

# Political Science and International Relations Newsletter



Fall 2009 Week of November 16th

**Poland's Road to Freedom,  
1980-1989: From  
Solidarnosc Days to Free  
Elections A guest lecture  
by: Malgorzata Cup**

In June 2009, Poland celebrated the 20th anniversary of its first semi-free elections. Poland was the very first of the Warsaw pact countries which freed itself from communism. The speaker, Consul Malgorzata Cup, will delineate the process from the very beginning of the founding of Solidarnosc, a labor union and freedom group, until the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1990. Her talk will emphasize Poland's relationship with its neighboring countries and the Soviet Union in particular. All students, faculty, staff, and guests are welcome!

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace &  
Justice (IPJ),

Conference Room A **November 17th**  
**4:00-5:20PM**

## Capitol Fellows Program

The Capitol Fellows Program is an outstanding opportunity to work in state government for 10-11 months as a full-time member of a legislative, executive or judicial branch office. Applications are due by **February 24, 2010** for fellowships that begin in October 2010. For more information please check out the following website:

[www.csus.edu/calst/programs](http://www.csus.edu/calst/programs)

**Sign Up Soon!! Deadline Approaching!! If  
you want to study abroad, this is the best  
way to see Washington, D.C.**

## PS 434: The Press & the Presidency

- Students earn three units of upper division Political Science Credit
- Students pay for three units of USD intersession credit, approximately \$3,300.00, this covers the tuition & the housing in Washington, DC (as well as a few dinners). You DO NOT pay the Washington Center program fees, these fees are taken from your tuition
- Housing in Washington, DC consists of apartments with full kitchens, washer/dryer & located within walking distance of the Metro
- Students purchase their own flight to Washington, DC - there is no group flight
- Students must arrive in Washington, DC on January 2 and depart on January 16.
- The first week of the seminar will focus on the media & politics & the second week will focus on the congress & the presidency. Each day, students will attend lectures for 4 hours & then visit a site in Washington, DC (an embassy, Congress, the Supreme Court, etc). We will have some class meetings as well in the evenings.
- If you apply for this seminar through the Washington Center website, please let Drs. Williams ([jmwilliams@sandiego.edu](mailto:jmwilliams@sandiego.edu)) and/or Norton ([Norton@sandiego.edu](mailto:Norton@sandiego.edu)) know by emailing or by signing a form located in the Political Science Office
- To enroll in the course, students must first apply at the Washington Center website: [www.twc.edu/seminars](http://www.twc.edu/seminars) there is a \$60.00 application fee that is payable to the Washington Center. In December, Drs. Williams & Norton will hold a meeting with all the students who have applied & will then give you the necessary form to enroll in the official USD course. Students will then enroll & pay for the course. The deadline for the Washington Center is **December 9**.

## Meet & Greet With PS/IR Job Candidate !!

Join fellow Political Science and International Relations majors and come meet one of the candidates for a new Middle Eastern Politics faculty position within the Political Science and International Relations Department. The "meet and greet" will take place on **Tuesday, November 17th** from **12:30-1:30PM** in **IPJ 254**. This is a great opportunity to ask one of the candidates questions, hear about the candidate's research, and be an active participant in your department. Refreshment will be provided. We value your opinions as a student and we hope to see you there!

## 2009 International Bazaar

Stop by the Political Science and International Relations booth on **Tuesday, November 17th** from **11:00 AM -3:00 PM** as we celebrate International Education Week with the USD Community! Come learn more about our department and our international initiatives! There will be information available about both our undergraduate and graduate programs. Speak with our students and staff and also check out the other booths celebrating International Education Week! Our booth will be set up on Marian Way (the main thoroughfare through campus). We will see you there!!

