

# Political Science and International Relations



## IMPORTANT DATES:

### 10/28 GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM INTEREST MEETING

Meet Professor Ozler. Hear about the GEP. 5:00-6:00pm, Center for International Programs.

### 11/1 PRE-REGISTRATION GENERAL MEETING

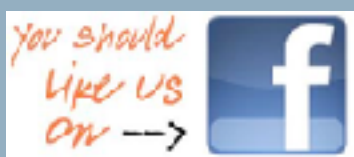
Find out about spring courses, meet the faculty, chat with your colleagues. JFT 1010; 4:00pm.

### 11/4 LAST DAY FOR COURSE WITHDRAWAL

If you must.

### 11/7 REALIZING A CULTURE OF PEACE

Check out the details on this conference at Mohonk on p. 5.



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## Spring Registration Approaches

Spring 2017 registration begins in November. Here are a few things to remember and take care of prior to registering:

- Talk to your advisor *early*; avoid the last-minute rush.
- Look over your progress report before making your schedule. Check for GEs, graduation requirements, major requirements.
- Clear up any holds from the library, registrar, *etc.*
- Double check pre-requisites to ensure you are eligible to take the class.

## Seminars

PSIR is offering *three* seminars next spring:

- POL 401: Seminar in American Government and Politics.
- LAM 493: LACS Capstone Seminar

Both seminars fulfill the seminar requirement in Political Science or International Relations. A full description for next semester's topics can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

- POL 390: The Junior Seminar.

Are you a junior or sophomore who wants some seminar experience prior to your senior seminar? This one is for you. A full description of the topic can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

***You must email Jeff Miller ([millerj@newpaltz.edu](mailto:millerj@newpaltz.edu)) to reserve a place in these seminars.***

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## Spring Seminar Notes

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### **POL 401 Seminar in American Government and Politics**

**Topic: Public Policy and Inequality****Instructor: Scott Minkoff**

Inequality is a problem with deep historical roots and contemporary salience. This senior seminar takes on this much discussed topic of inequality in America by focusing on empirical research that examines public policy as both a source of inequality and a solution. As a class, we will examine inequality in the health care system, in our educational system, in our economic system, and in our criminal justice system. We will read and discuss empirical research that seeks to explain where these policy inequities come from, what their consequences are, and when and how government has sought to address them. Students will pursue their own research project on a topic that interests them related to policy and inequality.

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### **LAM 493 LACS Capstone Seminar**

**Topic: Crime and Violence in Latin America****Instructor: Phillip Mauceri**

An ongoing challenge Latin American countries have faced in the last several decades is a high level of crime and violence, as countries of the region worked to extend and deepen democratization. This course will explore how key actors have attempted to balance efforts at countering violence carried out by criminal groups, para-state and state actors while at the same time ensuring the security and human rights of its citizens. Special attention will be paid to the sources of violence, such as organized crime, gang violence, drug trafficking and military/police violence, as well as the role of civil society groups and governments in advancing democratic norms and practices in the midst of violence. This Capstone Seminar is designed to demonstrate the knowledge and skills acquired in your major field in an original research project, subject to the professor's approval. The question you choose to address in your research project must be directly related to the topic and issues of this class. The culmination of this capstone course will be a research paper of approximately 20 pages, and the presentation of your research and findings to the Capstone Seminar and the Symposium at the end of the semester.

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### **POL 390 Junior Seminar in Political Science**

**Topic: Inter-institutional Relationships in American Government****Instructor: Nancy Kassop**

Public attention focuses most often on the relationship between Congress and the president, since these are the two branches in the American governmental system where we are most likely to look for national policy-making. But there is an intricate dance that exists in this system - and each of the three branches is engaged in ongoing relationships with the other two. This course will examine the relationships between pairs of branches in American government: 1) the president and Congress; 2) the president and the Supreme Court; and 3) Congress and the Supreme Court. We will look at the respective constitutional responsibilities and the political interactions within each pairing. Readings will come from scholarly research and primary sources.

