

NOTE FROM THE SECTION CHAIR (2015-2016)

Greetings! I hope you are all keeping well!

We hope you would be able to join in the exciting and inspiring events organized by the GDS Section at the forthcoming ISA Convention in Atlanta. The GDS Section has sponsored (and /or co-sponsored) some very exciting panels and roundtables on a range of topics and themes of concern to us! There should be lots for all and each of us! Please browse the program in advance for the full list of the GDS Section presence at the ISA!

Also, please make note of the following special events scheduled by the GDS Section (in addition to all the other exciting GDS sponsored panels and roundtables):

- A) Please join us to honor the 2016 GDS Section Eminent Scholar, Professor Cristina Rojas, on Friday at 16:00 (program slot FD05); this will be followed by
- B) The GDS Reception – sponsored, as always, by *Third World Quarterly* (Routledge/Taylor&Francis). This is a great chance to meet GDS Section members and catch up! At this reception we will also thank Prof. Rojas for accepting our invitation to honor her scholarship (From 19:00 on Friday, Hilton, *Grand Ballroom B*).
- C) Please also make time to attend the GDS Business Meeting, which is held on Friday from 12:30-13:30; currently, this is scheduled for room 212 in the Hilton.
- D) Finally, please support a new GDS Event: The GDS Roundtable. This will now become regular at Annual ISA Conventions. This coming year, the GDS Roundtable theme will be on “Reclaiming Development”, and it will be held on Friday at 10:30 (program slot FB50).

GDS Graduate Paper Prize

We are delighted that the GDS Section Graduate Paper Prize will be inaugurated at the ISA 2016 Atlanta Convention! The winner will be announced at the GDS Section Reception (From 19:00 on Friday, Hilton, *Grand Ballroom B*). Please do join us!

The Global Development Studies (GDS) Section Membership - Important

As already noted, the GDS Section has a strong suite of sponsored and co-sponsored panels at Atlanta! We made every effort to include all papers and panels submitted to us for sponsorship. We have also proactively picked up and sponsored relevant papers and panels (for example, on themes such as migration, refugees, race and colonial/postcolonial) that were submitted to other sections. The GDS can only continue to offer such support through a strong membership base.

As panel allocations for sections at the ISA annual conventions are tied to section-membership numbers, please do actively spread the word to friends and colleagues about joining the GDS! If you are already a member of the GDS Section, please do remember to renew your membership!

For more information on the Global Development Studies (GDS) Section, please visit: <http://www.isanet.org/ISA/Sections/GDS>

Thanks

Many thanks to all the members of our new committees and sub-committees, who have put some excellent work into improving the GDS' profile, visibility, and function as a hub for exchange and collaboration over the past year.

Also, a big “thank you” to Shiera Malik (GDS Section Chair Elect, 2017-18) for all her time and efforts with the GDS Section, including and beyond the newsletter forum!

Last but not least- to all our members – thank you for your support! We really hope you will join us at Atlanta for the GDS Section sponsored events!

Looking forward to seeing you at Atlanta!

Heloise (Weber)
(School of Political Science and International Studies, The University of Queensland).

FORTHCOMING WORKSHOPS, CFPs and JOBS

UK Development Studies Association Conference, University of Oxford, 12-14 September 2016

The theme of the conference is "Politics in Development". The conference will take place in the historic Examination Schools in the centre of the city, with accommodation provided in nearby colleges.

Keynote speakers are:

James A. Robinson, author of *Why Nations Fail: The origins of power, prosperity and poverty* and *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy* (with Daron Acemoglu)

and

Tania Li, author of *The Will to Improve: Governmentality, Development, and the Practice of Politics* and *Land's End: Capitalist Relations on an Indigenous Frontier*

The call for panels is now open, until **29 February**.

Please visit <http://www.nomadit.co.uk/dsa/dsa2016/> for more info.

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Gregynog Ideas Lab V

We are delighted to be able to announce that the Gregynog Ideas Lab V will take place from 11 - 16 July 2016 in Newtown, Wales, UK. Set up in 2012, the Gregynog Ideas Lab is a unique opportunity for graduate students and academics working in international politics from a range of critical, postcolonial, feminist, post-structural and psychoanalytic traditions to re-examine their own work and meet new people in an open space for thinking and generating new ideas. It offers guest professor seminars, round table discussions, methodology workshops and one-to-one tutorials with the guest professors. For more information, please see the documents attached.

Provisionally, our guest professors for 2016 are: Jenny Edkins (Aberystwyth), Tom Lundborg (Swedish Institute of International Affairs), Himadeep Muppidi (Vassar), Sam Okoth Opondo (Vassar), Erzsebet Strausz (Warwick), Rob Walker (Victoria), Annick T. R. Wibben (San Francisco), and Andreja Zevnik (Manchester).

