. Please send your panel, roundtable, and paper submissions and be sure to select GDS as your preferred section. Find the call here: https://www.isanet.org/Conferences/ISA2024/Call.

June 30: The deadline for the GDS Book Award nominations is June 30. Learn more at https://www.isanet.org/Programs/Awards/GDS-Book.

August 11: The deadline for submissions for the Edward Said Award is August 11. Learn more at https://www.isanet.org/Programs/Awards/Edward-Said-Award.

October 1: We want to get the word out early that the deadline for the Teresia Teaiwa Student Paper Award, which is organised in collaboration with FTGS, will be October 1. Learn more at https://www.isanet.org/Programs/Awards/Teresia-Teaiwa-Student-Paper-Award.

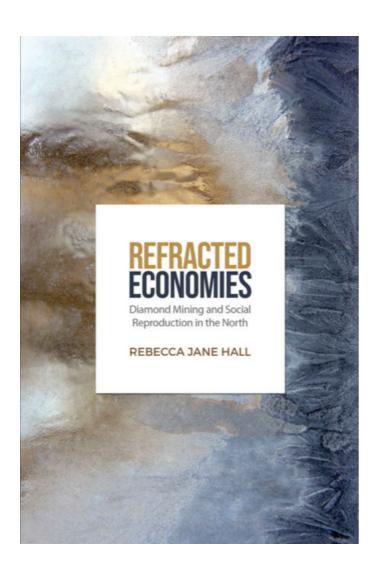
Thanks, All, and if you have any newsletter-related questions, please contact us at <u>GDSnewsletter.ISA@gmail.com</u>.

The GDS Collective



GDS 2023 AWARDS

2023 GDS Book Award Winner



The deadline for nominations is June 30, 2023.

To learn more, visit https://www.gdsisa.org/gds-book-award.

Rebecca Hall

Refracted Economies: Diamond Mining and Social Reproduction in the North

Refracted Economies is a gendered analysis of the diamond mining industry in the Canadian sub arctic, and the experiences of the northern Indigenous communities upon whose lands these mines were established. Taking a decolonizing and feminist approach to political economy, the book centers on Indigenous women's social reproduction labor and the ways in which caring labor ties together sites of (capitalist) work, home, and care. The fieldwork was conducted through community-based research in partnership with The Native Women's Association of Northwest Territories and draws documentary analysis, interviews, and talking circles. It not only problematizes the ethics of extraction and its exceptions, excavating care present in extractive spaces and in engaging a critical political economic analysis with Indigenous experiences /ontologies. Reproducing the narratives of our times and complicating the meanings of Canadian identity, this book exhibits the insight of intersectional approaches where one with gender and development allows for a more situated and personal understanding of the power relations, impacts, and the other sides of developmentalism within a country's own borders.



$\overline{\mathrm{GDS}\ 2023}\ \overline{\mathrm{AWARDS}}$

GDS Book Award - Honorable Mentions

Jayita Sarkar, Ploughshares and Swords: India's Nuclear Program in the Global Cold War, (Cornell University Press, 2022). Ploughshares and Swords: adopts a novel approach to studying global development by centring technopolitics and territoriality at the heart of nuclear infrastructures in the largest democracy in the world. Spanning across four decades of archive-based transnational history while making conceptual contributions to international studies of development, Ploughshares and Swords, sheds new light on India's nuclear program, the making of the postcolonial nation-state, the remaking of borders and borderlands, and the contentious character of global development itself, the book shows why and how India's leaders and middle classes tolerated the risks and costs of the program in the name of the nation. In doing so, it presents a complex and even a darker side of the development project of which the nuclear and space programs formed a cornerstone. The book carefully crafts a rich take on the relationship between nuclear power and development, with rich, clear, and original arguments, through extensive research, that gives a different take on hegemonic historical narratives and a sense of other kinds of knowledges and politics at play.

