

Joma Geneciran

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EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine, in Progress

Ph.D. Candidate in Global and International Studies (Advanced to Candidacy, May 2025)

Emphasis in Law, Society, and Culture (expected Spring 2026).

University of Chicago, Master of Arts, 2021

MA in Social Sciences, Concentration: Anthropology, summa cum laude

Thesis Title: Democratic Confederalism in North and East Syria (Rojava): The Contradictions of Non-State Sovereignty

Advisor: Ryan Jobson

New College of Florida, Bachelor of Arts, 2020

BA in Political Science (with Honors)

Thesis Title: Democratic Confederalism as a Decolonial Model for Stateless People

Advisor: Frank Alcock, Brendan Goff

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Joma Geneciran. 2025. North and East Syria (Rojava): Liberatory Project or US Proxy? *Middle East Critique*, 1-21. DOI: 10.1080/19436149.2025.2531469

Joma Geneciran. 2024. Global Historical Materialism and Decoloniality. *Review of African Political Economy* 51 (182): 635-643. DOI: 10.62191/ROAPE-2024-0035.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Joma Geneciran. Burning Effigies, Flooded Streets: Visual Ethnography of Crisis and Resistance at the People's SONA. Photo essay in preparation for *Society & Space*.

Joma Geneciran. "Multo Infrastructure: Haunted Bases and the Afterlives of U.S. Empire in Central Luzon." Article in preparation for submission to *Antipode*.

Book Reviews

Joma Geneciran. Review of *Accumulation of Waste: A Political Economy of Systemic Destruction* by Ali Kadri. In *Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy* (under review).

Invited Manuscripts

Joma Geneciran. UCIntifada as Diagnosis: UCI and the Limits of U.S.-Campus Palestine Solidarity. *Material Issue* 4 (in preparation; solicited by editorial board).

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Global Political Economy; Global Marxisms; Critical Development Studies; Political Ecology; Critical Agrarian Studies (Rice, Land Reform); Human Geography; Law and Political Economy (TWAIL); Philippines/Southeast Asia; WANA (Comparative); Visual Ethnography; Archives; GIS/Spatial Analysis

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Winter Global Studies Travel Award, April. 10, 2025

University of California, Irvine (\$1000)

Fall Global Studies Travel Award, Jan. 10, 2024

University of California, Irvine (\$1000)

Global Studies Graduate Paper Award – Unpublished Research Paper, June 11, 2024

University of California, Irvine (\$200)

COR Small Grant Program, June 8, 2024

The Center for Organizational Research (\$1000)

Graduate Student Affinity Group Travel Grant, April 10, 2024

Association of American Geographers (\$250)

Global Studies Travel Award, Jan. 10, 2024

University of California, Irvine (\$1000)

International Development Economics Associates (IDEAs): Advanced Certificate Programme on Research in Political Economy, July 2023. Admitted. Declined due to overlap with Ph.D. residency requirements.

Political Economy Summer Institute 2022 Fellow at *George Mason University*, sponsored by the Arab Studies Institute.

Language Grant for Middlebury Language Institute

Middlebury's Arabic Language Institute, June 24 – August 20th (\$6,500)

Phoenix Research Award

University of Chicago for 2020–2021 (\$20,000)

Director's Scholarship

University of Chicago for 2020–2021 (\$5,000)

Student Research and Travel Grant

New College of Florida, December 2017 – February 2018 (\$2,000)

Millennial Leaders Project

Union Theological Seminary/Columbia University (selected participant), New York City, NY, July 2017

Re: Generate Fellow

Wake Forest University School of Divinity (selected participant), Winston-Salem, NC, February 2017

GreenFaith Climate Convergence (Tulane University) (*selected participant*) *climate resilience; Biloxi Chitimacha-Choctaw; Tulane climate research visit*. New Orleans, LA, Jun 2016.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND SYMPOSIUMS

Conference Service

- **Discussant**, “*The State, Civil Society, and Resistance: Strategies of Control and Contestation in the Global South/Majority World*,” International Studies Association (Annual Convention), Columbus, OH, forthcoming, March 25, 2026.
- **Panelist**, “*New Textbook: IPE and the Global South*,” International Studies Association (Annual Convention), Columbus, OH, Forthcoming March 22, 2026.
- **Panelist**, “*Dismantling the Palestine Exception 4: Escalate! The Campus Encampments — What Worked, What Didn't?*” American Association of Geographers (Annual Meeting), Detroit, MI, March 25, 2025.

