

# **World Politics**

**JCI Scholars Program – Fall 2015**  
**Thursdays 2:45-4:45 p.m.**

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This course is a “colloquium” on World Politics, and it will consist of a series of individual lectures/presentations by a different visitor each week. Most of the speakers are professors in the Department of Government and/or the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. The following statement summarizes the Department’s mission:

The Department of Government is a community of theoretically-sophisticated and policy-engaged scholars and students. Our mission is three-fold: teaching, research and service. In teaching, the Department seeks to provide its students with the tools to develop skills that will be important within and beyond the discipline of political science. These skills include critical thinking, writing, and communicating abilities that will enable our students to be productive citizens and leaders in their fields.

The Department’s research mission is to produce scholarship that meets the highest disciplinary standards for excellence and contributes to contemporary political debates. We hire and retain faculty members who will expend considerable energy creating an intellectually open and challenging environment.

Building on the Jesuit ideal of service and leveraging our position as the most prestigious university in Washington, D.C., our faculty members and students participate in political debates, advise practitioners, and disseminate knowledge to scholars, practitioners, and the public at-large.

The field of Political Science (sometimes called Government, as at Georgetown) is composed of four major subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory. This course will include speakers from the first three subfields, who will provide an overview of the topics and questions that form the core of their research and teaching interests.

Each session will consist of a lecture by the visitor, followed by an extensive Q&A and discussion afterwards.

Readings will be distributed for each session (one week in advance), and it is expected that students complete the readings and be prepared to refer to them during the discussion period following the presentation.

Students are required to write a short paper (2-4 pages) analyzing one of the topics covered in the course, in which they explain what they have learned and how their thinking has evolved.

## Course Schedule

### **September 10 – Marc Howard** **“Introduction to the Course and Political Science”**

Marc M. Howard is Professor of Government and Law at Georgetown University. He is an established scholar in the study of comparative democratization, having written two award-winning books published by Cambridge University Press and numerous academic articles in leading political science journals. He has received grants from such organizations as the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the Social Science Research Council, and the National Science Foundation, in support of his research. His active involvement in the eventual exoneration of his childhood friend, Marty Tankleff, who was wrongfully convicted and incarcerated for over 17 years, inspired him to pursue a J.D. degree (while teaching full-time and maintaining an active research agenda), which he received in 2012. For the past several years, his research and teaching interests and passions have been primarily devoted to the criminal justice and prison systems. He is also a Volunteer Professor at the Jessup Correctional Institution, a maximum security prison in Maryland. And he is currently finishing a book entitled *Unusually Cruel: Prisons, Punishment, and the Real American Exceptionalism*.

### **September 17 – James Raymond Vreeland** **“Money and Politics on the International Stage”**

James Raymond Vreeland (Ph.D., New York University, 1999) is Professor of International Relations in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. He holds a joint appointment in the Government Department. He conducts research in the field of international political economy, specializing in international institutions. Vreeland has growing global experience. He has presented his research in over fifteen countries located in six different continents. Additionally, he has held affiliations with universities on five continents including Bond University (Australia), ESADE (Spain), ETH Zürich (Switzerland), Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (Germany), Korea University (Korea), Peking University (China), University of California Los Angeles (USA), Universidad Nacional de San Martín (Argentina), University of São Paulo (Brazil), and Yale University (USA). He speaks English, French, and Spanish.

### **September 24 – Kristen Looney** **“China’s Economic Rise and Political Development”**

Kristen Looney is an assistant professor of Asian Studies and Government at Georgetown University, where she teaches courses on Chinese politics. Dr. Looney completed her PhD in Government at Harvard University in 2012. Trained as a comparative political scientist, her research focuses on the politics of rural development in East Asia. Her work examines the relative success or failure of rural development policies in China (2000s), Taiwan (1950s-1970s) and South Korea (1950s-1970s), and advances a theory that specifies the varying contributions of land reform, farmers’ organizations and campaigns in rural development. Dr. Looney’s research has been supported by the National Science Foundation’s Graduate Research Fellowship Program, the Fulbright-Hays Program, the Blakemore Foundation, the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program, and the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard. Dr. Looney holds a B.A. from Wellesley College in Chinese Studies. She is fluent in Chinese and has some training in Korean language as well.