Mohamed Sesay, Domination Through Law: Internationalization of Legal Norms in Postcolonial Africa (Littlefield, 2021). Domination through Law develops a postcolonial critique of international rule of law to argue that legal norms and institutions transferred from the global center often perpetuate forms of domination by reinforcing structural, social, and cost-related barriers to justice in postconflict African states. Aimed at problematizing the benign characterizations of contemporary rule of law promotion, the book questions international efforts that disproportionately favor those who have been historically privileged by unequal socio-legal and economic structures at the expense of those who lack the resources to use the formal legal system. It also contends that externally supported rule of law development that stresses standardization, formalization, and centralization of legal structures in postcolonial Africa has only succeeded in entrenching a state-based system that is highly elitist, centralized, and designed for the application of English law. This book is a profound intervention tackling the colonial foundations of global governance and legal processes through which such governance is sustained, exposing how sovereignty is framed and contained.

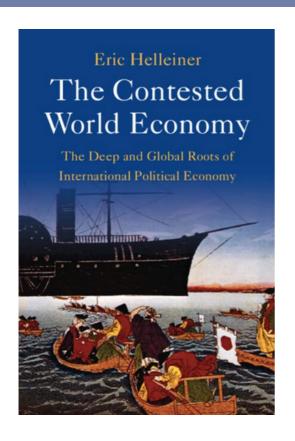
GDS Edward Said Award (call for submissions)

The GDS Edward Said Award Committee is pleased to announce the call for submissions for the 2023 award. Graduate students who presented a paper at the 2023 ISA Convention and are members of GDS are invited to submit their papers to the following email address by August 11, 2023: gdsaward@gmail.com. Third World Quarterly commemorates the legacy of Edward Said by granting a US\$500 prize for this award. For complete eligibility and submission guidelines please see https://www.isanet.org/Programs/Awards/Edward-Said-

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or contact the committee chair, Casey McNeill (cmcneill5@fordham.edu).



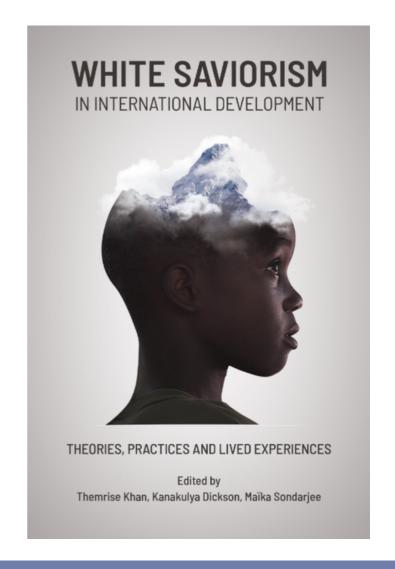


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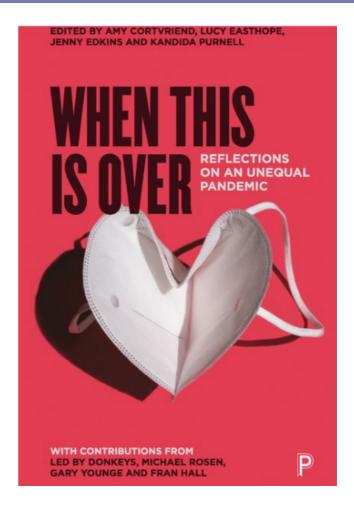
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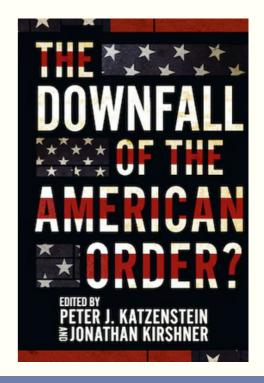
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ADDITIONAL NOTICES

CALL FOR CELEBRATIONS!

Angela Pashayan is scheduled to be interviewed for the Brookings Podcast - African Growth Initiative, by Director Aloysius Uche Ordu. The interview will go live May 24th on the Bookings website (AGI Page), and will focus on Angela's work and research on the slums of Kenya, particularly the Mukuru Slum.

