Global Seminar Summer Study Abroad Program Expands to Five Locations

The Global Seminars program expands to five locations in 2009, just two years after its launch. Six-week courses in Brazil, Ghana, and Russia have been added to the roster, which already includes Vietnam and Turkey. These programs reflect the contribution PIIRS is making to the University’s commitment of increasing study abroad opportunities for Princeton undergraduates.

Global Seminars are intensive classes offered by regular Princeton faculty in overseas locations where rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors are able to explore new cultures, travel in the host country and beyond, and work closely with faculty. In addition to course work for regular credit, students participate in daily language instruction and community service projects. This year for the first time, students have the option to pursue internships in two of the sites (Vietnam and Turkey). The Global Seminars are supported by PIIRS in conjunction with the Office of International Programs and the International Internship Program.

“I had the great pleasure of visiting all of the Global Seminars last summer,” said PIIRS Director Katherine Newman, “and all I could think of was how much I wish I had had this amazing opportunity when I was an undergraduate. I am very grateful to our faculty for committing to this program and to our students for joining PIIRS and the college in this academic experiment.”

“Race, Culture, and Identity in Brazilian Modernism,” the first Global Seminar to be held in Latin America, takes a fresh look at the birth of Brazilian modernism and its roots in two of Brazil’s oldest and most important cities, São Salvador da Bahia and Rio de Janeiro. The seminar focuses on the emergence of a culture of modernity and its attempt to negotiate a path between regionalism and nationalism and between the lure of the European avant-gardes and fear of new forms of cultural colonization. Field trips to Petropolis, Parati, and Cacheoeira, among other destinations, are built into the syllabus. Developed by Esther da Costa Meyer, professor of art and archaeology, and Antonio Sergio Guimarães, a PIIRS visiting fellow in 2007–08 and a professor of sociology at the University of São Paulo, the seminar will be held in Brazil from June 27 to August 8.

“The study of these two cities,” said da Costa Meyer, “and their interrelated histories, will allow us to analyze the ways in which their numerous social problems served as a starting point for new cultures and countercultures, as well as persistent national mythologies.”

Professor Wole Soboyejo of the Princeton Institute for the Science and Technology of Materials and the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, and Makeba Clay, director of the Fields Center for Equality and Cultural Understanding, will lead the Global Seminar in Ghana. “Sustainable Design: Creating New Solutions for Global Development” was developed to provide an experience that blends the theoretical and practical aspects of sustainable design in developing countries. Class projects will involve the development of solutions to sustainable design problems in transportation, affordable housing, alternative energy, and health.

Students will attend lectures at the Kokrobitey Institute in Accra and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi. Site visits include exploration of the Cape Coast, Kakum National Park, Kumasi, and the Volta region. This seminar will be held from June 15 to July 24.

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PIIRS and WWS Launch Research Cluster Initiative

This spring, PIIRS and the Woodrow Wilson School for International and Public Affairs (WWS) will launch the first phase of a three-year research cluster initiative, the Henry Luce Foundation Project on Migration, Participation, and Democratic Governance in the U.S., Europe, and the Muslim World. In March and April, scholars will convene at PIIRS, Columbia University, and the European University Institute in Fiesole, Italy, for workshops that explore the impact of locally rooted social movements on world politics and the impact of world politics and transnational relations on social movements.

The project will introduce key questions, new analytical insights, and novel hypotheses on four topics central to the debate. The first topic, international and domestic dimensions of Muslim incorporation in Europe, will be led by Rafaela Dancygier, assistant professor of politics and public and international affairs. The second topic, a comparative analysis of religion and state relations in the five democratizing countries of the Muslim world, will be led by Mirjam Künkler, assistant professor of Near Eastern studies. Amaney Jamal, assistant professor of politics and the Harold Willis Dodds Presidential University Preceptor, will lead an exploration of war, religion, and democracy that will examine the immediate ways in which intra- and interstate religious conflicts have structured democratization and development trajectories. Jamal will also lead a second subtopic on Islamophobia and Muslim-American integration.

Speaking for the group, Jamal said she is excited by the opportunity the research cluster presents. “We hope to generate new thought on how social scientists might operationalize different dimensions of religion, conflict, democracy, and development,” she said.

The research cluster initiative, like PIIRS’ exploratory seminars undertaking, represents an important way in which PIIRS contributes to academic experimentation by incubating new ideas in emerging fields and encouraging novel combinations of existing disciplines that speak to the University’s internationalization campaign.

The intensive research generated by the Migration, Participation, and Democratic Governance project and subsequent research clusters will each be supported by PIIRS and WWS for three years in total. After a planning year, the second phase of the ongoing project, planned for 2009–10, is a “residence” year; professors Dancygier, Künkler, and Jamal will be on leave from their respective departments and join PIIRS as resident fellows. In addition to their own research, they will bring in contributors from around the world for short-term “satellite” conferences that enable an exchange of ideas with a larger community. The third phase of the initiative, scheduled for 2010–11, is a year of public scholarship.

