

# **2025 Southern Political Science Association Summer Virtual Conference**

## **Preliminary Conference Program**

June 16-17

The Summer Conference consists of two days of virtual research panels, poster sessions, and Professional Development Workshops. **Panels are organized as Research Workshops, where all participants serve as both paper presenters and discussants, and are scheduled for 1 hour and 50 minutes.** All activities take place online, and participants will be sent instructions for logging into the conference before events begin.

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## **Poster Session**

*Note: Posters will be available on the landing page of the SPSA Virtual Conference throughout the duration of the conference.*

### Posters:

Toward a Cooperative Social World: An Integrative Study of International Institutional Trust

Gong Chen, Fudan University

Kosovo, Syria, and the Shifting Norms of Humanitarian Intervention

Cemil Türk, Cambridge Centre for International Research (CCIR)

Civil Rights Policy Diffusion in the States: The CROWN Act, 2019–2024

Nathan Jordan, University of Georgia

Greek Life and Segregation in the United States

Brendan Finley, University of Northern Iowa

Libertarian Capacities of Social Contact, Resistance, and Natural Law Doctrines

Siavash Soltani Hemmat, Iran National Front

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## **Monday, June 16th**

### **KiND Institute Professional Development Workshop**

#### **Managing Your Academic Journey: Confronting Everyday Challenges**

with Dr. Diana L. Gustafson

Time: 12pm - 3:30pm (EDT)

See <https://www.kindinstitute.net/june2025> for updates and details

## **PANELS**

Panel Title: **Political Methodology**

Time: 8am – 9:50am

Chair: Ali Amini, American University

Papers:

Media Bias in Democracy Measurements: A Systematic Analysis with Algorithmic Detection and Methodological Recommendations  
Ali Amini, American University

Statutory Incidence and Staggered Adoption: Methodological Innovations in Evaluating Economic Nexus Requirements  
Brayden Myers, The University of Alabama

The Puzzle of Ideological Incongruence: Focusing on Subjective Issue Importance  
Heejin Na, Sogang University

Which Factors Matter in the Rankings of Graduate Programs?: Focusing on the United States Public Administration and Policy Programs  
Ki Woong Cho, Jeonbuk National University

Panel Title: **The Intersection of Policy and Political Behavior**

Panel Time: 10am – 11:50am

Chair: Magda Giurcanu, National Louis University

Papers:

Exploring the Socioecological Determinants of Burnout Among Registered Nurses in the United States: A Quantitative Analysis  
Sarah Paul, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Civically Engaged Research in Chicago  
Magda Giurcanu, National Louis University

Autism, It's like a Language, You Have to Learn to Understand It.”: Puerto Rican mothers’ ideas and experiences with Autism Spectrum Disorder  
Frances Ruiz-Alfaro, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

Keila Lebron-Rojas, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus  
Camile Borja, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

Tracking State Efforts on Nonpoint Source Water Pollution: Development of a  
Commitment Index  
Xiaodan Zhang, Auburn University

Determinants of State-Level Surrogacy Policy Adoption in the United States  
Jingjing Gao, UTHealth Houston

Problems in Probation Policy: Debt and Dying  
Shannon Smithey, Westminster College

Panel Title: **Continuing the Conversation: CwC on Borders and Migration**

Panel Time: 10am – 11:50am

Chair: Miranda Simon, University of Essex

Papers:

Megaphone or Modulator?: Examining The Role of Non-Profit Organizations in  
Amplifying the Voices of Immigrants  
Grant Rissler, University of Richmond  
Saltanat Liebert, Virginia Commonwealth University

The Politics of Fairness: How Migrant Legal Status and Social Service Provision Shape  
Immigration Preferences  
Taylor Trummel, University of California Santa Barbara

Constrained Authority: How Border Enforcement Practices Shape Migrants' Decisions to  
Return  
Miranda Simon, University of Essex

From Allies to Neighbors: The Impact of Military Service on Public Support for Refugee  
Resettlement  
Christopher Blair, Princeton University

Panel Title: **Teaching Political Science**

Panel Time: 12pm – 1:50pm

Chair: Brian Russell, Tennessee State University

Papers:

Strategic Use of Virtual Personas in AI-Facilitated Instruction: Toward Professional Immortality in a Community of Scholarship

