INTERNTIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY
GENERAL SEMINARS
FALL 2024 — IS 110

SEMINSARS BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9th

SOME ASPECTS OF ARAB POPULAR CULTURE
Taught in English
Tuesday: 5:30-6:20 PM  
M. Mustafa (mamustafa@wisc.edu)
Conover House Den  
110 Conover  
Section: 001
Gives a brief introduction to the Arab World then discusses some aspects of cultural expression: Language, religion, art, folktales, music, food and clothing.

BOOKS AROUND THE WORLD
Wednesday 4-4:50 PM  
TBD (tbd@wisc.edu)
Special Collections Memorial Library  
Section: 003
What is a book? What can we learn about a work’s content and social role from the materials used to create it? Explore these questions with the help of expert librarians and UW’s global collection of rare “books.”

CHOCOLATE AROUND THE WORLD
Monday 4-4:50 PM  
C. D’Etcheverry (cdetcheverry@wisc.edu)
Showerman House Den  
107 Showerman  
Section: 004
Can a foodstuff give us hope? How compassionate are the practices used to produce, distribute, and market food in this country and others? Explore these questions with the help of your tastebuds as we learn about globally-sourced chocolates available in the U.S.

HOPE AND COMPASSION: NORDIC WELFARE STATE AT HOME AND ABROAD
Tuesday 4-4:50 PM  
S. Mellor (samellor@wisc.edu)
1312 Van Hise  
Section: 002
Starts in the 1870s, during a period in Scandinavian Letters called the Modern Breakthrough which took up social issues needing change. See how the conversation at this period informed the social welfare state started in the 1930s and how the ideas of hope and compassion informed its construction. Discover how after the 1970s, the Nordic countries were held up as a middle way between socialism and capitalism, sometimes called compassionate socialism. Look at, and critique, how these ideas were and are a part of Nordic identity as compassionate societies offering hope to themselves and the world.
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SEMINARS BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9TH

LA RESIDENCIA: HOPE AND IMAGINED FUTURES IN STORIES OF (IM)MIGRATION
Taught in Spanish
Tuesday: 4-4:50 PM
Rose Taylor Room 202 Showerman
C. Stafford (cstafford@wisc.edu)
Section: 006

Explore how Spanish-speaking (im)migrants to the U.S. imagine futures for themselves, their families and communities through storytelling of various sorts. Based in historical and contemporary accounts (in video, audio and/or written form) of (im)migration to and settlement in the Upper Midwestern United States.

NIHONGO HAUSU: JAPANESE FOOD
Taught in Japanese & English
Thursday: 2:30-3:20 PM
Showerman House Den 107 Showerman
Y. Shimizu (yshimizu3@wisc.edu)
Section: 003

Focus on Japanese food and the culture around it.

RUSSKI DOM: SINGING HOPE AND COMPASSION IN RUSSIAN
Taught in Russian
Tuesday: 4-4:50 PM
Showerman House Den 107 Showerman
K. Evans-Romaine (evans-romaine@wisc.edu)
Section: 005

Examine the themes of hope and compassion, interpreted from various points of view, as conveyed in song in Russian.
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SARANGCHE: KOREAN LANGUAGE SEMINAR
Taught in Korean & English
Thursday: 4-4:50 PM
TBD (@wisc.edu)
Showerman House Den 107 Showerman
Section: 004

Explore and examine various ways of learning language and culture by reflecting upon individual experiences and views of learning the Korean language and culture and discussing effective strategies to acquire language skill sets (e.g., speaking, listening, writing, and reading).

STOCKWERK DEUTSCH: FREIWILLIGE UND LANDDIENST IN DEN DEUTSCHSPACHIGEN LÄNDERN
GERMAN LANGUAGE SEMINAR
Taught in German
Monday: 7 -7:50 PM
J. Larson-Guenette (jclarson3@wisc.edu)
Showerman House Den 107 Showerman
Section: 002

What does it mean to “serve one’s country” beyond military service? Explore the history and the traditions of volunteerism and service in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. How does each nation conceive of “service”? What are the social and cultural benefits for such programs? Addresses these questions (among others) in the contexts of Germany’s Freiwilliges soziales Jahr along with Switzerland’s (compulsory) army service and Landdienst in Austria.

ZHONGWEN TIANDI : UNDERSTANDING CHINA AND ONESELF
Taught in Chinese and English
Wednesday 5:30-6:20 PM
T. Zhang (tianlu.zhang@wisc.edu)
Rose Taylor Room 202 Showerman
Section: 001

As human beings, we all want to know the answers to these three questions: Who am i? Why I am here? Where am I going? Answers vary from person to person, but the pathway to finding those answers is only one: see oneself, see others, and see the world. This course invites students to cultivate the ability of seeing through learning and understanding China—an ancient civilization with a revitalized role in this global community of shared future. Regardless of whether one thinks they already know a lot about China, or they don’t know much about it, they will obtain a refreshed view on China, on themselves, and on shared human experiences by the end of this course.