COURSE OVERVIEW
This seminar is designed primarily for seniors majoring or minoring in International Studies. During the semester, I hope the course will accomplish four goals:

1) to provide the group with a common vocabulary for analyzing the current international environment - politically, economically and socially;
2) to encourage participants to think about future global relationships in an informed and constructive way;
3) to prepare students to write research papers on topics of their choice relating to International Studies; and
4) to exchange views, debate, question, research - all in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust.

Toward these ends I have assigned the following books:

- *Dead Aid* by Dambisa Moyo
- *My Life with the Taliban* by Abdul Salam Zaeef
- *America Transformed: Globalization, Inequality, and Power* by Hytrek and Zentfgaf
- *Jihad vs. McWorld: Terrorism's Challenge to Democracy* by Benjamin Barber
- *New Ideas on Development after the Financial Crisis*, Birdsall and Fukuyama (Editors)

There will be additional readings assigned on a weekly basis. Later on in the semester the seminar will be devoted to discussion of each other's ongoing work in progress. Student input is vital, both to the content and organization of the seminar! Please share your concerns in the group, with me individually, or in both settings. I encourage you to become keenly interested in current events during this semester, and to bring into the seminar each week a discussion of real life events that may be explored using the framework we are developing.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
I will email you the assigned articles or chapters for each week. Please print out and read them for the day they are due, so that we may have a complete discussion with maximum participation. **Class participation counts 20% of your grade.**

There are but two writing assignments: First, a 10 pp. paper (due October 30th) in which I will ask you to answer some questions relating to the readings and class discussions. **This paper counts 30% of your grade.** Second, **your Paper in International Studies (50% of your final grade)**, which is due by 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 in my mailbox, Room 426 McGuinn. We shall be conferring about topics and lengths of these papers. **A first draft of your paper is due in class on Tuesday, November 20th.**
Tuesday 9/11
Globalization
Decisions on Paper Topics
International Stratification
Complete Hytrek and Zentgraf

Tuesday 9/18
Using O'Neill Library; Components of a Research Paper
Afghanistan: Zaeef, 1st half.

Tuesday 9/25
Afghanistan: Zaeef, 2nd half; Tom Friedman, Articles from the New York Times

Paper Outlines are Due
Modernization Theory

Tuesday 10/2
Critiques of Modernization
Dependency Theory; World Systems Theory

Tuesday 10/9
Development Systems and Weak States
Amartya Sen, “Democracy as a Universal Value.”
Francis Fukuyama, “Weak States and International Legitimacy.”
Birdsall and Fukuyama, ch. 1; ch. 10

Tuesday 10/16
Culture Clash - Jihad and Macworld
Barber, esp. pp. xi – 32; 73-87; 268-292
S.P. Huntington The Clash of Civilizations, ch. 3.

Tuesday 10/23
Neo-Liberalism and Foreign Policy
Distribute Mid-term assignment

Tuesday 10/30
Mid-Term is Due
RE-CAP OF MID-TERM

Tuesday 11/6
Development in the Recession Era
Discussion: Birdsall and Fukuyama, chs. 2, 3; either chs. 4 & 5 or 6 & 7; chs. 11 & 12

Tuesday 11/13
Organizing student input for final seminars
Discussion: *Dead Aid*, by Dambisa Moyo.
 Tues  11/20  First Drafts of Papers are due  
Alternatives to Neo-Liberalism  
Severyn T. Bruyn, A Civic Republic, chs. 2, 4, 9

 Tues  11/27  STUDENT PAPER PRESENTATIONS

 Tues  12/4  STUDENT PAPER PRESENTATIONS

 Tues  12/18  Final Drafts of Papers are due in my mailbox, 426 McGuinn  
by 12:30 p.m.