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Faculty News

- SPGS Director and Professor Cameron Thies will become President of the International Studies Association at the annual meeting in Toronto, Canada, March 27-30, 2019. More information on ISA can be found at www.isanet.org.
- University Professor Craig Calhoun gave the keynote address *Thinking Across Scales: From place-based community to large-scale social integration* at the [Re-Figuration of Spaces: Mediatization, Mobility, Globalization and Social Dislocation conference](#) at the Technical University Berlin, in Berlin, Germany on February 21, 2019.
- SPGS Associate Professor Magda Hinojosa will be serving as co-editor of *Politics, Groups and Identities*, an official journal of the Western Political Science Association. Her term will begin in May.
- On March 5, 2019, University Professor Craig Calhoun was conferred the honor of the Segillum Magnus of the University of Bologna in Bologna, Italy on March 5, 2019. It is the highest university honor at the University of Bologna. A leading institution in Italy and Europe, the University of Bologna was founded in 1088.
- SPGS Professor of Practice and Center on the Future of War faculty Robert Schmidle was invited as presenter at the Private Technology and National Security Discussions and the Workshop on Psychology, Neuroscience, and Ethics.
- University Professor Craig Calhoun was the keynote speaker with his lecture [The tensions and/or accommodations between religious freedom and secular public spheres at the Annual Conference of European Academy of Religion](#) on March 6, 2019 in Bologna Italy.
- University Professor Craig Calhoun joined a panel of expert witnesses for the Italian

Foreign Ministry at the opening roundtable of the International Seminar on Religions and International Relations in Bologna, Italy on March 6-7, 2019



ASU student wins New York Times journalism contest

After beginning her time at ASU on a journey cycling from Flagstaff to Tempe, it was only fitting that Mia Armstrong would graduate to go on another adventure.

Armstrong, who is double majoring in global studies and journalism, has won the prestigious honor of accompanying New York Times Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Nicholas Kristof on a reporting trip this year to cover global poverty and social justice issues.

[Read more.](#)



Counterinsurgency expert joins ASU as professor of practice

David Kilcullen, a new professor of practice in the School of Politics and Global Studies, was in Tempe this February to film a lecture for his first semester teaching online at ASU.

Kilcullen will be teaching a course in the MA in global security program. During his visit he took some time to share more about his research and what he hopes to accomplish while at ASU:

[Read more and watch the video.](#)



Studying global issues led first-generation ASU alumna to pursue a career in community advocacy

In her job at the Arizona State Senate, Ana Licona works to ensure that constituents in Arizona's 30th Legislative District are valued and represented. Recently, at ASU Day at the Capitol, School of Politics and Global Studies alumna Licona reflected on experiences that led her to pursue a career in public service.

"Being a student in the School of Politics and Global Studies opened so many doors for me through the myriad opportunities offered to learn outside of the classroom. These hands-on opportunities equipped me with the appropriate experiences and knowledge to address real-world issues through action and policy."

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ASU alumna taps into personal history to help others

For Adisa Podrug, an alumna of The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and former Dean's Medalist with the School of Politics and Global Studies, justice was a concept learned early on.

Her family left their native Bosnia when she was 7 years old, just as the country was coming out of a brutal civil war.

"I felt sort of phony being in the U.S. and having all the privileges that come with that, while knowing my cousins in Bosnia didn't have the same luxury," she said. "It made me want to be a helping hand in the problems of the world."

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