

Political Science and International Relations Newsletter



Fall 2009 Week of November 30th

Have lunch with your PS/IR Faculty and Fellow Students!

Come join your PS/IR Faculty and fellow students for lunch on **Thursday, December 3rd from 12:15PM-1:30PM** in the "Map Room" IPJ 253. We will be having PIZZA so please let us know if you can make it:
polisci@sandiego.edu.

You do not need to be present for the entire time, just stop in when you can! Do you have questions about internships and career possibilities, come ask! Need advice on your Spring 2010 registration, ask a professor! Need to declare your major? We will do it right there! We hope to see you there!

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You Are Invited to a Special Lecture!!

Please join the Political Science and International Relations Department for a special lecture: "International Arbitration: A Watershed to Overcome War" by PD Dr. Heinz-Gerhard Justenhoven, Director, Institute for Theology and Peace, Research Institution of the Catholic Church Hamburg, Germany

While the 19th century witnessed states claiming the right to wage war, the turn of the 20th century appeared to be the beginning of a new era for international jurisdiction. For the first time in history, states agreed to solve conflicts not by waging war but in seeking a peaceful solution on the basis of law. The establishment of a Court of Arbitration by the Hague Peace Conference in 1899, being the first step toward an International Jurisdiction, was a watershed event indicating an intent to overcome war. Yet states are currently wavering in their commitment to "international jurisdiction" that developed throughout the 20th century. In his lecture, "International Arbitration: A Watershed to Overcome War," PD Dr. Heinz-Gerhard Justenhoven, will discuss the advancement of international arbitration as an effective tool to support international jurisdiction. Will the US become a forerunner in international jurisdiction during the 21st century, as it used to be in the 20th century?

Tuesday, December 1, 2009
6:30 p.m., Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice Theater

We hope to see you there!!

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@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**.

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@san Diego.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.

Thank You!!!

Thanks to those who participated in evaluating our three job candidates. The faculty found the comments insightful and will consider them carefully when making their final decision.

We hope to be able to announce our newest faculty member sometime in January.

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!

Amnesty International: USD Chapter

Healthcare Reform Panel



Phi Delta Epsilon, the medical fraternity on campus, and Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honors society, are cosponsoring a healthcare reform panel this upcoming **Thursday, December 3rd in Soles**

auditorium from 7-8pm with a catered reception following the event. Some speakers include the chief medical officer at Scripps Hospital, the CEO of the San Diego County Medical Society, the president of the San Diego Association of Health Underwriters, and Casey Dominguez, a political science professor at USD. The event will be moderated by Dr. Gary Jones, the biomedical ethics professor here at USD. The event will include a great deal of discussion between panel members and the audience on the Obama plan, ethics in healthcare, and the history/future of American Healthcare.



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/>

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.

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 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>

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

DMI Scholars

"The Drum Major Institute (DMI) addresses one of the most critical challenges facing the progressive movement today: the lack of a pipeline dedicated to supporting and guiding talented young people into the field of public policy. DMI Scholars identifies progressive college students from diverse communities and trains them in the skills necessary to obtain and succeed in entry-level public policy positions." You must be a sophomore or junior and be able to attend the Summer Institute from August 1-15, 2010. Interested, check out their website for more information: <http://www.drummajorinstitute.com/dmischolars/>

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.

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). 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!

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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.



Give Away!! To enter, send your answer to the following question to: polisci@sandiego.edu by, **4:00PM on Thursday, Dec 3rd**. The winner will be selected randomly using random.org

Question: What is the topic of PD Dr. Heinz-Gerhard Justenhoven's special lecture?