

## SEMINARS FOR THE SPRING 2018 SEMESTER

1. The Department of Political Science will offer six seminars in the Spring semester. They are described on the reverse side of this page. Seminars are small classes (15 students or less) that meet once a week. Seminars are open to political science majors and non-majors. However, all political science majors must take at least one seminar in order to fulfill the requirements of the major.
2. Seminar registration is by application only. If you wish to register for a seminar, **complete the application below and submit it to the Political Science Office (Powdermaker Hall Room 200A) no later than noon, WEDNESDAY, October 18th .**
3. Please note that you **MUST** list, first, second, and third preferences. If you do not, second and third preferences will be assigned to you.
4. **Lists of assignments will be posted in Powdermaker Hall Room 200 on the wall at the conclusion of the pre-registration period.** Be sure to check for your name. You will automatically be registered in the seminar for which you are listed. This means that you do not have to register for it later. If you decide not to take the seminar to which you have been admitted, please notify the Political Science Office.

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1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 2. CUNYFIRST ID # \_\_\_\_\_
3. Intended Graduation Semester and Year \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Major or Prospective Major \_\_\_\_\_

5. If you are a Political Science major, are you planning to complete A) the Law and Politics Track, B) the International Politics Track, or C) Neither? (circle one). Note: PSCI 383W or 384W are required for the International Politics Track. PSCI 381W, 382W or 386W are required for the Law & Politics Track.

6. List below all of the Political Science courses you have taken or are currently taking that count toward the major (including credit-bearing internships and transfer courses):

Please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> preferences in the space next to the course number.

___ 381W	AMERICAN POLITICS: AMERICA IN THE AGE OF TRUMP	(Professor Krasner)
___ 382W	LAW & POLITICS: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION & THE LAW	(Professor Golesorkhi)
___ 382W	LAW & POLITICS: ANARCHY & POLITICAL INTOLERANCE: THE ERODONG OF THE FIRSTAMENDMENT RIGHTS	(Professor Bonomo)
___ 383W	COMPARATIVE POLITICS: DOES MIGHT MAKE RIGHT? THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF WAR IN WORLD POLITICS	(Professor M. Kabir)
___ 383W	COMPARATIVE POLITICS: GLOBAL POVERTY & INEQUALITY	(Professor Alves)
___ 384W	INTERNATIONAL POLITICS: GEOPOLITICAL ANALYSIS AND PREDICTION	(Professor Liberman)
___ 384W	INTERNATIONAL POLITICS: GLOBAL ETHNIC CONFLICT	(Professor Flamhaft)



**381W AMERICAN POLITICS: AMERICA IN THE AGE OF TRUMP**  
Professor Michael Krasner

This seminar will study the recent trends in American politics with special attention to polarization, the growing power of very rich people following the citizens United decision, the increased power of the executive branch, and the election of the first American President to campaign using the techniques of reality TV. Underlying trends, including the rise of terrorism, globalization, and automation will also be studied along with the coarsening of American culture, as well as resistance to these trends and forces, especially among women. (Wednesdays, 1:40-4:30p.m.)

**382W LAW & POLITICS: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION & THE LAW**  
Professor Lara Golesorkhi

This course provides an overview of immigration policy and politics in the United States. Course topics include sources of migration, historical and contemporary patterns of immigration, changes in public policy, and an assessment of immigrant integration. We will explore federal immigration policy and consider how states and municipalities handle immigrant issues. The topical focus on immigration will be complimented by an introduction to legislative and judicial processes in policy-making. (Fridays, 9:15-12:05p.m.)

**382W LAW & POLITICS: ANARCHY & POLITICAL INTOLERANCE:  
THE ERODING OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS**  
Professor Carl Bonomo

The process of creating law is a complicated one that is often a product of special interests, ideology, and a thirst for keeping and expanding one's political power. This seminar explores the relationship between legislative intent, public perception of that intent, and finally, the Supreme Court's interpretation of that intent and how the Court's interpretation shapes legislative outcomes. The seminar will examine selective pieces of current legislation and the relevant Court decisions that ultimately shaped the law. (Tuesday, 6:30-9:20 p.m.)

**383W LAW & POLITICS: DOES MIGHT MAKE RIGHT? THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF WAR IN  
WORLD POLITICS**  
Professor Muhammad Kabir

The Seminar provides a broad overview of the role of international legal norms and conventions in regulating international armed conflicts. Although ethical norms and international law address many aspects of international armed conflict and organized political violence, doubts remain about the successful application of the laws of war. The seminar will probe the following questions: What rules govern the act of organized armed violence between states? Can international law and the laws of war constrain powerful states? Why do states violate these rules and norms? How effective are the laws of war in protecting unarmed and nonbelligerent civilians? How have the laws of war evolved in the age of global terrorism? We will begin by exploring the concept of war and the continuous evolution of the concept. The seminar will then delve into themes such as the evolution of the laws of war, just or unjust war, protection of civilians and prisoners, humanitarian intervention, weapons bans, the use of drones and targeted killings, and the application of the laws of war in fighting terrorism. Students will be exposed to several case studies and will be asked to critically evaluate the success and failure of the laws of war in regulating the conduct of war. (Fridays 9:15am – 12:05pm)

**383W COMPARATIVE POLS: GLOBAL POVERTY & INEQUALITY**  
Professor Jorge Alves

In this seminar, students will engage key debates about global poverty and inequality. Is poverty a thing of the past, and how would we know? What is it like to live with less than a dollar a day? What is inequality and how does it affect societies? Has Globalization made things better or worse? Should the state do anything to address these issues, or should they be left to individuals and the market? Can social policies such as health and education contribute to poverty eradication? What about economic redistribution? To answer these questions, we will look at evidence from across the globe, with a special focus on the global south. (Mondays, 1:40-4:30 p.m.)

**384W INTERNATIONAL POLITICS: GEOPOLITICAL ANALYSIS AND PREDICTION**  
Professor Peter Liberman

How do intelligence analysts, policy-makers, and other experts predict what foreign leaders are planning, and evaluate which foreign policies will result in more favorable outcomes? Does the past provide a window into the future? Why are experts' predictions often dead wrong, and what methods and traits lead to better or worse forecasts? In addition to examining the who, how, and why of international political forecasting, students in this seminar will engage in analytical reason exercises, hone their own forecasting skills by entering weekly predictions in an online geopolitical forecasting competition, and conduct an in-depth analysis and forecast concerning a current world issue or conflict. (Thursdays, 1:40 – 4:30p.m.)

**384W INTERNATIONAL POLITICS: GLOBAL ETHNIC CONFLICT**  
Professor Ziva Flamhaft

Since the end of World War II, many ethnic groups have rebelled against the states that control them. The seminar will focus on ethnic conflicts throughout the world: in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, the Balkans, the former Soviet Union, as well as Latin America and the Middle East. (Tuesdays, 1:40 – 4:30 p.m.)