

**PS19: Fiat Lux Seminar on “Contemporary Issues in International Politics”  
Course Syllabus  
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**Location and time:**

Bunche 4276  
T 2:00 – 2:50 pm  
Office hours for Professor Johns: T 3:00 - 3:30 pm and by appointment

**Requirements:**

To receive a passing grade for this course, you must fulfill two criteria:

- Participation: You must attend and engage in the class discussion for 8 of the 9 class meetings. You should prepare for each meeting by doing background reading/research on the week’s discussion topic.
- Discussion leader: You must serve as a discussion leader for at least one class. You should prepare by doing more extensive reading/research so that you are an “expert” on your assigned topic. You should also prepare some topics or questions to serve as the basis for discussion.

**Schedule:**

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Discussion Leaders</u>
2	Jan 12	India-Pakistan	Gilligan & Mosavi
3	Jan 19	China's territorial conflicts	Lo & Zhao
4	Jan 26	China and the global economy	Chen, Jabba, & Yip
5	Feb 2	Iran, North Korea, & nukes	Byrne & Glick
6	Feb 9	Iran & Saudi Arabia	Foley & Wilson
7	Feb 16	Rise of ISIS	Kiaei & Scott
8	Feb 23	No Class	---
9	Mar 1	Syrian conflict	Brenchley & Zhuo
10	Mar 8	EU migration crisis	Burks & Ren