

Political Science and International Relations



DATES AND DEADLINES

9/24

**MODEL EU
INFORMATIONAL MEETING**
4:00-5:00, Honors Center (See p.
5 for more information).

10/10

INCOMPLETE DEADLINE
Have an incomplete from last
semester? Take care of it.

10/22

**TALK: CONFLICT IN
UKRAINE**
5:00, LC 108 (See p. 4 for more
information).

**WEDNESDAYS
POLI SCI/IR CLUB**

The club meets weekly at 5:00pm
in SUB 407.

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Academics

Fall Planning

Midterms are just around the corner, as are GREs, LSATs, graduate school applications, and, believe it or not, it's not too late to start planning for the summer of 2015. Thought about an independent study, an internship, or fieldwork?

Employers in business, government agencies, and non-profits all report that they are more likely to hire people with professional work experience or internships on their résumé. Start planning for next summer (or the Spring 2015 semester) now. Polish up your résumé, make a list of possible places to apply, and - if you want academic credit - talk to your advisor early about what's required. Here are some basics about how these courses work.



An independent study is typically a project taken on by an individual student which cannot be accomplished in an existing course. The student is directly overseen by the faculty member, who has the responsibility of evaluating the student.

A fieldwork project is sponsored by a New Paltz faculty member but the work is typically overseen by an on-site supervisor, who also evaluates the student. Forms for both of these types of activities are available from your advisor.

To qualify for an independent study or fieldwork, you need to have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5. Fieldwork and independent study forms need to be signed off on by the student, the faculty advisor, the department chair, and finally the dean.

FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

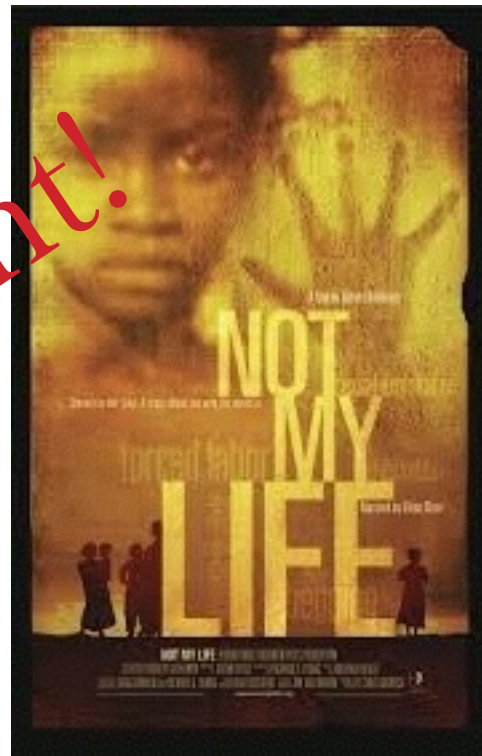
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Our own Professor İlgü Özler will be participating in a film screening and community discussion on human trafficking on Monday, September 22 at 6:00pm in the James and Betty Hall Theatre, Dutchess Community College.

The World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley hosts the event, which will feature a screening of *Not My Life*, a documentary on human trafficking, by Academy Award nominee Robert Bilheimer.

Joining Professor Özler in the discussion will be: Taina Bien-Aime, lawyer and activist, and Nimi Gowrinathan, author and U.N. Consultant.

The event is free and open to the public. Please call 845 431-8513 for more information.



Lecture

Landscapes of Nationalism and the Roots of Conservatism in 19th Century America



A Gorge in the Mountains (Kauterskill Clove),
1862. Sanford Robinson Gifford (American,
1823–1880)

As part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Wilderness Act, Professor Kerry Dean Carso will present a lecture on nineteenth-century American landscape paintings and how they relate to both the formation of national identity and the roots of the conservation movement. Professor Carso will discuss her experience as a 2014 “Scholar-in-Residence” at the Grey Towers National Historic Site, ancestral home of the conservationist Gifford Pinchot, in Milford, Pennsylvania. An important patron of American art, James Pinchot named his son Gifford after his friend, the American landscape painter Sanford Robinson Gifford; hence, Gifford Pinchot provides a fascinating link between the Hudson River School of artists and the appreciation of American natural scenery that led to conservation efforts at the turn of the twentieth century. This presentation will demonstrate the strong influence of nineteenth-century landscape ideals on later conservation efforts.