This is the last time that the organisation of the Ideas Lab will be based in Aberystwyth University. For more information about the Ideas Lab, visit our blog at <http://gregynog.blogspot.co.uk>, join our facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/675435315871900/> or email Yvonne Rinkart, our Graduate Administrator, on gregynogideaslab@gmail.com.

Call for proposals: *Organized Violence and the Expansion of Capital*

Edited by Dawn Paley, Autonomous University of Puebla, Mexico and Simon Granovsky-Larsen, University of Regina, Canada.

Español abajo

Organized violence takes many forms across Mexico, Central America, and South America, and is perpetrated by many actors. Much emphasis is placed by researchers on violence as it is connected to political ideologies, as in the case of Colombia; as the after-effect of recently ended internal conflicts, as in Central America and Peru; or as connected to narco-trafficking, as in Mexico. When massacres or acts of mass terror penetrate the media's silence, violence throughout the region is generally presented as random and inevitable, linked to bad apples in security forces, armies of dehumanized gang members, or corrupt mafias.

Organized Violence and the Expansion of Capital is an edited volume in which we propose to explore how violences throughout Mexico, Central, and South America are neither random, nor are they fixed outcomes of past social trauma. Our proposal is political: to examine how organized violence in the region operates and is shaped within a broader context of capital investment and corporate activity, especially in the extractive industries. We are open to submissions from or about any country or countries in Mexico, Central, and South America, but we expect the book to highlight cases from countries where cooperation in the US-led drug war has been tightest, particularly Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Colombia, and Peru.

We are seeking proposals for journalistic and/or academic research examining the connections between violence and the expansion of capital in the countries of Mexico, Central, and/or South America. Our interest is to collectively contribute to a growing body of work that insists that we

must find new approaches to 20th century notions of war and conflict in order to understand and articulate the connections between various forms of state and non-state violences and the expansion of capitalism.

In *Organized Violence and the Expansion of Capital*, we hope to include work from scholars working from across the hemisphere, and are able to translate accepted Spanish-language submissions for publication in English, in the United States.

Should you be interested in submitting a chapter, please send a 400 word (maximum) proposal that includes information on your sources. We plan to publish majority new material; if your proposed chapter has been published previously, please mention this in your proposal.

Please send submissions to: dawnpaley@gmail.com by April 15, 2016, and include “Proposal: Organized Violence” in the subject line of your email. If accepted for the volume, chapter drafts will be due by September 1, 2016.

Convocatoria de propuestas: *La violencia organizada y la expansión del capital*

Editado por Dawn Paley (Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, México) y Simon Granovsky-Larsen (Universidad de Regina, Canadá).

A lo largo de México, Centro y Sudamérica, la violencia organizada asume diversas formas y es perpetuada por muchos actores. En muchas investigaciones se suele enfatizar la liga entre violencia e ideología política, como sucede en estudios sobre Colombia; también se la retrata como efecto secundario de conflictos internos recientes en estudios sobre Centroamérica y Perú, o como producto del narcotráfico en trabajos sobre México. Cuando las masacres o los actos masivos de terrorismo rompen el silencio de los medios, la violencia a lo largo y ancho de la región suele presentarse como aleatoria e inevitable, relacionada con algunos elementos corruptos en las fuerzas de seguridad, con ejércitos deshumanizados de pandillas criminales, o con mafias corruptas.

La violencia organizada y la expansión del capital es una compilación de ensayos que se propone explorar cómo las violencias en México, y en todo Centro y Sudamérica, no son azarosas, ni son los resultados inamovibles de un trauma social previo. Nuestra propuesta es política: examinar cómo la violencia organizada en la región opera y cómo toma forma dentro del contexto más amplio de la inversión del capital y de la actividad empresarial, especialmente en las industrias extractivas. Aceptamos propuestas desde o sobre México o cualquier país o países de Centroamérica y América del Sur, pero nuestro propósito es que el libro destaque los casos de países donde la cooperación con la guerra de drogas encabezada por los Estados Unidos ha sido más severa, en particular México, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Colombia y Perú.

Buscamos propuestas de investigación periodística y/o académica que examinen las conexiones entre la violencia y la expansión del capital en México y en los países de Centroamérica y/o América del Sur. Nos interesa contribuir colectivamente al creciente corpus de investigación que insiste en la necesidad de encontrar nuevos acercamientos a las nociones del siglo XX de guerra y conflicto para, de ese modo, entender y articular las conexiones entre varias formas de violencia estatal y no estatal y la expansión del capitalismo.

En *La violencia organizada y la expansión del capital* esperamos incluir textos de académicos/as que trabajen en todo el hemisferio, y estamos dispuestos/as a traducir al inglés los capítulos aceptados en español para su publicación en Estados Unidos.

Se solicita a quienes estén interesados/as en colaborar con un capítulo que envíen una propuesta de 400 palabras (máximo) con información sobre sus fuentes. Planeamos publicar principalmente material nuevo; si el texto ha sido previamente publicado, se debe mencionar en la propuesta.