Bruce Neubauer, Albany State University

John L. Daly, University of South Florida

Bridging the Bench and the Ballot: Teaching Business Law Online as an Introduction to American Political Institutions

Matt Michel, Santa Fe College

Toward a Republican Political Science Education

Justin Freebourn, Mt. San Antonio College

Legislative Simulation: Thematic analysis of Student Reflections

Brian Russell, Tennessee State University

Regina Russell, Vanderbilt University

From Insight to Impact: Training Researchers and Professionals in Policy Advocacy

Christopher Kulesza, Rice University

Sandy McKay, Rice University

Victoria Jupp, Rice University

Katarina Reyes, Rice University

Gaming Economic Public Policy: Innovative Ways to Teach Economic Theories

Peter Brusoe, SUNY Delhi

**Panel Title: Protest, Elections, and Representation in Latin America and Africa**

Panel Time: 12pm – 1:50pm

Papers:

Moving on up? Perceptions of Inequality and Redistributive Politics in Brazil

Yuhan Zheng, Princeton University

On-Cycle Elections in Mexico: The Impact on Turnout

Juan David Irigoyen Borunda, Florida State University

Evan Meyer, University of Florida

Introducing a Model to Explain Political Representation in Latin America

Clemente Quinones-Reyes, Georgia Gwinnett College

Horizontal Accountability and Legislative Oversight in Nigeria: A Comparative Analysis of Lagos and Kogi (2015-2023)

Idris Oladokun, Federal University, Lokoja-Nigeria

Wired for Protection: Cybercrime, Political Patronage and the State-Crime Nexus in Nigeria

Pleasant Ogedengbe, University of Central Florida

Panel Title: **Race and Ethnicity in American Politics**

Panel Time: 12pm – 1:50pm

Chair: Theodore Davis, Jr., University of Delaware

Papers:

Out For Blood: How Menstruation is Racialized

Talia Davis, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Yearbooks as a tool in racial history research

Jadin Grieser, University of Northern Iowa

Jayne Renfro, University of Northern Iowa

Race, Partisanship, and Politically “Blue” Delaware

Theodore Davis, Jr., University of Delaware

Beyond Black and White: How the Presence of Racially Minoritized Judges Influences Sentencing Decisions

Matheus Felipe Moreira Zanetti, Florida State University

Panel Title: **The AI Revolution in Political Science**

Panel Time: 2pm – 3:50pm

Chair: John L. Daly, University of South Florida

Papers:

Toward the Facilitation of Mixed Cognitive Public Organizations

Bruce Neubauer, Albany State University

John L. Daly, University of South Florida

Is Artificial Intelligence Ruining Undergraduate Intelligence?  
Kennedy Shorter, North Carolina A&T State University

The Technicalities of Integrating AI Into The NC3  
Arsh Kumar, University of Chicago

Bridging Surveys Gaps via AI  
Ali Amini, American University

Panel Titles: **Comparative Politics of Europe**

Panel Time: 2pm – 3:50pm

Chair: Colin Hannigan, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University

Papers:

Here, There and Everywhere: Variation in Subnational Support for the Populist Radical Right in Europe

Colin Hannigan, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University

Stanislaw Jank, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University

Determinants of turnout in first-time voluntary elections: Evidence from the abolishment of compulsory voting in Belgium

Dieter Stiers, KU Leuven

From Shop Floor to Ballot Box: Work Council and Electoral Behavior of at-risk Workers  
Kyungroak Kang, Indiana University Bloomington

Panel Title: **Political Theory**

Panel Time: 2pm – 3:50pm

Chair: Selin Guner, St. Edward's University

Papers:

Rescuing Hayek from Neoliberalism

Benjamin Brisson, University of California, Irvine

On Human Dignity in Hannah Arendt's The Origins of Totalitarianism

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Corporate Personhood: Green Jurisprudence and Political Theory  
Bryan Licalde, University of Toronto

Aristotle's Education Relative to a Regime  
Kevin Cherry, University of Richmond

Alexis de Tocqueville, Personal Finance, and the "Art of Being Free"  
Sara Henary Holifield, Missouri State University

Populism and the cases of Turkey and the US  
Selin Guner, St. Edward's University

