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GIST 701: Approaches to Global & International Studies (69528)

Professor Mike Wuthrich

Tuesdays 6:10-9:00 p.m.

356 Regnier Hall, Edwards Campus

This course examines approaches to the study of culture, politics, and society as applied in international studies research. Substantive and disciplinary content vary by instructor, but typically include such topics as economic development, ethnicity, religion, democratization, peace and conflict issues, and cultural studies. The study of these topics is accompanied by discussions of the principles of theory development, proper research design, choosing a research topic, construction of literature reviews, and the use of library resources in international studies research. *This course is required for all students in the Global & International Studies MA program.*

GIST 702: Globalization (68417)

Professor Darlene Budd

Wednesdays 7:10-10:00 p.m.

154 Regnier Hall, Edwards Campus

While the industrialized world benefits significantly (to a greater extent than the majority of the world's population), from globalization there is a growing illicit, secondary economy that is becoming increasingly difficult to monitor, legislate, and control. The focus of this course is on the factors of globalization that have created opportunities for individuals, corporations, and governments to utilize technology, communication, and transportation to engage in illegal activities for financial gain. The "five wars of globalization" that we as a global community are forced to fight (with varying levels of success/ failure) are the illegal trade in intellectual property, money laundering, arms, drugs, and people. During the course, we will analyze each of these economic wars in depth. *This course is required for all students in the Global & International Studies MA program.*

GIST 750: Politics of the Middle East (68420)

Professor Gail Buttorff

Wednesdays 7:10-10:00 p.m.

Teleconference in 250 Regnier Hall, Edwards Campus

This course will provide a broad overview on the various dimensions of politics in the Middle East and North Africa (the MENA). The goal is for students to gain an



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understanding of domestic political institutions, economic structures, and political processes across the region. In so doing, I hope it provides you with the tools and knowledge to better understand, and analyze, information about, and nearly daily news stories of, this complex region. To that end, we will begin with necessarily brief introductions to Islam and the history of the modern MENA. Following these introductory weeks, we will examine the different political systems existing in the region, important political actors and various aspects of political life. Within each topic we will examine specific countries' institutions, political parties (and other political actors) as well as the countries' liberalization efforts. The course will finish looking at both the obstacles and prospects for democracy in the MENA.

GIST 750: Global Anthropology (64523)

Professor Elizabeth Spreng

Tuesdays 7:10-10:00 p.m.

154 Regnier Hall, Edwards Campus

Talking About the Global: Anthropology, Language & the Global How we talk about globalization is just as important as considering how people use language(s) across the globe. Based on an anthropological approach to globalization, we will explore than many facets of globalization. Moreover, we will add another critical theme to current discussions of the movement of goods, people, information, and money. As we investigate the intersections between languages and globalization, we will focus on notions of language through a perspective of the “global as local,” also called “the glocal.” To do this, we will start with the global discourses of biodiversity and language endangerment. Then, we will investigate linguistic markets as global sites of consumption. We will finish our class talk about globalization by looking at multilingual practices and narratives about modernity. From our study, we will gain a deeper appreciation of ethnography in the current moment, linguistic/ cultural anthropology, linguistics, and the macrosociological transformations of our own lives as we deepen our awareness of languages and cultures in a globalized world.

GIST 750: Peace & Conflict (64524)

Professor Robert Baumann

Thursdays 7:10-10:00 p.m.

254 Regnier Hall, Edwards Campus

Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, & Central Asia This course will examine the historical trajectory that came to define South and Central Asia as well as current challenges



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confronting the peoples of Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, and the northern border states of the former Soviet Union. Too long ignored by the West, this strategic region possesses critical resources, rapidly expanding populations, and geopolitical connections that have thrust it to the global center stage. At the same time, it is a cauldron of war, instability, and social discontent. Employing texts authored by scholars, diplomats, journalists, and regional analysts, students will develop an appreciation of the causes of current turmoil and the complex relationships among regional players. The course focus will also include the historic impact of international players such as the United States, Russia and Great Britain on regional dynamics. Current policy options in the region will also be considered.

GIST 750: Politics in East Asia (69531)

Professor Hal Wert

Mondays 7:10-10:00 p.m.

154 Regnier Hall, Edwards Campus

China, Japan, and Rising Tensions in the Far East This course will trace the development of the China/ Japan rivalry since the mid-19th Century. Special emphasis will be placed on China as it flexes its emerging economic and political muscle in the areas just outside its borders. Tensions have dramatically increased as China, Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, and Vietnam all lay claims to the Spratly Islands. Japan and China contend as well over a small group of islands in the East China Sea. A part of the reason is offshore oil, but other factors include access to the South China Sea and national pride. China's diplomatic problems also include the status of Taiwan, the difficulties with North Korea and the ongoing problems surrounding Tibet and China's border disputes with India. Ethnic troubles in Zhenjiang amongst the Uighur population and other areas of ethnic unrest and economic unrest abound. Anti-government demonstrations occur daily. Coupled with these problems is a large increase in Chinese military power and a stronger voice for the military in Chinese policy decisions. What these rising dangers pose for the Far East is the focus of this course. As a reading/ discussion class, you will be expected to do an in-class presentation on parts of assigned books and articles and produce a research paper. The paper may be the beginnings of your thesis.

