Final Project  
Advanced Seminar

International Case Analysis

In the final project you will have the chance to choose any country in the world, investigate an issue(s) in that country and relate it to one of the topics we have studied during the semester. The goal of this is to develop research questions about how these issues function in that country. Accordingly, students will be required to create questions and then seek out and generate possible solutions.

In this presentation students will first need to write an organized two page journal entry about their topic in which they develop and state their research questions and possible solutions. Second, students will then have to thoroughly research their issue of choice that is connected to one of the semester topics. Finally, students will have to give a presentation on their topics with three parts:

1. Summary of issue and background information.
2. A discussion and analysis with personal opinions and critique.
3. A discussion of possible solutions that involves the class with an activity that creates discussion (role-play, debate, discussion questions, game, mini-presentations etc.). Your presentation should last around 20 minutes or longer.

Students should post their journal with their ideas and research questions on the wiki-space by Tuesday April 9th. The presentations will take place in the last two weeks of the semester: April 22nd – May 3rd. If you have any issues with the last week of the semester you should notify me as soon as possible.

Design of Example Projects:

1. Topic: Fair Trade Products  
   Country: U.S.A  
   Research Question(s): How are fair trade products regulated? Does it depend on where the product comes from? How are they sure if products are indeed regulated? How does the general population feel about this topic?

2. Topic: Experiences of North African Immigrants  
   Country: France  
   Research Question(s): How are immigrants from Northern Africa treated while moving or living in France? What are some of their personal experiences in the process of immigration? How does this compare to the way some immigrant groups are treated in other countries?