



“Governance and Democracy Across Borders”
Centre for Global Studies: Workshop, Reception, Public Event
October 25, 2012



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| 8:30-3:30 | “Governance and Democracy Across Borders” | Workshop | SSM A144 |
| 8:30-9:00 | Coffee and Muffins | | |
| 9:00-9:15 | Oliver Schmidtke | Welcome | |
| 9:15-10:15 | BORDERLESS WORLD--OR IS IT? Social Media & Web 2.0/3.0 | Presenters | Chair: Clint Abbott |
| Presenters: 10-15 mins | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Borders, Privacy and Big Data 2. Borders, Privacy and Web. 2.0 3. Borders, Privacy and Law Enforcement | Colin Bennett Chris Parsons Adam Molnar | |
| 10:15-10:30 | | Break | |
| 10:30-11:00 | | Discussion | |
| 11:00-12:00 | ECOLOGICAL BORDERS or INTERDEPENDENT EARTH?: | Presenters | Chair: Jesse Baltutis |
| Presenters: 10-15 mins | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A River Runs Through It: Water in a Changing World - Implications for Management, Law and Governance 2. From Biopiracy to Biocultural Ethics 3. The Rocky Road from Alberta to Asia 4. Water in the Middle East | Oliver Brandes Kelly Bannister Harry Swain Steve Lonergan | |
| 12:00-12:30 | | Discussion | |
| 12:30-1:30 | | Lunch | |
| 1:30-2:30 | BORDERS AND BOUNDARY CROSSING: The dynamics of borderlands/border crossing and transnational governance | Presenters | Chair: Andrew Wender |
| Presenters: 10-15 mins | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 2011 Arab Uprising: Democracy Across Borders 2. Consolidating the Third Wave Democracies in Central and Eastern Europe: The Spectre of Populism 3. Neoliberal Democracy: Discussing the quality of democracy in Latin America 4. Reflections | Martin Bunton Oliver Schmidtke Michelle Bonner Hamid Dabashi | |
| 2:30-3:00 | | Discussion | |



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| 3:00-3:15 | Thematic summary for the event | Conclusion | Oliver Schmidtke |
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| 4:00-5:30 | Reception | University Club – Fireside Lounge | |
| 4:00-4:15 | Director’s Remarks | Summary of the day’s events - How can you get involved with the centre? | |
| | Launch of fellowships | Invitation for student and faculty fellowships - how to get involved with CFGS looking forward to synergies and interested to new areas of expertise in a global context | |

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| 7:00-9:00 | Evening Keynote | Hamid Dabashi " . . . and the Pursuit of Public Happiness: Thinking with Hannah Arendt on Arab Revolutions" SSM A110 | Moderator Martin Bunton |
| 7:00-7:05 | Public Welcome | Welcome Martin Bunton Intro Oliver Schmidtke | |
| 7:05-8:05 | Keynote Presentation: How can we best make sense of the fundamental political change that has swept the Arab and Muslim world in recent years? Would it be appropriate to characterize the political transformation as a ‘revolution’? This lecture will put the events in the Middle East into a broader interpretative perspective by relating it to the work of the distinguished political philosopher Hannah Arendt. In her vastly influential book, <i>On Revolution</i> , in which she compared the two world historic American (1776) and French (1789) revolutions by way of putting forward her own contentious theory - a theory in which she took both the liberal and the Marxist conceptions of revolution to task. Do Hannah Arendt’s thoughts on revolutions have something to teach to us today about the Arab and Muslim ‘revolutions’? | | |
| 8:05-8:35 | Respondent Panel: 3-5 minute responses to Hamid Dabashi’s presentation | Faculty: Andrew Wender; Greg Blue Students: Adrian Hartrick; Kaveh Bavand | |
| 8:35-9:00 | Open Discussion: | Floor open for questions and discussion | |



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Keynote speaker: Hamid Dabashi the Hagop Kevorkian Professor of Iranian Studies and Comparative Literature at Columbia University, New York. In addition to being a committed teacher, Dr. Dabashi is a public speaker, a current affairs essayist, anti-war activist, and commentator in major international newspapers and periodicals. He is regularly featured on CNN, BBC, CBC, Aljazeera, and other global, national, and local venues. Dr. Dabashi will be speaking on "the Pursuit of Public Happiness: Thinking with Hannah Arendt on Arab Revolutions". To learn more about Dr. Dabashi please visit:

<http://www.hamiddabashi.com>.

