

**Day 1
Friday, April 20**

Registration Lobby Spiro Hall -- 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM					
SESSION 1 - 1:00-2:15 PM					
Spiro - 5	Spiro - 27	Spiro - 31	Spiro - 2	Spiro - 3	Spiro - 28
CP – 6	PP/PA – 1	AP – 1	PT – 1	TL – 1	IR – 5
<i>Student Forum on Political Issues</i>	<i>Examinations of Leadership & Governmental Performance</i>	<i>The Impacts of the Three Branches of Government</i>	<i>Reconstructing Modern Republicanism: Beyond “Non-Domination”</i>	<i>Current Issues in Pedagogy</i>	<i>Global Problems</i>
SESSION 2 - 2:30-3:45 PM					
Spiro - 5	Spiro - 27	Spiro - 31	Spiro - 2	Spiro - 3	Spiro - 28
AP – 2	IR – 1	HP – 2	PT – 3	PD – 1	PP/PA - 3
<i>Elections and Political Communication</i>	<i>Current Global Issues</i>	<i>American Politicians and Political Movements</i>	<i>Rights, Camera, Action: Image, Perception, and Media Power</i>	<i>Class and Ethnic Politics in Brooklyn</i>	<i>Bureaucracy, Budgets, Quality and Good Governance – The Science of Muddling Through in the 21st Century</i>
4:00 – 5:00 PM Keynote Address	Frances Fox Piven, CUNY Graduate Center “Occupy and American Politics” Manzulli Board Room -- Foundation Hall				
5:00 – 7:00 PM Reception	Faculty Dining Room – Wagner Union				



Day 2
Saturday, April 21st

SESSION 1 - 9:30-10:45 AM			
Spiro - 5	Spiro - 27	Spiro - 31	Campus - 231
AP - 3	CP - 4	SL - 1	IR - 2
<i>Social Movements in American Politics</i>	<i>Political Issues of Diaspora and Migration</i>	<i>The Politics of New York State</i>	<i>Historical and Contemporary Problems of International Relations</i>
Campus - 333	Campus - 104	Campus - 101	Campus - 228
PT - 2	PD - 2	Poster Session	CP - 2
<i>Theory and Praxis</i>	<i>Responses to Diversity from the Local to the Global</i>	<i>Politics and Diversity in New York City and Long Island</i>	<i>Issues of Democracy and Human Trafficking</i>
SESSION 2 - 11:00 AM -12:15 PM			
Spiro - 5	Spiro - 27	Spiro - 31	Campus - 231
HP - 1	CP - 5	IR - 3	CP - 1
<i>Shaping Politics: Women, Unions, and Revolution</i>	<i>Transitions to What? Lesson from Failing Authoritarian States: China, Indonesia, Mexico, Tunisia, and Egypt</i>	<i>International Law, International Courts, and Genocide</i>	<i>Islamic Politics, Rebellion, and the Aftermath</i>
Campus - 101	Campus - 104		
PT - 5	PP/PA - 2		
<i>Undergraduate Theory Roundtable</i>	<i>Current Issues in Public Policy</i>		
SESSION 3 - 12:30-1:45 PM			
Campus - 101	Spiro - 27	Spiro - 31	
IR - 4	PT - 4	PP/PA - 4	
<i>Current Issues of International Relations</i>	<i>Liberty, Enlightenment and Justice</i>	<i>Improving Equity among Vulnerable Populations</i>	
Campus - 231	Campus - 104	Spiro - 5	
SL - 2	TL - 2	CP - 7	
<i>Policy Implementation and Governance in the States</i>	<i>Forum in Undergraduate Research</i>	<i>"Democracy Now!" and The Arab Spring and Occupy Wall Street Movements</i>	

DAY 1 – FRIDAY, APRIL 20**Registration – 11:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Spiro Hall Lobby

Session 1 – 1:00-2:15 pm

CP – 6: Student Forum on Political Issues**Chair and Discussant: Frank P. LeVeness, St. John's University • levenesf@stjohns.edu***The Rise of Secular Governance: Development and Equality in Modern Turkey*

Shama Ams, St. John's University • shamameister@gmail.com

Mexican Cartels: The New Face of Mexican Democracy

Jackson Nye, Baylor University • Jackson_Nye@Baylor.edu

Nagorno-Karabakh: Conflict Resolution Challenges and Prospects

Noëlle de Noüe, St. John's University • noelle.denoue10@my.stjohns.edu

Rwanda: The Reconciliation Challenge

Amanda Farias, Student, St. John's University • amanda.farias08@gmail.com

PP/PA – 1: Examinations of Leadership & Governmental Performance**Chair and Discussant: Maria D'Agostino, John Jay College • mdagostino@jjay.cuny.edu***The Efficient Public Manager and the Alienated Public*

