

## 8<sup>th</sup> Global Issues Conference (8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> April, 2024)

Diana Benoit took part in the 8<sup>th</sup> Global Issues Conference on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. This conference, held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April, and organized by East Carolina University in Greenville, USA, aimed to showcase student-led research across the humanities, arts, and social sciences that tackle important global issues.

The conference covered a range of topics over four days: Education, Language, and Society; Health, Medicine, and Wellbeing; Environment and Society; Business, Technology, and the Future of Work; Economics and Society; Community Development; and Human Rights & Justice.

During the “Human Rights & Justice”, chaired by Bogumił Wolski from the State University of Applied Sciences in Krosno, Poland, four research papers were presented. These included “77%” by Tamla Boone, “Mining for Cryptocurrencies, Extracting from Communities: A Case Study of Belvoir” by Victor Ihuka, “Shadows of the Past: Tracing Intergenerational Trauma in Seychelles” by Diana Benoit, and “Ukraine and Palestine: The International Political Double Standards in Dealing with Conflicts” by Adnane Yousfi.

In her presentation, Diana Benoit highlighted the global phenomenon of intergenerational trauma through the specific example of Seychelles after the 1977 coup d’état, illustrating how local incidents reflect wider global patterns of trauma and recovery. Her analysis revealed universal themes such as human rights and resilience, emphasizing the connection between local traumas and worldwide strategies for healing. This discussion underscored the importance of international awareness and cooperation in resolving such issues.

The “Human Rights & Justice” session offered insightful presentations on subjects ranging from intergenerational trauma to the effects of political decisions on human rights, promoting a dynamic exchange of ideas and stressing the need for global awareness and joint efforts to address global challenges.

