

Political Science and International Relations Newsletter



Fall 2009 Week of November 2nd

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.

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 seminar begins on January 3 and ends on January 15.
- 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 (jwilliams@san Diego.edu) and/or Norton (Norton@san Diego.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 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 but you should apply by November 13 to guarantee your enrollment.

Do YOU Want To Be In Congress?

Enroll in Political Science: 312 SPRING 2010 T/Th 10:45-12:05
Instructor: Dr. Noelle Norton
If you are interested in both studying and SIMULATING the dynamic operation of the United States Congress, you should enroll in Political Science 312. Students will simulate the real 111th Congress by taking on the role of a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for the entire semester. Enjoy the banter with the presidents, lobbyists, senators, Nancy Pelosi (D, CA) and Tom Coburn (R, OK) in class, in Aromas, and in your sleep!!



Students who have enrolled in this class have always found their Washington D.C. internships easier to understand. This class will not be taught again for another two years (Spring 2012)

COME BE THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE!

(Bring your friends, because the larger the class the more members of Congress we have to participate. I'm looking for 40 students!!!)

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 Wednesday, November 4th from 10:00-10:30AM 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 Private University of the Year

USD received the 2009 Private University of the Year Award from the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars at an awards ceremony on October 19th, 2009 in Washington, D.C. The Washington Center is an independent, nonprofit organization that provides selected students challenging opportunities to work and learn in Washington, D.C. for academic credit.

When notified of the award it was noted that **"One of the many things that set USD apart** from other institutions is the exceptional commitment to the academic quality of the experience of your students. That you and other faculty accompany your students to Washington each January is a testament to the partnership that is so important to making the experience worthy of academic credit and to helping the **students make the most of your experience."**

For more information on the Washington Center see page 1

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!!

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

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.

Political Science & International Relations Movie Night!!

In commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Department of Political Science and International Relations invites you to a screening of "Goodbye, Lenin!" on November 10. The film will be followed by a discussion on the events of 1989 led by POLS Professors Mary McKenzie and Petra Beckman-Schulz.



"Good Bye, Lenin!" is a 2003 German tragicomedy film and was nominated for a Golden Globe Award for best foreign language film. The story: East Germany, the year 1989. A young man protests against the regime. His mother watches the police arresting him and suffers a heart attack and falls into a coma. Some months later, the GDR does not exist anymore and the mother awakes. Since she has to avoid every excitement, the son tries to set up the GDR again for her in their flat. But the world has changed a lot.



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.

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4:00-6:30 p.m. in KIPJ Conference Room H/I



Phi Sigma Alpha Meeting & Membership Deadline

Pi Sigma Alpha is the only nationally recognized political science honor society. It was founded in 1920 at the University of Texas in Austin to encourage and recognize superior achievement in the study of government and politics at the undergraduate and graduate level. To become a nationally recognized member, you must have an overall 3.2 G.P.A. as well as a 3.2 G.P.A. in either a political science or international relations major. In addition, two upper and two lower division classes in political science must be completed.

Phi Sigma Alpha, will be meeting Tuesday, November 3rd. The last day to apply to Phi Sigma Alpha for this semester is Monday, November 2nd! If you have membership questions you should

contact Dr. Casey Dominguez at caseydominguez@sandiego.edu

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, I PJ 261.



Check Out Our New Homepage!

The Political Science and International Relations Department has a new homepage check it out: 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). Surf around the homepage and please feel free to let us know if you have any suggestions!

Distinguished Delegate: Model UN Conference

Congratulations to Jessica Chapman who came back from the Fall California Model United Nations conference in Buena Park with a Distinguished Delegate award!

[MUN@USD](#) took 20 delegates to the conference, the biggest turnout ever for USD. Jessica represented the United States in the UN Security Council where they discussed piracy on the high seas and also had to deal with a crisis involving North Korea. This diplomacy award is given to students who best represent their country's position and who negotiate most professionally with their colleagues.

In Model UN, students step into the shoes of ambassadors from UN member states to debate current issues on the organization's agenda. Students make speeches, prepare draft resolutions, negotiate with allies and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and navigate the conference rules of procedure - all in the interest of mobilizing "international cooperation" to resolve problems that affect countries all over the world.

[MUN@USD](#) is offered as a class and as a club. If you are interested in learning more about it, please contact Professor McKenzie at mary2@sandiego.edu.

We are excited about our new newsletter layout and we hope that you are too! In honor of our new layout we are giving away a department t-shirt (see page 4) to one of our lucky readers. To enter, send your answer to the following question to Kari deLongpre: kdelongpre@sandiego.edu by, **4:00PM on Wednesday, November 4th**. The winner will be selected randomly using random.org and notified on Thursday, November 5th via e-mail.

Question: What day is the PS/IR Movie night, featuring "Goodbye, Lenin!" ?

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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.



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>

Application Deadline: December 18