POLI 882: TAM/CES Fall 2020 Friday Lecture Series
On zoom – 12:30pm – 2:00pm (unless otherwise noted).

Course Profile
POLI 882 is a one-credit course designed to enhance students’ understanding of transatlantic, EU, and contemporary European perspectives through lectures from and discussions with experts in the field. This lecture series will draw on the knowledge of UNC faculty and other visiting scholars or professionals. All lectures will take place on zoom. Please note that the speaker schedule is subject to change.

Course Requirements
Attendance at the Friday lectures is required. If you miss one lecture, I won't ask any questions. Try to save up this free pass for when you are in a tough spot. If the unavoidable occurs and you explain to me that it was indeed unavoidable, and you miss two or three lectures, you can watch the youtube video of the missed lectures (assuming the speaker agrees to be filmed) and provide a short summary and/or critique of the talk. After that, your grade may suffer if you miss any more lectures.

Some speakers will provide an advanced copy of the lecture or a relevant article. TAM students are encouraged to read these selections before the Friday lecture. Most of the readings will be sent to you via the tam2020 listserv and/or posted on Sakai. Each week, one to three TAM students will be responsible for introducing the speaker at the Friday lecture. This short presentation must include more substance than a mere list of degrees, achievements, and work experience. Please put some effort and creativity into finding out about the speaker’s interests and work. This may require some outside reading and hopefully, communication with the speaker. This piece is the main assignment for this class. Please also generate a few questions for the speaker before each lecture.

Failure to do the work involved in your speaker presentation or to comply with the attendance norms will result in an F. Please take these requirements seriously.

Fall 2020 lecture line-up:

Friday, August 14th: “The Troubles with Brexit” film and panel
Tony Silberfeld (moderator), Director, Transatlantic Relations, Bertelsmann Foundation
Philippe Dickinson, Second Secretary, Political Section, Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Tom Glynn, Film Director, The Troubles with Brexit; Founder, Gauge Theory Creative

Wednesday, August 21st: “The Power of Muddling Through: European Responses to Crises and Implications for Transatlantic Relations.” Dr. David Armitage, Senior Analyst for Europe at the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR)

Friday, August 28th: Brandon Bohnr ’19 “Transatlantic Trends 2020”
Brandon is a TAM grad and Project Manager of Transatlantic Relations at the Bertelsmann Foundation.
Friday, September 4th: Professor Christiane Lemke – “30 Years of German Unification”

Friday, September 11th: Currently scheduled for 11am. We are trying to push this back to 12:30pm. I know a few of you have a conflict with 11am.
Cecilia Malmström is Assar Gabrielsson Professor at Göteborg School of Economics. She served as European Commissioner for Trade from 2014 to 2019. She previously served as European Commissioner for Home Affairs from 2010 to 2014 and Minister for European Union Affairs from 2006 to 2010. She was a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) from Sweden from 1999 to 2006.

Friday, September 18th – Emily Rodriguez, Protect Democracy, an organization whose sole mission is to stop American Democracy from sliding towards authoritarianism.

Emily works on Communications. Before joining Protect Democracy, she focused on global democracy issues at think tanks and international organizations, including the National Democratic Institute (NDI). Prior, she worked in domestic politics, strategic communications, and organized labor for almost a decade. She has observed elections in Latin America, the Middle East, and Africa, and is a political partner with the Truman National Security Project and a Penn Kemble fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy. The Pennsylvania native holds a master’s degree in international development from Sciences Po Paris and a bachelor’s degree from American University’s School of International Service.

Friday, September 25th – Jeff Brown ‘15, Head of Technology Policy at the Bertelsmann Foundation

Friday, October 2nd: TAM Alumni Panel. Details will be forthcoming.

Friday, October 9th: Prof. Banu Gökarksel, The UNC-CH Caroline H. and Thomas S. Royster Distinguished Professor for Graduate Education, The Graduate School Professor of Geography and Global Studies, Fellow, Institute of Arts and Humanities Fellow, Center for Urban and Regional Studies

“Encountering Difference: Citizenship and Belonging of Middle Eastern Refugees and Immigrants in the European Union”

Friday, October 16th: Brian Swint ’02. Brian is a TAM grad and journalist for Bloomberg. He works in London and will discuss his career and TAM experience.

Friday, October 23rd:
Tony Silberfeld, Director of Transatlantic Relations at the Bertelsmann Foundation.

Friday, October 30th: Prof. Mark Schwartz, Department of Politics at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville
Friday, November 6: Professor Priscilla Layne, Associate Professor UNC-CH Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures
“Environmentalism, Fantasy and Intersectionality: A Comparison Between the US and the EU”

Friday, November 13th – Professor Priscilla Layne, Prof. Christiane Lenke and Professor Dominic Nyhuis will form a panel and discuss “Germany’s Leadership in the EU Today: A Look at Germany’s EU Presidency, its Response to COVID-19, and its Role in the Fight Against Racism”