Network Winter 2017

Athens, Greece

January 9 - 13, 2017

Network Winter is a series of intensive seminars that run concurrently in a week during the winter intersession.

The 2017 Network Winter seminars

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE: SCIENCE, ECONOMICS, MIGRATION

This seminar will review the scientific evidence for human induced global climate change and how this evidence is (and is not) being used to inform public policy. We propose to address the following issues: How rigorous is the current scientific understanding about the mechanisms of global climate change? What are the projected impacts of global climate change on human populations, economics, and vital food and water resources? Can the so-called carbon "bubble" be addressed realistically? Are international agreements to address global climate change viable? We will explore creative ways to introduce global climate change into the undergraduate curriculum for students in different disciplines, including science majors and non-majors.

With convener Benjamin Santer, an atmospheric scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

This seminar will examine why people are fleeing their homes; the networks of smuggling and traffic that have developed around the Mediterranean; the international refugee regime; refugee rights; and the various laws that countries and the European Union have developed to manage refugees and migrants. Greece, among other European nations, has been very visible as a site of this activity, although far larger numbers of migrants and refugees seek safety outside of Europe with far less attention from the media and international actors.

We will consider the choices refugees and migrants must make, the difficulties they face, the losses they suffer, and the achievements that come to define them. Most importantly, we will learn from the artistic, cultural, and non-fiction works of refugees themselves.

With convener Rochelle Davis, an associate professor of cultural anthropology in the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University’s Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service

UPROOTED AND DISPLACED: REFUGEES, (IM)MIGRANTS, AND EXILES IN WORLD LITERATURE

How has migration (both forced and voluntary) resulted in a renegotiation of the concepts of identity, nationality, home and belonging? Does migration foster transnational and transcultural identities? How do migrants (in the words of Rushdie) transform their new worlds?

In this seminar we will address these and other questions through our reading of world literature that explores the ways in which migration questions and challenges constructions of place and identity. We will examine literary texts that treat the interrelated themes of diaspora and home, exile and otherness, and borders and border crossings. We will also study theoretical texts about migration and identity by scholars such as Edward Said, Paul Gilroy, and Salman Rushdie, among others. Finally, we will consider how the insights gained in this seminar are relevant to our own communities, which will include a focus on Greece and the refugee crisis.

With conveners Adrienne Kalfopoulou, a full-time faculty member at Deree-The American College of Greece; and Hariclea Zengos, a professor in the Department of English and Modern Languages at Deree-The American College of Greece

Successful applicants are provided with accommodations in residence halls, breakfast and lunch for the seminar week, as well as all the reading materials required for the program. Participants cover their own travel expenses and dinners.

These opportunities are available to UVM tenure and non-tenure track faculty whose primary assignment is teaching, and who have at least a .75 FTE for nine months or more.

Application Deadline

Please submit your applications to the office of Diversity, Engagement and Professional Development on or before September 28, 2016 via email to develop@uvm.edu or in person to Allen House, 461 Main Street, 2nd Floor.

Additional Programs:

• Wednesday, January 11
  A special program featuring European political representatives who will discuss the current global refugee crisis. (Details TBA).

• Thursday, January 12
  An optional tour of the New Acropolis Museum, the Acropolis and the surrounding area of Monastiraki and Plaka will be offered to participants and guests. This tour (including transportation) will be offered free of charge to participants. Additionally, an optional taverna dinner (with entertainment) will follow the tour. There is a cost associated with the dinner.

• Saturday, January 14
  A full-day excursion that will include stops at the Isthmus of Corinth, the extensive ruins of Ancient Corinth, and Nafplion, the first capital of modern Greece. We also will visit the Laskaridio Folk Art Museum and enjoy lunch. There is a cost for this optional tour.

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www.nyu.edu/frn/programs.events/enrichment/apply2017.html

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