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Scholarship helps ASU student explore Balkan roots

Marija Drozdek always had a strong passion for languages and cultures. This passion coupled with her family's Balkan roots led to her studying abroad.

The hurdle for the political science major at ASU was the cost. Fortunately, she found the perfect resource in the Melikian Center: Russian, Eurasian & East European Studies.

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ASU prof on how an engaged civil society can prevent the erosion of democracy

In her recent co-written article, SPGS Associate Professor Lenka Bustikova, explores technocratic populism and how social movements like the demonstration in Letna Park have the power to protect liberal democracy, the rule of law and human rights.

ASU Now asked Bustikova and her colleague, Petra Guasti, to share more of their insights on populism, how it threatens democracy and what can be done about it.

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ASU alumna amplifies local efforts to make national impact

Immigration policy is at the forefront of national news today. For The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences alumna Susie Haslett, a childhood in Arizona provided an early look at the impact it can have firsthand.

Haslett, who has degrees from the ASU's School of Transborder Studies and the School of Politics and Global Studies, is helping local aid networks around the country as a policy training

director in Washington, D.C

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US Army strategist joins ASU as professor of practice

Matt Cavanaugh, a new professor of practice in the School of Politics and Global Studies and an affiliated faculty member with the ASU Center on the Future of War, was in Tempe this summer to film a lecture for his first semester teaching with ASU Online.

Learn more about Cavanaugh's background, his course in ASU's MA in global security program and why he came to Arizona State University:

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Faculty News

- SPGS had another successful year of their [Early Start program](#) which is a free, two-week immersion program where students hear from various guest speakers as they embark on a journey to prepare for their transition to ASU. Students receive instruction with Associate Professor Richard Herrera and Senior Lecturer Gina Woodall as well as writing and research methods with PhD students. Thank you to all of our guest speakers for this year: Joel Edman, Chris Glover, Trista Guzman-Glover, Luis Heredia, Jevin Hodge, Rep. Pawlik, Marilyn Rodriguez, Rep. Salman, and Senator Sinema.

- University Professor Craig Calhoun attended the [American Sociological Association's \(ASA\) 114th Annual Meeting](#) August 10 - 13 in New York City. Calhoun was on the Presidential panel discussing, "*Sociology's Roots in Social Justice*". Calhoun also hosted a reception honoring this year's ASA President, ASU's own Mary Romero, for a career of distinguished intellectual contributions, inspiration to younger sociologists, and leadership.
- Assistant Professor Fabian G. Neuner's dissertation *Elite Framing and the Legitimacy of Global Governance* received the Thomas E. Patterson Best Dissertation Award from APSA's Political Communication section as well as an honorable mention for the best dissertation by APSA's Political Psychology section.
- Anand Gopal, an Assistant Research Professor with SPGS, the Center on the Future of War and the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, was awarded a Conflict Research Fellowship with the Conflict Research Programme at the London School of Economics and Political Science. His project focuses on field-based research in Syria and is linked to the joint Center/New America Proxy War project.
- On September 4th, Daniel Rothenberg participated in a panel and pre-opening film screening of "Official Secrets" with Mi-Ai Parrish, Sue Clark-Johnson Professor in Media Innovation and Leadership and Associate Professor Greg Bernstein and Sara Bernstein, who co-wrote the film's screenplay. The event was organized by IFC Films and Professor of Practice Adam Collis, the Director of ASU Film Spark.
- On August 26 – 27, University Professor Craig Calhoun gave the keynote speech for the event "*An Appeal to Reason*": *Academia's response to current shifts in political culture* in Los Angeles. The two-day long symposium was organized by [Thomas Mann House](#), [German Research Foundation](#), and [German Rectors' Conference](#).
- Assistant Professor Fabian G. Neuner's co-authored article (with Nicholas Valentino and L. Matthew Vandenbroek) *The Changing Norms of Racial Political Rhetoric and the End of Racial Priming*, published in the *Journal of Politics*, received an honorable mention for the 2019 Walter Lippmann Best Published Article Award from APSA's Political Communication section.
- ASU Professor of Practice Peter Bergen presented testimony in the US Congress. He spoke before the House Committee on Homeland Security in a presentation entitled "[Global Terrorism: Threats to the Homeland](#)."
- On September 10 – 12, University Professor Craig Calhoun was a keynote speaker on The Future of Work at the [2019 Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association](#) taking place at the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

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