Hillary Knepper & Mary Timney, Pace University • hknepper@pace.edu

Improving Local Government Performance with Improved Financial and Economic Forecasting

Kevin M. Bronner, University at Albany (SUNY) • kbronner@albany.edu

SEC and Ponzi Scheme Investigations; an Administrative View

Marie Springer, John Jay College • mspringer@jjay.cuny.edu



AP – 1: The Impacts of the Three Branches of Government

Chair and Discussant: Robin Lauerma, Messiah College • rlauerma@messiah.edu

Congressional and Executive Relations: Partisanship and Divided Government
 Joshua Habursky, Washington & Jefferson College • haburskyj@washjeff.edu

Holy War on the Battlefield of Energy: Jimmy Carter’s Religious Rhetoric on Energy Policy
 David O’Connell, Columbia University • djo2115@columbia.edu

The Effects of Supreme Court Decisions Regarding Abortion on the Public Opinion of Abortion
 Katherine Slye, Elmira College • kslye12@elmira.edu

Foreign Imposed Regime Change: Assessing the Strategic Relationship between Foreign Principals and their Domestic Agents
 Leanne Tyler, Columbia University • lct2109@columbia.edu

PT – 1: Reconstructing Modern Republicanism: Beyond “Non-Domination”

Chair and Discussant: Nancy Reifer, Manhattanville College • Nancy.Reifer@mville.edu

Republicanism and the Rethinking of Radical Politics
 Michael Thompson, William Paterson University • thompsonmi@wpunj.edu

Machiavelli, the New Deal, and the Problem of Democratic Republicanism
 Brian Stipelman, Dowling College • stipelmb@gmail.com

Democratic Republicanism as an Alternative to Liberalism
 Jason Schulman, Lehman College, CUNY • jaschul@gmail.com

“An Apprenticeship for Life in Common”: Jean Jaurès on the Modern Republic
 Geoffrey Kurtz, BMCC, CUNY • gkurtz@bmcc.cuny.edu

Republican Ideals and the “Imperial Presidency” – A Numismatic Approach
 Joe Jordan, City University of New York • JoeJordan80@gmail.com

TL – 1: Current Issues in Pedagogy

Chair and Discussant: Phyllis Conn, St. Johns University • connp@stjohns.edu

Social Media and Cyberbullying

Marilyn Dono-Koulouris, St. John's University • donokoum@stjohns.edu

Thinking and Writing: A Path to Civic Engagement

Stephen Thomas Rzonca Sr., St. John's University • rzoncas@stjohns.edu

Teaching the Myth of Meritocracy: Plato, Marx and False Consciousness

Steve Snow, Wagner College • sgsnow@wagner.edu

IR – 5: Global Problems

Chair and Discussant: Joseph Rukanshagiza, Sage College of Albany • rukanj@sage.edu

Impact of Global and Local Responses to Transitional Justice in Africa

Carla De Ycaza, New York University • cjd5@nyu.edu

Jihad in the Ranks! The Islamist Threat to the US Armed Forces

Mark Silinsky, Army Intelligence Center • silinsky@yahoo.com

Israel and Palestine and the Pressure of International Recognition and the Arab Spring

Sarah Faxon, St. John's University • s.e.faxon@gmail.com

Tearing Down the Great Wall: Weakness of the People's Liberation Army

Stephen Paul Brooker, St. John's University • brookers@stjohns.edu

Session 2 – 2:30-3:45 pm

AP – 2: Elections and Political Communication**Chair and Discussant: Jim Twombly, Elmira College • jtwombly@elmira.edu**

Assessing Electoral Competition: A First Look at the Influences of Partisan Voter Index Scores and Fluctuating Election Margins on the Home Styles of U.S. Representatives

Michael A. Armato, University at Albany, SUNY • marmato@albany.edu

Inverted Class Loyalties as a Trend in Recent Presidential Elections: A Case Study of Westchester County

Si Sheppard, Long Island University, Brooklyn • simon.sheppard@liu.edu

Neoliberalism & the Rise of the Tea Party: Right-Wing Ideology in the Liberal News Media

Dean Snyder, Syracuse University • dwsnyder@maxwell.syr.edu

Para-Political Media Commentators - News and the Public Sphere

Andrew Horvitz, University at Albany, SUNY • ahorvitz@albany.edu

IR – 1: Current Global Issues**Chair and Discussant: Stephen Paul Brooker, St. John's University • brookers@stjohns.edu**

Applying Insights from Recent Transitional Justice Scholarship to Northern Ireland.