## Pray The Devil Back To Hell



Professors Norton (PS/IR) and Sundmacher (English) will show the Sundance documentary winner: "PRAY THE DEVIL BACK TO HELL":

Uplifting, disheartening, inspiring, enraging— the mind reels while watching the documentary "Pray the Devil Back to Hell," even as the eyes water, the temples pound and the body trembles. Directed by Gini Reticker and produced by Abigail E. Disney, this no-frills, no-nonsense inquiry into human beings at their absolute worst and heartening best charts the overlooked victory of the Liberian women's peace movement. Even those who think they know the story of modern Liberia may be surprised at what they discover. Largely pieced together from archival images — including some scenes of deeply disturbing violence — news reports and talking-head interviews, the movie takes off in 2003, when a group of Liberian women pushed their peacemaking tactics into a far more aggressive, confrontational register. Founded by freed American slaves in 1847, the country had spiraled into unfathomable chaos after years of civil war. The former warlord turned president, Charles Taylor, was fending off competing rebel leaders who, using child soldiers armed with Kalashnikovs and zonked out on drugs, were steadily bleeding Liberia to death. Putting aside their religious differences, Christian and Muslim women decided to fight the murderers with peace.

— Manohla Dargis, The New York Times

**December 3rd from 5:30-7:30PM in Mother Rosalie Hill Hall Room 102.** Pizza will precede the movie and a short discussion will follow. Please RSVP to [polisci@sandiego.edu](mailto:polisci@sandiego.edu) by December 1st so we know how much pizza to order.

Please join us for an evening of conversation about international politics and social action.

# Spring 2010: New & Unique Classes

## PS 494 - 01: Comparative State Feminism

Time: T/Th 4:00 - 5:20PM

Faculty: Karen Shelby

Major credit: 3 units in IR or PS

Description: In this course students will examine several Western democracies' institutional responses to questions of gender and representation. The cross-national trend in post-industrial societies of establishing state structures assigned to improve the status of women will be studied. The existence of a phenomenon called 'state feminism' has begun to be a focus of research in the past few years, although the phenomenon itself dates from the 1960s. A perfect course for students of comparative politics.

## PS 494 - 03 : Comparative Criminal Law

Time: T 6:00-8:50PM

Faculty: Michael McCann

Major Credit: 3 units in IR or PS

Description: In this course students will compare criminal law and legal systems in the U.S., Japan, and Europe. A review of foreign legal systems is critical in the present age of internationalism, economic globalization and democratization.

## PS 494 - 04: Crisis Areas In World Politics

Time: M 6:00-7:00PM

Faculty: John G Stoessinger

Major Credit: 1 unit in IR or PS

(combine with other 1 unit courses like MUN, Sacramento Field Study for a 3 unit credit)

Description: Dr. John Stoessinger's course "Crisis Areas in World Politics" is unique because it is based on both politics and direct personal experience. His lecture about the United Nations is full of fascinating recollections because he occupied the post of Acting Director of the UN Secretariat's Political Affairs Division. When he speaks of Diplomacy, he speaks as a close friend of Henry Kissinger who was his fellow student at Harvard Graduate School where both men earned their Ph.D. degrees. When he reflects about the Holocaust as one of its survivors, he shows how strangers risked their lives to save his own and how Absolute Good can and did prevail over Absolute Evil, as it did in his case. And, when he speaks about China and Japan, he does so as someone who grew up there and learned about these two cultures at first hand as a youth.

## Amnesty International: USD Chapter



Students are reviving a USD chapter of Amnesty International on campus. This is a great opportunity to combine activism, campus commitment, and political savvy. Interested majors should contact Dr. Virginia Lewis, in IPJ 281

For more information, check out:  
<http://www.amnesty.org/>

## PS 494-05: Native American Sovereignty

The Department of Ethnic Studies will be cross listing their ETHN 494: Native American Sovereignty with PS 494. There will be five spaces reserved for Political Science students and the course will count as PS 494.

