

The 5 INTA 489 sections for SPRING 2011

Dr. J. Adolino – INTA 489, section 2 -- TuTh 12:30-1:45pm

Topic: The 21st Century: Who Will Lead and Who Will Follow?

In this seminar, we will focus on the prospects for global leadership over the course of the 21st century. Will this be the Asian, American, European, Russian or some other century? What qualities do the most likely leadership candidates bring into the global political, economic and social environment—what are the implications of these qualities for their global leadership? To make this assessment, we will read a series of books focused on individual countries or regions, such as Shirk's *China: Fragile Superpower*, Dowden's *Africa: Altered States, Ordinary Miracles*, and Rothermund's *India: The Rise of an Asian Giant*. Other countries and actors to be assessed include Russia, Iran, Latin America and the European Union.

Dr. B. Kaussler – INTA 489, section 5 -- TuTh 3:30-4:45pm

Topic: The United States and the Middle East

This senior seminar examines the history of U.S. engagement with the Middle East as well as ongoing foreign policy challenges. Readings and discussions will focus on the development of U.S. Middle East policy since the early 19th century until today. Surveying U.S. - Middle East relations within the context of colonialism, decolonization, the Cold War, issues of resources and political and economic development, conflict and security and Political Islam and terrorism, students will examine the U.S. government's strategic choices concerning the use of force and diplomacy, the role of regional allies and energy security.

Dr. K. Moore – INTA 489, section 3 -- TuTh 2-3:15pm

Topic: Economic Development in Africa

This is a comparative seminar, but the central geographic focus of the course is Africa. The first part of the class will examine international political economy and the market forces that create rich and poor countries. The class will look at development theoretically and efforts in sustaining such a concept through tools like microcredit, but also by creating business and fair trade. The relationship between China and Africa will also be explored.

Dr. J. Scherpereel – INTA 489, section 1 -- MW 2:30-3:45pm

Topic: The Politics of Food in Comparative Perspective

In this seminar, we will consider the politics of food. We will examine the history and politics of international food aid and the various ways that developing countries have attempted to promote agricultural livelihood in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. We will consider issues of the global environmental commons by examining issues like fish stocks and the contribution of livestock to global climate change. We will analyze the rationales and consequences of agricultural policy in advanced industrial liberal democracies in the European Union, Canada, and the United States. And we will turn the mirror on ourselves, closely considering the local, national, and international consequences of our daily food choices. In terms of reading and course material, we will dip our toes into relatively technical literatures on agricultural policy-making and agricultural economics. But we will also read best-sellers by the likes of Michael Pollan and Jonathan Safran Foer and comment on films like *Food, Inc.* and *Fast Food Nation*.

Dr. R. Teske – INTA 489, section 4 -- MW 4-5:15pm

Topic: International Relations Meets the Environment

This seminar is an interdisciplinary examination of a variety of global environmental issues. Issues we will explore include global climate change; the expansion of our concepts of human rights; the role of international law relating to environmental issues, including the emerging field of earth jurisprudence; environmental ethics; the role and knowledge of indigenous people; the roles of NGOs and transnational activism; and the possibilities for social, economic, and political change and transformation to meet the environmental challenges facing us.