Panel Title: **The Impact of Public-Private Partnerships**

Panel Time: 4pm – 5:50pm

Chair: Nandita Chaudhuri, Public Policy Research Institute, Texas A&M

Papers:

The Benefits of US Foreign Aid in Rural U.S. Communities: The case of Northwestern North Carolina  
Renee Scherlen, Appalachian State University  
Jesse Lutabingwa, Appalachian State University

The Throes of Relational Contracting  
Jessica Terman, George Mason University

Cross-Sector Partnerships in Support of Emergency Management  
Rashed Mosharref, University of Oklahoma

Enhancing Senior Nutrition Programs Through Social Marketing and Community Partnerships: Insights from the DINE Project in Texas  
Nandita Chaudhuri, Public Policy Research Institute, Texas A&M

Panel Title: **Democratic Performance and Authoritarianism**

Panel Time: 4pm – 5:50pm

Chair: Indira Rampersad, The University of the West Indies



Papers:

Narratives and Authoritarian Legitimation in Bangladesh Under the Sheikh Hasina Regime

Md Sahidul Islam, University of Florida

The 2025 General Elections in Trinidad and Tobago: Reactions, Repercussions, and Results

Indira Rampersad, The University of the West Indies

Autonomy Movements, Foreign Intervention, and Outcomes: The Cases of Nepal and China

Hari Jnawali, Queen's University

Lavender Ceiling: Authoritarian Regime Tactics and Dynamics of LGBTQ Sentiments

Dipika Pannu, Louisiana State University

Repression by Collective Responsibility

Giorgio Farace, The University of Chicago

Panel Title: **Identity and Political Thought**

Panel Time: 4pm – 5:50pm

Chair: Joel Campbell, Troy University

Papers:

Huey P Newton analysis of the Lumpenproletariat: Change, potential, and praxis

Joshua Anderson, Virginia State University

W.E.B. Du Bois Walks into a Classroom with Michelangelo and Nectanebo

Robert Williams, Bennett College

Abolition-Democracy in an Industrial City: Black Women Resisting Enclosures from The Philadelphia Negro to Black Reconstruction

Jasmine Yarish, University of the District of Columbia

Framing Black and Indigenous Anticolonial Thought in the Americas, 1763-1807

Tacuma Peters, City of New York, Hunter College

George Wallace: Racist Populist or Realist-Centrist Coalition Builder?

Joel Campbell, Troy University

Sovereign Citizens Movement and National Identity  
Piper Biery, West Texas A&M

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## **Tuesday, June 17th**

All time references the Eastern Daylight Time Zone

### **KiND Institute Professional Development Workshop**

#### **Approaches and Tools for Qualitative Data Coding**

with Dr. Lea Sgier

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### **PANELS**

Panel Title: **Policy Effects on Wellness**

Panel Time: 8am – 9:50am

Chair: Ki Woong Cho, National University

Papers:

Improving Chronic Disease Outcomes Through Culturally Tailored Interventions: Policy Implications from the ¡Sí, Yo Puedo Controlar Mi Diabetes! Program for Hispanic Seniors in Texas

Nandita Chaudhuri, Public Policy Research Institute, Texas A&M

A Grand Unified Theory of Social Problems

Edward Song, George Fox University

From Promises to Practice: Evaluating disability efforts in public parks

Courtney Harris, University of Louisiana Monroe

Leigh Hersey, University of Louisiana Monroe

Culture and Stress of Firefighters

Ki Woong Cho, National University

Amy Freeman, Florida State University

Samantha Hicks, Florida State University

Examining the Heterogeneity in the Impact of California's Paid Family Leave Program on Long-term Health-related Outcomes

Sonali Singh, University of Texas-Dallas

Panel Title: **Campaigns and Elections**

Panel Time: 8am – 9:50am

Chair: David Niven, University of Cincinnati

Papers:

Ticket-Splitting ‘Missouri-Style’: Valuation of Candidates Versus Policy

Kimberly Casey, Northwest Missouri State University

Andrew Strunc, Northwest Missouri State University

The Realities of the Voting Experience: How the Act of Casting a Ballot Varies Between and Within States

David Niven, University of Cincinnati

Social Context, Economy, and Local News: A New Look at Voter Confidence in American Elections