“In this endeavor,” said Director Katherine Newman, “PIIRS serves as a home for innovative thinking and provides faculty and students with a chance to take intellectual risks and then evaluate the long-term potential for a new program of study.”

A second research cluster, New Directions in the Study of Early Modern Asia, led by David Howell, chair of the Department of East Asian Studies, and professors of history and East Asian studies Benjamin Elman and Susan Naquin, will begin its planning year in 2009–10.
New Director James Revitalizes EPS, Plans to Increase Course Offerings

The role of the Catholic Church during the Holocaust and after World War II was the subject of a sobering debate held on campus between Józef Życinski, the archbishop of Lublin and Poland’s leading Catholic intellectual, and Princeton professor of history Jan Gross in early November. Professor Harold James, the newly appointed director of the Program in Contemporary European Politics and Society (EPS) hosted the exchange, one of the first events in a new series of lectures designed to increase attention to questions of European identity.

James, a professor of history and international affairs, was tapped to head EPS in June 2008. He sees the PIIRS-based program as an opportunity to bridge the divide between European cultural studies, supported by the Council of the Humanities, and the study of European politics and society, which is grounded in the social sciences. “European and Its Identity,” the fall lecture series kicked-off by Życinski’s presence, and a new seminar, “Landmarks of European Identity” (EPS 301), are the first moves toward that goal.

James said he hopes participants will see that “there is a real variety of approaches possible for the study of identity and culture of a particular region.” Contemporary Europe, he notes, is more complex as a source of social identity because it is located in a supra-national structure. “It’s interesting and novel,” James said. “It’s not easily described in terms of the way people traditionally think of states because the European Union is not a state—it’s a process of integration and cooperation.”

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taught talented students.” said Clay. “Their work has the potential to impact humanity in very real and meaningful ways.”

St. Petersburg, Russia, will host “The Future Is Now: Revolution and Utopia in Early Soviet Culture.” This seminar examines the utopian projects that flourished after the political revolution of 1917 and the famous artistic avant-gardes whose influence continues to the present day—futurism, suprematism, constructivism, production art, and early Soviet cinema.

Taught by Serguei Oushakine, assistant professor of Slavic languages and literatures, and Devin Fore, assistant professor of German and an associate faculty member of the Slavic languages and literatures department, the course will also explore the everyday contexts that gave sense to these movements. In addition to course work and lectures, which will be held at the Herzen State Pedagogical University in St. Petersburg, the program includes weekend trips to Moscow and to the Solovki Islands, where the Gulag Archipelago described by Alexander Solzhenitsyn started. This seminar will run from June 15 to July 24.

According to Fore, “There are few other moments in world history that witnessed such a diversity of projects designed to break with tradition and to invent a modernist culture radically unlike that of the past. Twice delegitimized and destroyed—first by Stalinism and then by the disappearance of the Soviet Union—these utopian projects from the 1910s and ‘20s seem definitely to have lost their relevance today. Yet it is precisely after the end of the cold war that these ideas can be reevaluated and examined from the perspective of their actuality.”

The 2009 program marks the third consecutive summer Desai Anderson ’58 will...
Acting Director Named for Program in Russian and Eurasian Studies

Michael Gordin, associate professor of history, was recently tapped as the acting director of the Program in Russian and Eurasian Studies. Gordin’s immediate plans are to increase the amount of interdisciplinary integration among those who work on Russian and Eurasian topics and faculty in other disciplines and to increase the number of students in the certificate program. The 2008–09 lecture series “High Stalinism” focuses on the period from 1945 to 1953 when Stalin consolidated his power after the devastation of World War II. It includes speakers presenting on topics as diverse as dance, nationalism, linguistics, science, music, painting, and architecture.

Gordin’s research involves the history of science in Russia and the Soviet Union. His books include *A Well-Ordered Thing: Dmitri Mendeleev and the Shadow of the Periodic Table* (2004), *Five Days In August: How World War II Became a Nuclear War* (2007), and a soon-to-be-released volume on the development of the Soviet atomic bomb.

PTIC: Lots to Talk About

The PIIRS certificate Program in Translation and Intercultural Communication (PTIC) is flourishing. The senior seminar, TRA 400, has been added to this year’s course offerings; nearly 30 students enrolled in the program’s core course, “Thinking Translation” (TRA 200); and weekly lunch seminars attract emeriti, administrators, regular faculty, professional translators, graduate students, and undergraduates. Roy Harris, professor emeritus of general linguistics at Oxford University and founding father of integrational linguistics, spoke in the program’s fall seminar series, “Translation Through the Looking Glass”; and Doug Hofstadter, author of *Gödel, Escher, Bach* and polyglot translator of Marot, Pushkin, and Sagan, explained why “Einstein Was No Cole Porter.” A graduate student conference on “The Business of Translation” with a keynote address from an executive at Knopf was held on November 21. A new undergraduate course, “Machine Translation” (TRA 301) will be available to undergraduates in the spring semester. Two more courses—on language rivalries in the history of science and on translation issues in medieval and modern China—are being developed for the 2009–10 academic year.

