**SERIOUS GAMES AND WORLD POLITICS**

**A COOPERATIVE SUMMER SEMINAR**

**Call for Participants**

Hotel [Iver](https://www.booking.com/hotel/rs/smestaj-iver.sr.html" \t "_blank), Mokra Gora, Serbia, 21-25 June

University of Belgrade Faculty of Political Science and Ohio State University

Within the framework of the Serbian Educational Alliance, a U.S. State Department-funded university partnership program between the Center for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies at The Ohio State University and the Faculty of Political Science at the University of Belgrade, **Serious Games and World Politics** is a summer seminar to be held in Serbia in June 2023. Co-funded by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Mershon Center for International Security Studies at The Ohio State University, the seminar invites **graduate students in social and behavioral sciences and humanities to apply** for funded positions (7 for Ohio State students, 10 for U of Belgrade students).

The seminar will create a community of scholars who will inhabit an interdisciplinary space that brings together humanities and social and behavioral scientists to explore research and pedagogy related to world politics through gaming practices in the classroom and presenting their own research to peers and faculty.

**We seek** applicants who are Ohio State graduate students interested in how identity, memory, trust, ethics, and norms operate in an international context.

**We invite** students from all disciplines within the College of Arts and Sciences to apply for seven (7) paid spots at the seminar (roundtrip airfare, housing and meals at the seminar, transportation). **Deadline to express interest is March 15, 2023; we will request additional materials from select participants by April 1, 2023 and decisions will be relayed as soon as possible.**

**To express interest** please send the following to Ms. Emma Pratt ([pratt.124@osu.edu](mailto:pratt.124@osu.edu)), assistant director of the Center for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies:

* Short c.v.
* Dissertation, MA thesis, or research paper topic (title and 50 word abstract)
* Name of faculty advisor who can be contacted as a reference
* Brief statement of pedagogical experience / teaching interests (50 words)

Full application must include:

* Explanation of how your research and/or pedagogy will benefit from concepts of gaming and exploration of problems of local and global politics, including in cultural texts such as film, literature, and media (250 words maximum)
* Title/topic of research (dissertation chapter or paper) to be presented at seminar.

**Background:** Most games that have been used in the International Relations classroom tilt toward teaching concepts of realist IR such as anarchy, the security dilemma, and instrumental rationality in strategic decision-making. These are important concepts, but they are not the sole important concepts for understanding world politics.

In this seminar, drawing on the game design and facilitation expertise of Dr. Amanda Rosen and Dr. Nina Kollars, both of the US Naval War College, participants will ‘play’ war and diplomacy games specifically designed to teach: the feeling of ontological (in)security; the roles of identity, collective memory, and norms; and the salience (or not) of international norms, law, and trust. Prior to the seminar, in spring 2023, Rosen and Kollars will design modifications in order to integrate these concepts into standard classroom game(s). Seminar participants will then ‘play’ these draft games and in the debriefing we will discuss how to use them pedagogically in undergraduate classrooms in Columbus and Belgrade.

This is a four-day seminar: days 1-2 will be devoted to gaming; days 3-4 will focus on research presentations. **Research panels will be organized thematically and will consist of 4 student papers and 1-2 faculty discussants, each panel integrating OSU and Belgrade participants.**

**This is a pilot year for the Games Seminar**. Ideally, it will become an annual gathering of OSU and UB PhD students and faculty / staff, with the goal of deepening research and teaching collaboration under the framework of the Serbian Educational Alliance. The total number of participants is 28. This includes facilitators, PhD students, and faculty from OSU and the University of Belgrade.

Participants:

* Facilitators: Dr. Amanda Rosen and Dr Nina Kollars (U.S. Naval War College)
* Leaders: Dr. Filip Ejdus (U of Belgrade), Dr. Jennifer Mitzen (OSU)
* Additional faculty from OSU: Dr. Angela Brintlinger (Slavic/CSEEES), Dr. Matthew Birkhold (Germanic), Dr. Dorothy Noyes (English/Mershon), Dr. Ying Zhang (History)
* Additional faculty from U of Belgrade: (4)
* 7 OSU students
* 10 U of Belgrade students