7:00pm Monday, September 22. LC 104

Conferences

Posters on the Hill 2015



Here's a chance to present your research.

Posters on the Hill is an annual undergraduate conference sponsored by the Council on Undergraduate Research and held in Washington, D.C. Applications for the Spring 2015 conference are now open (the conference date is to be announced).

As the undergraduate research community works to ensure that those in the U.S. Congress have a clear understanding of the research and education programs they fund, nothing more effectively demonstrates the value of undergraduate research than a student participant's words, work, and stories. Undergraduate research must be among the programs that members of Congress understand if it is to continue to be supported, and to grow.

Students and their faculty mentors are invited to apply for the Council on Undergraduate Research's (CUR) [19th annual undergraduate poster session on Capitol Hill](#). In addition to other events, there will be an evening poster session and reception where students will have the opportunity to speak directly to members of Congress and demonstrate how they have been impacted by these programs.

Please visit the website for more information about the submission process and Posters on the Hill program. Questions? Please contact Mary Pat Twomey, Manager for Student Programs, at mptwomey@cur.org.

Jobs

Research Assistant

Dr. Rachel Somerstein is looking for a research assistant for a study which examines news photographs circulated by elite international print newspapers to tell the story of the 25th anniversary of the Berlin Wall's opening (9 November 2014). The findings should further our knowledge about the ways that the mass media amends, edits, and abridges their versions of the past.

Professor Somerstein is hiring a student research assistant to scan newspapers for relevant photographic material. The student will also work on the bibliography and conduct a basic literature search. The candidate should have:

1. A GPA of at least 3.2.
2. Experience conducting academic research and familiarity with library databases
3. Interest in or knowledge of photography, mass media, or visual culture
4. Interest in or knowledge of post-Cold War-era cultural/social history
5. Good communication skills
6. Junior or senior standing
7. Knowledge of languages other than English (i.e. German, French, Spanish) a plus
8. Ability to meet biweekly

Salary: \$8.75/hour for undergraduates; 5-8 hours per week through the fall semester, depending on the student's schedule.

Interested candidates should email a resume and a brief note about their qualifications to somerstr@newpaltz.edu.

Jobs

Canvassers

**THE
MONEY OUT OF POLITICS\$
VOTING BLOC**

SEEKING TO EMPLOY CANVASSERS

Candidates should have an interest in activism and making a difference in government.
Our team is made up of positive and outgoing individuals.

Mission: To get large campaign donations out of the political process.
Salary: Based on commission plus performance bonuses (between \$8 and \$20 / hour depending).
Time Frame: Immediately through voting day.
Hours: Canvassing 5 days a week, 4PM to 9PM with a meeting beforehand. Shorter hours acceptable.

CONTACT ELIZA FOR MORE DETAILS.
website: <http://democracycoffee.com/>
elizalodge@gmail.com
(845) 901 0214

Talks

Conflict in Ukraine: How did we get here? How can we get out?



The armed conflict in Ukraine today is deeply rooted in the history, economy, politics, and culture of a profoundly divided nation. This talk will discuss the origins of the current conflict, the roles played in Ukraine by Russia and the West, and the possible paths forward from here.

Victoria Vernon grew up and went to school in the Ukraine, receiving a B.A. degree at Kharkov State University in 1995. She will draw on her personal and academic experience to shed light on the current conflict. An assistant professor of economics at SUNY Empire State College, Dr.

Vernon has a Ph.D in economics from the University of Texas at Austin. She was a visiting lecturer for 3 years at Princeton University where she taught about the economics of Russia and Eurasia and currently teaches a course on history of the Soviet Union.

October 22nd, 5:00pm, LC 108

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Blogs

Where to look

Hey! Turn off Minecraft (Microsoft just bought it anyway . . .) and turn on to some of these web pages where you can get updates and opinions about what's going on . . .



Talking Points Media. Josh Marshall & Co. DC-centered, some int'l.
talkingpointsmemo.com



Mostly Ed Kilgore. National Politics.
washingtonmonthly.com



Daily Dish. Andrew Sullivan's take on National Politics & culture
washingtonmonthly.com



FiveThirtyEight

What would we do without Nate Silver? You can get sports there, too.
fivethirtyeight.com

International

SUNY Model EU Informational Meeting

SUNY Model EU provides a framework for SUNY college students to simulate a European Council meeting to gain a better understanding of the European Union, while giving them an opportunity to interact with students from EU member and candidate states.