### **October 1 – Elizabeth Stanley**

#### **“Using Mind Fitness to Enhance Performance and Build Resilience”**

Elizabeth A. Stanley, Ph.D. is associate professor of security studies in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and the Department of Government. Liz is also the founder of the non-profit Mind Fitness Training Institute. Previously, she served as Associate Director of Georgetown’s Security Studies Program. She served in Bosnia, Germany, Macedonia, Italy and Korea as a US Army military intelligence officer, leaving service with the rank of Captain. Blending her military experience, research, training in body-based trauma therapies, and experience teaching mindfulness techniques, Liz created Mindfulness-based Mind Fitness Training (MMFT) to build resilience and optimize individual and team performance. MMFT’s efficacy has been documented through four Department of Defense-funded neuroscience studies with the US military, and MMFT has been taught to thousands of people working in high-stress environments.

### **October 8 – Kathy Powers**

#### **“Global Reparations in the Aftermath of Mass Human Rights Violations”**

Dr. Kathy Powers is an Associate Professor at the University of New Mexico, who will be a Visiting Scholar at Georgetown University in Fall 2015. She specializes in international relations. She earned a B.A. in Political Science and International Studies with an emphasis in East Asia from Northwestern University. Dr. Powers has an M.A. in Political Science with an emphasis in American Politics and Political Economy from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and earned a doctorate from Ohio State University. Much of her present research focuses on international organizations and international law with respect to human rights and restorative justice as well as trade and conflict. Dr. Powers examines the institutional and legal determinants of global reparations efforts following mass human rights violations, the independence of international organizations and how economic institutions that transform into military organizations impact war.

### **October 15 – Diana Kapiszewski**

#### **“Political Regimes and the Informal Economy in Latin America”**

Diana Kapiszewski received her PhD in political science from UC Berkeley in 2007. Her research interests include public law, comparative politics, and research methods. Her first book, *High Courts and Economic Governance in Argentina and Brazil* (Cambridge University Press, 2012), which received the APSA Law and Courts Section’s C. Herman Pritchett Award, explores high court-elected branch interactions over economic policy in Argentina and Brazil in the post-transition period. Her current work examines judicial politics and the uses of law in Latin America. In the area of research methods, Kapiszewski co-directs the Qualitative Data Repository and co-edits the new Cambridge University Press book series, “Methods of Social Inquiry.” She was awarded the APSA Qualitative and Multi-Method Research section’s Mid-Career Achievement Award.

## **October 22 – Charles King**

### **“Nationalism”**

Charles King is Professor of International Affairs and Government at Georgetown University, where he also serves as Chair of the Department of Government. King’s research has focused on nationalism, ethnic politics, transitions from authoritarianism, urban history, and the relationship between history and the social sciences. He is the author or editor of seven books, including *Midnight at the Pera Palace: The Birth of Modern Istanbul* (W. W. Norton, 2014); *Odessa: Genius and Death in a City of Dreams* (W. W. Norton, 2011), which received the National Jewish Book Award; and *The Ghost of Freedom: A History of the Caucasus* (Oxford University Press, 2008), which was named “History Book of the Year” by the *Moscow Times*. His work has been translated into more than ten languages. A frequent speaker and commentator on global affairs, King has published essays in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and other major newspapers; in magazines such as *Foreign Affairs* and *Foreign Policy*; and in web-based media such as *The Daily Beast* and the *Christian Science Monitor*. His broadcast appearances have included National Public Radio’s “Morning Edition,” MSNBC’s “The Rachel Maddow Show,” CNN, the BBC, and other venues. He is a three-time recipient of professor-of-the-year honors from Georgetown students and has received both the School of Foreign Service Dean’s Medal and McGuire Medal, the highest awards for service to the school and its students.