Conference Presentations

- Presented paper: *Beyond the Factory Floor: Labor Informalization and the Agrarian Question in Manila*, American Association of Geographers (Annual Meeting), Detroit, MI, March 25, 2025.
- Presented paper: *The Political Economy and Geography of North and East Syria (Rojava)*, American Association of Geographers (Annual Meeting), Honolulu, HI, April 20th, 2024.
- Presented paper: *The Political Economy of North and East Syria (Rojava)* International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy Conference, 2022, Bologna, Italy, September 7–9.
- Presented paper: *The Political Economy of North and East Syria (Rojava) from a World-Systems' Perspective*, Institute of Political Economy 22nd Annual Graduate Conference, Carleton University, Canada, March 3–4, 2022.
- Presented paper: *Democratic Confederatism in North and East Syria (Rojava): The Contradictions of Non-State Sovereignty*, 2021 Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference, University of Chicago, June 25, 2021.
- Presented paper: *Democratic Confederatism as a Decolonial Model for Stateless People*, 2020 Global South Symposium, New College of Florida, April 24, 2020.

Selected Participation

- Selected participant: South-South Decolonial Dialogues: Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean at the Center of Study and Investigation for Decolonial Dialogues, Barcelona, Spain, January 10–14, 2022.
- Selected participant: Sam Moyo African Institute for Agrarian Studies (SMAIAS-ASN), Harare, Zimbabwe, Summer School January 17–21, 2022.

INVITED TALKS AND GUEST LECTURES

- Guest Lecture, *Environmentalism and Indigeneity: Perspectives from the Global South*, “Global Ideologies,” University of California, Irvine, May 21, 2025.
- Guest Lecture, *Political Economy and Ecology of Development in the Global South*, “Global Political Economy” University of California, Irvine, April 17, 2025.
- Guest Lecture, *Contemporary Imperialism, Samir Amin, and the Agrarian Question in the Philippines*, “Global Political Economy” University of California, Irvine, January 23, 2025.
- Invited Discussant, *International Solidarity Between Student Encampments*, Anti-Imperialist Network, (International Zoom Roundtable), May 2024.
- Guest Lecture, *Bell Hooks on Love, Care, and Critical Teaching*, “Pedagogy of the Oppressed: A Space for Radical Discourse on How We Learn & Teach,” California Institute of the Arts, July 19, 2023.
- Guest Lecture, Black Panther Party’s Liberation Schools and Community Education, “Pedagogy of the Oppressed: A Space for Radical Discourse on How We Learn & Teach,” California Institute of the Arts, July 13, 2023.
- Guest Lecture: *Paulo Freire’s Critical Pedagogy: Banking vs. Problem-Posing Education*, “Pedagogy of the Oppressed: A Space for Radical Discourse on How We Learn & Teach,” California Institute of the Arts, July 11, 2023.
- Guest Lecture: *Anti-Colonial and Critical Pedagogy: Cabral’s Educational Philosophy*, “Pedagogy of the Oppressed: A Space for Radical Discourse on How We Learn & Teach,” California Institute of the Arts, July 6, 2023.
- Guest Lecture: *Third World Liberation Front/Ethnic Studies and Teach-Ins*, Guest lecture series for “Pedagogy of the Oppressed: A Space for Radical Discourse on How We Learn & Teach,” California Institute of the Arts, July 4, 2023.
- Guest Lecture: *Structural Adjustments, World Bank, and Decolonization*, “Transitions from War to Peace,” New College of Florida, December 6, 2018.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistance

University of California, Irvine, CA

Global Political Economy – Christopher Harris, Winter 2026

Human Rights and International Law – Mohammad Amirkhizi, Fall 2025

Global Ideologies – Mamyrah Prosper, Spring 2025

Global Political Economy – Sylvia Croese, Winter 2025

Global and International Forum – Christopher Harris, Fall 2024

Global Ideologies – Mamyrah Prosper, Spring 2024

Intro to Global Studies – Phil McCarty, Winter 2024

Intro to Global Studies – Phil McCarty, Fall 2023

Global Inequalities – Phil McCarty, Summer II 2023

Intro to Global Studies – Phil McCarty, Spring 2023

Global Political Economy – Yousuf, Al-Bulushi, Winter 2023

Global Cultures and Society – Tom Douglas, Fall 2022

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

American Grand Strategy, John Mearsheimer, Winter, 2020

New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL

American History: 1865 to Present – Brendan Goff, Fall 2019

U.S. in the World – Brendan Goff, Fall 2019

International Law and Politics – Frank Alcock, Spring 2019

Transitions from War to Peace – Nat Colletta, Fall 2018

Conflict, Security, Development – Nat Colletta, Spring 2018

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT

DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP

JDPOD, Creator/Cohost

- Weekly podcast examining global political economy, imperialism, and social movements

INVITED MEDIA APPEARANCES

- A Global Historical Materialist Critique of Decolonial Theory with Joma Geneciran,” Interview on *Millennials Are Killing Capitalism*, October 2024.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of California, Irvine, CA

Doctoral Researcher/Dissertation Researcher, August 2022– present

- Multi-sited fieldwork across the Philippines (Central Luzon Rice Corridor); interviews/participant observation; documentation and photography.
- Archival research (IBON, UP Diliman/UPLB, International Rice Research Institute) and analysis of rice policy/legal debates.
- GIS/StoryMap-based spatial analysis integrating field documentation and archival findings.

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Graduate Researcher/Thesis Researcher, October 2020 – August 2021

- Design and manage an independent multi-methods research project engaging stateless peoples in the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria
- Collect sensitive data via ethnographic methods and semi-structured interviews

Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy, Washington DC

Intern, January 2018

- Consulted for Sovereignty First and the Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy; Helped further develop a data visualization tool utilizing open-source intelligence representing 98 key actors involved in the Syrian Civil War using the Adobe suite and Stata.

Fleet Farming, Orlando, FL

Program Coordinator – October 2016-August 2019

- Coordinated community-based urban agriculture and agroecology initiatives.

ECHO Global Farm, Fort Myers, FL.

Intern, May 2014-2015

- Worked at ECHO Global Farms for twelve months learning Permaculture and Appropriate Technology principles over a 12-month period.

METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

Research Methods

- Ethnographic Fieldwork (semi-structured interviews, participant observation)
- Visual Ethnography (photo-based field methods, collaborative documentation)
- Archival and Historical Research
- Sociolegal Analysis (TWAIL)
- Spatial Analysis (GIS; StoryMaps)
- Mixed Methods (qualitative + spatial)

Technical Skills

- Qualitative Software: NVivo, ATLAS.ti
- GIS & Spatial Tools: ArcGIS, Story Maps
- Statistical Analysis: STATA, SAS, SQL
- Data Visualization: Adobe Illustrator, Tableau

TEACHING DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

- **Teaching Assistant Professional Development Training, (TADAP), UC Irvine – Fall 2022**
University of California, Irvine Center for Engaged Instruction

VISUAL ETHNOGRAPHY & DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY

Joma Geneciran Photography – Owner/Lead Photographer (2024-Present)

- Photo-based field methods and collaborative documentation across research and community settings.
- Produces photo essays and visual research outputs (exhibitions/zines/digital story projects)

Selected Exhibitions/Installations

- East LA Film Shop — Vinyl Release Gallery (group show), Los Angeles — Selected artist January 3-17, 2026.
- Harriet Tubman Center — LA Intifada (exhibition/installation), Los Angeles — Nov. 2, 2025
- Portfolio: jomageneciran.com/photography

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Parsons New School of Design, New York, NY

Infographics and Data Visualization Certificate, January 2023

Middlebury Language School, Middlebury, VT

Summer Immersion Program, Arabic; August 2021

University of Chicago, Arabic Language Institute, Chicago, IL

Summer Immersion Program; August 2020

Qasid Arabic Institute

MSA Foundations; February 2020

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Agroecology & Community Resilience Field Program (2011-2012)

Structured, long-duration work across 11 countries and 4 continents (Latin America, East Africa, East Asia, Eastern Europe; 2011-2012); logistics coordination.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

National Press Photographers Association

American Anthropology Association

American Association of Geographers

American Sociology Association

International Studies Association

LANGUAGE

Arabic – Intermediate Advanced, B1

Filipino – Heritage learner, Intermediate

Spanish – Intermediate Advanced, B1