

Winter 2020

Discovery@UCSB

Major Discovery Seminars:

Major Discovery Seminars are new for Winter 2020 and are intended for Undeclared students and others who might like to explore new or additional majors as they focus their UCSB educations.

Please note that if a listed seminar does not last the full 10 weeks, the drop deadline may be sooner.

INT 96JF

- **Title:** Can the Social Sciences Help Us Find Systemic Alternatives to the Climate Crisis? The Case of Eco Vista
- **Department:** Sociology
- **Instructor:** John Foran
- **Instructor Email:** foran@soc.ucsb.edu
- **Day - Time - Room:** Thursday 2:00-3:50 in HSSB 4202
- **Enroll Code:** 64030

Course Description: Sociology, like every other academic discipline (including Environmental Studies) has been caught flat-footed by the speed and severity of the climate crisis.

Scholars now need to consider what a sociology of climate change looks like, and how it must be informed by a number of other approaches to get a more complete picture.

This seminar provides new interdisciplinary ideas about social transformation and a project-based field practicum in turning Isla Vista into an ecovillage in the next ten years, called Eco Vista

[www.ecovistacommunity.com]. Along the way they will develop their own ideas in a collective community project that offers skills and hope for the future.

INT 96RS

- **Title:** Awaken to your Major: Interdisciplinary Consciousness Studies
- **Department:** Black Studies
- **Instructor:** Roberto Strongman
- **Instructor Email:** rstrongman@ucsb.edu
- **Day - Time - Room:** Thursday 1:00-2:50 in South Hall 3635
- **Enroll Code:** 64063

Course Description: This winter quarter, come to “Know Thyself” and find your major field through an exploration of Interdisciplinary Consciousness Studies. Discovering your vocation will happen as you realize who you are. In this seminar we will explore the concept of “Consciousness” as it is understood in various disciplines in the social sciences, humanities and STEM fields. Through an eclectic set of readings and guest speakers from Religious Studies, Philosophy, Biology, Computer Science and other relevant fields, students will be able to sample various methodological avenues to answer the main question of the course: Who am I?

INT 96SB

- **Title:** Literature and Politics
- **Department:** Spanish and Portuguese
- **Instructor:** Silvia Bermudez
- **Instructor Email:** silbermudez@ucsb.edu
- **Day - Time - Room:** Tuesday 3:00-3:50 in HSSB 1236
- **Enroll Code:** 64048

Course Description: This seminar examines political figures/ authors, major literary, musical, and filmic works from Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula (particularly those in Spanish, Catalan, and Galician) from the 19th Century to the present by considering them in their historical and political contexts. By so doing, "Literature and Politics" invites students to explore diverse and enduring social issues and political concerns such as migration, borders, censorship, equal rights, gender violence, among others.

INT 96SC

- **Title:** Contemporary Cities and their Futures
- **Department:** History of Art and Architecture
- **Instructor:** Swati Chattopadhyay
- **Instructor Email:** swati@arthistory.ucsb.edu
- **Day - Time - Room:** Monday 9:00-11:50 in ARTS 1245 - Seminar will meet the LAST 5 weeks of the quarter ONLY - Feb 11, 18, 25 March 3 , 10
- **Enroll Code:** 64055

Course Description: Fifty-five percent of the world’s population lives in “urban areas.” This figure is closer to 80% in countries like France, Germany, Spain, UK, and the US, and the numbers in the rest of the world are expected to grow in the next few decades. This growth is accompanied by an acute crisis of basic needs--water, food, fuel, shelter--, and resource sustainability. Consequently, the viability of contemporary city form and infrastructure has become a critical concern across disciplines. Our urban future depends on asking the right questions now: Why do cities take the form they do? How do we read the pattern of our cities and urban places? How is city infrastructure supported and whom does it serve? What are the alternatives? The goal of this seminar is to offer students an opportunity to discover multiple disciplinary approaches to the field of urban studies and how urbanists are tackling new research questions. The 5-week seminar led by Professor Swati Chattopadhyay (History of Art and Architecture) will feature guest presentations by Professors Keith Clarke (Geography), Paul Amar (Global Studies), and Mona Damluji (Film and Media Studies). The class will meet during the last five weeks of Winter quarter.