Over 140 students, drawn from all over the SUNY system and our European partner institutions, will participate in an Opening Ceremony at the SUNY Global Center on Thursday, March 26, 2015. Friday and Saturday, the simulation moves to the campus of City College-CUNY on the Upper West Side. Students will be assigned a role as a representative of a delegation, as heads of government, foreign ministers, European Commissioners, or even as members of the Press Corps.



Informational meeting: Wednesday September 24th 4:00-5:00pm. Honors Center.

For more information, contact Professor Kathleen Dowley

dowleyk@newpaltz.edu

Internships

Sean Patrick Maloney



Representative Sean Patrick Maloney is seeking student interns to work directly with the campaign's field organizers and other senior staff. Student interns will have the following responsibilities: volunteer outreach and coordination, strategizing with field team with ideas to engage voters and volunteers, communicate with voters and more.

You need:

- Excellent writing skills
- Great sense of humor
- Self-Motivation
- Enthusiasm
- Team Orientation
- Experience with Microsoft Office

If interested please send resume, and a writing sample to Jesse.Meyer.NY18@gmail.com or by phone number at (203) 947-4168

Academics

Spring 2015 Class Schedule

Here's a listing of courses the department will be offering in the Spring 2015 semester. Consult with your advisor about what you need to take to graduate!

Core Courses

American Government & Politics

N. Kassop	MWR 9:30-10:40
D. Lipson	TWF 9:30-10:40
P. Rexhepi	MWR 3:30-4:40

Intro to International Politics

P. Rexhepi	MWR 2:00-3:10
J. Schwartz	TWF 8:00-9:10

Intro to Comparative Politics

P. Rexhepi	MWR 5:00-6:10
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Scope and Methods

J. Lefkowitz	MR 5:00-6:15
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Subjects and Sovereigns

J. Miller	TWF 12:30-1:40
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Seminar: American Government

D. Lipson	TF 12:30-1:45
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Law

Introduction to Law

P. Zuckerman	TF 8:00 - 9:15
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The American Judiciary

N. Kassop	MR 11:00-12:15
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Constitutional Law: National Government

N. Kassop	T 3:30-6:20
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Theory

Subjects and Sovereigns

J. Miller	TWF 12:30-1:40
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Film and Politics

J. Lefkowitz	W 3:30-6:20
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International Relations/Comparative

International Political Economy

J. Schwartz	TF 11:00-12:15
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International Relations of the Americas

J. Lefkowitz	MR 12:30-1:45
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European Politics

K. Dowley	TF 9:30-10:45
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United Nations Semester

S. Pampinella	F (all day)
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Pro-tip: For a full listing of International Relations courses, check the posted online schedule.

American

State Politics

G. Benjamin	MR 2:00-3:15
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The American Judiciary

N. Kassop	MR 11:00-12:15
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Climate Change: Science, Politics Policy

D. Lipson	W 12:30-3:20
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Film and Politics

J. Lefkowitz	W 3:30-6:20
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Con Law: National Government

N. Kassop	T 3:30-6:20
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Strategic Planning for Government & Non-Profits

P. Fairweather	W 6:30-9:20
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Political Science and International Relations Office Hours

Benjamin, Gerald	HAB 704a	By appointment
Brownstein, Lewis	JFT 920	By appointment
Dowley, Kathleen	JFT 920 Southside	W 1:45-3:15 M 1:30-3:30 F 1:45-3:15
Eriole, Joe	JFT 404	T 9:45-10:45
Kassop, Nancy	JFT 812	M 2:00-3:00 W 11:00-1:00 R 2:00-3:00
Lipson, Daniel	JFT 810	R 10:00-12:00 F 11:00-1:00
Lefkowitz, Joel	JFT 818	M R 3:20-4:20 W 1:00-3:00
Miller, Jeff	JFT 816	T R 10:00-12:00
Pampinella, Stephen	JFT 1000	M W 10:00-12:00
Schwartz, Jonathan	JFT 1016	T F 11:00-1:00