Peaceful Greetings!

I am very pleased to share a number of exciting developments and accomplishments with our friends on campus and around the world. The Bobst Center has had a productive and successful year, featuring many new events and programs. Some key highlights include a workshop on “The Spatial Dimension of Economic and Political Inequality,” led by Professor Andreas Wiedemann. The Bobst Center was also happy to support the 5th Annual “Conference on Identity and Inequality,” organized by Professors Tali Mendelberg and Ismail White. Both events brought together leading scholars from the US and abroad. We were also very grateful to draw on the expertise of Professors Mark Beissinger and Grigore Pop-Eleches, who hosted an event about the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Our collaboration with the American University of Beirut (AUB) continues to flourish. The Workshop on Arab Political Development (WAPD) hosted the AALIMS conference at Princeton this year and was a resounding success. The Bobst-AUB Collaborative Initiative also sponsored this conference which enabled several scholars from AUB to attend. Both programs serve a wide audience benefiting graduate students and faculty alike.

On the student side, we are pleased to support excellent graduate student research projects, engaging a wide range of topics and covering many world regions. Our support of undergraduate students continued to encompass funding for student groups furthering mutual understanding and social causes as well as our undergraduate internship program, offered jointly with the Department of Politics. Our undergraduate student research fellowship program provides students with an unmatched experience to gain invaluable research skills.

We are also proud to share the successful launch of the “Princeton Dissertation Scholars Program,” which aims to contribute to diversity in academia by providing resources for research projects, mentoring, and networking to political science doctoral students outside of Princeton University. We have selected a wonderful inaugural student cohort from around the world and are excited to support their dissertation projects.

Our event planning for FY 2023 is already underway, and we look forward to welcoming new programs and people. Thank you for your interest in the Bobst Center!

Rafaela Dancygier
Professor of Politics and Public and International Affairs
Mission and History

The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice was the brainchild of the late Mrs. Mamdouha S. Bobst (widow of Elmer Holmes Bobst) who, together with her husband, promoted philanthropy in the areas of education, health research and human rights. A think tank and research support entity affiliated with the Princeton University Department of Politics, the Center’s mission is “to advance the cause of peace, mutual understanding, respect for all ethnic traditions and religious faiths, and justice, both within countries and across national borders.” The activities of the Bobst Center therefore focus on the study of peace and justice. The Center sponsors, on its own and jointly with other departments and programs, panel discussions, conferences, seminars and workshops directed toward issues such as conflict and reconciliation, cultural and religious dynamics, nationalism, regime stability and change, pathways for political self-expression, and more.

The Center also serves as an intellectual hub for scholars and policymakers to exchange ideas and interact with one another. A special feature of the Bobst Center for Peace and Justice is its collaboration with the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, which provides fertile ground for faculty and graduate student exchanges, summer teaching opportunities for Princeton faculty at the AUB, and research on issues linked to peace and political life in the Arab World.
Executive Committee

The main directive of the Bobst Center executive committee is to advise and support the Director and the Center’s mission. We are grateful for their service and value their counsel.

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Co-Director, Workshop on Post-Communist Politics  
Area of specialization: Comparative politics, Eastern European politics, political behavior
Honors and Awards

The Bobst Center for Peace and Justice celebrates the recognition that our many talented scholars of every stage receive from other organizations in their fields of study. Below are a few of the honors.

Zenobia Chan, Ph.D. candidate in Politics, has been selected as one of the U.S. Institute of Peace’s 2021-2022 Peace Scholar Fellows.

Rory Truex, Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs, was awarded Princeton University’s President’s Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Leonard Wantchekon, James Madison Professor of Political Economy and Professor of Politics and International Affairs, was awarded an honorary doctorate degree in economics from Laval University, Quebec, Canada.

Yang-Yang Zhou, Ph.D. ’19, was awarded SSHRC Insight Development Grant for her current book project, “Rejecting Coethnicity: The Politics of Migrant Exclusion by Minoritized Citizens.”

Graduate Research Support

The Bobst Center also provides dissertation and pre-dissertation funding to help facilitate graduate student training and research. Doctoral students who have been successful in securing Bobst Center dissertation and pre-dissertation grants have submitted proposals that are rigorous for their intellectual merit and research designs.

