

# RESEARCH BRIEFS IN GLOBAL STUDIES

Spring 2019

Location for both sessions: **Humanities Center, Knauss Hall**

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**Thursday, February 7, 4 to 5 p.m.**

*A Woman's Development*

With Irma López and Mariam Konaté

López (pictured right, above) will discuss the writing development and emerging work of Mexican writer María Luisa Puga (1944-2004) as seen through the writer's detailed journals. Konaté (pictured right, below) will discuss women's roles in Burkina Faso, in terms of their status and power, and the government's initiatives towards empowering women in all facets of the country's development.



▲ Spanish; Intercultural and Anthropological Studies

Gender and Women's Studies; African American and African Studies ▼



**Thursday, March 14, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

*Religious Education in Eurasia*

With Elena Lisovskaya and Steve Covell



▲ Sociology

Comparative Religion ▼



Lisovskaya (pictured left, above) will discuss the ideologies of religious culture textbooks in Russia, and their relation to Russia's national identity. Covell (pictured left, below) will discuss the teachings of Temple Buddhism in modern-day Japan, specifically in Buddhist kindergartens and Buddhist universities.

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