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The 3MT<sup>™</sup> (Three Minute Thesis) competition is an exciting opportunity for Master's and Doctoral students to enhance their academic, presentation, and communication skills. Participants have just three minutes to deliver a compelling pitch about their thesis or dissertation. Join us on April 3!



## KSU Graduate Student Bridging the Gaps in Counterterrorism Diplomacy

Richa Bhattarai, a doctoral candidate in international conflict management, explores counterterrorism cooperation between the U.S. and Iran. Her dissertation reveals moments of strategic alignment despite political discord, offering insights into how adversarial nations can align on mutual security threats. Through archival research, interviews, and declassified documents, Richa uncovers instances of cooperation against terrorist organizations.

Richa's work focuses on conditions that enable diplomatic engagement. Despite challenges like evolving political backdrops and restricted access to archives, she remains committed to impactful research. Her mixed-methods approach combines qualitative interviews with policy analysis.

Before KSU, Richa earned degrees from Nepal, the U.S., and Norway, and worked with the UN General Legal Division. At KSU, she found a supportive environment, especially from her dissertation chair, Dr. Kristina Hook, and committee members Dr. Maia Hallward and Dr. Charity Butcher. Richa aims to publish her findings and work in academia and government, leveraging her expertise in counterterrorism diplomacy.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full article.

## Upcoming Events

### February

#### Tricks for Navigating a Tech Career Pivot

February 27 • 5-6 p.m.

J.M. Wilson Student Center, A215  
Marietta Campus

### March

#### Virtual 3MT Bootcamp

March 5 • 5:30 p.m.

Online

#### Dissertation Template Workshop

March 19 • 12-1 p.m.

Online

### Graduate Student Appreciation Week

#### Kickoff Events

March 31 • 4-6 p.m.

Marietta: In front of Stingers  
Kennesaw: Campus Green

#### Wine and Cheese Event

April 2

Convocation Center  
Presidential Hospitality Suite  
2nd Floor

#### 3MT Competition & Reception

April 3 • 5:30-7 p.m.

Prillaman Bldg., Room 1105  
Kennesaw Campus

#### Graduate Student Game Night

#### Extravaganza!

April 4 • 4-7 p.m.

Academic Learning Center  
Room 3550  
Kennesaw Campus

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for events, visit our [Events Calendar](#).

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