Six Global Seminars to be Offered in 2010

Summer Study Abroad Opportunities Increased

The Global Seminars program is expanding the opportunities for study abroad for the fourth year in a row. Six seminars will be available to students in the summer of 2010; the program began in 2007 with a single course.

New six-week seminars in China, Ghana and London, India, and South Korea join a list that includes Vietnam and Turkey. Students will have the opportunity in some locations to combine study with an internship. Nonprofit organizations, government offices, and for-profit firms in Hanoi, Istanbul, Shanghai, and Seoul will be accepting Global Seminar students as interns. Those students will have a unique opportunity to use the knowledge gained in their courses.

“We are very excited about these adventures in scholarship, service, and cultural enrichment for Princeton undergraduates and are grateful to the Princeton faculty who devote their summers to leading these seminars,” commented Katherine Newman, PIIRS director. “When I speak with students returning from the global seminars, they routinely tell me it changed their lives, and judging from the number who return after graduation to the countries where they studied, I think that’s a fair summary of how important the seminars have been to Princetonians.”

Four New Programs

“Diversity of China: History, Culture, and Globalization,” the first Global Seminar to be held in China, examines the contemporary and historical flows of people, images, ideas, and material goods. The seminar begins in Shanghai with a focus on societal and economic issues then moves to Xi’an, where students will explore cultural, religious, and philosophical trends. The course was developed by Ping Wang, an assistant professor of East Asian studies at Princeton, and Chunling Li, a sociology professor and research fellow at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing. The seminar will be held from June 20 to July 31.

“The African American Atlantic: Modernity and the Black Experience” offers students the opportunity to understand how the Atlantic Ocean, historically associated with the pain and violence of enslavement, is now recognized as the conduit through which Africans encountered the modern world. Students will live in Accra, Ghana, where they will study history, literature, and politics, and then move to London, where they will meet with scholars who have been instrumental in transforming our understanding of Atlantic history and culture. This course was developed by Simon Gikandi, the Robert Schirmer Professor of English, and will be held from June 20 to July 31.

“Religion and Politics in Indian Art and Architecture” examines architectural stylistic developments and the emergence of new ideas produced under the political influence of Islam, European rule, and the enduring distinctions of cast, class, and race. The seminar begins in Goa, the center of Portuguese rule in India, and moves to Madurai. Developed by Esther da Costa Meyer, a Princeton professor of art and archaeology, and Mallica Kumbera Landrus,
State Building Is Focus of PIIRS Advanced Seminar; Collaboration Is a Goal

Scholars from Latin America, the U.S., and Europe gathered in Princeton, September 18–19, to participate in the PIIRS Advanced Seminar “Paper Leviathans: State Building in Latin America and Spain, 1810–1930.” The workshop, the first of two, was led by Miguel Centeno, Princeton University professor of sociology and international affairs, and Agustín Ferraro, an associate professor of Latin American studies at the University of Salamanca, Spain.

According to Centeno, the aim of the seminar is to better understand the role played by classic liberal doctrine in political and economic development from the birth of these states to the collapse of the oligarchic republics in the first third of the 20th century. A secondary goal is to create a network of academics working on the analysis of state building in Ibero-America. Universities from the U.S., Chile, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Spain, Germany, and the U.K. were represented.

“These issues are important for the study of contemporary Latin America,” says Centeno. “The region’s current political and economic development eerily parallels the 19th-century experience. Now, as then, we see significant commodity-fueled growth that has not alleviated the inequality or long-standing poverty. Latin American states remain weak or contested. The exceptional path of Spain, and, to a lesser extent, of Chile, cries for explanation.”

In Princeton, the scholars presented papers on five themes: developing a state of law, the state as developer, professional bureaucracies, the impact of ideas, and national and political identities. A portion of the seminar was devoted to comparative perspectives and provided participants the opportunity to discuss the experiences of other regions in which state building was more successful than in Latin America.

The seminar’s next event will be a public conference in Salamanca in fall 2010 to present the finished papers. A selection of the papers will be published in 2011. PIIRS Advanced Seminar funding will also support construction of a website that will provide public access to statistical sources and bibliographical materials, among other things.

