Welcome to the spring semester on behalf of the Frank Church Institute! We look forward to continue offering relevant and timely discussions on national and global issues, as well as opportunities for Boise State students to pursue careers in public service. We hope you will join us in reading our publications and attending our events this semester.

34TH ANNUAL FRANK CHURCH CONFERENCE

On October 23rd, 2017 The Frank Church Institute sponsored the 34th annual Frank Church Conference "America’s Future: Refugees, Migration, and National Security." Throughout the day we hosted various speakers, panels and discussions on the contemporary refugee and migration crisis around the world, and the opportunities and challenges for refugees in the United States and Idaho. Former Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration, Anne Richard, delivered a rousing keynote during the conference luncheon.

Additionally, we welcomed senior leadership from Mercy Corps, the International Rescue Committee, the American Civil Liberties Union, and Boise State faculty. Several hundred guests from the Boise community, its high schools, and Boise State University attended the conference. In addition to the conference events, a number of colleagues and board members penned essays on the global refugee crisis.

You can access these timely pieces here.
DOCUMENTARY SCREENING: JOSHUA – TEENAGER V. SUPERPOWER

On January 11th, 2017, in partnership with Student Involvement’s Bronco Welcome Week, The Frank Church Institute kicked off the spring semester with a screening of a feature documentary highlighting the work of Hong Kong activist Joshua Wong, and his leadership of the 2014 Umbrella Revolution. After the video, China expert and International Business professor Jack Marr, Frank and Bethine Church Chair Steven Feldstein, Filmmaker, Communications professor Rulon Wood, and Research Associate Chase Johnson, discussed the film with the mostly student audience.

FEATURED STUDENT - DAMIEN WRIGHT

In February, recently named Frank Church Scholar Damien Wright will travel to Stuttgart, Germany for an internship at U.S. European Command. Damien will help staff senior military leadership at the offices which oversee U.S. military interests on the European Continent as well as tens of thousands of American troops. Students interested in applying for a Frank Church Scholarship should contact the Financial Aid office by March 15th.
FEB 15 - WHAT DOES THE WORLD THINK ABOUT GLOBALIZATION? PROMISE AND PERIL
3:00 pm in Skaggs Hall - College of Business and Economics

The Frank Church Institute will host Jacob Poushter, Senior Researcher at Pew Research Center, who will headline a panel discussion entitled: "What Does the World Think About Globalization? Promise and Peril." He will present survey and polling data from around the world that will lend insight into what people think about globalization and what businesses can expect to see in the coming years. Professors Steve Feldstein and Jack Marr will offer additional commentary on business, economic and political perspectives underlying challenges to globalization.

MARCH 5 - IS DEMOCRACY RECEEDING AROUND THE GLOBE? CHALLENGES AND BACKSLIDING
3:30pm in the Boise State Honors College

The SPS Global Studies program and the Frank Church Institute will host a panel discussion entitled "Is Democracy Receding Around the Globe? Challenges and Backsliding." Dr. Sarah Bush, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Temple University, Amanda Sloat, Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution and former Deputy Assistant Secretary at the State Department, and Professors Steve Feldstein and Brian Wampler will discuss global democracy trends and challenges to democratic governance.

APRIL 3 - INNOVATIONS AND RENEWALS
3:30pm in the Boise State Honors College

The SPS Global Studies program and the Frank Church Institute will host a panel discussion on "Innovations and Renewal," which will examine current strategies that governments, activists, and citizens are using to enhance the quality of democracy. Rob Berschinski, Senior Vice president for Policy at Human Rights First, Dr. Stephanie McNulty of Franklin & Marshall, and Dr. Brian Wampler, Professor at Boise State University will headline the discussion.
RECENT PUBLICATIONS

STEVEN FELDSTEIN

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After Coup, Will Zimbabwe See Democracy or Dictatorship? - The Conversation

Trump’s War on Terror - The National Review

How U.S. Policies are Worsening the Global Refugee Crisis - The Blue Review

New Data About Airstrikes During Trump’s First 10 Months in Office Should Sound Alarm Bells - Newsweek

Can Brownback be the Credible Face of America’s Promotion of Religious Freedom? – World Politics Review

CHASE JOHNSON

Net Neutrality Repeal was a Win for Russia and Its Bots Worked Hard for It – International Policy Digest

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