9:30 am – 10:30 pm  Registration & Breakfast

10:30 am – 10:45 am  Opening Remarks
Sienna Thorgusen, Conference Committee Chair
Dr. Kathleen Fallon, Stony Brook University, Director of Graduate Studies

10:45 am – 12:05 pm  Session 1: Media and Opinion
Discussant: Dr. Carrie Shandra, Stony Brook University

Lisa M. Lipscomb, The New School – From Deviant Science to Legitimate Occupation: Managing Stigma in the Field of Astrology


Nick Rogers, Stony Brook University – Measuring Political Polarization Among the General American Public: A Social Networks Approach

Aida Nikou, Stony Brook University – Depicting the Other: Iranian and American Media Coverage of the 2014 Gaza War

12:05 - 1:00pm  Lunch
1:00pm - 2:30pm  **Session 2: State, Democracy, and Civil Society**  
**Discussant: Dr. Ian Roxborough**, Stony Brook University

**Zhichao Fang**, Johns Hopkins University – War, State Breakdown and State (re-) Formation: The Case of Northern and Southern Song Dynasties, Imperial China

**Elham Pourtaher**, University at Albany, SUNY – Rethinking the Iranian Civil Sphere

**Jamie Sommer**, Stony Brook University – The State and the Environment: A Cross-National Analysis

**Ahmad Al-Sholi**, Stony Brook University – Limits of Labor Pressure for Democracy, Jordan and its Teacher Union Movement

2:30pm - 4:00pm  **Session 3: The Matrix of Domination**  
**Discussant: Dr. Tiffany Joseph**, Stony Brook University

**Charlotte Lloyd**, Harvard University – Institutionalizing Indigeneity: “Reconciliation Action Plans” in Australian Organizations

**Kevin McElrath**, Stony Brook University – Social Class and College Preparatory Activities: A Mechanism for Equal Access?

**Helana Darwin**, Stony Brook University – The Body Positive Movement: A Frame Analysis

**Alec Cali**, Stony Brook University – Economic Determinants of Birth: Complicating Ideas of Motherhood

4:00pm - 5:00pm  **Keynote Dialogue: Transforming Sociology**  
**Moderator: Sam Shirazi**, Stony Brook University  
**Dr. Michael Schwartz**, Stony Brook University  
**Dr. Marina Sitrin**, SUNY Dehli

5:00pm - 6:30pm  **Reception**