PIIRS director Katherine Newman notes that “it is important for scholars to be able to work on important problems like this one face to face, to be able to dig deep into the topic and debate their conclusions. PIIRS support made it possible to surmount the limitations of ‘e-mail collaborations’ and give our colleagues a chance to work together the old-fashioned way. I expect a remarkable volume to result.”

The PIIRS Advanced Seminars support faculty research and new collaborations in the humanities, sciences, engineering, and architecture. The Advanced Seminar on state building is the third to receive funding since the program was initiated. The first, held in fall 2008, was led by Alejandro Portes, the Howard Harrison and Gabrielle Snyder Beck Professor of Sociology, and focused on institutions and development in Latin America. The second, held last spring, was led by Frank von Hippel, a professor of public and international affairs, and examined the transition to a nuclear-free world. Applications for future seminars are currently being reviewed. For more information, please visit the PIIRS website.

2010 Global Seminars

Open to all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors

Application deadline
Monday, February 15, 2010

For more information, please visit the PIIRS website: www.princeton.edu/~piirs/curriculum/index.html
PIIRS Fellows Focus on Democracy, East Asian Culture, Economics, Religion, and Politics

**Manfred Brocker** is a fellow with the Luce Project on Migration, Participation, and Democratic Governance in the U.S., Europe, and the Muslim World. Brocker is a professor of political theory at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany, with research interests in religion and politics. While at Princeton, Brocker will work with Mirjam Künkler on the Luce sub-project, “Religious Parties in Democratic Consolidation Processes—Revisiting the Inclusion-Moderation Thesis.”

**Naokatsu Hikotani** joins PIIRS as a visiting professional specialist. Hikotani joined Japan’s Ministry of Finance in 1990, serving most recently as secretary to the finance minister. His research at Princeton focuses on comparative studies of income inequality and redistribution policies and recent tax reforms in Organization and Economic Cooperation and Development countries.

**Takako Hikotani** is an associate professor in the Department of Public Policy at the National Defense Academy in Yokosuka, Japan. She joins PIIRS as an associate professional specialist. While at Princeton, Hikotani will participate in a project comparing national identities in Asia.

**Amaney Jamal** is an assistant professor in the Department of Politics and the Harold Willis Dodds Presidential University Preceptor. Jamal works with the Luce Project on Migration, Participation, and Democratic Governance in the U.S., Europe, and the Muslim World as Princeton faculty-in-residence at PIIRS. Her current research focuses on democratization and the politics of civic engagement in the Middle East, as well as Muslim and Arab Americans and the pathways that structure their patterns of political and civic engagement in the U.S.

**Rafaela Dancygier** is an assistant professor of politics and public and international affairs. As Princeton faculty-in-residence at PIIRS, she is working with the Luce Project on Migration, Participation, and Democratic Governance in the U.S., Europe, and the Muslim World. Her research interests include the domestic consequences of international immigration, the political incorporation of immigrants, the relationship between ethnic diversity and redistribution, and the determinants of ethnic conflict. She is currently working on a book that explores how immigration regimes and welfare states affect inter-ethnic conflict and immigrant integration in Western Europe.

**Niraja Gopal Jayal** is a fellow with the Project on Democracy and Development and the University Center for Human Values. Jayal’s home institution is the Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi, India, where she is a professor at the Center for the Study of Law and Governance. Her research focuses on the intersection of normative political theory and the empirical study of Indian politics. At Princeton, Jayal will work on her current book project, an account of the Indian idea of citizenship in the 20th century.

**John Jost** is a professor of psychology at New York University and a fellow with PIIRS and the Department of Psychology. He is interested in the psychological basis of political ideology.

While at Princeton, Jost will teach as part of the Joint Degree Program in the Social Sciences and work on a book on system justification theory.

**Dieter Kuhn** is visiting from the University of Würzburg in Germany, where he is a professor of Chinese studies. His research focuses on the history of material culture, technology, and archaeology in medieval China. While at Princeton, he will participate in the PIIRS research cluster New Directions in the Study of Early Modern Asia and teach in the Department of East Asian Studies.

**Mirjam Künkler**, an assistant professor in the Department of Near Eastern Studies, is a Princeton faculty-in-residence at PIIRS with the Luce Project on Migration, Participation, and Democratic Governance in the U.S., Europe, and the Muslim World. Her research focuses on comparative relations between religion and state in the Muslim world. She is working on a book that analyzes processes of regime transformation in Iran (1989–2005) and Indonesia (1974–1998).

