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Graduate Student Activities: Spring 2026

Please join the **Graduate Student Writing group** to attend structured writing sessions, peer feedback, accountability check-ins & progress tracking, and resource style sharing. By attending these sessions you will increase writing productivity and clarity, develop peer-review skills valued in academia, collaboration and community, and CSGGE-certified participation record for CVs. There will be a focus on thesis chapters, journal articles, conference papers, dissertation proposals, and academic writing.

Date: Starting, Friday, January 30th

Time: Bi-weekly, 3-6 pm

Location: Coble Hall

801 S. Wright St., Champaign, IL

The **Reading Book Club** will discuss issues surrounding gender, race, and technology inequalities. If you wish to have a platform to share some of your thoughts from reading a book or hearing other people's thoughts, this is the group for you! Additionally, each person will get access to free books.

Date: Starting, Friday, January 23rd

Time: Bi-weekly, 3-5 pm

Location: Coble Hall

801 S. Wright St., Champaign, IL

Please contact Anita Kaiser at arkaiser@illinois.edu if interested in joining either of these groups.

CSGGE Co-Sponsored Event Coming Soon

PALESTINE IN THE WORLD SERIES

SHRINKING CIVIC AND ACADEMIC SPACE IN GERMANY: AN INVENTORY OF RECENT RESTRICTIONS AND VIOLATIONS

A TALK BY DR. ILYAS SALIBA



**MONDAY,
DEC. 8TH, 2025
1:00 pm CST**

Join the Illinois Global Institute for the next installment of its lecture series, "Palestine in the World." This talk will be held via Zoom Webinar.

Webinar link: <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/87601804841?pwd=a7xzgvTVWF4un2bsQNwMhyHXlqw8ph1>

Dr. Ilyas Saliba is a non-resident fellow at the Global Public Policy Institute, and an Associated Lecturer at the Centre for Fundamental Rights at the Hertie School of Governance.

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*CO-SPONSORING UNITS HOUSE DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES BUT ALL HOLD THAT A HEALTHY UNIVERSITY ATMOSPHERE REQUIRES DISCUSSION, DEBATE AND DIALOGUE.

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Palestine in the World Series

Shrinking Civic and Academic Space in Germany: An Inventory of Recent Restrictions and Violations, A Talk by Dr. Ilyas Saliba

Speaker: Dr. Ilyas Saliba, non-resident fellow at the Global Public Policy Institute, and an Associated Lecturer at the Centre for Fundamental Rights at the Hertie School of Governance.

Date: Monday, December 8th

Time: 1:00 pm

Virtual: Join [Online via Zoom Webinar link](https://illinois.zoom.us/j/87601804841?pwd=a7xzgvTVWF4un2bsQNwMhyHXlqw8ph1)

Passcode: 069786

The European Union center brings this talk as a part of the 'Palestine in the World Series.' Ilyas Saliba earned his PhD from Humboldt University in Berlin, focusing on authoritarian learning in Egypt and Morocco during the Arab Uprisings. His recent work centers on human rights, civic

spaces, academic freedom, and fieldwork safety and ethics. At GPPi, he co-developed the Academic Freedom Index (AFI) and refined qualitative research guidelines on academic freedom. He serves on the advocacy advisory board of Scholars at Risk Europe, the board of Alliance for Critical and Solidary Scholarship, and the Academic Freedom Committees at both the British and German Middle Eastern Studies Associations. He is also an expert for UNESCO on measuring the implementation of the right to science. Saliba has co-authored two books and published op-eds, policy briefs, and academic articles on academic freedom and fieldwork safety. His research interests include contemporary authoritarianism in the WANA Region and shrinking civic spaces.

This event is co-sponsored by Center for Advanced Study; Center for African Studies; Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies; Center for Global Studies; Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies; Center for South Asian & Middle Eastern Studies; Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity; European Union Center; Illinois Global Institute; LAS Global Studies; Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies; The Program in Arms Control & Domestic & International Security; Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center.

Join us December 15, 2025

**Five Years Later:
Reflection, Lessons, and
the Pathways Forward
and the COVID-19
Legacy**



6-8:30 PM: 1000 Siebel Center for Design, UIUC
1208 S 4th St, Champaign, IL 61820 *This event is open to the public*

This event will bring together health professionals, community members, students, and individuals profoundly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to reflect and honor the collective experience of Illinois residents. This symposium will serve as a space for open dialogue, offering an open space for conversation, learning, and healing.

All are welcome.
Light refreshments will be served.
This event is sponsored by:



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Midwest Nursing History
Research Center



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Scan the QR code to register

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This event is co-sponsored by The Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity and the Midwest Nursing History Research Center in the UIC College of Nursing.

Women in Science Lecture Series Fall 2025

The University of Illinois Archive has announced that they will be hosting monthly women in science lecture series, featuring speakers from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign scientific enterprise. The lecture series will concentrate on highlighting a vast range of innovations and contributions of women in sciences at the University of Illinois. The University of Illinois Archive wants to highlight the importance of identifying women in scientific fields of study and engineers, in order to develop a diversified historical record. Please share this information with anyone who seems interested!

The December Lecture will be given by Dr. Pinshane Huang, Professor and Racheff Faculty Scholar of Materials Science and Engineering, will discuss her research on transmission electron microscopy and spectroscopy of two-dimensional materials and soft-hard interfaces.

