



Office of Global Perspectives and International Initiatives

Maintaining Global Dialogue

Welcome to the Office of Global Perspectives and International Initiatives (GPII) Newsletter. We are proud to present our first and special edition of *Maintaining Global Dialogue*. This monthly newsletter will serve to inform you about the GPII latest events and initiatives. Enjoy reading and watching, and make sure you sign up for our upcoming events.

Who Are We?

GPII works to connect the campus and Central Florida community to global cultures, ideas and information – boosting UCF's international profile and creating opportunities for students and faculty. Part of UCF Global, GPII works with local, national, and international partners to sponsor lectures, conferences, and other activities that foster collaborative programming, research, and exchanges. GPII supported programs and centers also aim to highlight key global issues and strategically important regions.

Upcoming Events

We have been busy at GPII! Here is a look ahead at some amazing events happening this month.



GPII's Center for the Study of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery presents Lunch and Learn Series for the month of March

Human Trafficking in the Fishing Industry I: *Outlaw Ocean* with Ian Urbina

Session 1 – Monday, March 1, 2021 from 12:00PM – 1:00PM

Join us for Ian Urbina's gripping account of modern slavery in the fishing industry. Ian's *Outlaw Ocean* series was originally published in The New York Times where he has been an investigative reporter for over two decades. Hear firsthand about Ian's experiences at sea, witnessing human trafficking and other atrocities on fishing vessels.

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Human Trafficking in the Fishing Industry II: Reporting by DOJ's Taskforce on Human Trafficking

Session 2 – Tuesday, March 9, 2021 from 12:00PM – 1:00PM

The problem of forced labor on fishing vessels has emerged as an especially difficult challenge to policymakers, enforcement officials, and worker advocates. Hear from Karen Stauss, Senior Policy Counsel with the Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit at the Department of Justice, about the government's commitment to confronting the problem of forced labor on fishing vessels.

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Conscious Consumers: Customs and Border Protection's Role in Preventing Importation of Goods made with Forced Labor

Session 3 – Monday, March 29, 2021 from 12:00PM – 1:00PM

Join us for a discussion about forced labor in global supply chains and learn how to be a more conscious consumer. Therese Randazzo, Director of the Forced Labor Division, Office of Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, will share the steps being taken to identify imports produced by forced labor and stop them from entering the country.

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In Case You Missed It



Ensuring Equal Standards for Puerto Rico's Economy

October 1, 2020

Puerto Rico's ongoing bankruptcy process has experienced incomparable corruption and transparency issues. A panel including Congressman Darren Soto, Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero, Attorney Daniel Lemisch, and business consultant Arnaldo Oliveras, discussed the importance of strengthening requirements for disclosure and important federal legislation.

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Politics and Governance: How Washington Works and Doesn't Work

October 14, 2020

This event was part of the Lester N. Mandell Endowed Distinguished Lecture Series. Honorable Andrew Card, former George W. Bush Chief of Staff, and the Honorable Peter Rouse, former Obama Chief of Staff/Counselor, discussed the start of American politics, governance, how presidents set an agenda, and how decisions are made in a highly charged political atmosphere.

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Healing Societies in Conflict: Lessons from Northern Ireland and Israel-Palestine

November 9, 2020

Leaders of Jerusalem-based Amal-Tikva and Belfast-based Rethinking Conflict, shared their experiences working with academic institutions, think tanks, NGO's, faith-based groups, governments, and the media.

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Deep Time Polar Climate: What the Past Tells Us About Climate Change

November 17, 2020

This event was part of the Lester N. Mandell Endowed Distinguished Lecture Series. Dr. Kirk Johnson, the Smithsonian Director and Host of PBS Nova series “Making North America” and [“Polar Extremes On Earth’s Uncertain Future.”](#) talked about climate change over the course of time and its implications for the future.

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What to Expect from Congress: Transitions, Changes, and Bipartisan Cooperation

December 1, 2020

In partnership with the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress, Former Representatives Bob Etheridge and John Mica discussed the recent election, presidential transitions, and prospects for bipartisan cooperation in 2021. They also discussed the congressional role in foreign policy and trade.

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Human Trafficking Awareness Month Series

January 2021

This series was focused on sex trafficking. The three sessions featured discussions that took participants from an emerging area of risk – social media – through activities designed to reduce the likelihood of being trafficked and reducing demand for trafficked persons, to programs that offer hope for recovery victims from trafficking experiences.

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TV Shows



Global Perspectives, an award-winning interview program, is hosted by David Dumke, GPII Executive Director, and Katie Coronado, Associate Instructor and GPII Special Advisor for Latin America and media. The weekly show delves into topics of worldwide importance and local impact from international trade to immigration reform. It airs on PBS's WUCF-TV on Sundays at 9:30AM.

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Candid with Meg DeLoatch

Join us in watching this episode featuring Meg DeLoatch, an award-winning television writer and producer, discussing her most recent work on Netflix, *Family Reunion*. DeLoatch assembled one of the first teams of all-black writers for this multi-generational family sitcom series.

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GPII Podcasts



You do not want to miss the GPII Podcasts! Start exploring the various series throughout our playlists. [Start listening](#)

More Important News



Boundless Drop to a Boundless Ocean is a unique exhibition currently on display at the Orlando Museum of Art through May 2, 2021. The exhibition is a collaboration between the Orlando Museum of Art and the American University in Cairo featuring artworks by 21 U.S. based artists of Arab and Iranian heritage. The exhibition's title, taken from Kahlil Gibran's bestselling book, *The Prophet*, describes an immigrant's transformation and begins with a drawing by Gibran.

[Read more and book tickets](#)



February was Black History Month. Our very own Ambassador Harriet Elam-Thomas is celebrated for her impact and excellence in service.

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GPII Executive Director David Dumke writes in the Partnership 2020 Quarterly Newsletter about the U.S.-India relations through UCF partnerships, higher education, and more.

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“Students’ Self-Efficacy, Causal Attribution Habits and Test Grades” is a collaborative scholarly published article by the School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs at the University of Central Florida and the College of Sciences and Human Studies at Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University.
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Puerto Rico In the News – Read through the news recap about what is happening on the island and other stories.

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