## **October 29 – Hans Noel**

### **“Political Parties and Political Coordination”**

Hans Noel’s research is on political coalitions, political parties and ideology, with a focus on the United States. He is the author of *Political Ideologies and Political Parties in America*, and a co-author of *The Party Decides: Presidential Nominations Before and After Reform*. He is interested in the way that a focus on competing policy demands helps explain political parties, coalition building and coordination. Noel blogs on political parties and related issues at *Mischief of Faction*, and occasionally at *The Monkey Cage*. Noel teaches on parties, elections, political history and political methodology, and he has lectured around the world on the American political system. Noel was a Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research at the University of Michigan from 2008 to 2010. Before coming to Georgetown, Noel was a fellow in the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. He received his Ph.D. in 2006 from UCLA. From 1994 to 1997, Noel worked for a daily newspaper in Virginia. He is the co-director/co-producer of the award-winning feature film “The Rest of Your Life.”

## **November 5 – Sam Potolicchio**

### **“Charisma and Leadership”**

Dr. Sam Potolicchio is Director of Global and Custom Education at the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University. Potolicchio was named as one of “America’s Best Professors” by the Princeton Review, the only one in his field and the Future Leader of American Higher Education by the Association of Colleges and Universities. Potolicchio has delivered lectures in over 50 countries including Oxford, Yale, Cambridge, Bologna, Sorbonne, Brown, Dartmouth, and Warwick. He has also served as the Department Chairman and Distinguished Professor in Political and Social Communications at the School of Public Policy at RANEP, the biggest university in Europe and as the President of the Preparing Global Leaders Foundation, a leadership training program for rising leaders from over 100 countries. Potolicchio received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Georgetown, Master in Theological Studies from Harvard, and a Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate from Georgetown in Government.

**November 12 – Keir Lieber**  
**“Nuclear Weapons and International Politics”**

Keir A. Lieber is Associate Professor in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and the Department of Government. Lieber’s research and teaching interests include the causes of war; nuclear weapons, deterrence, and strategy; U.S. foreign policy; and international relations theory. He is author of *War and the Engineers: The Primacy of Politics over Technology* (Cornell University Press, 2005, 2008) and editor of *War, Peace, and International Political Realism* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2009). His articles have appeared in leading scholarly and foreign policy publications – most recently in *International Security*, *Foreign Affairs*, and the *Atlantic Monthly*. He has been awarded fellowships from the Brookings Institution, Council on Foreign Relations, Earhart Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Mellon Foundation, and Smith Richardson Foundation. He is currently writing a book (with Daryl Press, Dartmouth College) on nuclear weapons and international relations. Lieber received his M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Chicago, graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and is a proud product of the D.C. public schools.

**November 19 – Erik Voeten**  
**“International Law”**

Erik Voeten is the Peter F. Krogh Associate Professor of Geopolitics and Justice in World Affairs at Georgetown University’s Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and Government Department. He is the Director of Graduate Studies and Associate Chair of the Government Department. Professor Voeten’s research examines the role of international institutions and law in international affairs. He teaches classes on international relations theory, international institutions, and statistical methods. His blog posts can be found at the Washington Post’s Monkey Cage. He is also an editor of the new on-line open access peer reviewed journal *Research and Politics*.

**December 3 – Nita Rudra**  
**“Globalization and Poverty in Developing Countries”**

Nita Rudra is an Associate Professor of Government at Georgetown University. Her research interests include: the distributional impacts of globalization as they are mediated by politics and institutions; the influence of international organizations on social welfare in developing economies; the political foundations of different welfare regimes; and the causes and effects of democracy in globalizing developing nations. Her most critical works appear in the *British Journal of Political Science*, *World Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Organization* and *International Studies Quarterly*. She has a book with Cambridge University Press entitled: *Globalization and the Race to the Bottom in Developing Countries: Who Really Gets Hurt?* , and co-edited a special issue of *Comparative Political Studies* on “Globalization and the Politics of Natural Resources.” She completed a one-year fellowship awarded by the Fulbright-Nehru Foundation at the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore India in 2011. She has also been a recipient of the International Affairs Fellowship from the Council on Foreign Relations, which placed her at the Social Development Department of the World Bank for one year.