

***Spring 2011 Political Economy Lectures April 6th & 7th***

***Schedule of Speakers*** (You are required to attend one of these sessions. You may attend any session that interests you. You are not bound to the one scheduled for the same time as your class.)

***Attendance will be limited to the capacity of the room.*** If too many people wish to attend a session, you may be asked to go to another session.

**Wednesday, April 6, 2011**

**8.00 to 9.20**

**Christina Schneider**

**Topic: “Conflict, Negotiations and European Union Enlargement.”**

**Room: Governing Board Room (SSC-1)**

(Christina Schneider is Assistant Professor of Political Science at UCSD. She holds a Ph.D in Political Science from the University of Konstanz (Germany), and was a post-doctoral fellow in International Relations in the Dept. of Political Science & IR at Oxford University, as well as a post-doctoral fellow at the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance at Princeton University. Schneider is the author of the book of the same title as this lecture, as well as several published articles on EU and European politics, international organizations, cooperation and strategic bargaining theories.)

**9.30 to 10.50**

**Juli Jones**

**Topic: “Women’s History: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Political Partnerships.”**

**Room: MD – 303**

(Juli Jones is Adjunct Professor of History at Palomar College and San Diego Mesa College. She holds an M.A. in History from San Diego State University, and an ABD in History, with her doctoral work from both UCLA and the University of Missouri – Columbus. Professor Jones previously served as Professor & Dept. Chair of History at St. Charles Community College in Missouri. She has authored various journal articles, including a piece on the corporatization of higher education, published in *The History Teacher*. )

**9.30 to 10.50**

**Scott Greenwood**

**Topic: “Protests and Change in the Arab World: Lessons from Tunisia, Egypt & Libya.”**

**Room: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)**

(Scott Greenwood is Associate Professor and Chair of the Dept. of Political Science at Cal State San Marcos. He also serves as Director of the Global Studies Program at CSUSM. He holds a B.A. in International Relations from the University of San Diego; M.A. in Middle Eastern and North

African Studies from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Michigan. Prof. Greenwood's teaching and research interests include Middle Eastern politics, African politics, political economy, and business & politics.)

**9.30 to 10.50**

**Jennifer Imazeki**

**Topic: “The Economics of Education: Is the Sky Really Finally Falling on Our K-12 System?”**

**Room: MD - 320**

Jennifer Imazeki is a Professor of Economics at San Diego State University. She holds an M.S. and Ph.D in Economics from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. She is the author, or co-author, of over twenty published articles; conducting research in the economics of K-12 education, including work on school finance reform and adequacy, and teacher labor markets. She recently assisted California Assemblywoman Julia Brownley to develop legislation for comprehensive school finance reform, and is currently working on a study of California's categorical flexibility provisions, adopted in 2008.

**11.00 to 12.20**

**Branislav Slantchev**

**Topic: “Borrowed Power: Debt Finance and the Resort to Arms.”**

**Room: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)**

(Branislav Slantchev is Associate Professor of Political Science at UCSD. He holds an M.A. and Ph.D in Political Science from the University of Rochester. He was previously Visiting Associate Professor in the Dept. of Politics & Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University. Professor Slantchev is author of the book, “Military Threats: The Costs of Coercion and the Price of Peace (2011)”. He is also the author, or co-author, of over a dozen published journal articles. Professor Slantchev is a recognized specialist in strategic bargaining theories and Game Theory and theoretical applications on the study of war.)

**11.00 to 12.20**

**Mark Thayer**

**Topic: “The Impact on Wind Power on Residential Property Values in the United States.”**

**Room: MD – 320**

(Mark Thayer is Professor of Economics at San Diego State University. He holds a Ph.D in Economics from the University of New Mexico. Professor Thayer is the author of over two dozen published journal Articles, and is a member of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors Science Advisory Board. Professor Thayer has also served as Chair of the California Board for Energy Efficiency, as well as Senior Economist for the EPA.)

**11.00 to 12:20**

**Jose Esteban**

**Topic: “The Economics of Cocaine: Bolivia as a Case**

**Study.”**

**Room: MD – 303**

(Jose Esteban is Professor of Economics at Palomar College since 1989, and former Chair of the Department of Economics, History and Political Science. He has served as an expert court witness in economics, and is an expert in Bolivian & Latin American economic policy.)

