

Geog 67 The Politics of Everyday Life SPRING 2023/MWF 11:15-12:05 CH 204

This course examines the ways that politics, especially contests over territory, are part of our day-to-day life. We will explore a range of cases, from immigration policy and rhetoric in the US, to popular representations of geopolitics in film, to the politics of family planning in India. How do questions of love, friendship, family, and youth identity tie into the international and national political stories that we see on the news? What does national identity have to do with our individual sense of self? We will also explore alternative ways that international politics have been studied, as feminist geopolitics or antigeopolitics, and questions of citizenship. Work for the course will involve original research on intersections of international politics and students' daily life, as well as exploring representations of geopolitical issues in the media, film, and fiction.