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INST 2100 Dr. Sing Hui Lee/ Dr. Dariga Abilova

Embark on a journey into the intricate web of global affairs with this introductory course on international studies. This course serves as your gateway to exploring the complex and myriad ways in which nations, cultures, and individuals interact and shape our global community

INST 4850.005 Water Wars

Dr. Dariga Abilova

Students will explore the various challenges posed by dwindling freshwater resources and the interaction between economic, political, and environmental factors. Students will gain insights into the drivers of water-related international and local disputes. Additionally, the course will examine available strategies for fostering cooperation and diplomacy in transboundary water governance to address shared problems and promote sustainable and equitable water management practices. By the end of the course, students will develop deeper understanding of the pressing issues surrounding international conflicts over water and the critical role of collaboration in securing a water-secure future for everyone.

INST 4850.006 Taiwan's Global Identity

Dr. Sing Hui Lee

Step into the captivating world of Taiwan's unique journey, as we trace its evolution from colonial influences to its modernday position as a thriving democracy and unravel the complexities of Taiwan's global identity from its vibrant cultural heritage to its geopolitical significance.

INST 4851.003 International Security Senior Capstone Seminar

Dr. Sing Hui Lee

In an era marked by unprecedented challenges and uncertainties, understanding the dynamics of international security is paramount. This seminar on international security offers students an inclusive understanding of the multifaceted nature of global security challenges and equips students with the knowledge, analytical skills, theoretical frameworks, and perspectives necessary to analyze, navigate, and address the complex landscape of global security challenges.

INST 4856.001 Human Trafficking

Dr. Dariga Abilova

This course offers an exploration of the issue of international human trafficking. Through a multidisciplinary approach, students will examine the social, economic, legal, and ethical dimensions of human trafficking, gaining insights into its root causes, prevalence, and impact on individuals and societies worldwide. Through case studies students will analyze the complexities of modern slavery, including forced labor, sex trafficking, and organ trafficking. The course will also examine the role of international law, governmental policies, and non-governmental organizations in combating human trafficking and supporting its victims. By fostering critical thinking and awareness, this course aims to empower students to contribute to the global effort to eradicate human trafficking and promote human rights.

INST 5503.001 Human Security

Dr. Dariga Abilova

Human Security in the 21st Century course covers the conception and the evolution of human security concept and puts it in the context of other conceptual frameworks such as human development and human rights. It is structured around seven areas of human security: economic, political, food, environmental, health, cyber, and personal security with a focus on armed conflict, social and economic inequality, climate change and displacement. We will cover cases primarily, though not exclusively, from Africa, Asia, and Europe, and pay particular attention to how gender, race and class together shape people's experiences of insecurity.