## London Summer Program



June 17-July 10, 2010

HIST 358/POLS 494: End of the British Empire in India

Dr. Molly McClain and Dr. Vidya Nadkarni (3 units in either area)

This course explores the end of the British Empire in India and the birth of a modern nation state through the use of an interactive role-playing game. In this simulation, students assume the persona or "act as if they were" leaders of the Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Dalit, or other political salient groups on the Indian subcontinent seeking to seal the best bargain possible for their group and for the merging new polity as they wrest control away from the British Empire in "India on the Eve of Independence, 1945." Students will also explore how class and caste conflicts, religious divisions, ethnic tensions, and the interplay between power and resources contribute to the complex processes leading to the birth of states and nations.

Apply Online at <http://gointernational.sandiego.edu>

## PS 444/CS 494: Politics and PR Inside the Beltway



Spring 2010 New Course Offering

Time: T/TH 5:30 - 6:50PM

Faculty: Melissa Wagner

Major credit: 3 units in PS; Comm. Studies; or the D requirement in IR

Description: Taught by Ted Kennedy's former Press Secretary (2004- 2009). This course will explore the relationship between politics and the media in Washington, D.C. and how to successfully communicate a political position or issue in the 24-hour news cycle. Students will learn the inner workings of Capitol Hill through discussions on internal and external political tactics, parties, interest groups, new media, the power of networking and advocacy, and persuasion and political communication strategies. The course will offer real-life situations and experiences and delve into the critical relationship between the media and political actors.

## Truman Scholarship



The Truman Scholarship is one of the most prestigious awards a political science or international relations student can obtain! This \$30,000 merit-based grant is awarded to undergraduate students, who wish financial support to attend graduate or professional school in preparation for careers in government, the non-profit sector or elsewhere in public service. Students must meet the following criteria: 1) be in the upper quarter of their junior class (GPA of 3.7 or above); 2) be a third-year student, seniors are not eligible; 3) have a record of public and community service; 4) be committed to a career in government or elsewhere in public service; 5) have leadership potential. If you are interested in applying for the Truman Scholarship, please contact Dr. Norton (campus representative) by December 1, 2009 for nomination information. Full applications are due by January 18, 2010. For further information please go to the Truman website - [www.truman.gov](http://www.truman.gov).

## Check Out Our New Homepage!

The Political Science and International Relations Department has a new homepage check it out: [www.sandiego.edu/polisci](http://www.sandiego.edu/polisci) Be sure to check out the resources, news, and event information on the right-hand side of the page; find your professor's office hours under the faculty tab at the top of the page; and check to see if your professor is giving a speech or presentation under faculty highlights (under the faculty tab). You can also find a copy of the newsletter under Majors E-Newsletter. Surf around the homepage and please feel free to let us know if you have any suggestions!

## Work on a Campaign!

The College Republicans would like to announce that there are now opportunities to work on campaigns! The first is for Jerry Kern's recall in Oceanside. There are opportunities for phone banking Monday thru Friday and for precinct walking on some weekends. This is a great opportunity for students who need volunteer hours or want to see what it is like to work in a party and get their foot in the door. Also, if a student works 10 hours a week, the party will count it as an internship!

Thank you to all who participated in the trivia contest in the last issue of the newsletter. A winner was chosen through random.org and notified! Look for another trivia contest in an upcoming Newsletter issue. As always, if you have any suggestion please feel free to let us know!

## Twitter & Facebook



Do you Twitter or have a Facebook account?

Follow our Department Chair, Dr. Noelle Norton, on Twitter and be a fan of the Political Science and International Relations Facebook page! Dr. Norton 'tweets' with relevant and interesting articles and our Facebook fan page is updated with events, news, articles, and other interesting information! Follow Dr. Norton's 'tweets' at: <http://twitter.com/Noellenorton>

and become a Facebook fan be searching: USD Political Science and International Relations.



## Political Science and International Relations T-Shirts

The Political Science and International Relations Department is pleased to have a limited quantity of tastefully simple t-shirts available if you can make a small donation to the department. Short Sleeves: \$15  
Long Sleeves: \$20. M, L, XL.  
See Kari de Longpré in the Political Science office, IPJ 261.