Murat Abus, Syracuse University

Johanna Dunaway, Syracuse University

Walk-in Elections: Catalysts and Ramifications of Primary Competition Levels in Arkansas

Karlie Barnett, University of Arkansas

Robert Richards, University of Arkansas

The Power to Persuade? Courts and Public Support for Malapportionment

Rieko Kage, The University of Tokyo

Satoru Kawashima, The University of Tokyo

Panel Title: **Foreign Policy**

Panel Time: 8am – 9:50am

Papers:

A Clustered Data Analysis of Currency Manipulation

Kwesi Quansah, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

States position and policy direction in global environmental governance: Current evaluation and prospects based on case studies of Japan’s response.

Masatoshi Yokota, Tokyo University of Science

Changing Pattern of U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Bangladesh and its Effects on Democracy  
Md Sahidul Islam, University of Florida

Soft Power Strategic Relations in the 21st Century: An X-Ray of the Socioeconomic Influence of China and Nigeria  
Paul Chibuike Ezebuilo, Covenant University  
Celestina Ekene Chukwudi, Covenant University  
Grace Isaac, Covenant University

Panel Title: **Polarization, Identity, and Persuasion**

Panel Time: 10am – 11:50am

Chair: Jennifer Brubaker, University of North Carolina Wilmington

Papers:

Presidents' Messages on Legislation and the Congressional Targets of Lobbying  
Huchen Liu, University of Nebraska Omaha

Gender and the Communication of Executive Policy Agendas  
Mirya Holman, University of Houston  
Mimosa Khatun, University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Mahrukh Maqsood, University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Jason Windett, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

"We Don't Talk About That Anymore": Avoidance, Ambiguity, and the Erosion of Family Connection in Politically Polarized Households  
Jennifer Brubaker, University of North Carolina Wilmington

RED, BLUE, & RAINBOW: Partisan Colors in a Gender-Expanding United States  
Dipika Pannu, Louisiana State University

Could Moderate Median Justices Boost Supreme Court Legitimacy Views?  
Thora Giallouri, California State University, San Bernardino

Party Identification, Health Insurance Status and Support of Healthcare Reform  
Robert Coghlan III, Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth-Houston

Panel Title: **International Conflict**

Panel Time: 10am – 11:50am

Papers:

From Conflict to Cash: Understanding the Financial Networks of Iraqi Militant Groups  
Hogr Tarkhani, Louisiana State University

Children of War, Agents of Peace: Assessing the UN's Response to Child Soldiers in  
Sierra Leone  
Elizabeth Haley, Valdosta State University

Fighting Words or Friendly Ties? A Computational Analysis of Turkish Foreign Policy  
Rhetoric  
Baris Alan, Tulane University

Panel Title: **Political Development in the United States and Abroad**

Panel Time: 12pm – 1:50pm

Chair: Julio Orellana, UC Santa Barbara

Papers:

The Ascendant Pink Menace: Grievance Politics, the Lost Cause, and the Re-  
Racialization of the LGBTQ+ Community  
Anastasja Abraham, Mount Holyoke College

Politics of it All  
Elizabeth Walker, College of the Desert

When Bureaucratic Control Fails: Information Monitoring and Political Decision-Making  
Bias within China's Imperial Bureaucracy  
Xianqi Cao, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
Xiaoming Zhang, Zhejiang University

The Caribbean Court of Justice: Potential for Regional Integration  
Anthony Gafoor, Tax Appeal Court of Trinidad and Tobago

Racialized Guatemalan Migrant Labor and the Making of Grassroots Civil Societies in  
Greater Los Angeles  
Julio Orellana, UC Santa Barbara

Panel Title: **Public Opinion**

Panel Time: 12pm – 1:50pm

Chair: Hye-Sung Kim, Appalachian State University

Papers:

Do Salient Judicial Decisions Influence Public Support for Courts? Evidence from Argentina

Matheus Felipe Moreira Zanetti, Florida State University

Martín Gandur, Florida State University

Explaining Migration: The Case of Latin America, 1960-2024

Clemente Quinones-Reyes, Georgia Gwinnett College

Conditions for Peace: South Korean Attitudes Toward Denuclearization Agreements

Hye-Sung Kim, Appalachian State University

Effect of Religious Conversion on Political Participation? Evidence from India

Amit Jadhav, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Faith-Based Motivators for Environmental Concern and Climate Change Activism

Anum Mustafa, MIT

What Drives Climate Concern? A Meta-Analysis of Predictive Factors

Yoonyoung Cho, Georgia State University

Panel Title: **Gender and Politics**

Panel Time: 2pm – 3:50pm

Papers:

Expanding Capabilities through Representation: Applying Sen's Capability Approach to Pakistan's Gender Quota Policy (2002–2013).

