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The Macalester International Roundtable, an intellectual festival convened each October, is an occasion for serious conversations across the College on topics of transnational significance. The practice is to commission a set of essays—a keynote address, followed by two additional major essays delivered by seasoned scholars—which become the center of dialogue and discussions. Each of the two essays receives a public response from a Macalester senior and a member of the faculty. The purposes of the Roundtable are: to cogitate together upon crucial but difficult global questions and to cultivate further the equipoise that minds of the Macalester academic community have long been expected to hold between local anxieties and transnational pressures.