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FEB. 28 AGENDA

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

BREAKFAST

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

PANEL 1

“Arbitrators as Advisors: Evidence from Changes in Investment Treaty Design”

Minju Kim, Syracuse University

Discussant: Yeiyong Choo, University of Southern California

“Supplying Influence: Domestic Production Networks in Trade Politics”

Timm Betz, Washington University in St. Louis

Discussant: Ben Graham, University of Southern California

10:30 AM – 10:50 AM

COFFEE BREAK

10:50 AM – 12:20 PM

PANEL 2

**“Bureaucratic Constraints on Embedded Liberalism:
Evidence from the Trade Adjustment Assistance”**

Kyuwon Lee, University of Southern California

**“Personnel is Policy (Implementation):
Bureaucrats and the Korean Export Miracle”**

Philipp Barteska, Harvard Kennedy School

Discussant: Sung Eun Kim, Korea University

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12:20 PM – 1:40 PM

LUNCH

1:40 PM – 3:10 PM

PANEL 3

“Gender Bias and Diplomatic Representation”

Matt Malis, Texas A&M

Discussant: Christian Grose, University of Southern California

“Diversity Beyond Borders:

How Intersectional Leadership Shapes Foreign Aid Perceptions”

Soohyun Cho, Bowdoin College

Discussant: Ewon Baik, University of Southern California

3:10 PM – 3:30 PM

COFFEE BREAK

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

PANEL 4

“The Cross-Border Spillovers of Aid Sanctions”

Shannon Carcelli, University of Maryland

“Zoning Out Democracy:

Autocratic Survival through Global Commercial Enclaves”

Michael Allen, Stanford University

Discussant: Michael Joseph, University of California, San Diego

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PRESENTER

KYUWON LEE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Kyuwon Lee is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at the University of Southern California. She researches bureaucratic and interest group politics in the United States, exploring strategic interactions between bureaucracies and organized interests in settings such as government contracts, environmental regulatory enforcement and public advisory meetings. Lee's work leverages a range of research designs and data sources, including game theory, causal inference methods for observational data, text analysis, and administrative data. She was a postdoctoral research associate at Princeton University's Center for the Study of Democratic Politics prior to joining the faculty at USC. Lee holds a PhD from New York University.

PRESENTERS AND DISCUSSANTS



PRESENTER

MICHAEL ALLEN

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Michael Allen is an assistant professor of political science at Stanford University. His research interests span international political economy, international institutions, and law, with a focus on the politics of global capitalism. His work explores the impact of private authority on domestic legal development and the regulatory power of countries over foreign commerce. His ongoing research projects include studies on special economic zones, transnational anti-corruption efforts, and global competition law. Prior to joining Stanford, Allen earned a PhD in government from Cornell University and held postdoctoral positions at Yale University and Harvard University.



DISCUSSANT

EWON BAIK

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Ewon Baik is a PhD candidate at the University of Southern California. Her research focuses on comparative political psychology and identity politics in international relations. Her previous work has explored the impact of South Korea's ideological divide on domestic politics and inter-Korean relations. She has also examined the influence of smaller states in the institutionalization of regional political and economic orders by comparing Vietnamese, Indonesian, and South Korean approaches to trade policies and their impacts on economic order-building in East Asia and beyond. Baik received her master's degree from Seoul National University and Bachelor's degree from Princeton University.

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Philipp Barteska is a postdoctoral fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School and will join the University of Hong Kong as an assistant professor of economics in the summer of 2025. He specializes in development economics, political economy, and organizational economics. Barteska's current work examines how state and bureaucratic capacity affect firms in developing countries, and in particular how the effect of industrial policies targeting firms depends on the capacity with which they are implemented. He earned his PhD in economics from the London School of Economics.

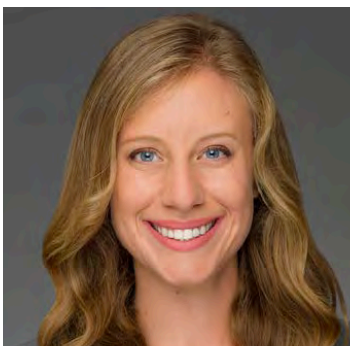


PRESENTER

TIMM BETZ

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Timm Betz is an assistant professor of political science at Washington University in St. Louis. He focuses on international political economy and international institutions, investigating the political influence of firms, government policy autonomy, and institutional roles in shaping trade policies, sovereign debt management, and firm fragmentation. He also addresses methodological challenges, including interdependence in observational data. Before joining Washington University, he was a faculty member at Texas A&M University and the Technical University of Munich. Betz holds a PhD from the University of Michigan and degrees from Freie Universität Berlin and the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics.



