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School of Politics and Global Studies forms advisory board

Thanks to the support of donors, alumni and stakeholders, the School of Politics and Global Studies has continued its growth and expansion of academic offerings and exciting research projects.

To assist with guiding those efforts, the school has recently formed the SPGS Advisory Board made up of community members and alumni.

“I’m really excited about the phenomenal group that we have assembled,” said Magda Hinojosa, Director and Professor. “Our SPGS Advisory Board members are exceptionally talented and dynamic individuals.”

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Three-time ASU grad advocates for Native students in higher education

Three-time ASU alumnus Kris Beecher is using his education, passions and skills to advocate for Native American students and serve his community through his career as an attorney.

“Navajo culture teaches me that I have a responsibility to the community to make sure that I give back,” said Beecher, who is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. “I’ve been very lucky to have all sorts of opportunities and I need to open those opportunities up for other members of my community, specifically the Native American community.”

He has continued to remain involved with ASU, mentoring Native students and serving on the SPGS Advisory Board. He shared his advice for students, his plans for the future and what his greatest motivations are:

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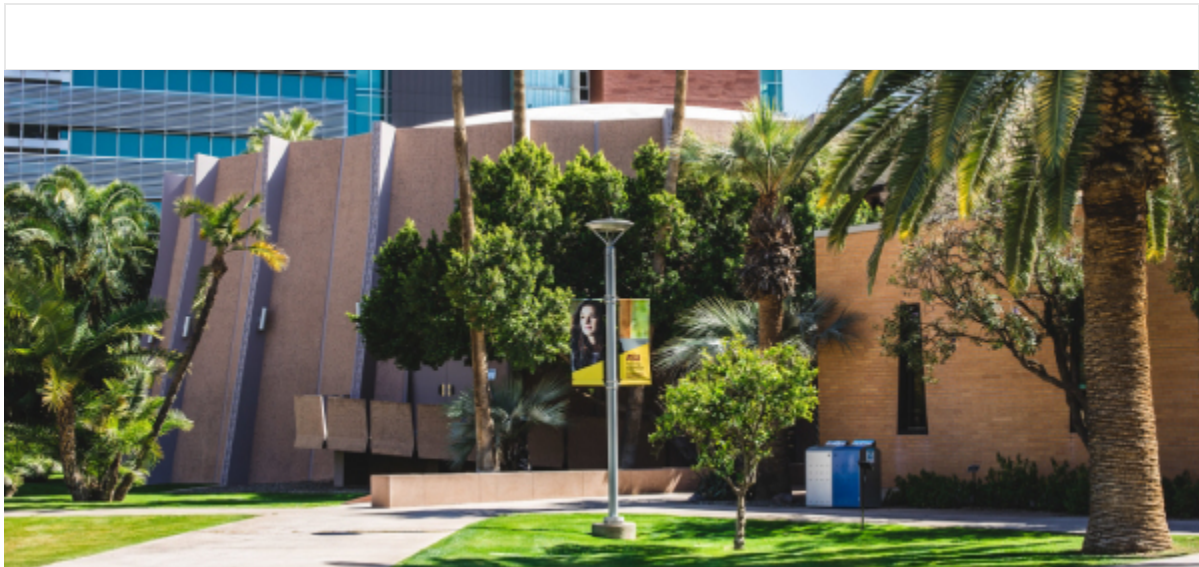
Former Sen. Jeff Flake talks extremism in US politics with ASU community

During a March 15 virtual discussion, former U.S. Sen. Jeff Flake spoke to the Arizona State University community, fielding questions on the recent rise in anti-democratic violence in the U.S., the Capitol insurrection and the second impeachment trial of Donald Trump.

The discussion, hosted by the School of Politics and Global Studies, featured American government expert and Senior Lecturer Dr. Gina Woodall as moderator.

[Watch the recorded event here.](#)

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Former ambassadors, three-star general launch new lab at ASU