Jeyhun Alizade Spring 2021 Dissertation Grant

Jeyhun was awarded a Bobst Dissertation Grant to study the consequences of the inclusion of police officers in radical right parties. More specifically, he aims to understand how police inclusion affects citizens’ perception of and vote intention for radical right parties and whether it undermines trust in the police. To answer these questions, Jeyhun plans to use his Bobst grant to conduct a survey experiment with a representative sample of voters in Germany, where the radical right Alternative for Germany has systematically fielded police officers as candidates in elections.

Dahyun Choi Spring 2021 Dissertation Grant

Dahyun has used her pre-dissertation grant to study how interest groups influence public preferences in the domain of trade policy. With Bobst funding, She conducts large-scale randomized trials and tests her core theory that interest groups strategically take advantage of voters’ rational inattention.
Ze Han  Spring 2021 Dissertation Grant

Ze plans to use his Bobst grant to study the relationship between support for trade protection and two forces shaping labor-market outcomes: (a) automation in the forms of industrial robots and artificial intelligence (AI) and (b) offshoring. With Bobst funding, he will conduct survey experiments to understand why we have witnessed much political opposition to international trade but not to automation in advanced economies.

Arantxa Rodriguez-Uribe  Fall 2021 Dissertation Grant

Arantxa is using her Bobst grant to study how growing up in areas which were under the control of gangs affects the future of the youth living in these areas. She is conducting this study in Medellin, Colombia. With Bobst funding, she is carrying out fieldwork, both qualitative and quantitative, to understand how growing up under strict gang presence affected the life paths of youth, placing a strong emphasis on understanding whether and how it affected schooling opportunities and decisions.

Derek Wakefield  Spring 2021 Dissertation Grant

Derek used his grant to study how Latino voters with different partisan identities and different levels of panethnic linked fate behave when exposed to immigration and economic messaging from American political campaigns. His Bobst funding was used to help pay for online responses to a survey from 1575 Latino registered voters. He hopes to use these findings to learn more about how political campaigns can better engage Latino voters.

The Bobst Center along with the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP) and the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance (NCGG) support the Multi-Center Graduate Grant Program to provide Princeton Politics graduate students awards of up to $15,000 to support larger or more ambitious research projects. The selection process for a Multi-Center Graduate Grant is more competitive than other grants offered and is intended to prepare students for larger grant competitions. The excerpts below highlight how some of the students are using their funding.

Jing “Jim” Qian  Spring 2021 Multi-Center Grant

Jing used his Multi-Center dissertation grant to study the politics behind multinational tax avoidance at both the international and domestic levels. With the help of the grant, he is building an original dataset to map the universe of tax-related international agreements signed between countries across the world, and coding tax laws related to international taxation over the since 2000.

Tiffany Simon  Spring 2021 Multi-Center Grant & Dissertation Grant

Tiffany is using her Bobst dissertation and Multi-Center grants to examine how experiencing positive affect impacts the political behavior of citizens in authoritarian regimes, with a particular focus on the effect of government projects aimed at increasing citizen happiness in the Arab Gulf states. She is using her Bobst funding to analyze the relationship between happiness messaging from government entities and changes to citizen sentiment using Twitter data, as well as to conduct fieldwork in the UAE in the near future.

Claire Willeck  Spring 2021 Multi-Center Grant

Claire is using her Multi-Center dissertation grant to study how teaching civic education using active learning can engage students in class and with the political system. With this funding, Claire is running a national field experiment where teachers are using her lessons in their classrooms, and she is collecting interview, survey, and audio data from students and teachers to quantify and classify student engagement, including political interest and participation.
Princeton Dissertation Scholars Program

This fall, the Bobst Center launched an exciting new program, the Princeton Dissertation Scholars Program. This new initiative aims to provide opportunities for academic and professional growth to doctoral students enrolled in programs outside of Princeton University that are historically underrepresented in their fields and whose university may not offer similar grants to their Ph.D. students. Through this new program, the Bobst Center will offer successful applicants grants covering research expenses for dissertation development as well as unique mentoring and networking opportunities. In June, we will host these scholars for a workshop to present and receive feedback on their selected dissertation research projects. We are pleased to share with you our inaugural class of Dissertation Scholars.

Thomas Benson  University of Delaware

Smart cities typically adopt a rhetoric of superiority in that they perform exceedingly well as cities, especially in terms of environmental sustainability. Thomas’ research project addresses whether the reality of smart cities matches their rhetoric. Specifically, it queries: why do some smart cities successfully address ecological dimensions, whilst others fall short? What are the roles of urban governance structures in this variation? To answer these questions, Thomas’ research first applies an ecological justice lens to interrogate the ecological outcomes of smart cities, then he employs a multi-method approach to conduct comparative case study analysis of four cities, and finally conducts a cross-national regression to determine whether the case study findings hold across other smart cities.