Democracy and Development Off to a Roaring Start

The Project on Democracy and Development welcomed two fellows to Princeton this year, Devesh Kapur ’94 and Gay Seidman (see *Visitors*, page 5), and its speaker series on “The State and Human Capital in the Developing World” has been attracting large audiences. On November 7 and 8, it sponsored the conference, “Urban Democracy and the Global South,” on a region facing unprecedented challenges of social and economic inclusion. Codirector Atul Kohli, the David K. E. Bruce Professor of International Affairs, deemed the conference “a great success.” A second conference on democracy and development in the Middle East will be held in the spring. While this is the last year of the current PIIRS grant, Kohli says the project is likely to continue with new sources of funding.

World Politics Articles Win APSA Awards

Two articles published in volume 59 of *World Politics*, a prominent journal under the umbrella of PIIRS, have been recognized by the American Political Science Association as best article of the year in their respective sections. “The Study of Critical Junctures: Theory, Narrative, and Counterfactuals in Historical Institutionalism” (April 2007), by Giovanni Capoccia, Oxford University, and R. Daniel Kelemen, Rutgers University, won the Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section. “Heredity Succession in Modern Autocracies” (July 2007), by Jason Brownlee, University of Texas–Austin, took the prize in the Comparative Democratization Section.
2008–09 Visitors Focus on Economics, Security, Labor, and Institutional Development

Takanori Aoki joins PIIRS for a second year through a fellowship program that sponsors distinguished executives from Japan’s Ministry of Finance. His research at Princeton will look at the recent tax reforms of other nations and their implications for Japan.

Un-Chan Chung *’78, a leading Korean economist, will be at Princeton through January 2009. Invited by PIIRS under an initiative in support of the University’s increasing focus on Korean studies, Chung organized a three-part lecture series this fall, “The New Korean Economy,” and served as commentator for “Vietnam and East Asia in a Globalized Context,” a multi-day, interdisciplinary conference held in October. Chung is president emeritus of Seoul National University, where he serves as a professor of economics, teaching financial markets and macroeconomics.

Vaidyanatha Gundlupet is a postdoctoral research affiliate with the Power Transitions, Security Cooperation, and International Order initiative directed by professor John Ikenberry. A political scientist, Gundlupet focuses his research on variations in the strength of international security institutions.

Yuichi Hosoya comes to Princeton through a Fulbright research grant and will use the year to work on the creation of the U.S.-Japan alliance and postwar Asia-Pacific security. He is an associate professor of international politics at Keio University in Tokyo.

Devesh Kapur *’94 is a fellow under the Democracy and Development project directed by professors Atul Kohli and Deborah Yashar. His research focuses on the local-global linkages affecting political and economic change in developing countries. He is an associate professor of political science and holds the Madan Lal Sobti Professorship for the Study of Contemporary India at the University of Pennsylvania, where he also directs the Center for Advanced Study of India.

Ulrich Krotz joins PIIRS through a fellowship with the Power Transitions, Security Cooperation, and International Order initiative directed by professor Ikenberry. His research project at Princeton will focus on “special relations” in international politics. Krotz is an assistant professor of political science at Brown University.

Rachel Beatty Riedl *’08, a postdoctoral research fellow, will focus on institutional development in new democracies, particularly in Africa. In addition to her position at PIIRS, Riedl will be a visiting fellow at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

Gay Seidman will research efforts by the International Labor Organization to raise labor standards in developing countries by strengthening national states. She comes to PIIRS under the Democracy and Development project directed by professors Kohli and Yashar. Seidman is a professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

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Democratic and Development lecture with Ellen Lust-Okar, Yale University. 4:30 p.m., 216 Burr Hall.

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Program in South Asian Studies lecture with Sumati Ramaswamy, Duke University. 4:30 p.m., 216 Burr Hall.

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Culture Turns: Kathak, Nation, and Gender in Contemporary India with Pallabi Chakravorty, Swarthmore College. 4:30 p.m., 216 Burr Hall.

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Ruling by Language: Stalin’s Writings on Linguistics with Boris Groys, New York University. 4:30 p.m., 219 Burr Hall.

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Democracy and Development lecture with Richard Snyder, Brown University. 4:30 p.m., 216 Burr Hall.

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Hypnosis, Amnesia, and an Antifascist School: Retrieving a Lost Script of the German War Experience in Stalingrad with Jochen Hellbeck, Rutgers University. 4:30 p.m., 219 Burr Hall.

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Program in South Asian Studies lecture with Sangeeta Ray, University of Maryland. 4:30 p.m., 216 Burr Hall.
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