

Political Geography  
Specialty Group



**2016 PGSG  
PRECONFERENCE**

**SCHEDULE**

San Francisco

Monday, March 28, 2016

*Venue:* Nikko Hotel, 222 Mason St, San Francisco, CA 94102

**Schedule overview**

*updated: 3/16/16*

8:00 – 8:15 Registration

8:15 – 8:30 Welcoming Remarks (*Nikko Hotel, Mendocino I*)

**8:30 – 10:15 Sessions I and II**

*10:15 – 10:45 Break*

**10:45 – 12:30 Sessions III and IV**

*12:30 – 2:00 Break*

**2:00 – 3:45 Sessions V and VI**

*3:45 – 4:00 Break*

**4:00 – 5:45 Session VII and VIII**

6:00 – PGSG Dinner – King of Thai, 184 O'Farrell St, <http://www.kingofthainoodlehousesf.com/>

**8:00-8:15 Registration**

\$20 registration fee for faculty/postdocs (cash/check only), receipts provided; no fee for students.

For room and building details, link to map at <http://www.politicalgeography.org/pre-conference/>

**8:15-8:30 Welcoming remarks**

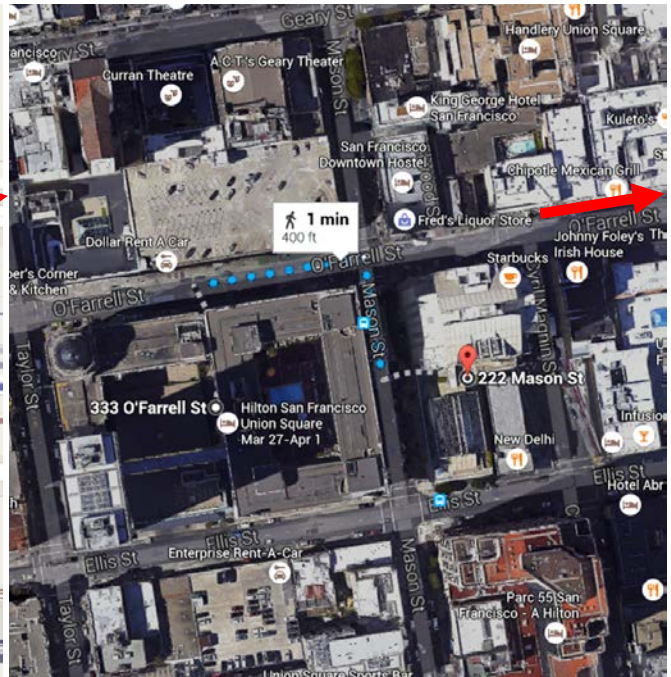
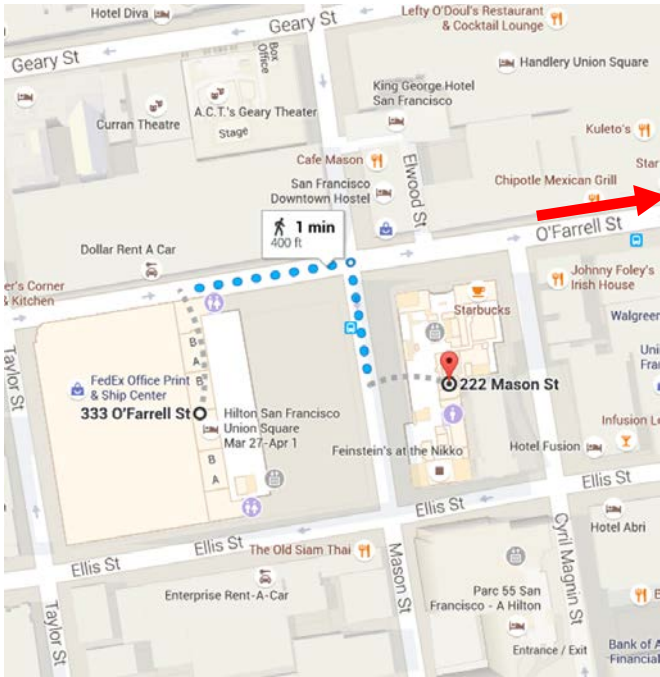
*Mendocino I*