Isaac Kamola received a grant from the Climate Social Science Network (CSSN) at Brown University for the project "Carbon Post-Colonialism: How the Atlas Network Manufactured the Narrative of Carbon-based Development in Africa."

Peter Wagner, has been selected for a Fulbright Specialist mission at the University of Lomé, Togo, May 8 to June 17.



ADDITIONAL NOTICES

ISA 2024 Call for Abstracts

Cities and Spaces of Pacification in IR Theory

Kevin Funk, Columbia University, kf2685@columbia.edu

Catherine Chiniara Charrett, University of Westminster, c.charrett@westminster.ac.uk

This panel interrogates the ways in which urban space exemplifies the pace, scale and territoriality of the local, international, and global. Though long overlooked in IR theory, cities evoke the need to analyze how political action unfolds in discrete local sites that feature a dense array of cross-border energies. Accordingly, focusing on cities allows for the development of a spatially inflected understanding of phenomena that are of recurring interest in IR, including different levels of governance, diverse transnational flows (including of migrants and capital), and the complexities of racial, class, and gender dynamics. This panel thus advances IR's engagement with cities, space, and territory by pursuing the following questions: How do elite imaginaries of "global cities" form and subsequently serve to render space "safe" for capital accumulation? What is the nature and significance of contemporary efforts to "pacify" urban space, and what political possibilities do these pacification strategies foment or forestall? How do such efforts give rise to unique sites of autonomous rule and ungovernability, along with other emerging forms of resistance? And how can the density of transnational flows of ideas, people and energies in urban space contribute to the formation of new kinds of commons in response?

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Cities as sites of pacification
- Cities and their relationship to plantations
- Queer resistance within urban space
- Cities as spaces of anti-racist organising
- Urban space and capital accumulation
- Elite imaginaries of "global cities"
- The colonial infrastructure of cities
- Governance and crime within cities
- Gendered vulnerability and agency within cities
- Racialised architectures within and around cities
- Insurgent urban practices and movements
- Transit and migration within and between cities
- Political and environmental economies of cities

Please send your abstract to c.charrett@westminster.ac.uk and kf2685@columbia.edu by 21 May 2023. Please include a 200-word abstract, a title and a list of key words. Our hope is to extend this conversation beyond ISA 2024 and work towards a special issue on Cities, Space and Pacification in IR.



GDS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES MARCH 16, 2023 (MONTREAL, QC)

March 16, 2023, 12-1.53PM EST

Chair: Timothy Seidel (GDS Vice-Chair chaired the meeting in place of Lisa Tilley, who could not attend due to industrial action in the UK.

Meeting notes: Timothy Seidel, Rohan Kalyan & Lisa Tilley

Attendance: ca. 30

1. Welcome and introduction.

GDS Vice-Chair Tim Seidel introduced the Global Development Section and welcomed members to the Business Meeting. He passed along apologies from GDS Chair Lisa Tilley who was unable to attend as she's committed to industrial action in the UK. Immense gratitude was expressed to Lisa for all the incredible work she did on behalf of GDS for this year's ISA conference.

2. Section updates.

Several updates were shared with members.

Membership update: the GDS community is now made up of 701 members, which means our membership has doubled since 2009. This is the first year we have exceeded 700 members, and this places us among the most populated sections in the ISA. GDS sponsored over seventy sessions at this Convention. A total of 235 items were submitted to the Section for consideration, including 28 first panel proposals.

Governance update: GDS has three main officers. The Section Chair position has this year been filled by Dr Lisa Tilley of SOAS, University of London. Dr Timothy Seidel of the Eastern Mennonite University served in the Deputy Chair/Chair Elect role, and Dr Rohan Kalyan of Virginia Commonwealth University fulfilled the role of Joint Newsletter Editor, shared also with the incoming Chair.

After a call for nominations, Dr Bikrum Gill (Virginia Tech) was nominated by five GDS members to step into the Newsletter Editor role for 23/24 and eventually progress into the Chair position in 25/26. Bikrum was nominated by Nivi Manchanda, Akta Rao, Ghada Sasa, Tim Seidel, and Rohan Kalyan. A vote of affirmation was taken with unanimous affirmation given to Bikrum.



