

GSU Event Proposal – Paper Presentation

What: Presentation of two papers at the International Studies Association Conference (ISA)

Where: Honolulu, Hawaii, United States

When: March 25th - 28th, 2020

Description of the research presented

The International Studies Association (ISA) annual conference is the world biggest international venue with a dedicated Peace Studies section. In 2020, the conference will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, from March 23 to March 30, 2020. The organizers have received a record number of submissions for this edition and have thus rejected a record number of papers. I have been selected to present two papers at the conference: one single-authored and one co-authored. The single-authored paper studies the long lasting legacies of Guatemala's civil war on the country's prospect for democratization. It argues that the incredible autonomy awarded to the military during the civil strife has turned them into powerful obstacles to the construction of a lasting democracy since the end of the civil war in 1996. The paper shows that many of the former military members who have been involved in human rights abuses during Guatemala's civil war remain in important positions of power today. Some of the former perpetrators got elected to Congress, one of them even became Guatemala's President. Not only do some of these retired military officers continue to perpetrate human rights abuses, but they use their position of power to prevent any potential attempt at seeking justice and redress in the country. My paper shows that the general climate of impunity in the country is a serious obstacle to democratization in the most vulnerable regions of Guatemala.

The co-authored paper is a bibliometric study of patterns of knowledge production in Peace Studies. It aims at studying whether there exists a North-South divide in Peace Studies scholarship. Power relations rule knowledge production in the social sciences. They determine the content of research programs, the hierarchies in academia, and the definition of what constitutes 'high-quality research'. Belonging to a high-ranking university, pursuing an innovative research agenda or adopting the cutting-edge methods are critical for the researcher to get access to global scientific conversations. Peace Studies as a field of knowledge production does not escape those dynamics. Faced with this situation, scholars coming from critical theory studies and from developing countries have called for a return to the 'local' in Peace Studies. Coined two decades ago, the concept of a 'local turn' seeks to integrate subaltern voices into the global scientific conversation about peace. To what extent have these critical concerns and innovations been co-opted rather

than taken seriously as a call to rethink our understandings of inclusion? Does the global academy generally, and Peace Studies in particular, continue to uncritically valorize particular ways of knowing, speaking and writing to the brutal exclusion of alternative epistemologies, voices and perspectives? The paper we present tries to answer these questions.

How ISA is relevant to my research

The paper on Guatemala is a preliminary version of my dissertation project, and obtaining early feedback would help me adjust my dissertation plans and proposal. I have planned to meet people who study violence in Guatemala so as to get their comments on my paper, but also so as to discuss my dissertation project. I am part of a network of scholars studying Guatemala, the Guatemala Scholars Network (GSN). It encompasses scholars from anthropology, history, sociology and politics. The GSN is so diverse that it is very rare to find a conference such as ISA, which provides an interdisciplinary space for researchers to present their work. Several researchers from the network are attending the conference. This would be both a great opportunity to make my work known not only in political science but also in other disciplines, as well as get a different kind of feedback from perspectives which are rarely represented at more specialized and discipline-bound conferences.

The co-authored paper in Peace Studies is more advanced. My co-authors and I are looking to send the paper for publication this semester. We have presented it twice last semester, the first time at Kent State in October 2019 for the conference 'Commemorating Violent Conflicts and Building Sustainable Peace', and second at the Notre Dame Conference 'Building Sustainable Peace' in November 2019. We are presenting the paper at ISA for a last round of comments before sending it for publication.

Networking Plans

I am part of a network of female scholars called Women Studying Violence. I participated as a discussant at a workshop we organized at Notre Dame in the fall. ISA will be another opportunity to connect again with some of the women scholars who are part of the network. I am planning to meet with Dr. Sasha Klyachkina and Dr. Lucía Tiscornia.

I have informed the Guatemala Scholars Network that I will be presenting at ISA, and I have planned to meet with some scholars from the network. For instance, I will meet with Dr. Rachel Schwartz, with whom I have planned to discuss both my dissertation project and talk about my summer fieldwork in Guatemala next summer.

Finally, ISA is also going to be an opportunity to keep in touch with some people I have met at other conferences, especially at ISA 2019 including Dr. Kelebogile Zvogbo, Prof. Onur Bakiner, and Dr. Marcos Scauso. I also am looking forward to being introduced to Prof. Monika Nalepa, and Prof. Laia Balcells who both study topics related to my proposed dissertation topic.

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Conference Dates : March 25-28th (5 days), plus 2 days travel

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Airfare from Chicago	\$833.9	Economy
Train to Chicago + metro to airport (Ventra L train to O'hare)	\$38 (\$28 (14*2) + \$10 (2*5))	Fare charts for Ventra available at: https://www.transitchicago.com/fares/
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Total Cost	\$1,525	Rounded up to nearest 1\$
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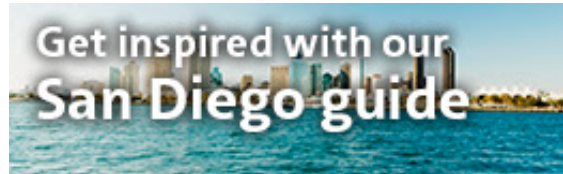
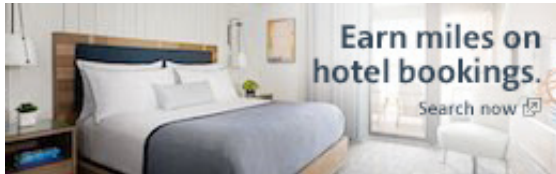
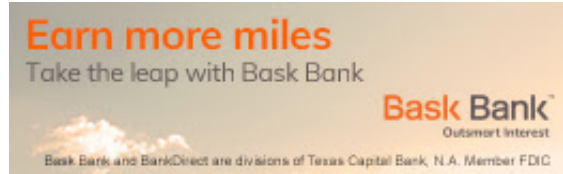
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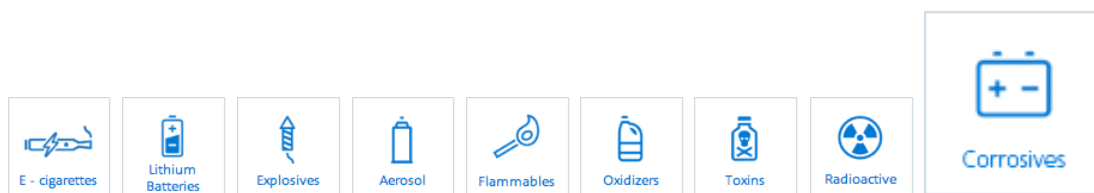
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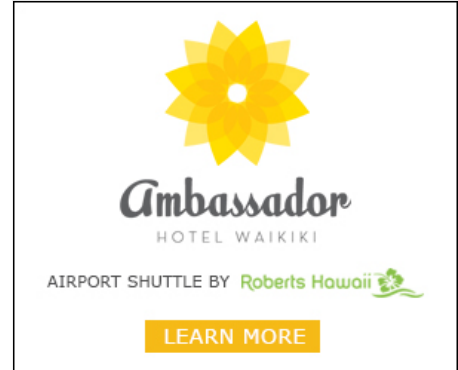
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