

GSAS MASTER'S SYNTHESIS COMPETITION

Watch 12 master's students from 10 MA programs
present their thesis research to a general audience
in three minutes using only one slide.

Reception to follow the competition.

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

4:00–6:00 PM

Low Memorial Library
Faculty Room

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FINALISTS

In order of presentation

HAAKON HUYNH

Global Thought

Why Vietnamese Diasporas Protest—But Often Don't Vote

DANI PERGOLA

Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology

Hidden Giants: Estimating Hellbender Populations with Artificial Nest Boxes

KATHERINE STITT

Classical Studies

The Life Cycle of an Archive: The Archive of Aurelius Sakaon

PETER SILVERSTEIN

Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences

Evaluating RapidRide Bus Reliability in Seattle, WA, Using Bayesian Additive Regression Trees

ISABELLE GOSLAN

Human Rights Studies

Women as Architects of Peace: Examining the Role of Female Mediators in Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding

ALENA STRUZH

Russia, Eurasia, and Eastern Europe: Regional Studies

Exile and Engagement: The Role of Host States in Russian Migrants' Political Behavior

ZHUOYUAN CHEN

Economics

How Did Germany's Medical Reform in the Late 1990s Impact German People's Health and Economic Conditions?

KIRILL SHABALIN

South Asian Studies

What Did India's Political Parties Say About Citizenship in 2019?

TERESA MONDRÍA TEROL

Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences

You Only Get One Chance to Make a Good Impression: The Key to Reader Retention in Local Journalism

EMMANUELA DOUYON

Latin America and the Caribbean: Regional Studies

Fleeing a Nation on the Brink: Haitian Migration in the First Quarter of the 21st Century

SIYU HUA

Sociology

"Tears in Rain": Liminal Spaces during Human-Robot Interactions in Science Fiction Films from the 1960s to 2000s

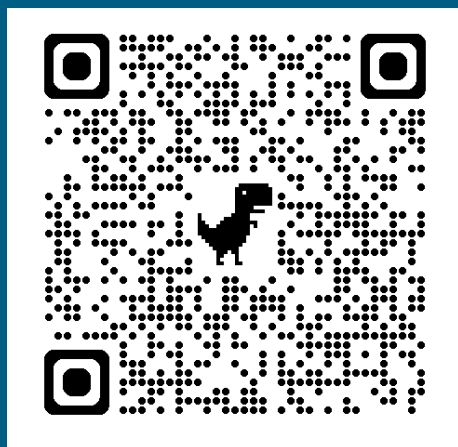
KIMBERLEY SNIJDERS

Global Thought

Entrepreneurship as Freedom? Interrogating the Role of Entrepreneurship as a Tool to Advance Gender Equality in International Development

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