Natalie Koch, PGSG President – Syracuse University

Kenneth Madsen, PGSG Secretary/Treasurer – The Ohio State University at Newark

Walking maps from Hilton: <https://www.google.com/maps>

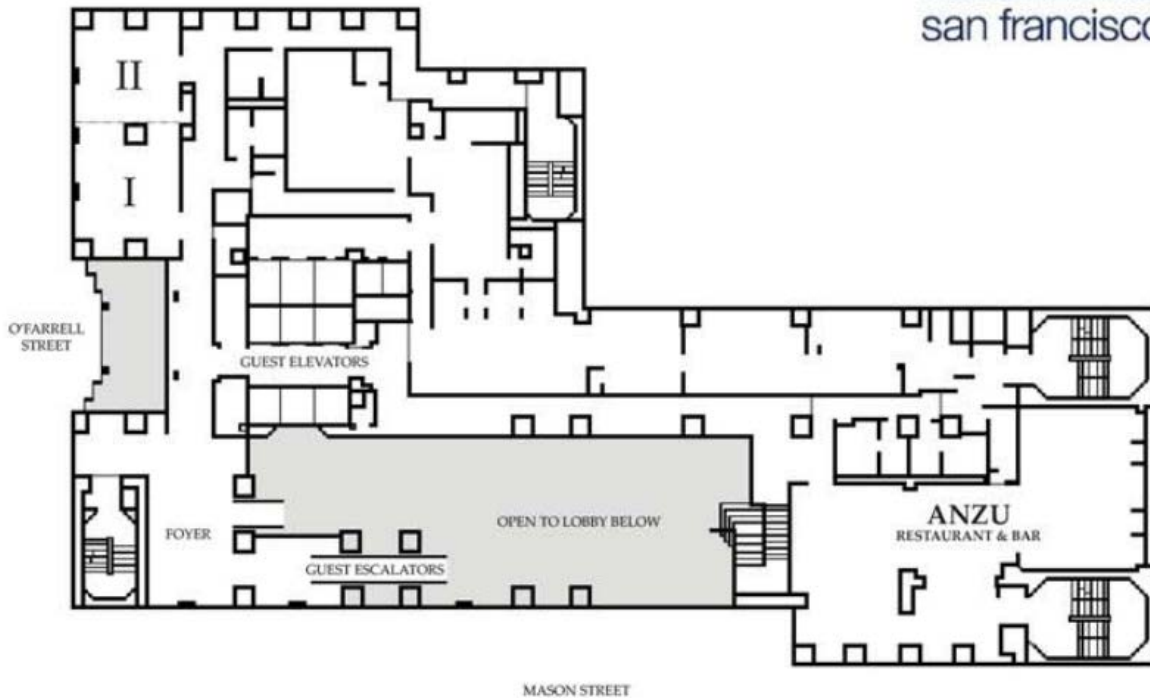
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Hotel Nikko second floor room plan – <http://www.hotelnikkosf.com/>

## SECOND FLOOR

MENDOCINO



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**SECURITY, CONFLICT, AND PEACE**

*Chair: Colin Flint, Department of Political Science, Utah State University*

**Geographies of “non-lethal weapons”: Revolutionary technologies and everyday spaces of political violence**

Samuel Henkin, Department of Geography and Atmospheric Science, University of Kansas

**Straight outta storage: Banal militarism and the 1033 program**

Steven M. Radil, Department of Geography, University of Idaho

**The role of “safe places” in post-conflict contested space**

Kara Dempsey, Department of Geography and Planning, Appalachian State University

**Domestic lawfare and the geopolitics of “stand your ground”**

Mae Miller, Earth and Environmental Sciences, CUNY Graduate Center

**Anxious integration: Developing Sri Lanka’s post-war frontier**

Thirun Kelegama, Department of Geography, University of Zurich

***Parces or do-gooders? Whose steps towards peace?***

Alexis Saenz Montoya & Allison Hayes-Conroy, Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University

**ASIA BEYOND STATE BORDERS**

*Chair: Corey Johnson, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina at Greensboro*

**Solidarity in (anti-)politics: Chinese investment and the developmental state in Namibia**

Meredith J. DeBoom, Department of Geography, University of Colorado-Boulder

**Singapore: The “global city” in a globalizing Arctic**

Mia Bennett, Geography Department, UCLA

**Extensive urbanization as political strategy**

Andrew Grant, Geography, UCLA

**What/travels? Mapping the global influence of Israel’s homeland security industry**

Rhys Machold, Danish Institute for International Studies

**Suburban occupation: Constructing “home” in West Bank settlements**

Sara Hughes, Geography, UCLA

**Towards a general theory: Territorial disputes, scaling borders and what’s an Asian border, anyway?**

Edward Boyle, Center for Asia Pacific Future Studies, Kyushu University

**MIGRATION, BORDERS, AND CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

*Chair: Reece Jones, Department of Geography, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa*

**Germany's "welcome policy" in the European migration crisis: Controversies and (geo-)political representations** Annika Mattisek, Geographie, University of Freiburg & Paul Reuber, Institut für Geographie, University of Muenster

**The birth of crisis: Migration by boat, policy discourse and border enforcement in the Mediterranean Sea, 1986-2006**

Keegan Williams, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University & Weatherhead Center of International Affairs at Harvard University, Harvard University

**Challenges and resilience: Gendered performances of Syrian Women Refugees in Jordan**

Karen Culcasi, Department of Geology and Geography, West Virginia University

**Un-trap the map: Mapping Syrian border stories**

Meghan Kelly, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin–Madison

**Migration, globalization, health: Global inequalities as new forms of political borders. The case of the province of Almería**

Betty Rouland, Institut für Humangeographie, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt/Main

