

2025 WISLI Student Conference
Saturday, July 19
9:00am - 4:05pm (CENTRAL TIME)
Via Zoom -- email wisli@lpo.wisc.edu for the Registration Link

	"Identities and War: What We Can Learn from Russia's War on Ukraine"	
9:00am-10:00am (CDT)	Speaker: Dr. Yoshiko Herrera Professor of Political Science, UW-Madison	
10:10am - 11:25am (CDT)		
Moderator: John Tuskey (SASLI)	Religion & Symbolism	
10:10am - 10:15am (CDT)	Presenter Introduction	
10:15am - 10:30am	Caroline Sawyer (SASLI)	Iconography of Folk Religion in India’s Punjab: Syncretism or Synthesis?
10:30am - 10:35am	Q&A	
10:35am - 10:40am (CDT)	Presenter transition & introduction	
10:40am - 10:55am	Joseph Reader (SASLI)	Love and Power: The Rāsa Līlā of the Bhāgavata Purāṇa through the lens of Foucault
10:55am - 11:00am	Q&A	
11:00am - 11:05am (CDT)	Presenter transition & introduction	
11:05am - 11:20am	Amna Siddiqui (SASLI)	Ishrat Afreen’s Voice in South Asian Poetic Tradition
11:20am - 11:25am	Q&A	
Moderator: Caity Marentette (SASLI)	Policy & Contemporary Affairs	
10:10am - 10:15am (CDT)	Presenter Introduction	
10:15am - 10:30am	Nicole Kruse (MEDLI)	Barriers to Integration: Educational Access for Arab-Origin Youth in Lombar
10:30am - 10:35am	Q&A	
10:35am - 10:40am (CDT)	Presenter transition & introduction	

10:40am - 10:55am	Claudia Guske (CESSI)	The Vlog and Nation Building: Language and Visuals of Online Tourism Content in Xinjiang
10:55am - 11:00am	Q&A	
11:00am - 11:05am (CDT)	Presenter transition & introduction	
11:05am - 11:20am	Ang Le (SEASSI)	Quality of Life Among People Affected by Agent Orange Exposure in the Mekong River Delta
11:20am - 11:25am	Q&A	
11:25am - 11:35am Break		
11:35am - 12:50pm (CDT)		
Moderator: Caroline Sawyer (SASLI)	Theoretical & Philosophical Thought	
11:35am - 11:40am (CDT)	Presenter Introduction	
11:40am - 11:55am	John Tuskey (SASLI)	The Alchemical Architectonics of Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit
11:55am - 12:00pm	Q&A	
12:00pm - 12:05pm (CDT)	Presenter transition & introduction	
12:05pm - 12:20pm	Magna Mohapatra (SASLI)	Rethinking Rasa: Towards a Decolonial Theory of Affect
12:20pm - 12:25pm	Q&A	
12:25pm - 12:30pm (CDT)	Presenter transition & introduction	
12:30pm - 12:45pm	Phoebe Mak (SASLI)	Limits of Constructing a Buddhist Environmental Ethic through the Lens of Aristotelian Virtue Ethics
12:45pm - 12:50pm	Q&A	
Moderator: Jannatul Ferdous Nila (SASLI)	Performance, Translation, & Cultural Expression	
11:35am - 11:40am (CDT)	Presenter Introduction	
11:40am - 11:55am	Em Butler (SEASSI)	Khmer Healing through New Animism in Documentary Filmmaking
11:55am - 12:00pm	Q&A	
12:00pm - 12:05pm (CDT)	Presenter transition & introduction	
12:05pm - 12:20pm	Rahul Koonathara (SASLI)	Sustainability of Indian Performing traditions: Puppetry a reviving art form in India

12:20pm - 12:25pm	Q&A	
12:25pm - 12:30pm (CDT)	Presenter transition & introduction	
12:30pm - 12:45pm	Caitlyn (Caity) Marentette (SASLI)	From Bernardo to Ramsantosh: British Theatre in Translation, 1795-1840
12:45pm - 12:50pm	Q&A	
12:50pm - 1:50pm Lunch		
1:50pm - 2:40pm (CDT)		
Moderator: Edwin Pietersma (SEASSI)	Autoethnography & Personal Expression	
1:50pm - 1:55pm (CDT)	Presenter Introduction	
1:55pm - 2:10pm	Omilani Alarcon (SEASSI)	ZAMBOANGA DREAMING: Ancestral Memory and (Re)Membering the Roots Within – it’s Deeper than the Skin
2:10pm - 2:15pm	Q&A	
2:15pm - 2:20pm (CDT)	Presenter transition & introduction	
2:20pm - 2:35pm	Marieke Lewis (MEDLI)	‘Let the smile always be independent of nationality’: The Role of Participatory Poetry and Music for Rewriting Migration Narratives
2:35pm - 2:40pm	Q&A	
Moderator: Isa Rosario-Blake (MEDLI)	National Identities in Historical Context	
1:50pm - 1:55pm (CDT)	Presenter Introduction	
1:55pm - 2:10pm	Sarah Hussain (SASLI)	They Call Me Uncle Smith: Decentralizing Ideals of Nationhood via the Franklin-Pakistan Archive
2:10pm - 2:15pm	Q&A	
2:15pm - 2:20pm (CDT)	Presenter transition & introduction	
2:20pm - 2:35pm	Josh Blaustein (SEASSI)	The Proud Deer Still Runs: A Critical Examination of Georgian National Identity Between the National Awakening and the Early Period of Soviet Occupation (1863-1925)
2:35pm - 2:40pm	Q&A	
2:40pm - 2:50pm Break		
2:50pm - 4:05pm (CDT)		

Moderator: Omilani Alarcon (SEASSI)	Archives & Counter-Archives	
2:50pm - 2:55pm (CDT)	Presenter Introduction	
2:55pm - 3:10pm	LG Sebayán (SEASSI)	For the Indigenous Girl in Fig. 7'': Poetry, Photographs, and a Counter-Archive As Resistance
3:10pm - 3:15pm	Q&A	
3:15pm - 3:20pm (CDT)	Presenter transition & introduction	
3:20pm - 3:35pm	Edwin Pietersma (SEASSI)	The 'Lord of Life' and the 'Trunk King': The bestowment of a Ganesha statue from Candi Singosari to King Chulalongkorn and its role in the colonial collecting praxis of Siam and the Netherlands, 1802-1926
3:35pm - 3:40pm	Q&A	
3:40pm - 3:45pm (CDT)	Presenter transition & introduction	
3:45pm - 4:00pm	Isa Rosario-Blake (MEDLI)	The Contested Future of Jewish Moroccan Heritage: The Case of the Mellah of Marrakesh
4:00pm - 4:05pm	Q&A	