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CENTER FOR PEACE
AND DEVELOPMENT
The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA

OBJECTIVES

- Assist in advancing understanding of and capacity for grassroots peace building and development in collaboration with the partners in northern Uganda.
- Facilitate and increase visibility and interaction opportunities for grassroots organizations and local community to develop a participatory peace building and development process in connection to CPD goals.
- Provide access to more traditional research in the region connected to the center's goal.
- Develop tools and resources useful to the post conflict and post covid communities. Collaborate with partners to use developed tools and resources to transform the local communities.
- Offer opportunities to graduate and undergraduate students to engage in community-based research and service.
- Establish OU as the leader in training students interested in international development through providing unique educational experiences.
- Develop center as a source of resource to the larger OU community to facilitate critical discussion on global citizenship and international development.

OVERVIEW

Articles published: 5

Fellows enrolled: 4

Interviews: 3

Guest speakers: 11

Multimedia: 1

Documentary: 1

Multipolarity Working Group: 6

Financial Working Group: 4

ARTICLES PUBLISHED

- Monk, D., Davidson, M., & Harris, J. (2021,). Gender and Education in Uganda. Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Education.
- Ostas, D. (2021). Finding Meaning in Our Scholarly Efforts: A Perspective on Research and Teaching Synergies. Journal of Legal Studies Education. 38. 131–138. 10.1111/jlse.12120.
- Ostas, D. (2021). Corporate Compliance. 10.1007/978-3-030-02006-4_1086-1
- Phaodee, P & Sabatini, D. (2021). Anionic and Cationic Surfactant Synergism: Minimizing Precipitation, Microemulsion Formation, and Enhanced Solubilization and Surface Modification. Journal of Surfactants and Detergents. 24. 10.1002/jsde.12512.
- Demir, F. (2021). "Turkey: Reflections on the fragility of academic freedoms and human rights. The Globalist

ENROLLMENTS/FELLOWS

The center is committed to diverse experience in education and research. It provides opportunities to graduate students through fellowships to expand the horizon of research in connection to CPD goals. Here are some Student affiliates (fellows) whose research work and interests expand the unique experiences of the center's research and education in peace building.

VAL BIWA (FELLOW SPRING 2021)

Val Biwa is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Communication at OU studying intercultural communication and dedicated to examining how adapting new cultures would impact the identities of immigrants, refugees and sojourners towards development and transformation. Val Biwa's research interests are on democratizing mathematics classroom, social justice mathematics and empowerment of mathematics teachers and students.

KYLE HAMMONDS (SPRING 2021)

Kyle Hammonds is a Ph.D. Student in the Department of Communication at OU focusing on cultural studies perspectives on communication in/of/ through myth, narrative and folklore. Kyle's research interests include cross cultural communication and popular culture studies.

REBECCA MALDONADO (SPRING 2021)

Rebecca Maldonado is a Ph.D. student in the College of Education at OU focusing on the ways teachers develop and exercise their conscientização and global responsibility. Rebecca's research interests are how teachers develop their conscientização and global responsibility which can help in empowering themselves, their students and their community through non-violence to make a difference in the world.

NAYIFA NIHAD (SPRING 2020 AND FALL 2021)

Nayufa Nihad is an international student from Maldives pursuing Master of Arts in Global Studies in College of International Studies at OU focusing on climate crisis for which she received Fern Holland and William W. Talley II award. Some projects include an underwater coral garden funded by Davis Projects for Peace. Nayifa's research interests are activism, climate crisis and socio-environmental justice on frontline communities, communities of color and marginalized communities. Nayifa also worked as an intern in the center.

PROGRAM AND EVENTS

INTERVIEWS

On February 17, 2021, Dr. Sally Beach had an interview with Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe and discussed on 'Women's Empowerment in Uganda' available [here](#).

On July 30, 2021, CPD-SIC intern Nayifa Nihad interviewed authors of 'Sucked Dry', Annika McGinnis and Fredrick Mugira. The authors discussed their writing about land acquisition by foreign companies in Nile basins and its impacts on the communities available [here](#).

On October 30, 2021 Dr. Dan Maines interviewed Dr. Darcie Deangelo, University of Oklahoma on 'How about landmines clearance, rats, and Peacebuilding in Cambodia' available [here](#).

DOCUMENTARIES

On October 27, 2021, Nayifa Nihad, shared her experiences with the deep blue sea/ocean and introduced its relevance through the documentary 'The meaning of Blue: Climate Change and the Maldives' available [here](#).

