POL S 426 A: WORLD POLITICS

- Spring 2017

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Meeting Time: MW 1:30pm - 3:20pm
Location: BAG 154
SLN: 18664
Joint Sections: 2017,spring,JSIS%20B,426,A
Instructor:

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ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

Harold Lasswell, one of the most famous political scientists, described politics as who gets what, how and when. World Politics is no different. We see conflict and cooperation in virtually every sphere. We signal our politics in elections and in conversations. The choices we make as consumer are also political choices. Thus, we need to think of a more expansive notion of politics. You will, therefore, read and explore topics such as power transitions, democratization, gender issues, trade politics, public health and development, NGOs, foreign aid, and energy politics. I adopt a non-traditional teaching style that includes (along with the traditional lectures) class discussions and group projects. I am trying to arrange lectures by eminent professionals in the field. By the end of the course, I hope all of you will develop a more nuanced understanding of world politics and feel empowered to contribute to policy debates. Remember, participation by informed citizens in policy deliberation is essential for sustaining our democracy. Further, I hope this course and the broader UW experience will motivate you to think of politics and public service as your career.

Catalog Description:
The nation-state system and its alternatives, world distributions of preferences and power, structure of international authority, historical world societies and their politics. Offered: jointly with JSIS B 426.

Department Requirements:
International Relations Field
International Security Option

GE Requirements:
Individuals and Societies (I&S)
Writing (W)

Credits: 5.0
Status: Active
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