

NEW SPRING 2019 CLASS!

PLSC 5183, Comparative Governance Systems Wednesdays, 6-8:30 pm, MAIN 422, Dr. Margaret Reid

This seminar will explore responses to the tremendously complex and contentious challenges to global and local problems that are intertwined but require unique policy responses that take into consideration the social, economic and cultural needs of its residents.

TOPICS: Small groups will select a specific policy area that aligns with their policy or professional interests and analyze approaches, their theoretical premises, and the institutional arrangements that have traditionally been used to propose solutions and guide implementation. As they become more familiar with the various approaches, they will identify reasons for the shortcomings of some and strengths of others, noting that recommendations may not always be generalizable to specific locales.

Possible topics: Food insecurity; poverty alleviation; water safety; gaining access to financial markets; e-commerce; the role

of social enterprises and local innovations; incentive structures to assure compliance (e.g. vaccinations); women in the workforce (both urban and rural); curbing labor exploitation and human trafficking.

WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS SEMINAR: Students from our PLSC MA and MPA programs (selected PUBP students with an international focus), as well as others interested in examining the consequences of the increasing fluidity of institutional boundaries that challenge our traditional sectoral division of labor where governments take on specific tasks, the market on other issues, and civil society again addressing other challenges.

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