Brendan Flanagan, Ramapo College of New Jersey • bflanaga@ramapo.edu

Economic Development & Growth: Does Freedom play a Role?

Lina Echeverri, Washington and Jefferson College • echeverrilm@washjeff.edu

Development of a European Identity in the EU

Sharon Hoeck, Messiah College • sh1310@messiah.edu

Liberian Refugees in Staten Island.

Khadijat Olagoke, Buffalo State College • khadijato@live.com

Turkey, the Middle East and the West: A New Foreign Policy

Misbah Hyder, St. John's University • m.hyder786@gmail.com



HP – 2: American Politicians and Political Movements

Chair and Discussant: William Byrnes, St. John University • byrnew@stjohns.edu

The Framers, the Constitution and the Origins of American Political Economy

Hugh A. Wilson, Adelphi University • Haswilson@earthlink.net

New Nixon vs. New Politics: Young Voters and the 1968 Presidential Campaign

Seth Blumenthal, Boston University • sblument@bu.edu

America's Perennial Debate: Perspectives on Immigration Policy from the McCarthy Era and Today

Adam T. Bentz, Leigh University • Atb4@lehigh.edu

Conservative Immigration Reform and Illegal Immigrants

Huiyun Tang, University of Virginia • huiyun1213@hotmail.com

PT – 3: Rights, Camera, Action: Image Perception, and Media Power

Chair and Discussant: Patrick McGovern, SUNY Buffalo State • mcgovepj@buffalostate.edu

From Whom Are Rights Derived? Children and the Social Contract: Carole Pateman and Charles W. Mills in Dialogue - The Penn State Case

Lesley A. Massiah-Arthur, Fordham University • massiah@fordham.edu

Normalizing Gender, Performing the State: Disciplinary Power and Biopower at the Airport Security Checkpoint

John McMahon, CUNY • johnmcmahon3@gmail.com

China, America: A Distorted Communication

Barry Murdaco, CUNY • bmurdaco@gc.cuny.edu

A Tale of Two Crescent Cities

Ashley Lord, University Southern Mississippi • ashley.lord@eagles.usm.edu



PD – 1: Class and Ethnic Politics in Brooklyn

Chair and Discussant: Robert Pecorella, St. John’s University • pecorelr@stjohns.edu

Gentrification as Class Politics

Judith DeSena, St. John’s University • desenaj@stjohns.edu

Visualizing Class and Ethnic Politics

Jerome Krase, Brooklyn College • jerrykrase@aol.com

Politics in an Ethnic Enclave

Phyllis Conn, St. John’s University • connp@stjohns.edu

PP/PA – 3: Bureaucracy, Budgets, Quality and Good Governance – The Science of Muddling Through in the 21st Century

Chair and Discussant: Hillary Knepper, Pace University • hknepper@pace.edu

The Emerging Market for Lobbyists in Today’s Bureaucracy

Ryan Cangialosi, Pace University • rc24198w@pace.edu

Alternative Staffing Models in Westchester County Police Departments

Richard E. Riegel, Pace University • rr03280n@pace.edu

4:00-5:00 pm – KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Manzulli Board Room, Foundation Hall

Keynote Speaker:

Francis Fox Piven, Distinguished Professor of Political
Science and Sociology at CUNY

“Occupy and American Politics”



5:00-7:00 pm – RECEPTION

Faculty Dining Room, Wagner Union

Welcome from

President, New York State Political Science Association

Come Join Us for a Reception

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DAY 2 – SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Registration and Breakfast – 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Faculty Dining Room – Wagner Union

Session 1 – 9:30-10:45 am

AP – 3: Social Movements in American Politics

Chair and Discussant: Jeffrey Kraus, Wagner College • jkraus@wagner.edu

To what extent was the Black Panther a movement against economic injustice?

