

POLI 882: TAM/CES Fall 2023 Friday Lecture Series

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Fridays, in person (GEC 1005) and/or on zoom – 12:15pm – 1:45pm – or as otherwise noted below.

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 TAM alumni, UNC faculty, and other visiting scholars or professionals. Lectures will take place in person and on zoom. Please note that the speaker schedule is subject to change.

Course Requirements

Attendance at the Friday lectures is required. Some speakers will provide an advanced copy of the lecture or a relevant article. Most of the readings will be sent to you via the tam2023 listserv and/or posted on Canvas. Each week, TAM students will be responsible for introducing the speaker at the Friday lecture. Please see assignments below. 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 2023 lecture line-up:

Friday, August 25th: UNC-CH Professor Priscilla Layne - "Comparing Right-wing Talking Points in Germany and the US"

Friday, September 1st – No class because of Labor Day

Friday, September 8th – Liam Deering '17, Due Diligence and Head of European Operations at Prescient. "Corporate Career Strategies" On zoom.

Friday, September 15th at 4 PM– Alumni Panel (Lauren Gaillard '17 (Berlin, CODE Fachhochschule), Erin Minthorn '06 (Resilience), Tobin Williamson '12 (Maine, immigration))

Friday, September 22nd – UNC-CH Visiting Professor Christiane Lemke, "Finding Common Ground in Uncertain Times: The Prospect of Multilateralism in Transatlantic Climate Change Policy"

Friday, September 29th – Mark Vail, Wake Forest University, "Market Wages: Patterns of Contentious Politics in France under Neoliberalism"

From the "Yellow Vests" movement of 2018-2019 to the massive protests in 2022-2023 over President Emmanuel Macron's pension reforms, the past five years have witnessed some of the most extensive French labor militancy since the 1990s. In contrast to stereotypes of French workers as fond of social disruption, Mark Vail argues that recent patterns of intensifying worker unrest reflect deepening fractures in the French social contract and the effects of decades of labor marginalization. He suggests that recent conflicts offer warning signs about the growing illegitimacy of the French state and augur ill for the future of French democracy."

Friday, October 6th – Nicole Hayworth, Global Talent Acquisition Partner/Interim Lead at commercetools

Friday, October 13th – UNC-CH Assistant Professor Junghyun Lim, Political Science

Friday, October 20th – TAM DC trip – no lecture

Friday, October 27th – Stefanie-Lahya Aukongo, Namibian-German Poet

Friday, November 3rd – TBD

Friday, November 10th – UNC-CH Assistant Professor Noah Kittner, Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering

Friday, November 17th – UN and the EU: Darla Deardorff, UNESCO Chair, & Kathryn Good, Head, United Nations Non-governmental Liaison Service (NGLS)

Friday, November 24th – Thanksgiving Break – NO CLASS

Friday, December 1st – Sam George of the Bertelsmann Foundation in DC – film screening on zoom - "Tinderbox, Belt & Road"