Favor de enviar sus colaboraciones a: dawnpaley@gmail.com con fecha límite del 15 de abril de 2016 e incluir “Propuesta: Violencia Organizada” en el asunto del correo electrónico. En caso de ser aceptadas, las primeras versiones de los capítulos deberán entregarse con fecha límite del 1º de septiembre de 2016.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "DECOLONIZE"? Introducing the decolonial option.

7th Annual Decolonial Summer School 15th of June – 1st of July 2016
University College Roosevelt (Middelburg, The Netherlands)

UTRECHT UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE (6 ECTS)

<http://decolonialsummerschool.wordpress.com>



Africa in the 21st Century: Prospects for Secure Sustainable Development

SYNOPSIS

This workshop is designed to bring graduate students and faculty, with research interests in Africa and studying/teaching within or outside the city of Boston, together to foster networking opportunities and further knowledge exchange and debate on topical issues around three broad themes of security, environment and development. It is organised into three sessions namely: security; environment and natural resources; and shifting trends in development partnerships.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Interested graduate student presenters should send an abstract (250 words max.) focused on at least one of the above mentioned thematic areas to Jeremiah.Asaka001@umb.edu by 11:59 pm EST on March 4th, 2016.

DATE & TIME

9 am – 6 pm on April 8, 2016

VENUE

Educational Divide Reform, 6 Manassas Ave. Cambridge, MA, USA

CONVENERS

Abigail Kabandula, Jeremiah Asaka and Timothy Adivilah

Co-sponsors: UMass Boston's Global Governance & Human Security Ph.D. program; UMass Boston's College of Management; Educational Divide Reform; and, the Academy of International Business (AIB) USA North East chapter.

Please join us for a roundtable in Atlanta on Thursday entitled 'Celebrity Humanitarianism North and South: Authors Meet Critics' that promises a lively critical debate. In the last two decades especially, we have witnessed the rise of 'celebrity' forms of global humanitarianism and charity work, spearheaded by entertainment stars, billionaires, and activist NGOs (e.g. Bob Geldof, Bono, Angelina Jolie, Madonna, Bill Gates, George Soros, Save Darfur, Médecins Sans Frontières). Yet, discussion over celebrity engagement is often limited to theoretical critique or normative name-calling, without much grounded research into what it is that celebrities are doing, the same or differently throughout the world. Crucially, little attention has been paid to the Global South, either as a place where celebrities intervene into existing politics and social processes, or as the generator of Southern celebrities engaged in 'do-gooding'. In this roundtable, authors Ilan Kapoor (*Celebrity Humanitarianism: The Ideology of Global Charity*) and Lisa Ann Richey (*Celebrity Humanitarianism and North-South Relations: Politics, Place and Power*) will engage in debate with critics over the meanings and limits of celebrity humanitarianism.

About the books:

Celebrity Humanitarianism and North-South Relations: Politics, Place and Power, (Lisa Ann Richey, ed. Routledge 2016)

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Celebrity Humanitarianism: The Ideology of Global Charity (Ilan Kapoor Routledge 2013).

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CONGRATULATORY NOTICES

[We've no notices on this front, but I'm certain someone deserves congratulations! Keeping this here as a reminder that we want to hear about awards, appointments, promotions, etc.]

RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS

BOOKS

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OTHER REPORTS

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NOTICE OF ON-GOING PROJECTS

In December 2015, Robbie Shilliam (QMUL) and Lisa Tilley (Warwick) inaugurated the Raced Markets collaborative research project (<https://racedmarkets.wordpress.com/>) which draws together researchers from diverse disciplinary and geographical sites whose work broadly explores the productions and functions of race in the global economy. Our first workshop included disciplinary revisionist work on the raced market frames of influential political economy texts, as well as empirical studies relating to issues from sexist Islamophobia, to raced urban economies, to the treatment of BME physical substance within emerging bioeconomies. If you would like to know more about the project, get involved in some way or become an affiliated researcher, please contact Lisa Tilley (lisa.tilley@warwick.ac.uk)

This is to draw attention to Innovations for Peace and Development, a research program Catherine Weaver and Mike Findley recently started at the University of Texas at Austin. Here is a link to their website and annual report, which include details on all of their major grants, publications, professional development/internship opportunities for students, and partnerships.

<http://www.ipdutexas.org>

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LAST

Thanks to all who sent in newsletter items! I'll be turning this over in a couple of weeks. I thank everyone for their help and I humbly apologise for my errors and oversights. Please continue to forward any announcements that might be of interest to GDS members – including published books or articles, calls for papers or proposals, notice of events or projects, etc. – smalik6@depaul.edu with the words “GDS Newsletter” in the subject line. I will pass them on to the new Newsletter editor.