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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

SESSION I: OPENING SESSION, 6 p.m.

Welcome.....Dr. George Kieh, Visiting Scholar and Convener
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Greetings.....Dr. Costa Spirou, Provost and
Vice President for Academic Affairs
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Dr. Eric Tenbus.....Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
Georgia College & State University

DINNER

Symposium Schedule

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023

BREAKFAST

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

SESSION II: SYSTEMS OF GOVERNANCE

PANEL I: 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Explaining Systems of Governance and the Travails of Democratic Systems of Governance I

► **Kelechi Kalu** (University of California at Riverside), “Explaining Democracy, Authoritarianism and Semi-Authoritarianism: Theoretical and Practical Issues”

► **Tennyson Joseph** (North Carolina Central University), “Formal Democracy as an Obstacle to Further Democratic Development: An Assessment of the State of Democracy in the English-Speaking Caribbean”

► **Harold Mock** (Georgia College & State University), “Democracy and the Long Reach of History in the Federal Republic of Germany”

BREAK
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.

PANEL II: 10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
The Travails of Democratic Systems of Governance II

► **Aran Mackinnon** (Georgia College & State University), “The Lights Are Out: Is the Party Over? The African National Congress (ANC) and the State of Democracy in South Africa”

► **William Risch** (Georgia College & State University), “War and the Unmaking of Democracy in Today’s Ukraine”

► **Scott Buchanan** (Georgia College & State University), “Trump Country: The Role of Rural Voters in Georgia”

LUNCH
12:45 - 1:45 p.m.

PANEL III: 2 - 4 p.m.
The “Tugs and Pulls” of Authoritarian and Hybrid Systems of Governance I

► **Allan Cooper** (North Carolina Central University), “Understanding Hungary as An African State”

► **George Kieh** (Georgia College & State University), “Democratization in Post-Conflict Liberia: An Anatomy”

► **Emmanuel Oritsejfor** (North Carolina Central University), “Ethnicity and National Identity in Nigeria: Is Democracy in a State of Flux?”

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

BREAKFAST

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

SESSION III: SYSTEMS OF GOVERNANCE

PANEL IV: 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

The “Tugs and Pulls” of Authoritarian and Hybrid Systems of Governance II

- ▶ **Elaine Mackinnon** (University of West Georgia), “Recasting Russia’s Imperial and Soviet Past: Putin, Putinism, and the Dismantling of Democracy in the Post-Soviet Era”
- ▶ **Neema Noori** (University of West Georgia), “Soviet Statecraft and Performative Democracy in Uzbekistan”
- ▶ **J. Sal Peralta** (University of West Georgia), “Tocando Fondo? Venezuela’s Erosion of Democracy Since 2002”

SESSION IV: WRAP-UP

10:30 - 11 a.m.

LUNCH

11 a.m.

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