

Global Challenges: Where Do We Stand?



INST 2500: IRC Interdisciplinary Colloquium

Fall 2023 | Thursday, 6:30-7:30 pm | IRC Fishbowl | 1 credit CR/NC
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Overview:

Looking for an informal opportunity to discuss a range of global challenges we face in the 21st century? Do you have ideas about to confront these challenges? Do you want to learn with others about how they are doing so?

Join a small interdisciplinary group of International Residential College residents in the colloquium this fall. A colloquium is not a lecture, but rather a conversation among thinkers—literally "a speaking together." Each week a distinguished IRC Faculty Fellow will select a reading and facilitate a stimulating discussion around ideas that we have encountered. Together we will explore a diverse range of complex social, political, environmental, economic, aesthetic, and ethical issues. All readings and video links will be posted on Canvas. In addition, each student will receive a copy of Valarie Kaur's book *See No Stranger*.

The colloquium will meet 10 times throughout the semester—beginning on August 31 (2nd week of class) and ending on November 16 (week before Thanksgiving). The schedule on page two provides more detail. We will meet in the Munford House 'Fishbowl' over an informal dinner provided by the IRC.

Learning Objectives:

- learn about a diverse range of complex global challenges
- develop respectful and critical discussion skills
- engage with distinguished IRC Faculty Fellows and residents
- enrich our IRC community through interdisciplinary understanding
- Learn a little more about the Charlottesville community

Learning Evaluation: Successful course completion course requires the following:

Participation 50% (5pts x 10 sessions): Attend and participate actively and collegially in every session. Complete all assigned readings and videos before class and prepare at least one discussion question each week. Active engagement is essential to the vitality of our discussions and your own learning.

Reading Responses 40% (5 pts x 8): Write a concise, one-page response to the assigned readings (300-500 words max). Explore an idea that interests you from one reading or more. Please upload a word doc to the "Assignments" page before class in preparation for our discussion. Choose any 8 of the 10 class days.

Brief Reflection Paper 10%: Write a reflection paper (approx. 1,000 words) that summarizes what you are taking away from our discussions and how you might use this knowledge in your own life to promote positive change in the communities where you live.

Date	Seminar Topic + Faculty Fellow Note: topic order and readings subject to change before first class	Readings – on Collab
Th, Aug 31 6:30-7:30	Connecting to People/Place in the US & Globally David Edmunds, Director, Global Development Studies	Kaba, M Chapters on Hope, Everything in Community, Care Estes, Bravebull Allard, Sacred Stone Camp
Th, Sep 7 6:30-7:30	Urban Mobility + Personal Responsibility Michael Petrus, Prof. of Urban & Environmental Planning	Akhtar, M. 2022. "Too many Americans live in places built for cars—not human connection," <i>Vox</i> . Temple, J. 2019. "Sorry, Scooters aren't so Climate Friendly After All," <i>MIT Tech Review</i> .
Th, Sep 14 6:30-7:30	Isn't Abundance a Blessing? Sanda Iliescu, Prof. of Architecture and Art	Iliescu, Sanda. 2022. "Abundance," <i>Experiencing Art & Architecture</i> , Ch.9. (or gallery work, or new mural)(go to public art space) Ask Phoebe to intro
Th, Sep 21 6:30-7:30	Jack Chen, Institute for Humanities and Global Cultures	Rassool, Ciraj 2019 https://read.dukeupress.edu/public-culture/article-abstract/31/2/343/138425/The-Politics-of-Nonracialism-in-South-Africa
Th, Sep 28 6:30-7:30	TBD	
Th, Oct 5 6:30 – 7:30	University/Community Relations Camaran Gaillard, IRC Alum and R3 Coordinator	Review website: https://www.pharville.org/phars-focus/residents-for-respectful-research/
Th, Oct 12 6:30-7:30	See No Stranger: A Practice Sandy Seidel, Prof. of Biology, A&S Association Dean Past IRC Director of Studies	Kaur, Valarie. 2020. "Wonder," <i>See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love</i> : 7-32 (book given to all participants)
Th, Oct 19 6:30-7:30	TBD	TBD
Th, Oct 26 6:30-7:30	Global Week Attend events sponsored by Global Week team	TBD
Th, Nov 2 6:30-7:30	TBD	TBD

Th, Nov 9	TBD	TBD
Th, Nov 16 6:30-7:30	Sharing of lessons learned	TBD 1-page reflection paper due 11/20 Upload to Collab assignments.