

Syracuse University London is looking for an instructor for Fall 2019 for a political science course.

PSC350 America: A Foreign Perspective

This course encourages students to think critically about U.S. influence in world politics - what it had been, what it could be. The course goes beyond a simple survey of positive/negative, pro-/anti-American views and instead delves into historical causes, looking broadly at U.S. foreign policy and the history of some of America's foreign relations since the Second World War. Ultimately the course seeks to understand foreign perspectives on America as 'structures of feeling' - some of which writer Suzy Hansen identifies as "a broken heart, a defensive crouch, a hundred-year-old relationship, bewilderment that an enormous force controls your life but does not know or love you." Where do such views and feelings about the U.S. come from? Why are most Americans ignorant about what the U.S. does beyond its borders? 'A foreign perspective' on America in this course refers to other countries and to those within America who may be alienated or excluded; to historical and political perspectives that critique dominant U.S. narratives and myths; to students themselves watching and considering the U.S. from abroad; and even to an internal unconscious that renders so many Americans 'strangers to themselves'.

This is an adjunct position for one semester, with the possibility of renewal in Spring 2020. Advanced PhD students are welcome to apply. The course meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30-1:00, please consider this time slot when applying. Please email your cv and cover letter to Dr Meghan Callahan, Assistant Director for Teaching and Learning at macallah@syr.edu by April 23.