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Center for the Study of Global Change  
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## GLOBAL STUDIES POSITIONING SERIES (GSPS)

SPRING 2015

GSPS is the Center for the Study of Global Change's noon discussion series that provides interdisciplinary conversations about issues that transcend our world.

Discussions begin at 12 noon in the conference room at the Global Center (International Programs Building, 201 N Indiana Avenue).

Feel free to bring your lunch (coffee and cookies always provided).

### **Tuesday, January 27 - *Cybersecurity and the Search for Global 'Cyber Peace'***

**Scott Shackelford**, Assistant Professor, Business Law and Ethics, IU Kelley School of Business; Distinguished Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame; Senior Fellow; Center for Applied Cybersecurity Research.

Professor Shackelford will discuss his interdisciplinary, polycentric, and global views on managing cyber attacks, as explained in his new book, *Managing Cyber Attacks in International Law, Business, and Relations: In Search of Cyber Peace* (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

### **Thursday, February 12 – *Ocean Trade: Window into Global History***

**Pedro Machado**, Assistant Professor, IU Department of History; Research Associate, Indian Ocean World Center, McGill University.

Professor Machado will discuss how ocean trade provides a window into global history and the global present. He will illustrate this by describing 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>-century Indian Ocean social, cultural, and economic networks, as explained in his recent publication, *Ocean of Trade: South Asian Merchants, Africa, and the Indian Ocean, c. 1750-1850* (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

### **Thursday, March 5 - *The Political Ecology of Water: Human-Water Relationships in a Changing Climate***

**Stephanie Kane**, Professor of International Studies, School of Global and International Studies, is a cultural anthropologist, ecologist and author of *Where Rivers Meet the Sea: The Political Ecology of Water* (Temple University Press, 2012).

The science of climate change introduced dramatic uncertainty into human-water relationships, destabilized established protocols of storm prediction, complicated the design and operation of flood control systems, and should stretch the time frame of environmental impact assessment. Based on her fall 2014 ethnographic research among engineers and geographers in the urbanized wet prairielands of Manitoba, Kane will discuss the possibilities and limits of incorporating "known unknowns" into technical traditions.

### **Tuesday, April 14 - *Personifying the State: The Individual in International Relations***

**Robert Oprisko**, Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Global Change, SGIS; Director and Editor-at-Large at E-International Relations; Political Science and International Relations specialist editor at Lynne Rienner Publishers. Author of *Honor: A Phenomenology* (Routledge, 2012) and co-editor of *Michael A. Weinstein: Action, Contemplation, Vitalism* (Routledge, 2014).

Based upon his forthcoming book *Existential Theory in (International) Politics* (Routledge) and his major research project "Resurrecting International Relations Theory," Dr. Oprisko will discuss how individual persons remain the foundation of all politics, creating the international system through human experiences of anxiety, opportunism, and generosity.