Ishita Gopal  Penn State University

Ishita’s project will study protests on Telegram—a messaging platform—which has gained immense popularity amongst anti regime protesters, while also facing extensive censorship across regimes. There is a lack of understanding about the type of content which exists on it. To this end, she will conduct a multi-event and cross-country analysis to examine how event, government and country-level features can help us predict coverage of protests on this platform. Ishita will also develop quantitative methods to collect and analyze data from this project. This study will be amongst a few which analyzes multiple protest events cross-nationally, as opposed to single protest events which are usually examined in the literature at the intersection of contentious politics and social media use.

ShahBano Ijaz  UCSD

This dissertation is a study of last-mile access to foreign aid funded public programs. Even though these programs apportion eligibility based on apolitical criteria, the de-facto receipt of benefits is often obstructed by onerous bureaucratic requirements. These last-mile obstructions become pronounced when eligible citizens are characterized by low literacy and physical mobility. ShahBano argues that the presence of these last-mile barriers carves a significant role for local politicians in aid economies, who find it electorally feasible to exchange access for votes. The study shows that even with rules-based eligibility, those who benefit and how easily they benefit remain political questions.

Ana Oaxaca  UCLA

Ana’s dissertation project develops a new theory of local elite behavior given the presence of nationalization. The project builds a comprehensive understanding of the strategic decision-making process undertaken by municipal officials constrained by federal, state, and municipal governments on the issue of immigration. In this way, Ana goes beyond the question of how political elites accommodate immigrants and in addition asks why they choose to represent them in a nationalized partisan environment. Understanding the inequality in representation for immigrants at the local level is at the core an important aspect of evaluating our democratic institutions and advancing social, economic, and political justice for all, regardless of citizenship.

Tolulope Odukoya  University of Virginia

Tolu’s dissertation project focuses on communities’ receptivity to the reintegration of deradicalized terrorists into their society. Specifically, in countries where the deradicalization program rehabilitates terrorists who have attacked and victimized the same communities, the government intends to reintegrate these former combatants. Tolu’s research focuses on how proximity to terrorist violence and socioeconomic class impact the observed variation in community receptivity. Her dissertation explores this question through communities in Nigeria, where the government is implementing a deradicalization and reintegration program called Operation Safe Corridor for former Boko Haram members. To empirically test her assumptions and hypotheses, she will conduct semi-structured interviews with civilians in Nigeria and interviews with government leaders who run the deradicalization program. This grant allowed her to conduct the fieldwork in Nigeria.
**Anastassiya Perevezentseva** American University

Anastassiya's dissertation seeks to uncover the characteristics and behavior of successful movements against populism. She argues that anti-populist SMs are more likely to succeed when they counter the “hollowness” of political parties by recovering their institutional roots within civil society. She tests her theory on two cases of anti-populist SMs in Slovakia and the Czech Republic (“For a Decent Slovakia” and “Million Moments for Democracy”) using cross-case process-tracing. She will collect data by doing field research, for which she will be based in Bratislava and affiliated with Comenius University for the 2022-2023 academic year.

**Tye Rush** UCLA

Some states implement voting laws that make it harder to vote. Today, despite evidence that voter impersonation is rare, 35 states have implemented some form of voter ID. Tye argues that voter ID laws are elite-driven devices that legislators use to retain political power when changing demographics disfavor them and pose an existential threat to their electoral viability, particularly when it is not feasible for legislators to successfully win support from racial minority voters. Using a holistic approach, this project examines the impact of race/ethnicity and electoral competition on legislators’ support for voter ID laws.

**Reyhan Topal** University of Albany

Reyhan’s project investigates how the internet and communication technologies transform political violence and security politics in authoritarian regimes. She delves into repressive and liberating aspects of technology by employing qualitative, quantitative, and computational research methods. To that end, she examines AI-enhanced surveillance of minorities, online organization of violent insurgencies and nonviolent civil resistance, and online mobilization against repression. With her project, she aims to offer a unique insight into the changing nature of violence, security, and authoritarianism.

