

Teaching in IR

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INTL 1803K: Media Wars: The Middle East

In the last fourteen years, the Middle East has occupied a disproportionate degree of attention in news and social media in the United States and Western Europe, in comparison to other regions of the world today. While some of that media have served to elucidate certain aspects of societies and cultures in the Middle East, other media have further simplified the region to cliches. In this course, we address these themes via media: U.S. news production, television, digital media and cyberterrorism, religion, music, and ISIS.



Amb. Richard Boucher

Senior Fellow in International and Public Affairs

INTL 1802V: Diplomacy, Economics, and Influence

This course examines a dozen diplomatic situations and identifies the players, their interests, and their tools—and how those produced outcomes. Particular attention is paid to economic factors—pressures, incentives, and influences—that contribute to the outcome.



Claudia Elliott

Associate Director, International Relations Program Senior Lecturer of International Studies, Watson Institute

INTL 1910: Senior Honors Seminar

Open only to Senior students accepted into the International Relations Honors Program, this research seminar teaches the conventions of research and interdisciplinary methodological strategies for completing an undergraduate thesis on a pressing global problem.



Jennifer Greenburg

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INTL 1803L: Humanitariansim in Uniform

The goal of this senior seminar is to explore the relationship between militarism and humanitarianism. When the US Army and Marine Corps released the Counterinsurgency Field Manual in 2006, military officials referred to NGOs as 'force multipliers' and soldiers as 'armed social workers.' In this course, we will develop a framework to understand military humanitarianism. We will also examine how military humanitarianism exceeds the contemporary geography of terrorism, investigating cases in Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean.



Stephen Kinzer

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INTL 1443: History of American Intervention

This course reviews modern history through the study of invasions, coups, and other interventions carried out by the United States. From the Marine assault on Tripoli in 1805 to the bombing of Tripoli in 2011, there have been scores of these episodes. They have shaped American history and the history of the wider world.

INTL 1802Q: Iran and the Islamic Revolution

Shattering events of 1978-80 in Iran unfolded against the backdrop of the previous decades of Iranian history, knowing that history is essential to understanding the revolution. This course places the anti-Shah movement and the rise of religious power in the context of Iran's century of modern history. We conclude by focusing on today's Iran, the upheaval following the 2009 election, reformist president election in 2013, and prospects for reconciliation with the US.



Amb. Nirupama Rao

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INTL 1802Y: India in the World

This course is designed to introduce students to the role of India in the world. From being a newly independent country in the nineteen forties, India is today a globally re-emergent power. The course aims to deepen understanding of the priorities that define India's global outreach.