Daniel Kelly, St. John's University • daniel.kelly11@stjohns.edu

Labor struggles and new social movements in the 21st century: American workers take on the streets as Occupy New York wages on

David M Chapinski, Felician College • dmchapinski@gmail.com

SL – 1: The Politics of New York State

Chair and Discussant: Robin Lauerma, Messiah College • rlauerma@messiah.edu

The Quirks of NY Election Law: Presumption of Validity and Petition Strategies: Two Landmark Cases in a Single County

Jim Twombly - Elmira College • jtwombly@elmira.edu

Voting Behavior in New York State Gubernatorial Elections

Harvey L. Schantz – SUNY, Plattsburgh • Harvey.Schantz@Plattsburgh.edu

Access and Participation in the New York State Assembly

Eric Radezky – Rutgers University • radezky@eden.rutgers.edu



IR – 2: Historical and Contemporary Problems of International Relations

Chair and Discussant: Sharon Murphy, Nazareth College • Smurphy3@naz.edu

Poor Health of Soviet Leaders: Brezhnev Revisited

Luc Duhamel, University of Montreal • Luc.duhamel@umontreal.ca

Democratizing Globalization: Role of Global Civil Society

Lucky Osagie Imade, American University of Nigeria • Lucky.imade@aun.edu.ng

Social Media and Political Mobilization in Iran

Kristen Blake, Molloy College • kblake@molloy.edu

Informal Empire: Egyptian Public Debt, Suez Canal, & British Strategy

Antonio Munoz, St. John's University • munozaj@farmingdale.edu

PT – 2: Theory and Praxis

Chair and Discussant: Gene Callahan, Purchase College • gcallah@mac.com

Conceptions of Power and Terror in the Political Thought of Hannah Arendt

Nancy Reifer, Manhattanville College • Nancy.Reifer@mville.edu

Thinking and Action in Hannah Arendt's political philosophy

Amando Basurto, New School • basua260@newschool.edu

Government's Judgment – Arendt

Koyama Hanako, Shinshu University • koyamah@shinshu-u.ac.jp

Nietzsche's Philosopher and Political Action

Michael Harding, University of Dallas • michaelpharding@gmail.com

Civil Society as Anti-totalitarianism: Theorizing the Practice of Dissent in Communist Eastern Europe

Binev Binio, Georgetown University • bsb29@georgetown.edu

Should We Intervene? Western Feminist Intervention in the Face of Cultural Relativism

Amanda Rotella, Fordham • arotella@fordham.edu



PD – 2: Responses to Diversity from the Local to the Global**Chair and Discussant: Shannon Risk, Niagara University • srisk@niagara.edu**

The Poverty Draft? Exploring the Role of Socioeconomic Status in US Military Recruitment of Hispanic Students

Adam McGlynn, East Stroudsburg University • amcglynn@esu.edu

Collective Memories, Place and Community as a Process: The McCarren Park Pool in Brooklyn, NY: A Place's History of Openings and Closings

Kenn Vance, Graduate Center, CUNY • kvance@gc.cuny.edu

Social Media in Translation

Diane Paravazian, St. John's University • paravazd@stjohns.edu

Poster Session: Politics and Diversity in New York City and Long Island

Students from St. John's University studying the history of New York City and Long Island with Dr. Phyllis Conn will present posters featuring their research on diversity in the region. Posters will include research on the experience of immigrants, African-Americans, and other groups.

CP – 4: Political Issues of Diaspora and Migration**Chair and Discussant: Frank P. LeVeness, St. John's University • levenesf@stjohns.edu**

Becoming Transnational Citizens: Circulatory Migration and Civic Engagement Among the Liberian Diaspora

Janet Reilly, CUNY Graduate Center • jreilly@gc.cuny.edu

Tapping the "Conflict Periphery": Diasporic Mobilization for Homeland Struggles

Danielle Zach, CUNY Graduate Center • dzach@gc.cuny.edu

Second-Generation U.S. Dominicans and the Question of a Transnational Orientation

Utku Sezgin, Graduate Center, CUNY • usezgin@gc.cuny.edu



Session 2 – 11:00 am -12:15 pm

HP – 1: Shaping Politics: Women, Unions and Revolution

Chair and Discussant: Steve Snow, Wagner College • sgsnow@wagner.edu

Blooming Literacy and Movement: How Growing Literacy in North Africa Sparked Revolution

Sarah Eltabib, St. John's University • eltabibs@stjohns.edu

"The Political Thang:" Gender and Union Divisions in Historical Perspective

Stephen Patnode, Farmingdale State College • patnodes@farmingdale.edu

Emma Goldman's Politics in the Melting Pot and the Mosaic

Megan Hahin, Buffalo State College • Mhahin21@gmail.com

Electoral Volatility and Social Policy

Kathleen Henehan, London School of Economics and Political Science • K.A.Henehan@lse.ac.uk