**Bobst Center Programs**

This April, the Bobst Center hosted a workshop organized by Asya Magazinnik (MIT) and Andreas Wiedemann, entitled *The Spatial Dimension of Economic and Political Inequality*. The goal of this workshop was to bring together a group of junior and senior scholars who work on issues of political geography, political representation, and economic inequality for an intensive two-days of exchanging ideas and brainstorming future directions for this research agenda. Presenters included Sarah Anzia (UC Berkeley), Ben Ansell (Oxford), Pablo Beramendi (Duke), Kendra Bischoff (Cornell), Nicholas Carnes (Duke), Ryan Enos (Harvard), David Foster (Kenyon), Cecile Gaubert (UC Berkeley), Michael Hankinson (George Washington), Patricia Kirkland (Princeton), Dan Hopkins (University of Pennsylvania), Martin Larsen (Aarhus), Patrick Les Gales (Sciences Po), Asya Magazinnik (MIT), Will Marble (Princeton), Tom Ogorzalek (CUNY), Jonathan Rodden (Stanford), Kathleen Thelen (MIT), Andreas Wiedemann (Princeton), Jessica Trounstine (UC Merced), Margaret Weir (Brown), and Alice Xu (Yale).
Program on Inequality

The Program on Inequality is led by Director, Tali Mendelberg, John Work Garrett Professor of Politics. In March, the program hosted its 5th annual Conference on Identity and Inequality organized by Tali Mendelberg and Ismail White. We were pleased to host this conference in-person with presentations from Trevor Brown (Cornell), Stacey Greene (Rutgers), Hakeem Jefferson (Stanford), Yalidy Matos (Rutgers), Corrine McConnaughy (Princeton), Suzanne Mettler (Cornell), Nicholas Sambanis (University of Pennsylvania), Kira Sanbonmatsu (Rutgers), Tina Tucker (Duke), and Ismail White (Princeton).

This year, the conference attracted a large number of scholars and students from across the region. This conference brings into conversation political scientists who study identities such as class, race, ethnicity, and gender, in the US and in countries around the world. These identities are often studied in isolation from each other; by contrast, the conference compares and contrasts them, investigates their differences and similarities, studies how they intersect and how they combine into an overarching common identity. This conference was co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP) and the Program on Race, Ethnicity, Identity and Politics (PREIP).

Workshop on Post-Communist Politics

The Workshop on Post-Communist Politics is co-directed by Mark Beissinger, Henry W. Putnam Professor of Politics, and Grigore Pop-Eleches, Professor of Politics and International Affairs. The program, jointly with the Department of Politics, assembled a talk for Princeton University to provide context and a better understanding of the war in Ukraine. Professors Beissinger and Pop-Eleches presented a historical overview of the crisis and insight into the current state of the escalating conflict.

Workshop on Arab Political Development

The Workshop on Arab Political Development, directed by Dean Amaney Jamal, sponsors public lectures by faculty, scholars, and policy makers who study issues of the Middle East and North Africa. In November, Glenn Robinson, retired Professor of the Naval Postgraduate School, gave a public lecture on his new book, “Global Jihad: A Brief History” which has been named “Best Book of 2021” by Foreign Affairs and Foreign Policy.

WAPD also provides graduate students and faculty with a forum to present their research projects. Through this seminar, students and faculty gain experience in presenting their work and critically engaging the audience about their research. The Princeton students and faculty who presented their work at WAPD this year were:

- Carolyn Barnett, “Perceived Social Norms and the Politics of Women’s Rights”
- Kathy Ingram, “Competitive Intervention and Sabotage in Civil Wars”
- Mohammad Isaqzadeh, gave a joint WAPD-PRESS talk, “Islamic-Based Counseling and the Promotion of Mental Health and Prosocial Behavior Among Refugees”
- Hani Warith and Emre Ceyhun, “Competing at the Root: How Local-Level Associational Competition Fuels Politics in Hybrid Regimes”
- Prof. Faisal Ahmed, “Crony Globalization: Evidence from Muslim Societies”

WAPD was very pleased to host the AALIMS-Princeton 2022 Conference on Political Economy of the Muslim World, in April. Timur Kuran and Amaney Jamal organized the conference along with Jake Shapiro and Faisal Ahmed. “The purpose of AALIMS is to promote analytic research of Muslim societies, with a focus on the roles of culture and religion in social, economic, and political trends in both the past and the present”. Faculty and graduate students were selected to present on their current
research. Topics included: Functions of Religion, Global Economic Patterns, Identities, Transitions, Gender Gaps and Households and Perceptions. With over 70 participants from domestic and international institutions, presenters gained valuable feedback on their work. We welcomed two guests from the University of Cairo and four guests from the American University of Beirut. For a full list of presenters and paper titles, please visit AALIMS.org.