PRESENTER

SHANNON P. CARCELLI

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Shannon Carcelli is an assistant professor in the department of government and politics at the University of Maryland, College Park. She studies legislative and bureaucratic institutions in US foreign policy, with a focus on congressional coalitions and bureaucratic fragmentation. She has previously held a postdoctoral position at Princeton University's Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance and was a visiting scholar at the George Washington University Institute for Security and Conflict Studies. Carcelli earned her PhD in political science from the University of California, San Diego.

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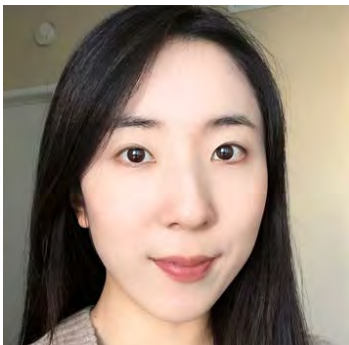


PRESENTER

SOOHYUN CHO

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

Soohyun Cho is an assistant professor of government and legal studies at Bowdoin College. Her research intersects international political economy, gender politics, and political methodology. Cho's work examines the linkages between economic globalization and workers' experiences in the domestic labor market through a mix of quantitative and experimental methods. Prior to joining the faculty at Bowdoin College, she served as a postdoctoral research fellow at Princeton University's Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance. Cho earned her PhD in political science from the Ohio State University and two degrees from Seoul National University.



DISCUSSANT

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Yeiyong Choo is a PhD candidate specializing in international relations and research methodologies at the University of Southern California. Her work focuses on international political economy and Asia-Pacific relations. She previously earned a master's in international relations and economics, with a concentration in international development, from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. She also holds a Bachelor's degree in political science, specializing in comparative politics, from the University of California, Berkeley, where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa with distinction.



DISCUSSANT

BENJAMIN A.T. GRAHAM

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Benjamin A. T. Graham is an associate professor of international relations at the University Southern California. He is the research director for the Law Enforcement Work Inquiry System (LEWIS), a nonprofit dedicated to improving police-community relations in the US, and the co-founder and principal investigator of the Security and Political Economy (SPEC) Lab. His research focuses on the political economy of international security and foreign direct investment and political risk, analyzing how multinational firms engage with national governments, particularly through social ties and migrant networks. He also examines the relationship between military power and international markets, exploring how economic interdependence influences global peace and prosperity. He holds a PhD in political science from the University of California, San Diego.

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Christian Grose is a professor of political science and public policy at the University of Southern California. He is the academic director of the USC Schwarzenegger Institute for State and Global Policy, and also directs USC's Democracy Lab, where researchers, students, and policy practitioners work together to generate new ideas to reform American democracy. His research focuses on American politics, legislative behavior, public administration, and voting rights. Grose's recent work examines political reforms and behavioral constraints on public officials and election administrators by institutions and law. He earned his PhD in political science from the University of Rochester.



DISCUSSANT

MICHAEL FREDERICK JOSEPH

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Michael Joseph is an assistant professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego. His research integrates historical and cultural determinants of state-motives into strategic models of great power politics, and also examines the role of modern technology and secrecy in the intelligence community. Joseph's work informs policy discussions on Sino-American relations and the use of digital technology in intelligence analysis. Before academia, he worked as a foreign policy consultant in Iraq, Australia, Jordan, and the United States. Joseph received his PhD in political science from Columbia University.



PRESENTER

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Minju Kim is an assistant professor of political science at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Her research focuses on bureaucrats as individuals in domestic and international institutions within the field of international political economy. Her work appears in journals such as *International Studies Quarterly* and *World Politics*. Before joining Syracuse, she was a postdoctoral scholar at the Center for Commerce and Diplomacy at the University of California, San Diego. Kim earned her PhD in political science from the University of Chicago.

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KOREA UNIVERSITY

Sung Eun Kim is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Korea University and a visiting scholar at the Harvard-Yenching Institute. Her research focuses on international political economy, with a particular interest in the intersection of domestic politics and international trade. Kim's work delves into topics such as public attitudes and electoral responses to trade policy as well as China's foreign economic strategies, particularly its trade and foreign aid policies. Before joining the faculty at Korea University, she was an assistant professor at the National University of Singapore. Kim earned her PhD in political science with distinction from Columbia University.



PRESENTER

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Matthew Malis is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University. His research focuses on questions of delegation and accountability in foreign policy. Malis co-leads the Measuring American Diplomacy Project, with the goal of correcting the diplomatic data deficit through the collection and cleaning of comprehensive datasets related to US diplomatic activity. Before Texas A&M, he was a postdoctoral fellow at Princeton University's Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance. Malis earned his PhD in politics from New York University.

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