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We Interrupt Your Regularly Scheduled Programming: The Case for Universal K-12 Computer Science Education in America

Can Soylu
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Turkey's Energy Geopolitics: A Cause for Lasting Realignment

Matthew Stolz
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Thinking Questioning: Groundwork for a Political Phenomenology

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"We Spray, You Pay": Graffiti Culture and the Formation of an Alternative Spirit of Capitalism in Contemporary Berlin

Daniel Eric Backman
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Trading in Race: Gentrification, Small Business, and the Prospects for the Black Inner City

Erin Madison Berg

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The Reinvention of Tradition in Post-Conflict Africa: Traditional Justice in Rwanda, Northern Uganda, and Mozambique

Jan-Peter Bockstiegel

Supervisor: James Robinson

Palms for Peace? Colombia's commodity boom and peace process

Bradley Garrison Bolman

Supervisor: Sophia Roosth

The Pigs That Therefore We Are: 20th Century Porcine Biomedical Experimentation

Joseph Patrick Brennan

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Kingdom of Instability: Electoral Confidence, Opposition and the 2014 Thai Coup D'état

Sarah Rose McKinstry Cass

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Exploiting A Family's Love: Medically Complex Pediatric Caregiving in the American Home

Michelle Alicia Chang

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Implementing Utopia: A case study of the BedZED eco-development in south London

Nina Ningke Chen

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Expansion Without Direction: The Impact of China's Rapid Higher Education Expansion on Graduate Underemployment

Jane Chung

Supervisor: Eric Malczewski

Producing Knowledge through Viral Frames: The Culture of Journalism on Human Rights in Africa

Samuel Bennett Clark

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Immigrant Voices in U.S. Congress: Representation and Results (or lack thereof)

Isaac Djemal

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Doing the Right Wrong Thing: Towards a Serviceable Theory of a Participatory Public Good: A Call to Service

Nathaniel Donahue

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Equitable Communities: Science, Fraternity, and the Making of Modern Insurance

Benjamin Lewis Donald

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Colorblind or bound?: Student Perspectives on a Postracial America

Katherine Y. Ebright

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The Origins and Outcomes of Incentivized Youth Participation in Vietnam

Luke Escobar

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Religion and Migration: A Case Study of Senegalese Muslims in New York City

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Municipal Dynamics of Remittance Flows and Household Poverty Levels in Post-NAFTA Northern Mexico, 1990-2010

Samir Salem Faza
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Followership: Reversing the Lens of Leadership Development at the Harvard Business School

Joseph Zachary Fields
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Justifying Dehumanization: The Interplay of Legal Theory, Bureaucracy, and Emotional Labor for Border Patrol Agents in El Paso, Texas and the Child Migrant Crisis of 2014

Ciarán Stefan Foley
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Will He Be Safe in These Streets!?!? Combatting Gang Violence in the Age of Social Media

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The Sculpted Self: Familial Caregiving for People with Mood Disorders

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First Liberation, Last Lustration: Analyzing the Delay in Legal Lustration in Postcommunist Poland

Catherine Crawford Gamble
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Kickstarting Equality? An Analysis of Gender and Racial Constraints on Entrepreneurs Seeking Access to Crowdfunded Capital

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Navigating a Segregated Suburban Landscape: Latin@ Student Experiences in a Diverse Suburb

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Pragmatism versus Ideological Purity: Distinct Approaches of Human Rights Organizations to Exposing the Myth of “Nunca Más” in Argentina

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John Lawrence Grammer

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Adorno's Dialectical Conception of Nature

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