IS 416: Democracy in World Politics II  
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Fall 2010

Thursday 3:30-5:20, Room: RKZ 02  
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This is a yearlong research-oriented course given over the 2010 calendar year. It is open to International Studies (IS) majors in the class of 2011 and meets the IS yearlong senior essay requirement. It is intended for students who plan to spend a significant part of the summer of 2010 engaged in research for the senior essay project, for which resources will be made available from the Jackson Institute.

The seminar focuses on the challenges to, and possibilities for, democracy in the 21st century. During the spring 2009 semester, the students will read and discuss classic and contemporary literature on democracy, as well as a series of readings on research design. Topics covered will include democracy and distribution; the prospects for democracy in Latin America, China, Africa, and the Middle East; and democracy and US national security. During the course of the semester students will agree on a topic and research design with the instructor, present a draft prospectus for discussion in the seminar and apply for summer funding from the Jackson institute. Students will be expected to remain in contact with the instructor by email over the summer as they conduct their research.

In the fall of 2010 the class will continue to read literature on democracy in world politics as they write up the results of their research. In the second half of the semester the course will become a workshop focused on student projects. A draft of every paper will be discussed by the class. Final papers will be due at the end of exam week.

Grading:
For the spring semester students will either receive a grade of satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Students who receive grades of satisfactory will be allowed to take the course in the fall semester. The grade the student earns in the spring will then retroactively replace the grade of satisfactory for the fall semester.

Paper: 60%
Class Participation: 20%
Commenting (Discussant/Written reports): 20%

Assignment due dates:
September 30: 2-3 page memo  
December 17: Final Paper

Readings:
Tocqueville’s Democracy in America is the only required book for this course and is available for purchase at Labyrinth books. The rest of the readings will be posted or linked to on the Classesv2.
Fall 2010 Syllabus and Schedule

Thursday, September 2: NO CLASS!

Tuesday, September 7, 1:30-3:20 pm: (Make-up session, note the date!)
Location: Luce 103
Readings:
Selections from Tocqueville’s *Democracy in America*:
- *Author’s Preface to the Twelfth Edition*
- *Volume 1*: Introduction; Part 1 Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7; Part 2 Chapters 4, 5 (only 198-212 and 220-230), 6, 7, 8
- *Volume 2*: Part 1 Chapters 1, 5, 6,7, 8; Part 2 Chapters 1, 2, 8, 20

Thursday, September 9: NO CLASS!

Thursday, September 16
Opposition and Security in Africa
Invited Guest: Ato Kwame Onoma
Readings:
- Siba Gravogui, “Your Blues ain’t my Blues: How International Security Breeds Conflicts in Africa” and

Thursday, September 23
Invited Guest: Alec Stone Sweet
Readings:
- Alec Stone Sweet, *The Judicial Construction of Europe*.; Ch. 2 focusing on pp. 45-71 and 81-97; Ch. 3; and Ch. 4.

Thursday, September 30
Memo due in class
Readings:

Thursday, October 7
Democracy and Nationalism
Invited Guest: Keith Darden
Readings:

Thursday, October 14
Democracy and Environmentalism
Invited Guest: Daniel Esty

Readings
Required:
- Garrett Hardin, 1968, “The Tragedy of the Commons”
- Michael Mason, Environmental Democracy, Chapter 1.
- Robert Paehlke, Democracy’s Dilemma, Preface and Chapter 1.

Suggested:

Thursday, October 21
Democracy in the Post-Communist world
Invited Guest: Rob Person

Readings:

Thursday, October 28: NO CLASS!

Wednesday, November 3, Exact time TBA (Make-up evening session, pizza supplied)
Democracy in India.
Guest speaker: Tariq Thachil.

Readings:

**Thursday, November 4**

**Colonialism, Democracy, and Nationalism in Francophone Africa**

**Invited Guest:** Adria Lawrence

*Readings:*


**Thursday, November 11**

Student Presentations

**Thursday, November 18**

Student Presentations

**Thursday, November 26: NO CLASS, Fall Recess.**

**Thursday, December 2**

Student Presentations

**Thursday, December 9 (Reading Week)**

Student Presentations

**December 17**

*Final Papers Due*