**12.30 to 1.50**

**Raquel Jacob-Almeida**

**Topic: “Market Competition or Social Inequality? Deconstructing the Case for Charter Schools.”**

**Room: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)**

(Raquel Jacob-Almeida is Lecturer in Sociology at UCSD. She is near completion of her Ph.D in Sociology. She holds a C. Phil in Sociology from UCSD and a B.A. in Psychology from UC Berkeley, where she was Phi Beta Kappa. Jacob-Almeida has taught courses for the Dept. of Sociology in Education Studies and Social Inequality. Her teaching and research interests specialize in education, as well as race, class & gender inequality.)

**12.30 to 1.50**

**Christine Moore**

**Topic: “Mexican Drug Wars & U.S. Immigration Policy.”**

**Room: MD – 320**

(Christine Moore is Adjunct Professor of History & Multi-Cultural Studies at Palomar College & Southwestern College, and Lecturer in History at California State University, San Marcos. She holds an M.A. in History from San Diego State University. She is currently Regional President of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges. Professor Moore has taught and lectured in the areas of women’s history, Mexican & Latin American history. She has also been invited to lecture for the Oxford University Roundtable Lectures.)

**2.00 to 3.20**

**Yaja Boren**

**Topic: “Experiences from a Concentration Camp.”**

**Room: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)**

(Yaja Boren is a Holocaust survivor, having spent her youth in five different concentration camps, including Auschwitz. She is the author of two books: “We Only Have each Other” and “There are No Strangers.”)

**2.00 to 3.20**

**George Gastil**

**Topic: “Reforming California: How Can We Make Our State Government Work Better?”**

**Room: MD – 320**

(George Gastil is Adjunct Professor of History at Palomar College and Grossmont College. He has also served on the Lemon Grove City Council since 2008. Professor Gastil previously served on the Lemon Grove School Board from 1998-2008. He has also worked as a staffer in the California state Senate.)

**Thursday, April 7th****8.00 to 9.20****Rosco Williamson****Topic: “Polluting Nations & Messy Roommates: Thinking About Global Governance & Climate Change.”****ROOM: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)**

(Rosco Williamson is Professor of Political Science at Point Loma Nazarene University. He holds a Ph.D in Political Science from UCSD and an M.A. in History from San Diego State University . He is a specialist in international relations, political theory and comparative politics.)

**8.00 to 9.20****Radu Munteanu****Topic: “Stages of Development and Licensing University Inventions: An Empirical Analysis.”****Room: MD – 320**

(Radu Munteanu is Adjunct Professor of Economics at Palomar College. She was previously lecturer in Economics at UCSD. Professor Munteanu holds a Ph.D in Economics from UCSD. She was recently published in the Management Review Journal. Munteanu has research article works in progress analyzing the process of technology transfer and the market structure in the biotech sector in the San Diego area.)

**9.30 to 10.50****Matthew Alschbach****Topic: “America Awash in a Sea of Booze: Prohibition of Alcohol in the United States.”****Room: MD – 303**

(Matthew Alschbach is Adjunct Professor of History at Palomar College He holds an M.A. in History from San Diego State University.)

**9.30 to 10.50****Myles Kahler****Topic: “Asia’s Rise & Global Governance: Reform or Revolution?”****Room: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)**

(Miles Kahler is Rohr Professor of Pacific International Relations at IR/PS and Distinguished Professor of Political Science at UCSD. His principal areas of research are international relations and international political economy, particularly international institutions and global governance, Asian regional institutions, the evolution of the nation-state, and the political economy of international finance.

Professor Kahler is the author of several books & journal articles, including

"Networked Politics: Agency, Power, and Governance," and "Collective Action and Clandestine Networks: The Case of al Qaeda," both in a book that he edited, *Networked Politics: Agency, Power, and Governance* (Cornell University Press, 2009); "Network Analysis for International Relations," (with [Emilie Hafner-Burton](#) and Alexander Montgomery, *International Organization*, 63, 3 (2009)); "Global Governance Redefined," in Andrew C. Sobel, editor, *Challenges of Globalization* (2009); and "Asia and the Reform of Global Governance" (forthcoming, *Asian Economic Policy Review*).

