

**Selected Topics Courses Winter 2024**

**INAF 5409 W** Selected topic in INAF: Gender, Race, and Culture in International Relations

This course explores theoretical and empirical approaches to the role of gender, race, and culture in international relations. Although the field of international relations has historically overlooked questions of gendered and racialized difference, many critical, postcolonial, and feminist scholars within the field systematically and continuously challenge this oversight. How do critical, postcolonial, and feminist approaches shape our understanding of the field of international relations? In order to answer this question, this course offers a survey of the different theoretical frameworks used in gender and race-based approaches to international relations along with empirical studies that mobilize these frameworks to better understand or to redefine key topics and concepts of the field. We will thus explore gender and race-based approaches to topics such as peace and security, human rights, international political economy, and development. Over the course of the semester, students will become familiar with critical, postcolonial, and feminist approaches to international relations. Students will also gain the ability to analyze cross-cutting conceptual and empirical questions related to equity, diversity, and inclusion.

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**INAF 5429 W** Selected topic in DFP: Advanced Topics in Canadian Foreign Policy  
Fen Hampson

This course is designed to provide students with a more complete understanding of the central elements of Canadian foreign policymaking process and to engage them in the details of policy formulation and development in an applied context. The course also aims to situate the discussion of Canadian foreign policy making within the broader milieu of a changing and turbulent international system and the challenges it poses to Canadian decision-makers. Some of the topics covered include Canada's relations with the United States and Emerging Market countries, Canada's competitiveness in the global economy, challenges to democracy and inclusiveness and how Canada responds, the future of NATO and Canada's relations with authoritarian regimes, and Canada's response to the world refugee crisis.

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**INAF 5469 W** Selected topic in IIA: Espionage and Clandestine Foreign Influence in Canada  
Stephanie Carvin

This course focuses on issues in relation to emerging national security threats in the area of espionage and clandestine foreign influence. Topics include economic national security and foreign investment, online and in-person clandestine foreign influence, and ethical issues such as community relations. Students will work independently and on a group project to generate analysis of key trends in this space, including the impact of technology and evolving regulatory regimes.

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**INAF 5469 X** Selected topic in IIA: National Security Ethics  
Leah West

This course considers ethical theories and principles and challenges students to apply them to the modern world of national security intelligence collection, analysis and operations. The first half of the course will provide a general overview of relevant ethical theories and principles, and reviews the intelligence cycle. It will also examine the impact of diversity, inclusion and organizational culture on ethical practices, and then explore existing means of accountability and oversight, access to information and whistleblower protection within the Canadian national security and intelligence community. The second half of the course will require students to apply this knowledge to a variety of case studies related to ethical dilemmas including: surveillance; source recruitment and community engagement; covert operations and targeted killing; the use of AI, big data, and open source intelligence; biometric collection and analysis; intelligence sharing; immigration and border control; intellectual property theft; and the politicization of intelligence.

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**INAF 5469 R** Selected topic in IIA: Insider Risk, Threat and Mitigation  
Victor Munro

At its broadest, an insider threat can be defined as “the potential for an individual who has or had authorized access to an organization’s assets to use that access, either maliciously or unintentionally, to act in a way that could negatively affect the organization” (Carnegie Mellon, 2018). Traditionally, insider threats are thought to be influenced by a range of technical, behavioural, individual, and organizational factors. The subject likewise spans the physical and cyber domains, bridges the study of criminality, cybersecurity, infrastructure protection, intelligence, and terrorism, and touches every institution and organization in both the public and private domain, from major financial institutions to government departments. This course will provide a theoretical and practical overview of

insider risk and threat, showcase empirical examples of the phenomenon from Canada and abroad, and explore mitigation strategies, policies, and practices.

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**INAF 5499 W** Selected topic in HDHP: Global Health Security  
Valerie Percival

The world was caught off guard by the COVID-19 pandemic. The failure to prevent and effectively mitigate COVID-19 had devastating social, economic, and political consequences. Yet despite this devastating impact, the concept of 'global health security' remains ill-defined and contentious. This course will explore the concept of global health security, discuss what this concept means for high income versus low-income countries, and the global governance systems required to realize global health security. At the end of the course, students will have interrogated the concept of global health security, understood the key and varied threats to global health security, and explored 'governance' for global health security.