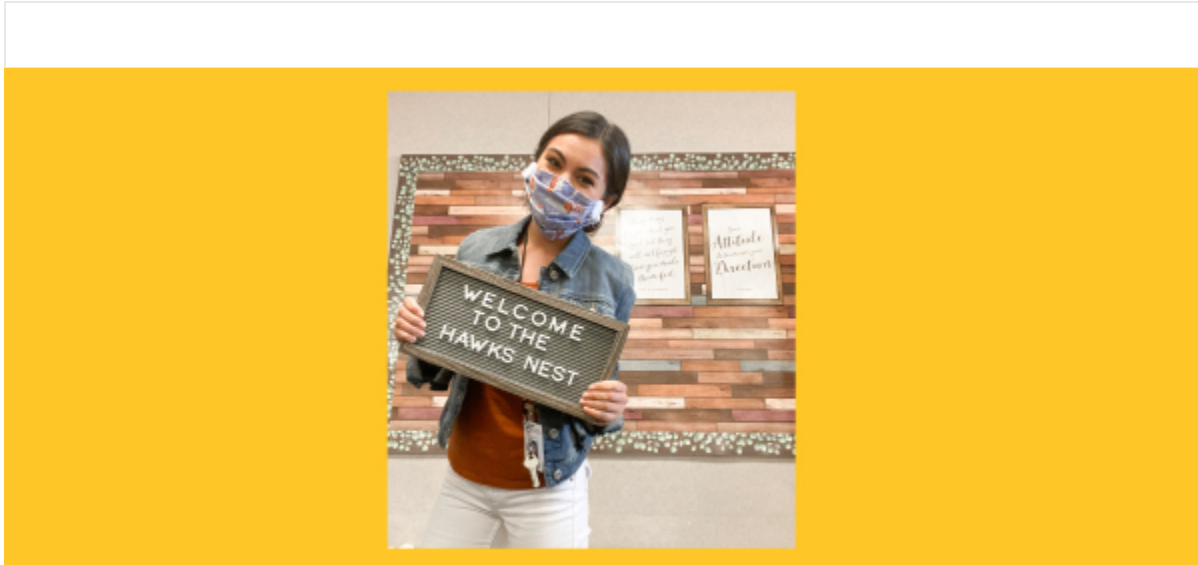
With decades of experience in diplomacy, negotiations, national security and leadership, three practitioners worked with the University Design Institute to brainstorm how they could each contribute their knowledge to ASU, resulting in the recent launch of the Leadership, Diplomacy and National Security Lab.

While the lab lives within The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, its

impact and access is intended to be far-reaching across the full range of university enterprises.

Additional reading: [ASU's 1st ambassador-in-residence talks about new role, shares advice for students considering foreign affairs](#)

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Sun Devil alums innovate as math educators during COVID-19

May 2020 ASU political science graduate Lauren Hawks knew exactly what she was getting into when she applied for Teach for America.

“Immediately, hearing the mission of Teach for America really caught my eye and caught my heart,” Hawks said.

First-year teachers are always put to the test, but COVID-19 has thrown another variable into the mix for Hawks who is teaching at Pueblo Del Sol in Phoenix.

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Other News

Associate Professor Paul Lewis is coauthor of a new article in the *Urban Affairs Review*. The article is entitled "[Jurisdictional Size and Residential Development: Are Large-Scale Local Governments More Receptive to Multifamily Housing?](#)"

Assistant Professor Narayani Lasala-Blanco, Laura Morales, and Carles Pamies co-published the article "[Forging Political Identities and Becoming Citizens: The Political Preferences and Engagement of South American Immigrants in the United States and Spain](#)" in *American Behavioral Scientist*.

University Professor Craig Calhoun has been named to the [Oversight Panel of the International Science Council](#) project on long-term implications of Covid-19.

Associate Professor Jennet Kirkpatrick published the article "[Literary Devices: Teaching Social Contract Theory with a Short Story](#)" in the *Journal of Political Science Education*.

Associate Professor Thorin Wright was interviewed and his ongoing research was the focus of an article in *Science Node*: "[Social unrest during epidemics.](#)"

On February 24th, University Professor Craig Calhoun gave the keynote address to the [NYLON 'Three Cities' Conference](#). NYLON is a transatlantic forum for PhD students in the social sciences that was created in 2001 by Craig Calhoun and Richard Sennett.

Doctoral Candidate Peyman Asadzade published the article "[Higher education and violent revolutionary activism under authoritarianism: Subnational evidence from Iran](#)" in the journal *Conflict Management and*

Peace Science.

On March 8, Lenka Bustikova joined an interdisciplinary panel to explore "[The Battle over Gender Equality in European Politics](#)" hosted by the Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies and European Studies Center at the University of Pittsburgh.

Craig Calhoun presented the talk "[Renewal and Remaking of Democracy](#)" on March 11th as part of the [Center on the Future of War 2021 Spring Speaker Series](#).

On March 12th Professor of Practice Robert Schmidle gave a presentation entitled AI & Ethics in National Security at the "AI, Politics and Government" conference at the University of Edinburgh.

On March 4th, University Professor Craig Calhoun spoke in dialogue with Professor Asaf Savaş Akat, the former President of Istanbul's Bilgi University. The event inaugurated the new linkage between ASU and Bilgi organized through CINTANA. Focusing on the Covid Pandemic and its implications, the event was part of the [Global Transformations Series](#) hosted by ASU and Bilgi.



What's Wrong with Populism?

March 30, 2021, 12:00 PM Arizona Time | The ASU School of Politics and Global Studies is hosting Dr. David Art, Professor of Political Science at Tufts University for a virtual talk over Zoom.

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