Question during the meeting:

- Were there additional nominations? There were no additional nominations (confirmed by the outgoing Chair)

Finance update: The finances of the section remain healthy, with total funds currently standing at US\$19,022.57. During the last fiscal year 2021-2022 the section's expenditures totalled US\$4,940 including \$4,355.13 for catering and signage for the GDS Reception, and US\$585 for awards and other related expenses.

Sponsorship: The Global Development Section is sponsored by Third World Quarterly (TWQ). For 2023, TWQ will contribute US\$3,000 towards our reception costs. The journal has also offered \$500 to be paid to the Edward Said Award (ESA) winner each year.

Issues for this year: Firstly, visa issues for scholars outside of North America and the old imperial core have been extremely prohibitive this time - many Global South scholars applied for visas in September when the programme was published but did not get these in time and were forced to withdraw. This obviously means many of our community were excluded leaving many empty spaces on our sessions. A question was raised about who were denied visas and where were they from regionally. Section leaders will look into this. It was noted that Canada has become increasingly problematic on visa issues, raising the question for some if future conferences should be held here.

Question:

- Do we have info on who was forced to withdraw (and where they are from regionally) because of visa issues? From Lisa: My understanding is that members from Global South countries have been particularly affected, whether based in the South itself or based at Global North institutions. At the Governing Council meeting this was confirmed as a major problem affecting Global South scholars and those from other countries outside of the 'Anglosphere.'



Secondly, some panels accepted by GDS were removed by ISA due to space constraints - this is something we'll try more actively to avoid next year. Questions were raised about why and how this happened...

Question during the meeting:

- How and why did this happen?
- What were topics of panels removed? And who was impacted?
- How did we compare to other Sections? That is, how were these decisions made by ISA and how did they impact GDS compared to other Sections? From Lisa: Basically, ISA asks chairs to order panels, in our case in a list of about 77 in total. The panels lower down the list are indicated as being in danger of removal if there is no space on the programme. However, as it turned out, panels in the 'danger zone' were added to the programme and others from much higher up in the list were removed, possibly because these were sponsored solely by GDS, rather than cosponsored. The topics ranged from Indigenous politics to political economy and there is no sense that panels were targeted specifically for content. Some valued members of the GDS community were affected. I'm unaware of how GDS compared to other sections on this matter.

3. Awards updates.

GDS organises a number of well-established and prestigious awards for a range of achievements including books and papers.

The Distinguished Scholar Award: The Distinguished Scholar Award is presented to a senior scholar who has made a notable contribution to the field of Development (broadly defined). The recipient will have substantially influenced scholarship in a timely and sustained way. For this year, the Distinguished Scholar Committee has selected Professor AbdouMaliq Simone (University of Sheffield, UK) as the 2023 honouree. The 2022-23 Distinguished Scholar Award Committee was composed of: Heloise Weber (University of Queensland); Mustapha Pasha (Aberystwyth University); and Matt Davies (Newcastle University). This year's committee will include Matt Davies (Newcastle University), Heloise Weber (University of Queensland), and Sam O. Opondo (Vassar College).



The Edward Said Award: The Edward Said Award is the Section's best graduate paper prize. At last year's Convention, the 2022 Award was presented to Sabrina Axster for her paper: "Managing a World in Motion: The Racial Capitalist and Colonial Roots of Immigration Detention." The 2022 Edward Said Award Committee was composed of: Casey McNeill (Fordham University), Mary Jane Parmentier (Arizona State University), Meera Sabaratnam (SOAS University of London), and Timothy Seidel (chair, Eastern Mennonite University). In order to bring the Edward Said Award into line with other ISA awards, the next award will be made in 2024 for a paper presented in 2023 at the Montreal Convention. Thanks to the generous offer on the part of Third World Quarterly, we are now able to offer \$500 in prize money to the Edward Said Award winner. The committee for this year (2023-24) consists of: Casey McNeill (as Committee Chair) Mary Jane Parmentier, Meera Sabaratnam, Aida Hozic, and K. Melchor Hall.

