

COLLEGE PARK SCHOLARS INTERNATIONAL STUDIES 118N

Research Colloquia Spring 2008

Theme: Problematic Issues Relating to War, Violence, and Morality

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If these times are not convenient for you, we will gladly make an appointment

INTRODUCTION

Our second semester colloquium introduces you to the process of research, such as how to use the library resources and give a presentation before you colleagues. The objective of these colloquia is to enable you to do a short research presentation on a contestable issue in different parts of the world. The international world is never stable; it is always moving and transforming, given the pressures of politics, religion, ethnicity, economics and political ideology. There is no fixed political point that indicates when or how change ends or that a society will maintain a stable equilibrium over time. Even the most advanced societies are subjected to enormous stress, and fight over public and private issues. Political alliances shift almost every moment; the forces of economics and politics are continually intertwined; globalization exercises a powerful political impact on local elites; and the threat of terrorism consistently looms in political cultures struggling to assimilate often contradictory and violent religions, political and social ideals. This semester we expect that you will familiarize yourself with research pertaining to a specific international dilemma. We will have at the beginning some instruction in how to use the library resources; we will then turn to various 'presentations' selected from the following list.

GENERAL POLICIES

1. We will try to meet any extraordinary needs of any student. Such needs arise out of either preexisting or new conditions, which may include persona, social, physical, emotional or other impairments. Students must present an **Accommodation Form**. A copy of the Accommodation

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Form should be on file in the disability support service (DSS) Office, 0126 Shoemaker Bldg. (301) 314-7282, dss@umail.umd.edu

2. The University of Maryland, College Park has a nationally recognized code of Academic Integrity, administered by the Student Honor Council. This code sets standards for academic integrity at Maryland for all undergraduate and graduate students. As a student, you are responsible for upholding these standards for this course. All assignments must have this sentence on the front page: *"I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this examination."* It is very important for you to be aware of the consequences of cheating, fabrication, facilitation, and plagiarism. For information on the code of Academic Integrity or the Student Honor Council, please visit: <http://www.studenthonorcouncil.umd.edu/whatis.html>

DECORUM

Please be mindful of the proper decorum in all scholar classes: no cell phones, beepers, ipods, etc, must be turned off at the beginning of every class. Please come to class appropriately dressed. You are in the University now, and the scene here is very different from high school. I assume that students will internalize decorum expectations and rules; your teaching assistants and I are teachers not disciplinarians.

ATTENDANCE AND LATE POLICES

Absence from any class must have a verifiable medical excuse presented to your teaching assistant. We will not make exceptions. If you miss a class for reasons that are not dire emergencies or out of medical necessity, your grade will suffer. All due dates for assignments for listed in the course schedule, no late papers will be accepted, unless there is a medical or compelling reason. With the diversity of religious backgrounds at the university, we will not penalize students for religious holiday observances. Please notify us during the first two weeks of class if there is a scheduling conflict that way we can decide appropriate dates for make-up assignments.

E-MAIL

The teaching assistants and I will routinely use email to send messages about class assignments, and relevant events related to your class participation. If you change your email, please inform your teaching assistant and myself immediately. Additionally, please update this information with the university by visiting: [Change Student Address/Email](#).

FIELD TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

For the spring semester, we will visit the [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#) on Friday, 22 February 2008. **The field trip is mandatory for all first year students in the International Studies program.** We will provide excuse letters the week prior to the trip for students missing classes on that Friday. We encourage students to notify their professors early about the trip, and to contact us immediately if any conflicts occur. We will provide further details on the field trip as the date approaches.

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In addition, the annual [College Park Scholars trip to New York City](#) will occur on the weekend of 18 -20 April 2008. This is an optional trip for students. We will send out information regarding the trip and its activities throughout the semester.

We encourage the first year students to attend the [College Park Scholars Academic Showcase](#) on Friday, 2 May 2008. The Showcase is an opportunity for first year students to find more about the possibilities for capstone projects.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The spring semester will focus on students researching one of the themes below in preparation for a presentation and discussion with their classmates as well as a research paper. We will require that all students turn in an outline of their paper, including their thesis, an outline of their arguments, and a bibliography of sources. At the end of the semester, you will be required to turn in a five to seven (5-7) page essay on your presentation. The deadline for the final paper is the last day of class. Participation in discussion section will help your grade if you are on the borderline between two grades.

Attendance	- 10 %
Presentation	- 20 %
Paper Outline	- 10 %
Final Paper	- 60 %

THEMES

- The Involvement of Ordinary People in Mass Murder
- The Ethics and Morals of Globalization
- Genocide and Mass Murder in Africa
- Political Oppression in Chile and Argentina
- Human Rights Violations in China
- The Legacies of the War in Cambodia and Vietnam
- The Status of Women in Arab States
- The Status of the Palestinians in Israel
- The Reaction of France and Germany to America's Involvement in Iraq
- Capitalism in Russia
- The Legacy of Communism in Eastern Europe
- Marriage and the Place of Women in Indian Culture

BIBLIOGRAPHIES: PLACES TO START YOUR RESEARCH

Please note that each of the teaching assistants and I have prepared a research bibliography on each of the aforementioned topics. Please click on the links below to find the lists. We strongly encourage you to read some of the materials from all of the lists to prepare your research presentations as well conducting your own independent research. Students may draw from any of the following lists for their research, not just their teaching assistant's bibliography.

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COURSE SCHEDULE FOR SPRING 2008

- 29 January:** *Library Instructional Session* (McKeldin Library Room # 6137)
- 5 February:** *Guest Speakers:* University Internship and Study Aboard Offices
- 12 February:** *Guest Speaker:* Office of Student Conduct & Research Topics
- 19 February:** *Guest Speaker:* Dr. Robert Bromber, Professor of History
- 22 February:** *FIELD TRIP:* [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#) (Details TBA)
- 26 February:** *TBA*
- 4 March:** *Research Presentation 1*
- 11 March:** *Research Presentation 2*
- 18 March:** **Spring Break – No Class**
- 25 March:** *Guest Speaker:* [Dr. Shibley Telhami](#)
- 1 April:** *Research Presentation 3*
- 8 April:** *Research Presentation 4*
- 15 April:** *Research Presentation 5*
- 18-20 April:** *FIELD TRIP:* [Scholars Trip to New York City](#)
- 22 April:** *Research Presentation 6*
- 29 April:** *Guest Speaker:* [Dr. Patrick J. Deneen, Professor of Government](#)
- 2 May:** [College Park Scholars Academic Showcase](#)
- 6 May:** *Research Presentation 7*
- 13 May:** *Preparation for Sophomore Year: FINAL PAPER IS DUE.*