**Rachel Beatty Riedl** is a postdoctoral research fellow at PIIRS. Her research focuses on institutional development in new democracies, particularly in Africa. Riedl’s recently completed dissertation, “Institutions in New Democracies: Variations in African Political Party Systems,” was funded in by a MacArthur Foundation grant.
Acting Director Named for European Politics Program

Carles Boix, a professor of politics and public affairs, is the acting director of the Program in Contemporary European Politics and Society (EPS) while Director Harold James is on leave during the 2009–10 academic year. Boix writes and teaches on comparative political economy and comparative politics. His current research projects include the examination of the origins and persistence of income inequality across time, and a book, The Birth of Party Democracy, which explores the political conditions that led to the emergence of various party systems and electoral institutions in advanced democracies at the turn of the 20th century, among other things. A native of Barcelona, Boix has a Ph.D. in politics from Harvard University and taught at the University of Chicago before joining the Princeton faculty in 2006.

The EPS speakers this year include Shimon Redlich of Ben Gurion University, an internationally distinguished specialist on the history of the Jews in Eastern Europe; Irene Berkel, a professor of religion and psychoanalysis at the University of Innsbruck; and Jordi Pujol, former president of the Catalan regional government and one of the main actors in the Spanish transition to democracy.

Translation Program Adds Courses to Its Roster

The Program in Translation and Intercultural Communication continues to grow, with more than 60 undergraduates taking its core and cross-listed courses in fall 2009, including the new courses Bilingualism (TRA 303/LIN 308) and Translation in the History of Science (TRA 302/HIS 397). Two new courses, Introduction to Machine Translation (TRA 301/COS 401), and Translating East Asia (TRA 304/EAS 446), will be offered in spring 2010. In addition, PTIC is affiliated with the Graduate Translation Workshop, held throughout the year on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in 127 East Pyne. For more information on the workshop, contact Liesl Yamaguchi, liesl.yamaguchi@princeton.edu.

South Asian Film Festival Complements SAS Events

Reflecting the interdisciplinary nature of its subject area, the Program in South Asian Studies has an array of events covering religion, politics, and the arts planned for the year. The cosponsored seminar series “Islam, Modernity, and South Asia” brings leading scholars from around the world to campus; a film festival, cosponsored with the South Asia Film Society, will screen nine films representing a cross-section of India’s movie industry—including Bollywood and independent productions—on select Fridays at Rocky-Mathey Theater; and Sudhir Kakar, an Indian psychoanalyst, author, and well-known figure in the fields of cultural psychology and the psychology of religion, will give a lecture in March on the Indian view of globalization and identity.

Newsmakers

Un-Chan Chung * 78, a PIIRS visiting fellow in 2008–09, was named prime minister of South Korea in early September. The noted economist and former president of Seoul National University was invited by PIIRS under an initiative in support of the University’s increasing focus on Korean studies.

In October 2009, Program in African Studies Director and Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Professor Daniel Rubenstein appeared in the PBS program WorldFocus in a segment on the Kenyan drought. A leading expert in his field, Rubenstein has a special interest in all species of wild horses, zebras, and asses, and works in Kenya with pastoral communities to raise awareness of the endangered Grevy’s zebra. In 2008, PIIRS sponsored an exploratory workshop in support of Rubenstein’s efforts to measure the effects of environmental change—including the changes wrought by management and global warming—on equid behavior. Among the participants at that workshop was Elinor Ostrom of Indiana University, a winner of the 2009 Nobel Prize in economics. Ostrom’s talk, “Insights from the Field and the Lab: How Do Participants Solve Second-Level Commons’ Dilemmas When Theory Predicts They Cannot Solve First-Level Dilemmas,” was related to the ideas for which she was honored by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

President Barack Obama’s visit to Ghana and the Cape Coast slave castle this summer occurred while Princeton students were engaged in the 2009 Global Seminar there. Anderson Cooper 360 was among the news programs covering the presidential trip. Cooper caught up with Makeba Clay, codirector of the 2009 Global Seminar in Ghana and director of the Fields Center, and the Princeton students as they toured the castle the day after the Obama visit. Clay gave a brief interview regarding her reflections on the Cape Coast castle and a short video clip was taken of the students during a discussion that followed the tour.
Going Global: A Personal Lesson in Sustainability

by Chenyu Zheng ’12

I never thought being Chinese would give me an edge in Ghana. When I signed up for the Global Seminar, I planned to study sustainable design and teach Chinese in the seminar’s community service component. I never imagined I’d be affected so deeply by my experiences there.