**Bobst-AUB Collaborative Initiative**

The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice proudly continues its collaboration with the American University of Beirut (AUB), which is generously supported by the Bobst Foundation and directed by Dean Amaney Jamal. Our colleagues at AUB, Dr. Nisreen Salti and Ms. Nadine Mezher, are a vital part of the team and enable the partnership to expand and thrive. The partnership between the Bobst Center and AUB takes on many forms including research support, visiting professorships, graduate student exchanges, joint workshops, and conferences.

In October 2021, the Bobst-AUB Collaborative Initiative hosted a two-day virtual workshop on introductory and basic commands to conduct statistical analysis and programming using the R software. The session was facilitated by Dr. Abdullah Aydogan, a data scientist currently working in the private sector and a consultant with the Bobst Center. The session hosted 30 students and faculty from AUB's Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Later, Dr. Aydogan facilitated an intermediate two-day workshop on R, presenting more advanced commands while explaining their application in research.

In November 2021, Princeton welcomed Charlotte Karam and Carmen Geha, founders of the Center for Inclusive Business and Leadership for Women (CIBL). The talk, entitled “Mobilizing for Inclusive Policies and Practices in the MENA Region: Taking Stock, Imagining Pathways”, included their work in the region to create systems in order to track the creation of more inclusive workplaces. The program was thrilled to host this event in-person after years apart due to the pandemic.

In February 2022, the initiative hosted an online “Research Update Day” for recipients of last year’s research grants. During the sessions, each group presented their findings and were able to encourage and challenge each other. They also discussed their plans to further their projects. For a full list of grant recipients and project titles, please visit: https://bobst.princeton.edu/programs/bobst-center-aub-collaborative-initiative.

**AALIMS-Princeton 2022** was also supported through the Bobst-AUB Collaborative Initiative and hosted four AUB faculty participants: Vivienne Badaan, Ali Abboud, Claudia Youakim and Elizabeth Selah. The faculty were able to network and make connections with their colleagues from other institutions.

The Workshop on Politics of Everyday Contestation is being organized by Dr. Tania Haddad and will be held at AUB June 17-18. Attendees will hear from over 15 planned presentations.

The AMEWS Conference on Gender will be held at both AUB and LAU in June. AMEWS engages scholars from multiple locations on the cutting-edge topics propelling research on gender and women’s studies in the Middle East and within populations in the diaspora. There will be over 40 presentations and the conference will include engagements with NGOs and local organizations committed to gender issues.
Post-Doctoral Program

A special feature of the Bobst Center’s programs includes the Post-Doctoral Research program, run by Professor Carles Boix, Robert Garrett Professor of Politics and Public Affairs in the Department of Politics and the School of Public and International Affairs. Offered jointly with the Department of Politics, post-doctoral research appointments are one-year positions designed for scholars of comparative politics with a special focus on empirical democratic theory and comparative institutions. For the upcoming academic year, we will welcome two new scholars: Hans Lueders and Sergi Martinez. Hans is completing a postdoctoral fellowship with the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law at Stanford University, while Sergi will complete his doctoral studies at the European University Institute in Florence.

Bobst Sponsored Workshops & Conferences

Conference on Statebuilding and Political Development

Organized by Melissa Lee, Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs, the Bobst Center along with the Empirical Students of Conflict program (ESOC), Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS), and the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance (NCGG) sponsored her conference entitled “Statebuilding and Political Development”. This two-day conference welcomed presenters from across the country including senior scholars from American University, Brown University, Cornell University, Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania, and UC Berkeley.

PRESS Experimental Workshop

Bobst provides annual funding for the Princeton Research in Experimental Social Science (PRESS) workshops which are also supported by the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance (NCGG), the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP) and the Department of Politics. This spring, PRESS hosted Diana Mutz (University of Pennsylvania), S. Michael Gaddis (UCLA), and Jake Bowers (Urbana-Champaign). Through PRESS, a forum is provided for workshopping and giving feedback to graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty on their experimental programs in-progress. It also serves as an important source of small-grant support to graduate student and postdoctoral experimental research projects.

Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom Annual Conference

With another virtual conference, the Bobst Center was pleased to support this year’s Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom conference. This year’s conference theme was “From Stranger to Sister”, with keynote speakers, Dr. Amineh Hoti and Rabbi Sarah Bassin. Dr. Hoti is the co-founder of the Centre for the Study of Muslim-Jewish Relations at the University of Cambridge and Rabbi Bassin is the Assistant Rabbi at Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills. The online format allowed for increased attendance and participation. The mission of the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom is to build trust, respect, and relationships between Muslim and Jewish women of all ages and the annual conference is one of their key programming components.

Queer Politics Workshop

The Bobst Center is pleased to support the start of the Queer Politics at Princeton program, led by director and founder, Andrew Reynolds, Senior Research Scholar, chool of Public and International Affairs. Queer Politics @ Princeton offers weekly workshops and discussions led by preeminent scholars in the field.

Undergraduate Student Support

Undergraduate Research Fellow Program

Undergraduate students who are majoring in politics or related areas are given the opportunity to work as a Bobst Undergraduate Research Fellow to assist Politics faculty members in research projects which focus on social justice, equality or other aspects of the Bobst mission. In this way, faculty receive extra support while students gain firsthand valuable research skills. This year, students worked with professors Faisal Ahmed and Rafaela Dancygier.
Undergraduate Event Support
The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice proudly supports Princeton University Undergraduate Student Events that contribute to the Bobst mission. While, due to the pandemic, this year proved challenging for the student organizations, they were still able to offer thought-provoking virtual programs to their peers. The following are some of the events that the Bobst Center has funded this past year:

AKWAABA Group: *Sankofa African Fashion Show: Golden Hour*
Sankofa is Princeton University's one and only African fashion show and cultural showcase. Every year, profits from the show are donated to charities supporting underrepresented communities, such as the Mezu International Foundation and the Kyha Foundation. Sankofa features roughly 15 designers with over 30 student volunteers modeling their designs. It includes performances from rising stars in global African dance movements as well as student cultural dance groups such as Más Flow and Doro Bucci.

Black Student Union: *BSU Royalty Gala*
The Gala serves to unite the black diaspora across Princeton. Through this event, BSU hopes to encourage productive conversations about the diaspora to promote peace, cross-cultural understanding, intersectionality and justice. The goal is to allow members of the African, Caribbean, African American, Afro-Latina, and all other members of the black diaspora to have access to the same college experiences as their non-Black peers.

JStreet U, Princeton: *Occupation Teach-In with JStreet U*
The Occupation Teach-In is a signature JStreet U event hoping to provide facts on the ground and opportunity for the discussion of the continued Israeli occupation of the West Bank. JStreet provided attendees with a presentation on the realities of the military occupation for the affected populations as well as how it undermines current attempts to move towards a two-state solution and a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

Muslim Student Association: *Critical Perspectives on National Security and Policing with Special Emphasis on Abolition, Race, and Religion*
The MSA and SPEAR hosted a book talk during the holy month of Ramadan with Sahar Aziz (Rutgers), Udi Ofer (ACLU) and Aya Saed (Congressional Staffer). The talk focused on focused on the intersections of policing and national security. Attendees concluded the event with an iftar dinner.

PHS Board: *Bommai Kolu*
Navratri is the nine holy nights dedicated to the Hindu Goddesses and is traditionally accompanied by cultural celebrations in various forms. This year, PHS set up a Bommai Kolu, which is a tiered layout of dolls (painted by students) that tell the story of the Goddesses. This is a traditional event that arose out of South India.

Rehack Team: *Rehack Reverse Hackathon: Accessibility and Inequality*
This reverse hackathon focused on accessibility and inequality, encouraging students to think critically about how we can make technology accessible to all people regardless of disability or socioeconomic factors, creating solutions that bridge the gaps that currently make it harder for all people to enjoy technology. Participants were able to tackle important issues surrounding the use of consumer software products. By exposing attendees to topics in software development, human-computer interaction, UI/UX, and product design, the event encouraged interdisciplinary dialogue to support the development of creative solutions that allow for more meaningful and healthier relationships between people and technology.

Swara: *Phrases: Ramana Balachadran in Concert*
The Swara presented a musical performance by Ramana Balachandran, a 20 year old prodigal Veena player and vocalist in the Carnatic (South Indian Classical) music space, in concert with mridangam player Patri Sathish Kumar and ghatam player Chandrashekhara Sharma. This event provided a rich and innovative offering of music, presenting the unique combination of vocal and string music from the same artist with traditional accompaniment.
Orange represents focal areas for recent Bobst-funded research: