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"From Hebron to Jerusalem:

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Panel Members: Moderator: Rolin Mainuddin, North Carolina Central University

Rathnam Indurthy, McNeese State University Ghassan El-Eid, Central Connecticut State University Norton Mezvinsky, Central Connecticut State University Paul Magnarella, University of Florida

1.3 PAPER PRESENTATION - Room 312

"The Impact of Economic Development on Agriculture and the Environment: Problems, Prospects and Issues"

Chair: Harold Isaacs, Georgia Southwestern State University

Paper Presenters:

- A. "Ecotourism and Economic Development in Latin America" Nancy W. Shumaker, Georgia Southern University
- Ψ "The Impact of Current Land Use Patterns on Future Economic Development in the Caribbean" Marcia W. Jones, Georgia Southern University
- ņ "The Western Model of Agricultural Development and Families in Developing Countries" Gary Kline, Georgia Southwestern State University

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D. "Environmental Justice in Africa: Problems and Prospects"
Philip C. Aka; University of Arkanas at Pine Bluff, and
Lawrence N. Okere, University of Arkanas at Pine Bluff

Discussant: Michael Sanchez, Northern Arizona University

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"Africa: Developing Structures for More Effective Participation in Global Affairs in the 21st Century"

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2.2 OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION - Room 311 "Politics in Central Asia"

Moderator: Michael B. Bishku, Augusta State University

Panel Members:

Nozar Alaolmolki, Hiram College James E. Sowerwine, Kutztown University

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"Stimulating Latin American Development and Democratization"

Chair: Harold Isaacs, Georgia Southwestern State University

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- JoAnn A. DiGeorgio-Lutz, Texas A&M University Commerce
 The Export-Oriented Growth of Brazil's Traditional Industries and
- B. The Export-Oriented Growth of Brazil's Traditional Industries and the Politics of Local Industrialists: Continuities and Changes" Eduardo R. Gomes, Universidade Federal Fluminose
- C. "Democratic Transitions in the Southern Cone: The Role of Political Parties and Grassroots Mobilization" Lynn Holland, University of Colorado
- D. "The Post-Cold War Era and Development in the Third World" Claudio Hidalgo, Johns Hopkins University

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3.1 PAPER PRESENTATION - Room 312

"Questioning Neo-Liberalism in Latin America"

Chair: David Schwam-Baird, University of North Florida

Paper Presenters:

- A. "Alternatives to Neo-Liberalism for Brazil and Mexico" Stephanie Whittier, University of North Florida
- B. "Asian Tiger or African Elephant?: Neo-Liberalism and Development in El Salvador"
 Kenneth Johnson, Eastern Kentucky University
- C. "Israel as 'Counter-Paradigm' to Neo-Liberal Development in Latin America" David Schwam-Baird, University of North Florida
- D. "State and Development in Latin America"
 Menno Vellinga, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

Discussant: Nancy W. Shumaker, Georgia Southern University

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

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3.2 PAPER PRESENTATION - Room 306/308 "African Development, History and Politics"

Chair: Akwasi B. Assensoh, Indiana University - Bloomington Paper Presenters:

 A. "Inflation and Foreign Currency in Developing Countries: Some Developments in Ghana"
 Samuel Kojo Andoh, Southern Connecticut State University

B. "Africans and African-Americans: The History and Politics of Cross-cultural Marriages"

Yvette Alex-Assensoh, Indiana University - Bloomington

C. "Trade and Investment Promotion Efforts in Africa in Aid of Development: A Legal Perspective" Paul Kuruk, Samford University

P ™A Survey of Oromo Immigrant Folklife" Addisu Tolesa, Indiana University - Bloomington

Discussants: Paul Kuruk, Samford University and
Yvette Alex-Assensoh, Indiana University - Bloomington

3.3 PAPER PRESENTATION - Room 311

"East Asian Economic Development, Security and Trade Relations of the 1990's"

Chair: Steve Y. Rhee, Armstrong Atlantic State University

Paper Presenters:

 A. "Northeast Asian International Relations: The 1990's from the Perspective of the 1890's"
 J. Michael Allen, University of California- Berkeley

 B. "Impact of Religion on the Value Formation of Leaders in South Korea: Implications for other Asian Nations" Chan Sup Chang, Lander University