From 2001 to 2005, he served as Interim Director and Founding Director of the [Institute for International, Comparative, and Area Studies \(IICAS\)](#) at UCSD. He has also served as Interim Dean (1997-1998) and Associate Dean (2008-2010) of IR/PS.

Kahler has been a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University (2007-2008) and a Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York (1994-1996). He was recently Principal Consultant for the Asian Development Bank project, Institutions for Regionalism in Asia and the Pacific.)

**11.00 to 12.20**

**James Gerber**

**Topic: "A Return to Normalcy: The U.S., China & The Global Economy."**

**Room: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)**

(James Gerber is Professor of Economics and the Director of International Business at San Diego State University. He holds a Ph.D in Economics from UC Davis. From 2002-2009, Professor Gerber served as the Director of The Center for Latin American Studies. He has been a visiting professor in Mexico, Canada, Chile and Hungary. Gerber's research areas of specialization include the U.S.-Mexico border economy, as well as Chinese-Latin American economic relations. He is the author of a leading textbook on international economics. )

**11.00 to 12.20**

**Alex Cloyd**

**Topic: "The Civil Rights Movement & Kansas: Community Mobilization in America."**

**Room: MD – 320**

(Alex Cloyd is a former Palomar College student, having studied under Professor Bill Jahnel. He holds a B.A. in History (with Honors) from the University of Kansas, and plans on enrolling in graduate studies in History at UC Davis.)

**12.30 to 2.00**

**Bill Jahnel**

**Topic: "Gay before 'Gay': The Historical Creation of Homosexual Identity and a Modest Proposal for New Models of Research into Homosexuality's History."**

**Room: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)**

(Bill Jahnel is Associate Professor of History and the History Advisor at Palomar College. He holds a Master's Degree in History from Rice University and a B.A. in History and English from Austin College with dual

honors. He has been the recipient of various teaching awards, including the Anthony Chee Lifetime Achievement Award, a three-time winner of the Innovation in Teaching Award from Houston Community College, and the Distinguished Faculty Award from Palomar College. This talk is based on a small portion of his sabbatical report from spring of 2010 and is part of the curriculum for a future course, "Homosexuality in the United States: History and Origins," to be offered in the non-budget-cut and hopefully not-so-distant future.)

**12.30 to 2.00**

**Lezlie-Lee French & Amber Morasse**

**Topic: "Collaborative Activism & Empowering Students to Make a Difference: A Look at the Cal State San Marcos Web Project."**

**Room: MD – 320**

(Lezlie Lee-French is a History and Women's Studies double major at California State University San Marcos. She has been active in Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, and Triota, the Women's Studies honor society. She serves as the Treasurer for both groups. After completing her B.A. degree, she plans to pursue a graduate degree in History with an emphasis on digital technology and presentation. Lezlie serves as the web wizard of the [usmvaw.com](http://usmvaw.com) site. She is a graduate of Palomar College, having studied under Professor Bill Jahnel; Amber Morasse is an undergraduate student at California State University San Marcos, working towards a B.A. in Communication and a minor in Women's Studies. Her passion for environmental activism and animal rights has led to her involvement in human rights issues. She is also passionate about working with the [usmvaw.com](http://usmvaw.com) project and bringing awareness to the social injustice and inequalities that affect marginalized individuals globally )

**2.00 to 3.20**

**Natalya Pak**

**Topic: "The Republic of Kazakhstan: A Post Socialist State in Transition."**

**Room: Governing Board Room (SSC – 1)**

(Natalya Pak, a Fulbright Visiting Scholar 2010-2011, is currently doing research in Inclusive Education at Ball State University, Indiana. Prior to this position, she was an Associate Professor of English, and the Head of Quality Assurance Department at Kazakh-British Technical University, Republic of Kazakhstan. Professor Pak holds a Ph.D in Linguistics. Her professional interests include English language teaching (ELT) development, methodology of ELT, team teaching and test writing. The

**research interests comprise issues from comparative education, educational policy and reforms in Kazakhstan, inclusive education. Dr. Pak is a member of World Congress of Comparative Education Societies (WCCES), European Association for International Education (EAIE), National Association of Teachers of English of Kazakhstan (NATEK), Teachers of English of Almaty (TEA), Kazakhstan Association of Teachers of the Russian Language and Literature (KazPRYAL).**