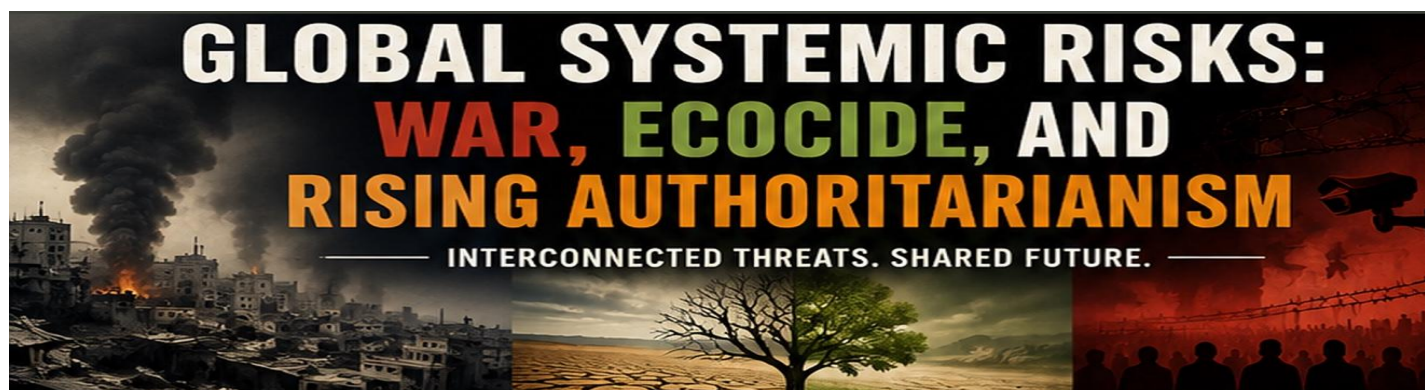
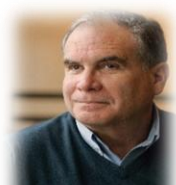




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MORNING CONFERENCE TIME

PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 4

9:00-9:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast & Registration

9:30-10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & OPENING ADDRESS

Global Systemic Risks: War, Ecocide, and Rising Authoritarianism

Barbara Wejnert

Professor, Department of Environment and Sustainability; Affiliated Faculty, Jaeckle Center for Law, Democracy, and Governance, University at Buffalo
Wejnert is an internationally recognized and award-winning political sociologist whose interdisciplinary scholarship includes numerous articles and books, including *Diffusion of Democracy* (Cambridge UP, 2014). Her research examines sustainable development and the effects of democracy and autocracy on climate-crisis mitigation, societal well-being, and gender-equitable development.

10:00-11:00 a.m.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Fragility of Democracy in a Systemically Risky World

Miguel A. Centeno

Musgrave Professor of Sociology, Princeton University; Professor of Sociology and International Affairs, Princeton School of Public and International Affairs

A leading scholar of warfare, state formation, political economy, and institutional change. His research examines how war and conflict shape state capacity, political institutions, development, and social order. His influential work includes *Blood and Debt: War and the Nation-State in Latin America*.

11:00-11:30 a.m.

KEYNOTE DISCUSSION: DEMOCRACY, INEQUALITY & POLITICAL ECONOMY

Matthew Dimick

Professor of Law, University at Buffalo School of Law

Discussant on the keynote address. Professor Dimick will extend the discussion to democratic weakening, economic inequality, and political economy in the United States. He is the author of *Ending Income Inequality: A Critical Approach to the Law and Economics of Redistribution* (Cambridge University Press).

11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

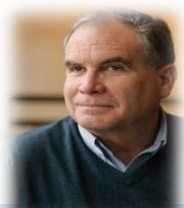
Audience Discussion & Q&A

12:00-1:00 p.m.

Lunch

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TIME

PROGRAM

1:00-1:30 p.m.

Coffee, Conversation & Afternoon Gathering

1:30-1:45 p.m.

INTRODUCTION TO THE EVS SPEAKER SERIES

Isabel Hannes

Professor, Department of Environment and Sustainability; Director, EVS Speaker Series

Introduction to the EVS Speaker Series and its interdisciplinary focus on contemporary environmental and sustainability challenges.

1:45-2:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INVITED SPEAKER

Nataliia Yaroshenko

Fulbright Scholar from Ukraine

Introduction of Brendan Hoffman and the broader context of documenting war and environmental destruction in Ukraine.

2:00-3:00 p.m.

INVITED LECTURE & VISUAL PRESENTATION

Documenting Ecocide: Ukraine's Environment in the Shadow of War

Brendan Hoffman

Documentary Photographer and Writer, based in Kyiv, Ukraine

Hoffman has documented revolution and war in Ukraine since 2013, primarily for The New York Times. His work explores identity, history, politics, conflict, and the environment; he has also covered the intersection of conflict and the environment in South Asia for National Geographic.

3:00-3:15 p.m.

Coffee & Pastry Break

3:15-4:00 p.m.

INVITED LECTURE

"Democracy/Autocracy Cyclical Trend Since 1789 and 21st-Century Warfare and Global Warming Risks"

Christopher Chase-Dunn

Distinguished Professor of Sociology, University of California, Riverside

A leading scholar of world-systems analysis and long-term global social change. He founded the Institute for Research on World-Systems at UC Riverside and is founding editor of the Journal of World-Systems Research. His books include Global Formation: Structures of the World-Economy.

4:00-4:15 p.m.

Discussion & Q&A

4:15-4:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE CONCLUSION & FINAL REFLECTIONS

Global Systemic Risks: From Understanding to Response