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Event Spotlight: Florida International Summit

The University of Central Florida will host the 2015 Florida International Summit on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at the Pegasus Ballroom in the Student Union from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The summit is the signature event that the Florida Network for Global Studies (FNGS) supports every year. The network is a coalition that, through established global studies programs, aims to advance the exchange of information on economic, political, social and technological change taking place in an increasingly globalized world. Each year, the location of the summit rotates among member schools - FIU, FSU, UCF, UF, UNF and USF.



This year's summit, "Opportunities and Challenges for Human Society and Development," will feature panels on three regions: Europe, South Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean. Each panel and presentation will focus on challenges for

society, such as human trafficking, illegal narcotics and political violence. Three distinguished presenters will make opening, luncheon and closing addresses, including Kevin Casas-Zamora, former Second Vice-President of Costa Rica and Secretary for Political Affairs at the Organization of American States.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the summit and [here](#) to read more about FNGS. Advance registration is required and available at no cost, thanks to event sponsors. Seating is limited. For more information about the event or to register, please email nicole.medinacollazo@ucf.edu.

Kurdish Studies Conference

Academics from all over the world recently gathered at UCF for a special event, "On the Outside Looking In: A Kurdish Studies Conference." This was the first conference in a pair of collaborative, interdisciplinary forums organized by UCF and [Soran University](#). A wide array of topics covered by presenters allowed attendees the opportunity to 'look in' on pressing Kurdish issues.



Presentations included "When States and Societies Fall Apart: Kurdistan and the Middle Eastern 'State of Violence' by Hamit Bozarslan of France's École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, as well as "Kurdistan, Iraq and the Emerging Middle East" by Steven A. Cook, Hasib Shabbagh Fellow for Middle East Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, among [many others](#). Conference attendees also had an opportunity to view

an interactive exhibit of black and white photos titled, "What We Lost in Sinjar," by photographer Robert Leutheuser.



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