I felt like a celebrity. Walking along the street in Accra, I was greeted by the locals with “Chinese? Ni Hao!” I taught my students Chinese words and phrases and gave them the task of teaching some of these to their relatives. My class was very popular.

I’m not sure that what I taught will really help them in the future, but I am sure that what these children taught me triggered some deep thoughts. The lesson was simple: One should not take things for granted.

At first, I did not have the habit of putting the cap back on the marker after writing on the whiteboard. When he could stand it no more, Guan Jia Mu came to the front of the classroom and took the marker from me. “Laoshi,” he said gently, “put the cap back on so that the marker can last longer.”

I felt my face burn and my feeling of celebrity vanish. I am an advocate of sustainability and saving resources, the focus of the Global Seminar. It was shameful for me to be so careless. Growing up, I took many things for granted: a fancy apartment, a bright classroom, a hot shower. For my students, electricity and clean water are something to wish for.

Now when I drink purified water, I remember my Ghanaian students who carried water home by the bucketful. When I step into the shower, I think of those for whom daily life is a struggle, and step out of it much sooner than I used to.

Ghanaian students surround Chenyu Zheng ’12 in the classroom.

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a lecturer at the Rhode Island School of Design and a visiting professor at Brown University, this course will be held from June 4 to July 17.

“Dreaming, Mapping, Living: The City in the Korean Imagination,” based in Seoul, South Korea, traces the transformation of Korean cities from the late Choson period through the early years of the 21st century, focusing on the sharp intellectual contests waged over their (re)construction and (re)imagination. A collaboration by Joy S. Kim and Steven Chung, both assistant professors of East Asian studies at Princeton, this seminar will be held from June 20 to July 31.

Seminars in Vietnam and Turkey Revisited and Revamped

Two popular seminars will be reprised in 2010 with leadership and programmatic changes.

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“Vietnam: the War and Beyond,” is the fourth seminar to be offered in Hanoi. Working in partnership with the Vietnam National University, the seminar will be led by David Leheny, the Henry Wendt III ’55 Professor of East Asian studies, and Christina Schwenkle, an assistant professor of anthropology and Vietnam specialist at the University of California–Riverside. Leheny replaces Desaix Anderson ’58, who designed the Vietnam seminar in 2007 and led it for three summers before stepping down. In Hanoi, seminar participants will study the debates in both Vietnam and the United States over the prosecution of the war and the ways in which Vietnam was shaped by the long conflict. The seminar will be held from June 13 to July 24.

“Islam, Empire, and Modernity: Turkey from the Caliphs to the 21st Century” begins its third year with students arriving in Cairo, where they will spend a week visiting the important sites of Ottoman Cairo and attending lectures by Egyptian Ottomanists before moving to Istanbul. The course provides an analysis of change and continuity in Turkish society with a strong focus on history and cultural transformations. Led by Near Eastern studies faculty Şükrü Hanioglu and Erika Gilson, the seminar will be convened from June 12 to July 24.

The Global Seminars are open to rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors. In addition to course work for regular credit, students participate in daily language instruction and community service projects. The Global Seminars are supported by PIIRS in conjunction with the Office of International Programs and the International Internship Program.
Deadline. Henry Richardson Labouisse ’26 Prize: Applications from graduating seniors due January 4, by 5 p.m., 323 Burr Hall.

Information Session. 2010 Global Seminars information session for prospective applicants. February 3, 6 p.m., 3rd floor Burr Hall.


Cyril Black International Book Forum. “In the Graveyard of Empires: America’s War in Afghanistan.” Author Seth G. Jones and Princeton University discussants Marc Beissinger, Bernard Haykel, and Jacob Shapiro. Cosponsored by PIIRS and WWS. April 8, 4:30 p.m., 016 Robertson Hall.