



UCLA Burkle Center for International Relations



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Addressing Global Issues

Facing challenges to security, the global economy and the global environment, nations shape world affairs through conflict and cooperation. In the 21st century, however, states are not the only significant actors. Powerful social, economic, technological and environmental forces increasingly connect, align and divide individuals around the planet. Understanding the complex interactions among all these actors and forces requires careful and thoughtful analysis.

The Burkle Center for International Relations provides that analysis and brings to UCLA and Los Angeles the best and brightest minds in the fields of international relations and foreign policy. Created in 1979, the Center is UCLA's primary forum for and a West Coast leader in the interdisciplinary study of global affairs. A significant sponsor of research, teaching and outreach on campus, it engages faculty and students to explore and shape debate on global issues.



Conferences & Events

Throughout the academic year, the Burkle Center sponsors conferences, lecture series, and other events on topics such as human rights, the geopolitical effects of global warming, nuclear proliferation, the future of the Middle East, and U.S.-China relations. The lecture series encompass the annual Daniel Pearl Memorial Lecture, the Bernard Brodie Distinguished Lecture on the Conditions of Peace, and the Arnold C. Harberger Distinguished Lecture Series on Economic Development. Our events have featured United Nations Secretaries-General Ban Ki-moon and Kofi Annan, former U.S. Presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter, former Secretary of State Warren Christopher, former Defense Secretaries Robert McNamara and William Perry, former national security adviser Brent Scowcroft, Nobel Prize winners Wangari Maathai and Thomas Schelling, journalists Anderson Cooper and David Brooks, and many others.

The Burkle Center publishes audio podcasts and videocasts of its events on the Center website and through iTunes U and YouTube. Our social networks on Facebook and Twitter encourage the community to stay involved.

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Research & Training

The Burkle Center supports research in international relations and related fields, awards fellowships and organizes an increasingly popular internship program. Grants for UCLA faculty promote investigation of U.S. foreign policy, global political, military and economic matters, and international law and dispute resolution. The Center proudly welcomes, as Senior Fellows, distinguished leaders and University of California faculty members, among them General Wesley K. Clark (ret.) and Dr. Kantathi Suphamongkhon, the 39th Foreign Minister of Thailand.

Burkle Center student internships offer UCLA undergraduate and graduate students direct exposure to experts in international relations and related disciplines. In this flagship Center program, the interns participate in major events and research initiatives, while other advanced students of international relations take advantage of funding opportunities for research and travel.

Vision for the Future

The Burkle Center is seeking to expand its support of education and research in international relations. The following initiatives present opportunities for individuals and foundations to help further our mission:

- A postdoctoral fellowship program for promising scholars to collaborate with a rotating slate of senior scholars and distinguished practitioners on both academic research and policy planning
- Formation of an international affairs community, drawing on faculty and students from UCLA departments and the professional schools, including financial support for research and internship opportunities
- Funding for promising young undergraduate and graduate students working in the fields of international relations and American foreign policy
- Endowed professorships to help recruit and retain outstanding faculty for the Global Studies interdepartmental program.

Support the Burkle Center for International Relations

We encourage you to participate in our events and support our efforts to inspire young scholars and provide crucial analysis of world affairs.

Private philanthropy is critical to the health and vitality of our program. There are many ways to give, including outright gifts, pledges payable over time, and permanent endowments. All gifts are tax-deductible and may be directed to the area of greatest interest to you.

We look forward to discussing with you how your gift can make a significant impact. Please write or call us using the contact information on the back cover of this brochure, or visit www.international.ucla.edu/burkle.