CP – 5: Transitions to What? Lessons from Failing Authoritarian States: China, Indonesia, Mexico, Tunisia, and Egypt

Chair and Discussant: Tony Spanakos, Montclair State University • spanakos@gmail.com

The Struggling But Rising Power of Chinese Social Media In Political Life

Xiaoyuan Luo, New York University • alleniverson0607@gmail.com

Transition To Democracy In Mexico: Political Institutions 'Built To Last'

Bernardo Rangel Sada, New York University • brs324@nyu.edu

The Role of Minority with Economic Power in Democratization Indonesia

Susy Tekunan, New York University • st1634@nyu.edu

Assessing the Importance of New Media in the Arab Spring: The Cases of Egypt and Tunisia

Yasemin Yilmaz, New York University • ayy210@nyu.edu



IR – 3: International Law, International Courts, and Genocide

Chair and Discussant: Michaela Hertkorn, New School for General Studies and New Jersey City University • mhertkorn@gmail.com

Comparative Analysis of Endeavors for Prestige Between Argentina and Brazil.

James Bartosik, St. John's University • JamesABartosikJr@gmail.com

Adoption of International Norms by Non-State Actors: Kosovo Liberation Army and Human Rights Norms

Jennifer Mueller, CUNY Graduate Center • jmueller@gc.cuny.edu

Community based alternative dispute resolution in criminal cases in the Federated States of Micronesia

Sam Edwards, Green Mountain College • edwardss@greenmtn.edu

CP – 1: Islamic Politics, Rebellion, and the Aftermath

Chair and Discussant: Azzedine Layachi, St. John's University • LAYACHIA@stjohns.edu

Pakistan and the Taliban: A Complex Nexus

Sayeed Iftekhar Ahmed, Independent Researcher • sia112002@yahoo.com

In the Aftermath of Rebel Victory

Cynthia Lee, Columbia University • csl2124@gmail.com



PT – 5: Undergraduate Theory Roundtable

Chair and Discussant: Wilford Pinkney, CUNY Graduate Center • wpinkney@gc.cuny.edu

The Global Injustice of Coal

Melody Baumhover, Green Mountain College • baumhoverm@greenmtn.edu

Critique of Revolutions: The Mass Public's Willingness to Revolt

Erik Burrows, SUNY Cortland • 24erik.burrows@gmail.com

Alternative Political Thought and Real Political Practice

Robert Horowitz, Buffalo State – SUNY • HORWITRPO1@mail.buffalostate.edu

Property, Identity and Gay-Marriage

Christine Julien, Buffalo State – SUNY • JULIENCG01@mail.buffalostate.edu

PP/PA – 2: Current Issues in Public Policy

Chair and Discussant: Adam McGlynn, East Stroudsburg University • amcglynn@esu.edu

Whatever Happened to Green Trade? The evolution of environmental policies to reconcile trade liberalization and environmental protection.

Linda Allen, American Public University • lindaallen@alumni.iu.edu

It's Alive! The Fight against 'Frankenfoods' in France

Patricia A. Stapleton, The Graduate Center, CUNY • pstapleton@gc.cuny.edu

Immigration and the Determinants of Welfare Generosity

Paul Bremmer, St. Bonaventure University • bremmepr@bonaventure.edu



Session 3 – 12:30-1:45 pm

IR – 4: Current Issues of International Relations

Chair and Discussant: Harvey Strum, Sage College of Albany • strumh@hotmail.com

"Islands of Development: The Myth of the Social Contract."

Alex Hershey, New School • alex_hershey@hotmail.com

Seeking Domestic Legitimacy through Security Council Membership

Michael Napolitano, New York University • Michaelnapolitano13@gmail.com

Influences of Post Islamism and Democracy in Egypt and Middle East

Khalil Javan, Azad Islamic University of Mashhad • Javan200430@yahoo.com

PT – 4: Liberty, Enlightenment and Justice

Chair and Discussant: Joe Jordan, City University of New York • JoeJordan80@gmail.com

Outline of a Nonideal Theory of Justice

Marcus Arvan, University of Tampa • marvan@ut.edu

Emotion and Political Discourse in Burkean and Enlightenment Thought

William Byrne, St. John's University • byrnew@stjohns.edu

Liberty Versus Libertarianism

Gene Callahan, Purchase College • gcallah@mac.com

Coase meets Rawls: The Theory of the Firm and its Implications for Political Theory

