

International Relations Major Advisor Guide

International Relations majors are required to select a faculty member to serve as their IR major advisor. Your advisor works with you to plan your coursework, develop your research and career interests, and serves as a valuable informational resource throughout your undergraduate career. IR major advisors need not be IR affiliated faculty and may be tenure-line faculty, Senior Fellows, or lecturers who plan to be in residence through your senior year.

We recommend the following strategies as a general guide to selecting your IR major advisor. Strategy 1 or 2 most often succeeds in connecting a student with their IR major advisor.

1. Reflect on classes you have taken in which you felt inspired. Has one of these classes cultivated your interest in certain IR specializations, a research project, or a career path? Schedule a meeting with the instructor of that class, either during office hours or by appointment. Prior to your meeting with the instructor, we strongly recommend that you meet with an [IR peer advisor](#). Together, you can sharpen your thoughts on IR specializations and prepare a preliminary IR study plan, both of which would make more productive your meeting with your potential IR major advisor.
2. In consultation with an IR peer advisor, sharpen your thoughts on IR specializations, prepare your preliminary IR study plan, and peruse our list of Suggested Major Advisors below to identify a faculty member whose academic and research interests align most closely with your own. Schedule a meeting with that faculty member, either during office hours or by appointment.
3. Schedule a meeting with the IR Faculty Director or Associate Director, who will assist you in honing in on your interests and help connect you with a potential IR major advisor.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to stop by the IR Office anytime; we are located in Encina Hall Central, Suite 030. You can also email us with questions at intlrelations@stanford.edu.

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Key to IR specialization codes:

A – Africa

CIG – Comparative International Governance

ESA – East and South Asia

EDWE – Economic Development/ World Economy

EENR – Environment, Energy, and Natural

Resources

E&R – Europe (East and West) and Russia

IHC – International History and Culture

IS – International Security

LAIS – Latin American and Iberian Studies

MECA – Middle East and Central Asia

SDHWB – Social Development and Human Well-Being

Professor Lisa Blaydes (CIG, MECA)

- Department: Political Science
- Affiliations: FSI
- Research Interests: Middle Eastern Politics
- Courses: POLISCI 149T, POLISCI 246A, Summer Research College

Jasmina Bojic, Lecturer (SDHWB)

- Department: Stanford Arts Office Programs
- Affiliations: International Relations
- Courses: INTNLREL 141A

Professor David Cohen (SDHWB)

- Department: Classics Department
- Affiliations: WSD Handa Center for Human Rights
- Courses: HUMRTS 103, HUMRTS 106, HUMRTS 109

Professor Martha Crenshaw (IS)

- Department: Political Science
- Affiliations: CISAC, FSI
- Research Interests: Armed Groups, Terrorism
- Courses: Summer Research College

Professor Robert Crews, (E&R, ESA, IHC, MECA)

- Department: History
- Affiliations: Iranian Studies
- Research Interests: Afghanistan, Central and South Asia, Russia, Islam, and Global History
- Courses: HISTORY 1C, HISTORY 21, HISTORY 201A

Dr. Christophe Crombez (EDWE, E&R)

- Department: FSI Europe Center
- Affiliations: International Relations
- Research Interests: EU Politics and Business-Government Relations
- Courses: INTNLREL 122, INTNLREL 123

Professor Larry Diamond (CIG)

- Department: Political Science and Sociology
- Affiliations: FSI, CDDRL, Hoover Institution
- Research Interests: Comparative Democracy
- Courses: POLISCI 147

Professor James Fearon (IS)

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- Department: Political Science, Economics
- Affiliations: FSI
- Research Interests: Civil and Interstate Wars
- Courses: POLISCI 101

Dr. Thomas Fingar, Shorenstein APARC Fellow (ESA, IS)

- Department: FSI Institute for International Studies
- Affiliations: Center for East Asian Studies, International Relations
- Research Interests: China's Global Engagement, International Intelligence and Security
- Courses: INTLPOL 244, INTLPOL 246, INTLPOL 285

Professor Judith Goldstein (EDWE)