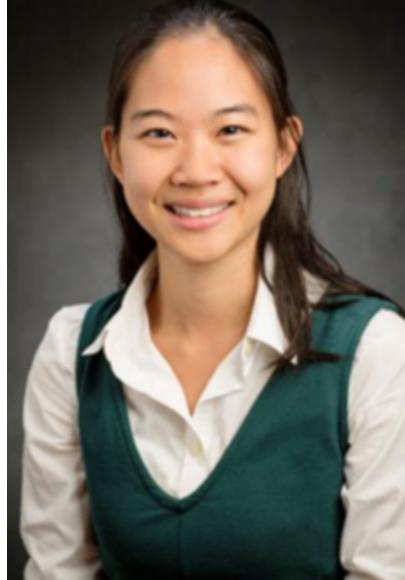
Speaker: Dr. Pinshane Huang, Professor and Racheff Faculty Scholar of Materials Science and Engineering

Date: Thursday, December 11th

Time: 12 pm - 1 pm

Location: Main Library, Room 146
1408 W. Gregory Dr, Champaign, IL

Virtual Option: Join Online via link provided upon registration



Please, click here to register for Women in Science December Lecture: Dr. Pinshane Huang

This event is hosted by The University of Illinois Archive and co-sponsored by The Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity

GRID Core Course Offered Spring 2026



**Gender Relations in International Development,
CGGE 581**

Meets 01/20/26 - 05/06/26

Thursday, 2:00 pm - 4:50 pm

**Location: 131 English Building
608 South Wright St, Urbana, IL**

CRN: 78215

Course description: Students in this course acquire the theoretical and empirical skills required for understanding, evaluating, and critiquing development programs and policies. The core focus is on the gendered dimensions of such programs and policies.

Theoretical skills are acquired through comparative analyses of competing models of development such as the capability approach, dependency theory, and neo-liberal theory. Empirical skills are built by critically evaluating national and international programs and policies related to education, health, nutrition, and agriculture as well as access to economic resources and the means of production. **This course will be led by Professor Fogelman, C.**

[Click here to view CGGE 581 in Course Explorer](#)

Spring 2026 Course of Interest

GLOBAL
CLASSROOM
TAUGHT ONLINE
SYNCHRONOUSLY
WITH COURSE AT
UNIVERSIDAD
PRIVADA BOLIVIANA

THIS COURSE ALSO
SATISFIES THE
GENERAL EDUCATION
CRITERIA FOR:

Non-Western Cultural Studies
Behavioral Sciences

Spring 2026 PGH B -
ABE 232/AFST 233 (3 hours)
Tuesday 1:30 PM
MWTF 1:25 PM
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Dr. Ann-Perry Wilmer
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**ABE 232/AFST 233 Context in International
Interventions**
**ABE 532 Advanced Contextual Engineering
ONLINE**

These courses introduce students to Contextual Engineering, which evaluates social and cultural conditions to determine the appropriateness of an engineered technology. Learn how the influences of culture, economy, education, politics, and mechanical proficiency can be incorporated into technical decision-making to improve outcomes and adoption. Team with partner students from Universidad Privada Boliviana in La Paz, Bolivia. The course, taught in English, uses a case study from rural Nigeria to examine the impact of societal context on technical design.

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[Click here to view ABE 232/AFST 233 in Course Explorer](#)

[Click here to view ABE 532 in Course Explorer](#)

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from CSGGE.

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CSGGE Programs

Gender Relations in International Development Graduate Minor

CSGGE offers a graduate minor in Gender Relations in International Development (GRID). The GRID interdisciplinary minor is designed to give students the analytical and empirical skills needed to address and

Global Classroom Taught Online Synchronously with
Course at Universidad Privada Boliviana:

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critically evaluate human development issues in research and policy analysis, as well as in daily life. As of 2025, GRID Alumni have come from 41 departments across campus and 52 different countries.

To learn more about the GRID minor, please contact Anita Kaiser at arkaiser@illinois.edu or by phone at 333-6221.

[Click for more info on GRID minor](#)

Master of Science
in Global Studies 

Call for Applications
Apply Now

The MS in Global Studies (MSGU) is a 32-hour, three semester program that also offers a 5-year dual BA or BS and MSGS degree option. The program prepares students for careers that require knowledge of and ability to work within areas related to (1) Global Economics, (2) Global Security, and (3) Gender & Public Policy. By combining these with theoretical and professional training and experience by increasingly interacting with the world, it emphasizes real-world, professional training and experience by enabling students to study, research, and work globally and with international universities and industry partners. The MSGS develops broadly educated and well-trained scholars, practitioners, and professionals who will become future leaders with a global impact.



Admission requirements

- Completed a four-year bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning (or have 10 or more years of related professional work experience).
- Submit an application to the Graduate College for admission: <https://grad.illinois.edu/graduate-studies/global-studies/program-overview/application>

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[Click to learn more information on MSGS](#)



Undergraduate Certificate in Global Health

Joint with CSGGE and LAS Global Studies

LAS Global Studies, in conjunction with the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity (CSGGE), is offering a Certificate in Global Health. **This certificate is open to all undergraduate majors at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.**

[Click for more information on Undergraduate Certificate](#)



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