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Note from the CUGS director, Garth Myers

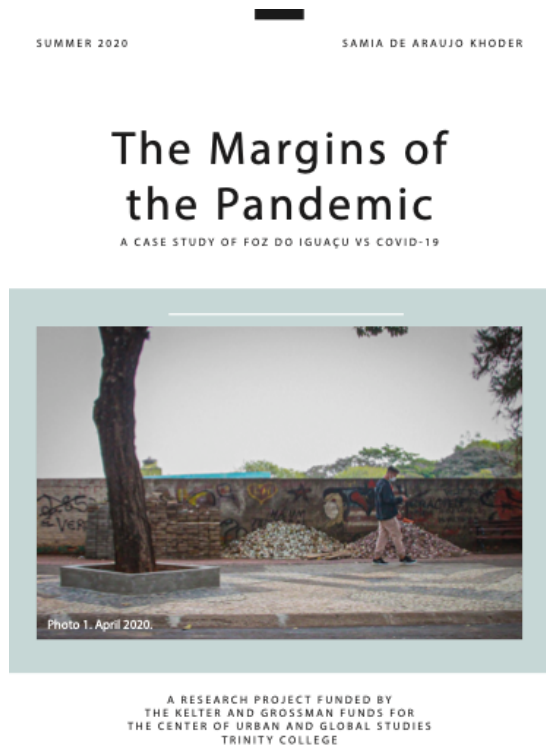
What a semester that was! As with Trinity, CUGS managed to cope with the unprecedented conditions of fall 2020, and that meant several areas of programming went on – virtually – in an effective manner.

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Yipeng Shen's time as interim urban studies director is coming to an end

Many thanks to Professor Shen for his contributions to urban studies and CUGS over the past year and a half. Writes Prof. Shen, "An ethical and conscientious discipline, or interdiscipline, of urban and global studies is particularly important to the overall health of the current world."

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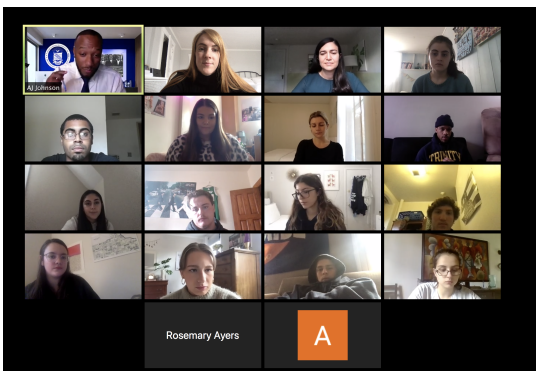
Samia de Araujo Khoder '21 completed a summer research project in her home city titled "The Margins of the Pandemic: A Case Study of Foz do Iguaçu vs. COVID-19."

The project was supported by the Kelter and Grossman Funds. These funds usually support research projects involving student travel. Samia's original proposal involved a photo essay project comparing two neighborhoods in London and Berlin. After it became clear that pandemic conditions would not permit travel, she pivoted her project to a photo essay in her home city. [View the project here.](#)



2021 Seniors and 2020 Graduates Spotlight Series

Our student communications assistant Matin Yaqubi '23 caught up with some of our CUGS seniors and recent graduates for a social media feature series. The features were compiled into an e-booklet, which [can be viewed here.](#)



Remote urban studies classes prioritized engaged learning

Engagement with the community and using the city as a classroom are key features of urban studies classes at Trinity. Thanks to the careful planning of these professors, the remote urban studies offerings this semester were no different. [Read more here.](#)

Davis Projects for Peace Applications due January 28, 2021

Students are invited to design a proposal for a grassroots project for peace that they will implement during summer 2021.

[More information and apply.](#)

Trinity friends featured in the CT American Planning Association Fall Magazine

Don Poland, Visiting Assistant Professor of Urban Studies, and Trinity alumni Duncan Grimm '15 and Fionnuala Darby-Hudgens '13 wrote articles for the magazine.

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