Religion and Global Citizenship
Luce Faculty Seminar 2014-2015
West Hall, 120, Wednesdays 8:45-10:15

Project Description

A global citizen is, loosely speaking, one who affirms membership in the wider community of humanity. The rapidly expanding discourse of “global citizenship” is among the most crucial developments in our time. It overlaps with, yet is distinguishable from, other related idioms and pursuits, including human rights, humanitarianism, and cosmopolitanism. Human rights norms have codified universal rights—the immunities, protections, and privileges—due to all people regardless of national identity. Global citizenship goes further: it represents efforts to instill new obligations, loyalties, virtues, and outlooks that transcend traditional boundaries of citizenship and identity. It can be found across a range of issues and political problems: from climate change; immigration and human trafficking; educational initiatives and exchanges; global health and to development; as well as fair trade and labor practices.

In its aspiration to be an organizing motif and a universalist vision for the twenty-first century, global citizenship raises vital questions about its relations to other forms of allegiance and identity, particularly religious identities and commitments. These relations have rarely been explored, perhaps due to the pervasive assumption that global citizenship is a secularist discourse or project.

This seminar will explore historical and theoretical dimensions of global citizenship. We will examine its roots, evolution, and diffusion, considering leading sites and exemplars of global citizenship, the causes and interests they represent, and the institutions and venues in which global citizenship is put into practice. We will address the relationship between global citizenship and other forms of identity and commitment, paying primary attention to the relations—of conflict and cooperation—with religious universalisms and forms of identity.

September 3
Session I: What is Global Citizenship?
Facilitator: Linell Cady

Readings:
• Amherst Declaration on Global Citizenship (3 pp.)

**Supplemental Readings**

• Madeline Green, “Global Citizenship—What Are We Talking about and Why Does It Matter?” (4pp)
• Nigel Dower, “Global Citizenship: Yes or No?,” in *Global Citizenship*, 30-40.

### October 1

**Session II: Globalization: Contexts and Forces**

**Facilitator: George Thomas**

**Readings:**

• UN Global Education Initiative, “Foster Global Citizenship”
• “HP Commitment to Global Citizenship” & flowchart
• Arjun Appardurai, "Broken Promises," *Foreign Policy*, (Sep/Oct 2002), 42-44.

**Supplemental Readings**

• Klaus Schwab, "Global Corporate Citizenship" *Foreign Affairs*, 87.1 (Jan/Feb 2008), 107-118.
October 6  
**Chandra Muzaffar Visit**

**Readings:**
- Muzaffar, Chandra, “Working Towards Peace”

October 29  
**Session III: Cosmopolitanism: Historical Roots and Contemporary Expressions**  
Facilitator: Yasim Saikia

**Readings:**

**Supplemental Readings**
- “History of Cosmopolitanisms,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Section 1 of Entry on “Cosmopolitanism”),  
- Short Selections on Stoicism (Marcus Aurelius, Cicero, Kant)

November 6  
**Evelyn Bush Visit**

**Reading:**

December 3  
**Session IV: Case Study on Immigration I**  
Facilitator: Roxanne Doty

**Readings:**
- Luis Cabrera: *The Practice of Global Citizenship* (Cambridge University Press, 2010), Intro and Part I

**January 21**  
**Session V: Case Study on Immigration II**  
**Guest: Luis Cabrera**

**Readings:**
- Luis Cabrera: *The Practice of Global Citizenship*, Part II

**March 4**  
**Session VI: Humanitarianism**  
**Facilitator: Linell Cady**

**Readings:**

**April 1**  
**Session VII: Religion and Global Citizenship I**  
**Facilitator: George Thomas**

**Readings:**

**April 9**  
**The Global Citizenship Commission**  
**Jeremy Waldron Visit**

**Readings:**
April 22  
**Session VIII: Religion and Global Citizenship II**  
*Facilitator: Yasmin Saikia*

Readings:

**Seminar Participants**
- Gaymon Bennett, Assistant Professor Religious Studies
- Linell Cady, Director, Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict and Professor of Religious Studies**
- John Carlson, Associate Director, Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict and Associate Professor of Religious Studies (on leave 2014-15)**
- Roxanne Doty, Associate Professor School of Politics and Global Studies *
- Chad Haines, Assistant Professor Religious Studies
- Anne Herbert, Director for Undergraduate Education and Lecturer in Law
- Stanlie James, Professor, African and African American Studies and Women and Gender Studies, School of Social Transformation
- Catherine O'Donnell, Associate Professor of History
- Thomas Puleo, Associate Professor School of Politics and Global Studies
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