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From: Stephen Van Evera
To: 17.40ers
Re: Other classes of interest if you liked 17.40

17.40ers have asked me what other classes one might take at MIT if one liked 17.40. I would mention these:

SPRING 2004--POLITICAL SCIENCE CLASSES OF SPECIAL INTEREST


17.953 U.S. Military Budget and Force Planning, Dr. Cindy Williams, Thurs. 1-3, room E56-249. Williams is omniscient on these matters. It's scary how much she knows. Where did she learn it all?

17.477J/STS.07J Technology and Policy of Weapons Systems, Monday 10:00-1:00, building E51-385, Prof. Ted Postol.

17.423 Causes and Prevention of War (HASS), Tu-Thur 11:00-12:30 in 35-225, Prof. Steve Van Evera. World War I, World War II--why did they happen? Will we have World War III? Find out here.

17.549 Issues in Contemporary China, Prof. Ed Steinfeld, time and place TBA. China is the coming story, and Steinfeld has a God-like reputation as a teacher—he's vastly better than Van Evera. He might even be nearly as good as the 17.40 TAs, amazing as that seems.

17.551 The Political Economy of Chinese Reform, Tuesday 11:00-1:00, in E51-278. Prof. Ed Steinfeld.

17.32 Environmental Politics and Policy (HASS-D), M, W 2:30-4:00, in 1-150, Prof. Steven Meyer.


FALL 2004 POLITICAL SCIENCE CLASSES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

The following classes were given in fall 2003 and will PROBABLY be given again in fall 2004:

17.31J Science, Technology, and Public Policy (HASS), Prof. Ken Oye. Oye taught Van Evera everything he knows about these matters and he's a fabulous teacher.

17.50 Introduction to Comparative Politics (HASS), Profs. Lawson and Rodden. Politics everywhere is explained here.

17.471 American National Security Policy (HASS), Prof. Steve Meyer. Meyer is a fine teacher. Even funny sometimes.

17.40 American Foreign Policy, (HASS-D CI), Prof. Van Evera. You know this one.
17.195, Globalization, Prof. Suzanne Berger.

17.547 Government and Politics of China (HASS), Prof. Ed Steinfeld.

17.S21 Introduction to Japan, Prof. Richard Samuels.

**HISTORY SECTION CLASSES**

Also of possible interest are classes taught in the history section. The following courses are listed as current history offerings:

21H.631, Palestine and the Arab–Israeli Conflict, Prof. Charles Wilkins.

21H.601, Islam, the Middle East, and the West, HASS-D, Prof. Charles Wilkins.

21H.615, The Middle East in the 20th Century, Prof. Charles Wilkins.

21H.320, Europe in the 20th Century, Prof. William Watson.


21H.580, From the Silk Road to the Great Game: China, Russia, and Central Asia, 500–2000 A.D., Prof. Peter Perdue (Fall 2002).


21H.546, World War II in Asia: Film, Fantasy, Fact, Prof. John Dower.

21H.802, Modern Latin America: Revolution, Dictatorship, and Democracy, 1808–Present, Prof. Jeffrey Ravel.

21H.126, America in Depression and War 1929–1945, Prof. M. Jacobs

21H.131, The United States in the Nuclear Age: Politics, Culture and Society Since 1941, Prof. M. Jacobs.