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Saturdays, January 25– February 29

Lecture Series 9:30 – 11 a.m.

Wood County Senior Center, 305 N. Main Street, Bowling Green

Facilitated by Bowling Green State University Professors

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January 25: Climate Change and the Global Order

Dr. Shannon Orr, Associate Professor of Political Science

Climate change has become one of the defining issues of our time. As much of the world bands together to come up with a plan, the U.S. remains the notable holdout. What is the rest of the world doing to combat climate change? What impact with the effects of climate change have on global geopolitics?

February 1: India and Pakistan

Dr. Marc Simon, Associate Professor of Political Science

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi rode a wave of Hindu nationalism to a historic reelection in 2019. His first order of business was to revoke the special status granted to the Kashmir region, inflaming the rivalry between India and Pakistan. How will the Kashmir situation affect the region, both economically and politically?

February 8: Red Sea Security

Dr. Vibla Bhalla, Chair of Dept. of Ethnic Studies

The Red Sea has remained vital for global trade since the time of ancient Egypt. Once home to the spice trade, the Red Sea now sees millions of barrels of oil a day transported across its waters. With major nations like China, France, Italy, and the U.S. building large ports and bases in the region, what does the future of the region look like? How important is Red Sea security for global security? Can the region be a place of global cooperation?

February 15: Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

Dr. Priscilla Coleman, Dr. Su Yun Bae, Dept. of Human Development

Almost every nation has enacted laws criminalizing human trafficking, and international organizations, governments, and NGOs sponsor a large variety of projects to curb trafficking and slavery. Billions of dollars have been allocated to these efforts. What is the international community doing to combat slavery and trafficking? What are the experiences like for those being trafficked?

February 22: China's Road into Latin America

Dr. Amilcar Challu, Dept. of History

As the Trump administration continues to withdraw from the world stage, China is looking to fill the void. How does Latin America fit into China's "One Belt, One Road" plan? How will the relationship with China affect the region? Should the U.S. be concerned about China's growing "sphere of influence"?

February 29: Artificial Intelligence and Data

Dr. Rob Green, Assistant Professor Computer Science

Policymakers in many countries are developing plans and funding research in artificial intelligence (AI). Global growth is slowing, and not surprisingly, many policymakers hope that AI will provide a magic solution. The EU, Brazil, and other Western countries have adopted regulations that grant users greater control over their data and require that firms using AI be transparent about how they use it. Will the U.S. follow suit?