Rabia Mujahid, Kennesaw State University

Perceptions of Future Educators on Gender Perspective Curriculum: A Qualitative Study at the University of Puerto Rico

Teófilo Espada-Brignoni, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

Frances Ruiz-Alfaro, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

Kevin S. Carroll, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

Ariana S. Vélez Ballester, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

Celimar Nieves Muñoz, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus  
Alice J. Camacho González, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus  
Paola N. Calo Rodríguez, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

Women's Traditional Roles as Impediments to Political Participation: Attitudes in Six  
Southeast Asian Countries

Cheryl Van Den Handel, Northeastern State University  
Sovathana Sokham, California State University, Dominguez Hills

Rural Women in Politics: Campaign Financing for Female Candidates in Iowa  
Amy Erica Smith, Iowa State University

It's What the Fetus Does: How to ReConstitutionalize Abortions Rights after Dobbs  
Eileen McDonagh, Northeastern University

Panel Title: **International Organizations and Alliances**

Panel Time: 2pm – 3:50pm

Chair: Jamie Elliott, Kennesaw State University

Papers:

Public Perception of CJEU Interactions with Member State Courts  
Jamie Elliott, Kennesaw State University

Keep Your Friends Close, and Your Foes Closer: State-Centered Analysis of the Supply  
Side of IO Enlargement  
Xiran Chen, The University of Arizona  
Dmitriy Nurullayev, The University of Arizona

Who Complies? Using Self Reports to Measure Compliance with CEDAW  
Anna Kowalski, University of Colorado Boulder

Trump's Unilateralism, Strained Alliances, and Economic Consequences  
Taif Cortany, University of North Texas

Panel Title: **American Political Institutions**

Panel Time: 4pm – 5:50pm

Chair: Michael Bednarczuk, Austin Peay State University



Papers:

Beyond Seniority: The Role of Legislative Effectiveness on Becoming Committee Chair  
Michael Bednarczuk, Austin Peay State University

Resource Cursed States?  
Hannah Ridge, Chapman University  
Josh Lerner, Chapman University  
Kiran Auerbach, Chapman University

Social Change in an Era of Declining Delegation  
Jennifer Woodward, Middle Tennessee State University

Judicial deference to expert but interested agencies: theory and experimental evidence  
Kira Pronin, Syracuse University

Violating the Emoluments Clause: Evidence from the first Trump Presidency  
Faisal Ahmed, Wellesley College

Panel Title: **Comparative Political Behavior of Africa**

Panel Time: 4pm – 5:50pm

Chair: Michael Ritter, Washington State University

Papers:

Democratic Hopes: A longitudinal study of diffuse and specific political support in South Africa over 20 years  
Sarah Giles, Stellenbosch University

Complicated State/Media Relations in Cameroon: The Case of the Death of Martinez Zogo  
Benn Bongang, Savannah State University

Co-Ethnic Voting and the Analysis of Trust Levels in Nigeria  
Ayorinde Olanrewaju, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Protest Movements, Veto Players and Electoral Reforms in Africa  
Joseph Akowuah, Washington State University  
Sylvester Andam, Washington State University  
Michael Ritter, Washington State University

Panel Title: **IR Theory**

Panel Time: 4pm – 5:50pm

Chair: Raheel Bashir Rather, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Papers:

Beyond Harm: Writing Ontologies of Pain in International Relations  
Jappandeep Kour, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Theorizing the Nation-State: Kashmir, India, and Pakistan in Brubaker's Triadic Framework  
Raheel Bashir Rather, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Patron-Client Relations in Compact of Free Association States  
Izzet Yalin Yuksel, University of Tartu

Echoes of Authoritarianism in a New Democracy and an Established One with Checks and Balances: Hitler vs. Trump  
Asif Siddiqui, MacEwan University

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