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## Conferences

**Realizing a Culture of Peace**

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Co-sponsored by Kosmos Journal, Lifebridge Foundation  
and United Nations Association – Mid Hudson Valley Chapter

“Peace is living in harmonious relationship with self, others and all life.”

The Conference will explore the following questions:

- How can we create a just and sustainable society that is ethically and ecologically sound?
- How can we live and work together to build safe and nonviolent communities?
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Join us to continue an historical tradition dating back to the annual Lake Mohonk Conferences on International Arbitration, held at the Mohonk Mountain House between 1895 and 1916

SUNY New Paltz will cover the cost for registration for the first 20 students.

Follow the link for the full conference program: <http://mohonk-consultations.org/2016-conference/>

Contact Professor Ş. İlğü Özler if you would like to attend: [ozleri@newpaltz.edu](mailto:ozleri@newpaltz.edu)

Monday, November 7, 2016, 9 am – 4:30 pm  
Mohonk Mountain House

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**Events****Walk Over the Hudson for Refugees**

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The [Arlington Refugee Project](#) has organized a Walk to Support Doctors Without Borders and UNHCR on **Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the Walkway Over the Hudson Historic State Park. The walk begins at 11:00 AM at the Highland entrance of the Walkway Over the Hudson (87 Haviland Road, Highland, NY 12528). The Walk is free and participants will receive a t-shirt (quantities are limited). However, all participants must register for the walk. For registration please email: [arlingtonrefugeeproject@gmail.com](mailto:arlingtonrefugeeproject@gmail.com)

**Speakers at the Event will Include:**

Ms. Jody B. Miller

Dutchess County Commissioner of Human Rights and EEOC

Professor Maria Höhn

Marion Musser Lloyd '32 Chair of History and International Studies  
Vassar College

# The Global Refugee Crisis

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The SUNY Global Engagement Program and United Nations  
Association - Southern New York Division  
Present:

## UN Day: Shared Humanity, One Responsibility

Bringing Awareness to the Worst Refugee  
Crisis Since World War II

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**Friday, October 28, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
**SUNY Global Center**  
**116 E 55th St. New York, NY 10022**

Speakers:

**Robert D. Weisel**  
*Assistant Chief Immigration Judge*

**Rey Koslowski, PhD**  
*Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, SUNY Albany*

Also:  
**Troy Wolfe**  
*Director of Education, United Nations Association*

email [ginger@unasny.org](mailto:ginger@unasny.org) to RSVP



Graduate School

## PPIA Program & Fellowship

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*The Public Policy & International Affairs Program (PPIA) is now accepting applications for the 2017 PPIA Fellowship!*

The PPIA program prepares undergraduates to be competitive candidates for top degree programs in the fields of public policy, public administration or international affairs through participation in a Junior Summer Institute (JSI).

JSI is an intensive, 7-week, academic program during the summer at one of these host campuses:

- The Ford School - University of Michigan
- The Goldman School - UC Berkeley
- Heinz College - Carnegie Mellon University
- Humphrey School of Public Affairs - University of Minnesota
- Woodrow Wilson School - Princeton University

Eligible candidates are current undergrads who will be completing their B.A. between December 2017 and August 2018. The deadline to apply is **November 1, 2016**.

**[Apply Today >>](#)**

### **Benefits of Participation**

- Full tuition at a PPIA Junior Summer Institute.
- Eligibility to receive assistance with travel expenses.
- A stipend of up to \$1,500 (funding determined by each JSI).
- University housing with a meal plan.
- Books and related course materials at your JSI.
- Each JSI may offer additional benefits, such as GRE preparation, at their discretion. Please check with each JSI about any additional benefits.
- Minimum of a one-time \$5,000 scholarship at a PPIA graduate school if admitted for a Master's degree or select PhD programs. PPIA Fellows often receive financial offers above and beyond this minimum from their graduate program.
- Fee waiver when applying to programs that are members of the PPIA Graduate School Consortium.

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**Where to find people.**

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