

**Closing Keynote Address of  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Society of Global Scholars Conference,  
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# **Digital Capitalism and the Global Police State**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3 2018 6:00—7:30 PM**

This talk will explore the global police state that is emerging as world capitalism descends into an unprecedented crisis. The global police state refers to three interrelated developments: 1) the ever-increasing omnipresence of systems of mass social control, repression, and warfare; 2) militarized accumulation or the global economic exploitation of the systems in question; and 3) the increasing move towards political systems that can be characterized as 21st century fascism. The technologies associated with the digital economy and the fourth industrial revolution appear to be revolutionizing warfare, systems of social control and state-organized accumulation, in particular over-accumulation, that are generating crisis in the first place. The discussion to follow this talk will focus on bottom-up alternatives to the global police state.

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**A wine reception with light refreshments will follow. All are welcome.**

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