C. "East Asian Dynamism in Asia/Pacific Economic Cooperation"
Youn-Suk Kim, Kean College of New Jersey

 The Changing Economic Landscape and the Making of China's Foreign Policy During the Post-Cold War Era"
 Yi Sun, University of San Diego

Discussant: Jin K. Kim, State University of New York - Plattsburg

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3.4 PAPER PRESENTATION - Salon A "Bureaucracy, Militarization and Africa's Search for

Democracy"

Chair: Herbert Shore, University of Southern California

Paper Presenters:

.. "The Authoritarian State and the Question of Democratic Governance in Post - Colonial Africa: Lessons from Nigeria" Dauda Abubakar, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria

 B. "The Military and the Struggle for Democracy in Developing Countries: Toward Improved Understanding of the Military's Role in Democratization"

Philip C. Aka, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

C. "Rethinking the Non-Intervention Principle as an Antidote to Conflict Resolution in Africa"

A.S. Akpotor, Edo State University, Nigeria

D. "Bureaucratic Role in the Post Independent and Military Administration: The Nigerian Experience Between 1960 and 1983"

Discussant: Eudora Chikwendu, SUNY - New Palts

Bennett Odunsi, Jackson State University

LUNCH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

Salon B (cost of lunch is not included)

Guest Speaker: Charlie Leibling

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4.1 "Civil-Military Relations in Africa" **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION - Room 306/308**

Moderator: Pita O. Agbese, University of Northern Iowa

Panel Members:

F. Wafulu Okomu, Mississippi Women's College George Klay Kieh, Morehouse College Kwaku Danso, Clark-Atlanta University

4.2 PAPER PRESENTATION - Room 311

"Development Through Reforms in Language, Education and the Teaching of Cultural Values"

Chair: Anne Nangulu-Ayuku, West Virginia University

Paper Presenters:

- "Experientially Teaching North-South Transactions" Joyce L. Francis, George Mason University
- œ "Virtual Libraries -Sub Saharan Africa- A Reality or a Mirage?" Elsie A. Rogers-Halliday Okobi, Southern Connecticut State University
- S "Language, Culture, Education and Development Nexus: Way Forward for Africa" Francis R. Owino, Maseno University College, Kenya
- Ō "National Language or International Folly: The Question of Michael D. Phillips, Brigham Young University

Discussant: Abdul Karim Bangura, Bowie State University

4.3 **PAPER PRESENTATION - Room 312**

"The Impact of Third World Economic Development on People, **Human Rights and Personal Well Being"**

Chair: Daniel C. Turack, Capital University

Paper Presenters:

⋗ "Barriers to the Effectiveness of Female Traditional Doctors in Africa's Health Development Pursuits" Hannah Carew, Moi University, Kenya

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1:40 - 3:30 P.M.

- "Issues of Human Rights/Violence in the Lives of African Women" Eudora Chikwendu, SUNY - New Paltz
- O "Imperialism, Independence and Islam in Senegal and Mali (West Africa)" Andrew F. Clark, University of North Carolina - Wilmington
- Ö Economy and Its People: The Unsolved Issues" "The Impact of Bolivia's Unique Capitalization Model on Its Maria L. Pericon, South San Diego County Economic Development Council

Discussant: Jeffrey Elliot, North Carolina Central University

4.4 PAPER PRESENTATION - Salon A

"The Constraints and Challenges of Third World Economic Development"

Chair: Samuel Kojo Andoh, Southern Connecticut State University

Paper Presenters:

- "The Third World and the New Globalization: Constraints, Challenges and Opportunities" Julius Ihonvbere, University of Texas at Austir
- New World Order: Globalization as Current Foe but Potential "Countering Sub-Saharan Africa's Relative Marginalization in the
- Kingdom Paul Kennedy, Manchester Metropolitan University, United

"Africa in the Twenty-first Century: Strategies for Stability and

Development" John Mukum Mbaku, Weber State University

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- Ō "The Contribution of the Educational Development Experiences in Third World Africa towards the New World Order: A Reflection on the Lessons from Kenya." Ruth Otunga, Moi University - Chepkoilel Campus, Kenya
- i "A Projection of Economic Development Programs in Post Civil
- Eric Benson, Fayetteville State University Pender O. Gbenedio, Fayetteville State University and

Discussant: Addisu Tolesa, Indiana University - Bloomington

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5.1 PAPER PRESENTATION - Room 306/308 "Changing Patterns of Power in contemporary African Politics"

Chair: Cathy Skidmore-Hess, Georgia Southern University

Paper Presenters

- A. "Nationalism, Labor, and Power in the Creation of Botswanan Game Reserves"
- Cathy Skidmore-Hess, Georgia Southern University and Daniel Skidmore-Hess, Armstrong Atlantic State University
- B "Imperialism or Altruism? U.S. Intervention in Somalia" Ronald W. Cox, Florida International University
- C. "The Organization of Chaos: Authoritarianism and Violence in Rwanda, Burundi and Zaire"
 Timothy Longman, Vassar College
- D. "North African Labor Migrations and the European Union" Gregory White, Smith College

Discussant: Saba Jallow, Georgia Southern University

5.2 PAPER PRESENTATION - Room 311

"Development and Ideology in the Midst of War:
The International Voluntary Service (IVS) Experience in
Laos and Vietnam, 1963 - 1971"

Chair: Paul A. Rodell, Georgia Southern University

Paper Presenters:

- "That Was Then, This Is Now: An American Woman Remembers Vietnam"
- Marjorie Caldwell, University of Rhode Island
- B. "The Bombing of Laos and the Browning of One Volunteer"
 Walter Haney, Boston College
- C. "Disillusionment in the Delta: Death of Idealism" William Seraile, Lehman College, (CUNY)
- D. "Whose Secret War? Secret From Whom?"
 T. Hunter Wilson, Marlboro College

Discussant: John Sommer, School for International Training

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"Redefining the State and the Political Economy in the Third World"

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Chair: Jeffrey M. Elliot, North Carolina Central University

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 During the Decolonization Period"
 John Boye Ejobowah, University of Toronto
- B. "Africa and the New World Order: Development Dilemma and Imperatives"

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- I. B. Bello-Imam, and W. Ehwarieme, Edo State University, Ekpoma, Nigeria
- "Barber's 'Jihad and McWorld' The Political Economy of State Reconstitution in Africa" Kelechi, A. Kalu, University of Northern Colorado

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- D. "Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa: Paradigm for a New Democracy"
 Herbert Shore, University of Southern California
- E. "Cultural Relativism and the Imposition of Etics"
 Stephen Buggie, University of New Mexico, Gallup

Discussant: Assefaw Bariagaber, University of Nebraska at Kearney

5.4 PAPER PRESENTATION - Room 312

"Rethinking Neoliberal Economic Globalization: Will it Succeed?"

Chair: Eugene B. Shultz, Jr., Washington University in St. Louis

Paper Presenters:

- A. "Commoditization, Privatization, and the Impoverishment of East African Herders"
- Elliot Fratkin, Smith College
- B. "The Great Divide: Labor, Winners and Losers in the NAFTA Era"

Barbara R. Dilthey, Boston University

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ဂ "Export-Led Growth in Chile, Malaysia and Thailand: Fast Track to Success or Dead-End Siding?" Nola Reinhardt, Smith College

Ō "Neoliberal Economic Globalization as a Development Paradigm: In Trouble?"

Eugene B. Shultz, Jr., Washington University in St. Louis

Discussant: Gregory White, Smith College

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Business Meeting

Keynote Speaker:

Anthropology, University of Florida Paul J. Magnarella, PhD., Associate Chair of Human Tragedy in Rwanda" "The International Legal Response to the

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6.1 "Language and Education as Promoters of Change in the New World Order" PAPER PRESENTATION - Room 311

Chair: Elsie A. Rogers-Halliday Okobi, Southern Connecticut State University

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"Accelerated Language Deaths in the Developing World: A Consequence of the New World Order" Abdul Karim Bangura, Bowie State University

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Ŋ "The Role of Universities in Africa in the Knowledge Explosion

Fredrick Muyia Nafukho, Louisiana State University

Ō "The New South Africa: Education for Reconstruction in the Post-Cold War Era" Anne Nangulu-Ayuku, West Virginia University

Discussant: Lawrence N. Okere, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

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"Civil-Military Relations in Post-Colonial Societies"

Chair: Chaitram Singh, Berry College

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"The Military and Postcolonial Identity in Ken Saro-Wiwa's Sozaboy and Manuel Rui's Yes, Comrade!" Sandra Meek, Berry College

₽ "Soldiers as Ethnic Guardians: A Comparison of the Cases of Guyana and Fiji" Chaitram Singh, Berry College

 ${\displaystyle \ \, \Omega}$ a Developing Democracy" "Parties, Elections and Corruption in India: Regulating Politics in Paul R. Petterson, Central Connecticut State University

Ō "Secularism, the Identity Crisis, and Political Development in the Countries of the Arab World: Problems, Issues, and Prospects" Mohamad Z. Yakan, United States International University

Discussants: Therese S. Gunawardena, University of Texas at Austin, (A. and B.) and M. Bazlul Karim, Western Illinois University, (C. and D.)

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Chair: Bennett Odunsi, Jackson State University

Paper Presenters:

- A. "African's Original Concept of Development: The Role of Gender Equality in Enhancing Growth before Slave Trade Era: New Approach in a New World Order"
 Aigbokhaode K. Asimiafele, National Council for Arts and Sciences
- B. "Do the Media Promote Development in Third World Countries?" Tendayi S. Kumbula, Ball State University
- C. "Gender, Land Tenure System and Development in Kenya"
 Basilida Anyona Mutoro, Moi University, Kenya
- D. "Should Village Banking Be Integrated with Other Development Programs? Contending Arguments and Preliminary Findings from Ecuador and Honduras"
 Stephen C. Smith, The George Washington University
- E. "The Impact of the Western Hemisphere's Regional Trade Agreements on Latin America's Economic Development: NAFTA and Mexico."

Maria L. Pericon, South San Diego County Economic Development Council

Discussant: Michael Sanchez, Northern Arizona University

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"The Issue of Governance and Development in the Third World"

Chair: Zia Hashmi, Georgia Southern University

Paper Presenters:

 A. "Sri Lanka: Structural Adjustment, Foreign Policy, and the Ethnic Cønflict"

Neil DeVotta, University of Texas at Austin

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10:00 - 11:50 A.M.

B. "The Quest for Khalistan: The Sikh Diaspora and the Politics of Nationalism"

Therese S. Gunawardena, University of Texas at Austin

C. "Development and the Issue of Governance in South Asia: Alternative Strategies"

B. M. Jain, University of Rajasthan, India

- D. "Chinese Minorities and Recent Economic Development Reforms"
 Dorothea A. L. Martin, Appalachian State University
- E. "The Criminal Justice Reforms in China in 1997: Have Prisons and Forced Labor Changed?" Daniel C. Turack, Capital University

Discussant: J. Michael Allen, University of California

7.2 PAPER PRESENTATION - Room 312 "East-West Relations and the Issue of Human Rights"

Chair: William Head, Warner Robins AFB, Georgia

Paper Presenters:

- A. "Managing Refugee Repatriations: States, International Organizations, and the Refugee"
 Assefaw Bariagaber, University of Nebraska at Kearney
- B. "Judicial Responses to Genocide: The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the Rwandan Genocide Courts" Paul J. Magnarella, University of Florida
- C. "Turkish-Russian Relations and the Kurdish Question Since the Gulf War"

Robert Olson, University of Kentucky

- D. "America as an Obstacle: Chinese Intellectuals and the Resurgence of Patriotic Nationalistic Sentiment" Hong Zhang, University of Central Florida
- E. "Human Rights Violations in East and Central Africa and the Issue of Cultural Relativism" Santosh C. Saha, Mount Union College

Discussant: Steve Y. Rhee, Armstrong Atlantic State University

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Moderator: George Klay Kieh, Jr., Morehouse College

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Nwafejoku Okolie Uwadibie, Community College of Aurora

7.4 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION - Salon B "Examining the Convoluted Middle East Peace Process"

Moderator: Yoram Lubling, Elon College

Panel Members:

Elmoiz Abunura, University of North Carolina-Ashville Rolin Mainuddin, North Carolina Central University Yahia Zoubir, Thunderbird (The American Graduate School of International Management)

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