MULTIMEDIA

On October 22, 2021, SIC Podcast on Covid-19 Pandemic and global inequalities is available [here](#).

MULTIPOLARITY WORKING GROUP (CO-LED BY OMAR DAHI AND DR. FIRAT)

On February 18, 2021, Omar Dahi discussed with Dr. Clemens Hoffman the 'Geopolitics of Decarbonization in the Middle East' available [here](#).

On February 19, 2021, Firat Demir discussed with Dr. Eric Lob the 'Construction Jihad, Iran's Foreign Development Agency' available [here](#) .

On February 26, 2021, ??? discussed with Min Ye the 'Chinese Belt and Road from a Comparative Perspective' available [here](#) .

On March 9, 2021, Omar Dahi discussed with Bob Vitalis 'Racism's Raw Materials' available [here](#) .

On March 11, 2021 ??? discussed with Dr. Bo Kong 'Globalization of China's Development Finance' available [here](#) .

On August 17, 2021, Omar Dahi discussed with Kevin Young 'Who Rules the World? Global Elites Network' available [here](#) .

FINANCIALIZATION WORKING GROUP (CO-LED BY DR. SHANA MARSHALL AND DR. FIRAT DEMIR)

On January 22, 2021, a discussion with Adem Elveren on 'Military Spending and the Profit Rate Under Capitalism' where Dr. Marshall discussed commercialization of defense instruments, available [here](#) or [click here](#).

On February 18, 2021, a discussion with Dr. Heidi Peltier on Failing 'Profits, Monopoly Power and Arms Manufactures, Financialization WG' on falling rates of profits on the military contracts and strategies applied to develop monopoly in detail, available [on](#) or [here](#).

On May 19, 2021, a discussion with Dr. Ismet Akca on 'Militarism, Capitalism and the state', militarism (political, economic, and sociological aspects of nature of governments) and commercialization of military resources available [here](#).

On May 19, 2021, a discussion with Xiadon Liang on 'Foreign Exports and Weapons', arms production and civil-military relations, available [here](#)

GUEST SPEAKERS

On February 5, 2021, Dr. Izabela Steflja, Tulane University, "Women, Human Rights and insecurity in conflict and post-conflict zones", available [here](#)

On February 24, 2021, Dr. Julie Livingston, New York University, "Self-Devouring Growth", available [here](#)

On March 4, 2021, Dr. Edward Stevenson, Durham University, "Mega Dams and Human Insecurity in East Africa", available [here](#)

On March 10, 2021, Dr. Gerise Herndon, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Dr. Rangira (Béa) Gallimore, University of Missouri, Dr. Margaret Jacobs, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Heather Connell, Filmmaker–Displaced Yankee Productions, Dr. Anna Rocca, Salem State University; 'Genocide and Healing: A discussion with contributors to the book Art from Trauma', available [here](#)

On September 28, 2021, 4:30–5:30 pm, a discussion with Dr. Elaine Hsieh and Dr. Eric Kramer, University of Oklahoma, 'Cultural attitudes and vaccine resistance:

Sustainability and justice for vaccination interventions in a global pandemic'. For detailed discussion, [click here](#).

On October 14, 2021, 1:00–2:00 pm, a discussion with Dr. Mark Weisbrot, Center for Economic Policy and Research, 'The IMF and How Billions of People Can Benefit from a Simple, Costless Act of Congress (and Why You Should Care)', available [here](#)

On October 25, 2021, 1:30–3:00pm., a discussion with Dr. Miriam Solis, University of Texas–Austin, 'Sewers and Social Justice', co-sponsored with OU College of Architecture and OU Center for Social Justice. For recorded discussion, click [here](#).

On November 4, 2021, 2:00–3:00 pm, Dr. James K. Boyce, University of Massachusetts–Amherst, 'Climate Change in an Unequal World', available [here](#)

On November 15, 2021, 1:30–3:00 pm, Dr. Joel Mendez, 'Accessibility and Opportunity for All? An Evaluation of Industry Specific Employment Change in New Transit Service Areas', co-sponsored with OU College of Architecture and OU Center for Social Justice, detailed discussion is available [here](#).

On December 3, 2021, 1:00–2:00 pm, Dr. Josh Bivens, Economic Policy Institute, 'Identifying the Policy Levers That Generated Wage Suppression and Inequality in the U.S.', co-sponsored with the Department of Economics, Colorado State University, detailed discussion is available [here](#).

CPD WEBSITE

We have worked with a web designer and constantly worked on updating our website for OU CPD.

<https://www.ou.edu/cpd>