Abraham Singer, Toronto • abe.singer@utoronto.ca

Beauty, Greatness and Justice: Reconciling Aristotle with Democracy and Lincoln

Marc Sable, Bethany College, W VA. • msable@bethanywv.edu



PP/PA – 4: Improving Equity among Vulnerable Populations

Chair and Discussant: Mary Timney, Pace University • mtimney@pace.edu

Professional Attitudes about Health Care Reform

Sherlon McKenzie, Pace University • sherlon.5linx@gmail.com

Improving Employment Retention among African Americans

Olga P. Martinez-Pitillo, Pace University • om72069n@pace.edu

Examining the Impact of Social Marketing on a Nonprofit

Shakira Croce, Pace University • sc49755w@pace.edu.

Higher Education and the United Nation's Principles for Responsible Management Education

Anna Vidiaev, Pace University • vidiaev@yahoo.com

CP – 2: Issues of Democracy and Human Trafficking

Chair and Discussant: Cynthia Ward, The Sage Colleges • wardc@sage.edu

Discussant: Tony Spanakos, Montclair State University • spanakos@gmail.com

The Capacity to Respond to Society and the Persistence of Authoritarianism in China

Yipin Wu, Northeastern University • wu.yip@husky.neu.edu

Democracy and Expectations of Democracy in Uruguay, Costa Rica and Chile

Mariano Jose Magalhaes, Augustana College • marianomagalhaes@augustana.edu

Political Mobilizations in Nigeria: The 2011 Elections and the Prospects for Democracy

James Apam, Benue State University, Nigeria • jimapam62@hotmail.com

The Role Of Women In Transnational West African Human Trafficking Networks: U.S. Experiences

Popy Begum, John Jay College • McNair Scholar pobegum@yahoo.com



SL – 2: Policy Implementation and Governance in the States

Chair and Discussant: Harvey L. Schantz, SUNY Plattsburgh • Harvey.Schantz@Plattsburgh.edu

An Assessment of Early Intervention with Regard to Autism Spectrum Disorders
John E. McNulty, Binghamton University • jmcnulty@binghamton.edu

A Constructive Theory of Lobbying
Brian M. Conley, Suffolk University • bconley@suffolk.edu

Efficiency, Economy, and Social Equity in Online Education at America's Urban Community Colleges
Marco Castillo, NY City College of Technology, CUNY • MCastillo@citytech.cuny.edu

Mobilizing the Poor Within a Neoliberal Framework
Bridget Baker, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy University at Albany • bkbaker@albany.edu

TL – 2: Forum in Undergraduate Research

Chair and Discussant: Michael Armato, SUNY Albany • marmato@albany.edu

The Effects of Immigration on Corporate Development
Tyler Seling, Wagner College • Tyler.seling@wagner.edu

Grassroots Mobilization of Minority Populations and the Effects of Government Funding
Jennifer Claycombe, Wagner College • Jennifer.claycombe@wagner.edu

To Kill or Not to Kill? The Effectiveness of the Death Penalty
Anthony Bonagura, Hartwick College • bonaguraa@hartwick.edu

Why Did Social Networks Fail to Mobilize Serbs, Yet Manage to Topple Some of the Most Authoritarian Regimes?
Nemanja Shukalo, University of Nicosia • Sukalo.nemanja@gmail.com

Fair Trade and Organic Consumption During an Economic Recession: The Case of Buffalo, NY
Ariel Peters, Buffalo State College • petersariel@ymail.com

Anton Makarenko: Soviet Education
Chris Dugan, Niagara University • cdugan@mail.niagara.edu

CP – 7: ROUNDTABLE: “Democracy Now!” and The Arab Spring and Occupy Wall Street Movements

Simin Farkhondeh, Democracy Now! • simin@democracynow.org

Lily Defriend, New York University • LilyDeFriend@hotmail.com

Nasser Weddady, American Islamic Congress • info@speakingmatters.org

This roundtable aims to discuss how recent popular movements have been organized and have come together using social media and old style organizing techniques. There is an assumption that these events have been possible because of access to social media only. While it is true that social media in their various forms have helped people express their frustrations and organize themselves, it is also important to note that these movements have historical contexts and come from long term activities among segments of the population. Social media has been a powerful tool, but not necessarily the only catalyst for change. The participants will look at how social media have been used in the Occupy Wall Street, Arab Spring and other recent popular movements.

