

Forum Agenda

Day 2—April 15, 2026

9:45 AM Welcome and Registration

Coffee, Tea, and Light Breakfast Provided

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Panel 1 – Borders, State Violence, and Legitimacy

"One Day, I Will Step Beyond these Borders:" Ending the Rohingya Genocide

Will Pujol, Department of Urban and Regional Planning

The Logic of Borderland Violence: Colonial Borders, Postcolonial Governance, and the Transnational Dynamics of Terrorism

Arshiya Shah, Department of Political Science

Participatory Budgeting and Perceptions of State Legitimacy: Evidence from Uzbekistan

Ikromjon Tuhtasunov, Department of Political Science

11:10 AM – 12:00 PM Concurrent Flashtalks – Critical Infrastructures: AI, Semiconductors, and Solar Energy

Securing the Weights: Constitutional Boundaries for Frontier AI Safeguards

Julia Trevino, School of Information Sciences

Anita Nikolich, School of Information Sciences

The Metric Trap: Why U.S. Semiconductor Export Controls Produce Strategic "False Positives"

Lydia Xu, Department of Political Science

Exit from the Grid: Remittances, Solar Adoption, and Political Accountability in Pakistan

Shuyan (Michael) Huang, Department of Political Science

11:10 AM – 12:00 PM Concurrent Flashtalks – Health and Safety: Digital Reproductive Data and Intimate Partner Violence

Safeguarding Reproductive Data in the Age of Digital Health

Hadyn Nuttall, Global Studies

How Federal Immigration Policy Prevents Justice for Intimate Partner Violence

Manasi Darbha, Department of Economics

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch

1:10 PM – 2:00 PM Panel 2 – Gaining Global Literacy

Global Literacy Crisis: Responding to Technological Overexposure and Exclusion

Jieun Kim, Center for Global Studies

Back to Basics: Literacy Acquisition, the Impact of Low Literacy Skills, and Policy Solutions

Luis D. Gaytán-Soto, M.A., Department of Spanish and Portuguese: Hispanic Linguistics

Araceli Pantoja, Department of Spanish and Portuguese

2:10 PM – 3:00 PM Panel 3 – Governing Transformative Digital Power

Brazil's Favela Multiplicadoras: A Liberatory Approach for Digital Equity, Justice and Democracy

Armando Jose Torres, College of Education: Education Policy, Organization and Leadership

Algorithmic Power and the Future of International Human Rights Governance

Mohlaroyim Nazarova, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Nodirbek Bobojonov

3:10 PM – 4:30 PM Bridging Science and Governance: Community Perspectives from the Caribbean

CSGGE Panel with Ana Cristina de la Parra

Guerra, Ana Carolina Torregroza Espinosa, and

Dariana Cecilia Zapata Lozada



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Welcome to Center for Global Studies' Inaugural Global Policy Forum!

Here, you'll find the details of each session, including panel topic, presenter's name, and their respective events.

We encourage you to take your time exploring the session schedule, read the abstracts and bios, and plan your attendance accordingly. Engage with the presenters, ask questions, and participate in discussions to make the most of this immersive learning experience.

Forum Registration



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Day 1—April 14, 2026

- 9:45 AM **Welcome and Registration**
Coffee, Tea, and Light Breakfast Provided
- 10:00 AM **Opening Remarks**
Professor Steve Witt, Director of the Center for Global Studies
- 10:10 AM **Keynote Speech**
Professor Jerry Davila, Director of Illinois Global Institute
- 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM **Developing Policy Briefs for Impact**
Workshop with Tracy Jooste
- 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM **Lunch Discussion**
With Dr. Kate Moore and Chris McKenzie from the Global Career Center
- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM **Global and Regional Governance in a Multi-Centric World**
Presentation by Gabriel Rached
- 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM **What Life is Like as a Scientist in Congress**
Presentation by Congressman Bill Foster
- 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Poster Session, Music Performances, and Reception**



Poster Session and Music Details

- The Triangle of Sadness: How Foreign Aid Catalyzes Investment, Producing Human Rights Violations** Alina Vang and Ani Apresyan, Political Science
- Global Governance of AI-Enabled Genomic Medicine: Reliability and Accountability** Asher Bryant, Mathematics
- Freedom of Thought, Conscience, and Religion: Navigating Social Realities and Legal Frameworks in Egypt** Asmaa Elsayed, Education
- Ocean Inequality: Environmental Justice and the Disproportionate Impact of Overfishing on Coastal Communities in Ghana** Edna Obiri, Law
- Journalistic Censorship: How Authoritarians Can Shape the Narrative** Enaya Kazmi, Political Science and Anthropology
- The Compliance Trap: How Global Mineral Governance Fails Exporter States** Jingxi Zhou, Global Studies; Zhiyu Guo, Geography & GIS; Sujia Guo, Actuarial Science
- Decolonizing Sustainability Education Abroad: Reciprocity, Governance, and the Global Common Good** Logan Tayler Pender, Education
- Global Challenges to SME Digital Adoption: Guidelines for Policy Action** Maple Fan, Philosophy
- The Limits of International Law in Deterring War Crimes** Sophia Powell, Political Science
- Building Climate Resilient Textile Supply Chains in Ethiopia: Policy Solutions for Worker Protection** Yifan Wang, Economics
- Prioritizing Environmental, Social, and Governance Frameworks for China: Key Dimensions and Implementation Pathways under a Regulator-Driven Model** Zehui Li, Accountancy; Qixuan Liu, Communication; Yiming Ma, Astronomy
- Andare Moderato from Stellar Sonata, Op. 51 by Caroline Lizotte (Born 1969)** Chloe Barry, Harp
- Sonata for flute, viola, and harp by Claude Debussy I. Pastorale II. Interlude III. Final** Flora Trio – Johnatan Torres Tavárez, Flute; Ko Shen, Viola; Molly Grace Gerck, Harp