ASA 189E
Asian/Arab American Studies Intersections: Youth, Globalization, Citizenship
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T/R 2:10 - 4:00 PM

This course offers a comparative examination of two communities that are linked by shared histories of colonialism, immigration, and racialization in Asia, the Middle East, and the U.S. The course will focus on the major themes of youth, politics and popular culture at the intersection of Asian American and Arab American studies, examining similarities and differences between these two communities. It explores issues of citizenship, displacement, transnationalism, ethnic identity, religion, gender, generation, and inter-racial affiliations as they play out for Asian and Arab American youth and youth cultures.

The course will offer a transnational perspective, for both before and after 9/11, Asian and Arab American communities have been shaped by the globalization of culture and media, transnational connections between communities in the U.S. and homeland countries, and U.S. policies in relation to home nation-states. The course uses an interdisciplinary approach, drawing on readings from the social sciences, humanities, and cultural studies, and also on fiction and films/video.

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