The Teresia Teaiwa Award: This award is shared with the FTGS section and was not awarded this year. The committee is revisiting the award guidelines with the hope of seeing more applicants next year. Robbie Shilliam and Ajay Parasram are the GDS Members on that award committee.

The GDS Book Award: The GDS Book Award is our annual prize for an excellent work published in the broad field of Development. This year, we are very pleased to announce that the GDS Book prize will be awarded to: Rebecca Hall for her wonderful work entitled Refracted Economies: Diamond Mining and Social Reproduction in the North (University of Toronto Press, 2022). Huge congratulations to Rebecca! The Book Award Committee for 2022-23 was composed of: Akta Rao (chair), Vinicius Tavares de Oliveira, Lisa Tilley, Shiera El-Malik, Sakiko Fukuda-Parr and Rafael Bittencourt. All committee members are staying on for this coming year.

5. Committee updates.

Social Media Team: Rohan Kalyan (chair), Akta Kaushal, and Kevin Funk have served on this committee. Michelle Lee Brown agreed to join the team.



Solidarity Committee: Sharri Plonski, Mary Tuti Baker, Riva Gewarges, and Mariam Georgis have served on this committee. Riva is rotating off. Desiree Poets and Massarah Dawood agreed to join the committee.

6. Solidarity.

GDS was invited to support two statements. Both were presented, discussed, and endorsed in turn.

Support for those affected by the earthquake in Turkey, Syria, and Rojava: this proposal to extend members' solidarity to those communities affected by the earthquake across Turkey, Syria, and Rojava was read:

We send condolences and solidarity to GDS members affected by the earthquake across Turkey, Syria, and Rojava in February. We recognize the devastating loss members with connections to those regions are experiencing and we will work to support colleagues affected.

Conversation followed about the statement and ideas for material support. A suggestion was made to include the statement along with ways members could support in the next GDS Newsletter. After conversation, members were asked to support the statement with a raise of hands. There was unanimous support.

Support for academic freedom and solidarity with Palestine: a "Community Statement on Academic Freedom" was sent to all ISA Sections and Caucuses ahead of this year's conference. This community statement is not a public statement, but an internal ISA document meant to gather support across Sections and Caucuses to demonstrate to the ISA Executive that there is support for a larger conversation on boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) at ISA. Tim introduced the statement and read it in its entirety. The statement closes with an invitation to endorse. Tim reiterated the text on the presentation slide:

GDS as a Section has always centred and supported scholars working with anti-colonial and related approaches to justice in both theory and practice.

GDS members therefore stand in solidarity with Palestinians whose homeland has been continuously colonised since the Nakba in 1948.



We recognise that Palestinians face one of the world's most severe examples of violations against academic freedom - including freedom of speech, movement, and livelihood.

And we oppose ongoing and escalating institutional and physical violence committed against Palestinian academics, researchers, students, and staff.

We, as members of GDS, therefore wholeheartedly support this ISA community statement on academic freedom.

After reading the statement, the floor was opened for questions, comments, and concerns. Comments raised in the conversation included:

- The framing of academic freedom is important to process this through the ISA system. The Academic Freedom Committee is another mechanism for moving this forward.
- Since this is not a public statement, it should not be posted on social media.
- The point was made that ISA does release public statements, for example on Russia and Ukraine as well as Black Lives Matter.
- ISA recently released a report on ISA statements that we should review.

After inviting any additional comments as well as concerns, members were asked to support the statement with a raise of hands. There was unanimous support.

Find the full community statement here.

7. Closing and invitation.

Tim closed thanking all for joining, inviting all to stick around for the Distinguished Scholar Roundtable and to join us for the GDS Reception later that evening.



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- Send us information about you
- Send us short newsletter analyses
- Serve in any capacity

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