**The de facto caliphate: Mapping "Islamic State" territorial control in the Middle East and beyond** Evan Centanni, Political Geography Now

**ALTERNATIVE POLITICAL GEOGRAPHIES**

*Chair: Kara Dempsey, Department of Geography and Planning, Appalachian State University*

**Social media and practical geopolitical discourse: Ramzan Kadyrov's use of Instagram**

Edward C. Holland, Miami University of Ohio

**Borders, Territory and State: breaking free from a tautology**

Anne-Laure Amilhat Szary, Geography Department, Université Grenoble-Alpes

**A fresh look at the territorial foundations of the neoliberal rationality**

Arnaud Brennetot, Geography, University of Rouen

**Becoming beautiful: Universal geography and the coming anarchy**

Simon Springer, Department of Geography, University of Victoria

**Teaching political geography with digital games**

Daniel Bos, School of Geography, University of Nottingham

**Political geographies of the warhorse: The case of Finland**

Pauliina Raento, Department of Geosciences and Geography, University of Helsinki

**FOREIGN POLICY AND GEOPOLITICS**

*Chair: Simon Springer, Department of Geography, University of Victoria*

**Diplomacy, critical geopolitics and the making of collective European foreign policy in Kenya**  
Veit Bachmann, Institut für Humangeographie, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main

**Bureaucratic affect: Assembling a common foreign and security policy**  
Jason Dittmer, Department of Geography, University College London

**Feigned benevolence: Revisiting U.S. foreign policy in ‘distant’ lands**  
Orhon Myadar, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona

**Regional versus functional bureaus and the privileging of the state in the U.S. foreign policy establishment**  
Anna W. Moore, Department of Geography, University of Oregon

**The hidden geographies of labor activism at overseas U.S. military bases**  
Adam Moore, Department of Geography, UCLA

**Sin, souls, and smuggling: Border security *qua* pastoral power in Australia and the IOM’s anti-people smuggling campaign in Indonesia**  
Josh Watkins, Geography Graduate Group, University of California, Davis

**NORTH AMERICAN BORDERS AND BELONGING**

*Chair: Monica Varsanyi, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY*

**Candidates, constituencies, and party organizations: Minority political participation in the 2015 Canadian federal election** Benjamin Forest, Department of Geography and Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, McGill University

**Security solutions for development problems—Merida Initiative effects in the Northern Triangle**  
Heather Agnew, Geography, UCLA

**The geopolitics of fear in the U.S. deportation regime**  
Austin Kocher, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University

**On *narco-coyotaje*: Illicit regimes and their impacts on the U.S.-Mexico Border**  
Jeremy Slack, Sociology and Anthropology Department, University of Texas at El Paso

**Techno-rationality and border fortification**  
Margath Walker, Department of Geography, University of Louisville

**Stadium relocation and urban political economy in Cobb County, Georgia, U.S.A.**  
Peter D.A. Wood, Department of Geography, Florida State University

**POLITICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

*Chair: Afton Clarke-Sather, College of Earth, Ocean, & Environment, University of Delaware*

**Governing the virtual: The politics and aesthetics of disaster resilience and recovery in post-Superstorm Sandy New York City**

Kevin Grove, Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University

**Blue zones of exception: Imperial governmentality and geopolitics in large-scale marine protected areas**

Kyle Kajihiro, Department of Geography, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

**Writing environmental geopolitics** Shannon O'Lear, Department of Geography and Atmospheric Science & The Environmental Studies Program, University of Kansas

**Conflict, floods, and refugees: Examining the relationship between layers of crises and disaster recovery in Serbia**

Ruth Trumble, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Fired up: The geography of federal wildland firefighter safety in perspective**

Samuel Younger Lobby, Department of Geography / Department of Urban Planning, University of Kansas

**Green tape, red tape: The rise and fall of environmental law, policy, and management**

Terry Simmons, Center for Global Policy Studies

**NATIONALISM, BORDERS, AND CITIZENSHIP IN EURASIA**

*Chair: Edward Holland, International Studies, Miami University of Ohio*

**After the exchange: Citizenship, sovereignty, and belonging in the former Bangladesh-India border enclaves**

Md Azmeary Ferdoush, Geography, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

**Disassembling citizenship: Negative performativity and legal revocation** Nicole Reiz, John Biersack, David Trimbach, Department of Geography and Atmospheric Science, University of Kansas

**The grave of the fathers: Political and sacred geographies in Kyrgyzstan**

Vincent M. Artman, Department of Geography, University of Kansas

**Equus and revolution: Horses and the political animal geographies of North Korea**

Robert Winstanley-Chesters, School of Geography, University of Leeds

**The Gothic geopolitics of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*: Vampires of the Orient in the *Jus Publicum Europaeum*** Katherine Alexandra Newman, Department of Political Science, University of Victoria

**Frontiers but not borderlands: Exploring northern Luzon and Mindoro, the Philippines**

Borislav Nikoltchev & Fred M. Shelley, Department of Geography and Environmental Sustainability, University of Oklahoma