



EUROPEAN & EURASIAN Undergraduate Research SYMPOSIUM

May 12, 2021 | 11:30 am

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION 1: **Crisis and Reimagining of Democracy**

Dr. Anna Grzymala-Busse of Stanford University is the author of three books: *Redeeming the Communist Past: The Regeneration of Communist Successor Parties*; *Rebuilding Leviathan: Party Competition and State Development in Post-Communist Europe*; and *Nations Under God: How Churches Use Moral Authority to Influence Politics*. She is also a recipient of the Carnegie and Guggenheim Fellowships.

Dr. Graeme Robertson of the University of North Carolina is the author (with Samuel A. Greene) of *Putin v. The People* in addition to *Revolution and Reform in Ukraine* (with Silviya Nitsova and Grigore Pop-Eleches) and *The Politics of Protest in Hybrid Regimes: Managing Dissent in Post-Communist Russia*. He currently serves as the Associate Editor for Comparative Politics for the American Journal of Political Science.

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KEYNOTE PRESENTATION 2: **Global Knowledge and Competence in Your Career**

Dr. Aaron Abbarno is a user experience researcher at Facebook, where he works to increase transparency and accountability around content regulation. Prior to his work there, he was Director of Social and Behavior Science at Democracy International, an organization that promotes citizenship and development in four areas: politics, governance, peace & resilience, and learning. He earned his doctorate in Comparative Politics and Mass Political Behavior at the University of Pittsburgh.

Jessica Kuntz is a foreign service officer at the Department of State. Before working at the State Department, she did consulting and research for several organizations. She earned her master's degree in public policy and political economy from the University of Pittsburgh. While at Pitt, she completed an internship with the United Nations Development Programme and was also a Boren Research Fellow for the National Security Education Program, focusing her work in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

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