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International Affairs Council, Yale Center for International and Area Studies Announce Changes to Strengthen International Studies Major

August 29, 2003. New Haven, CT ♦ The International Affairs Council of the Yale Center for International and Area Studies (YCIAS) announces changes to further strengthen the International Studies (IS) major. Key elements are summarized below:

- 1) Five new junior level courses taught by ladder faculty, comprising the core of the IS double major, will be phased in. The first of the new junior core courses available for IS majors this semester are "Statecraft and Power," taught by Paul Kennedy, and "Political Economy of International Relations," taught by Jason Sorens.
- 2) A popular two-semester foundation course, "International Ideas and Institutions", taught by Charles Hill, will now be open to freshman and sophomore students.
- 3) Five additional courses will be taught by five faculty new to the Yale campus this year, including "The Economics of Developing Countries," taught by Rohini Pande, "North Africa, Islam and the Colonial Experience," taught by Driss Magraoui, and "Negotiating the Political in Modern Hinduism," taught by Faisal Devji.
- 4) A more robust set of 200-level courses designed to connect all Yale College students to other international and interdisciplinary research programs within YCIAS, FAS departments and the professional schools will be offered, including "Central Issues in American Foreign Policy," taught by Stuart Gottlieb, "Labor Politics in a Globalized World," taught by Scott Martin, and "Twenty-First Century Demography," taught by Michael Teitelbaum.

Coincident with these changes, some requirements for the major will change, but current IS majors may elect to shift to the new requirements or choose to complete their major under the former regime. Three year-long senior seminars will continue to be the capstone of the major, and the rich array of travel grants and fellowships available to IS majors remains in place. Details of the IS major requirements can be found in the Yale College Programs of Study Bulletin and at the International Affairs Council web site www.yale.edu/ycias/iac/.

A review of the IS major leading to these changes began in 2001 at the request of Gustav Ranis, the Henry R. Luce Director of YCIAS. The review committee was chaired by William Foltz, the Henry Heinz Professor of African Studies and former Chair of the International Affairs Council, and included John Lewis Gaddis, the Robert A. Lovett Professor of Military and Naval History and current Chair of the International Affairs Council, James Vreeland, then the Director of Undergraduate Studies/International Studies, and Nancy Ruther, Associate Director of YCIAS.

"The International Studies major is the flagship of our undergraduate teaching program at YCIAS, focused on giving Yale College students a broad and deep understanding of the rest of the world," Ranis said. "The IS major is the most popular of the double majors and has the 10th largest enrollment of any Yale College major," said Gaddis. "Though it is consistently oversubscribed, we are conscious of the need to continue to improve the major as issues, interests and analyses evolve. Moreover, in view of the size constraint, we recognize the need to expand our international course offerings to the broader Yale College student body, and we anticipate further evolution in light of the recent report of the Committee on Yale College Education."

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