- Department: Political Science
- Affiliations: Professor of International Communications
- Research Interests: International Trade
- Courses: POLISCI 110C

Dr. Erica Gould, Lecturer (EDWE)

- Department: International Relations
- Research Interests: International Organizations
- Courses: INTNLREL 63Q, Summer Research College, IR Honors Program

Professor Anna Gryzmala-Busse (CIG, E&R)

- Department: Political Science
- Affiliations: FSI
- Research Interests: Populism, Religious Movements
- Courses: POLISCI 140P

Professor Stephen Haber (CIG, EDWE, LAIS)

- Department: Political Science, History, Economics
- Affiliations: FSI, Stanford Center for International Development, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research
- Research Interests: Development, Mexico
- Courses: N/A

Dr. Laura Hubbard (A)

- Department: Anthropology
- Affiliations: Center for African Studies
- Research Interests: Youth and Popular Culture in Southern Africa
- Courses: AFRICAST 195

Professor Katherine Jolluck (E&R, IHC, SDHWB)

- Department: History
- Courses: HISTORY 105C, HISTORY 201, HISTORY 208B, HISTORY 221B

Professor Colin Kahl (IS)

- Department: Political Science

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- Affiliations: CISAC, FSI
- Research Interests: U.S. Foreign Policy, Middle East
- Courses: POLISCI 114S, Summer Research College

Dr. Herbert Lin, Senior Research Scholar and Hank J. Holland Fellow (IS)

- Department: FSI, CISAC
- Research Interests: Cyber Policy and Security, Information Warfare
- Courses: INTLPOL 259, MS&E 193

Dr. Pawel Lutomski, Lecturer (E&R, SDHWB)

- Department: International Relations
- Research Interests: International Law, Forced Migrations, German-Polish Relations

Professor Beatriz Magaloni (CIG, LAIS, SDHWB)

- Department: Political Science
- Affiliations: FSI, Stanford Poverty, Violence and Governance Lab, CDDRL
- Research Interests: Governance, Poverty Education, Authoritarian Regimes and Democratization

Professor Abbas Milani (MECA)

- Department: Global Studies Division, Iranian Studies
- Affiliations: CDDRL, FSI
- Research Interests: Iranian Politics

- Courses: POLISCI 118P, POLISCI 149S, POLISCI 245R

Professor Norman Naimark (E&R, IHC)

- Department: History, German Studies, East European Studies
- Affiliations: FSI, SGS
- Research Interests: Eastern Europe, Genocide, Soviet Union
- Courses: HISTORY 23N, HISTORY 102, HISTORY 202S, HISTORY 210, Summer Research College

Professor Rosamond Naylor (EDWE, EENR)

- Department: Earth Systems, Economics
- Affiliations: FSI, Center on Food Security and the Environment
- Research Interests: Food Security
- Courses: Econ 106

Professor Jean Oi (CIG, ESA)

- Department: Political Science, Chinese Politics
- Affiliations: FSI
- Research Interests: Chinese Politics
- Courses: POLISCI 248C

Thomas O'Keefe, JD, Lecturer (LAIS, EDWE)

- Department: International Relations
- Affiliations: CLAS

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- Research Interests: Latin American Economics, Globalization, Energy Security, Climate Change
- Courses: INTNLREL 146A, INTNLREL 147

Dr. Bertrand Patenaude, Lecturer (IHC, IS, SDHWB)

- Department: History, International Relations
- Affiliations: CIGH, SCBE
- Research Interests: United Nations, Famine, Humanitarian Aid, Famine in the Modern World
- Courses: History 226E, PEDS 226, History 224C, IntlRel 145

Dr. Robert Rakove, Lecturer (IHC, IS)

- Department: International Relations
- Affiliations: CISAC
- Research Interests: Cold War, U.S. Foreign Policy
- Courses: INTNLREL 168W, INTNLREL 154, INTNREL 173, INTNLREL 174, INTNLREL 102

Professor Scott Sagan (IS)

- Department: Political Science
- Affiliations: FSI, CISAC
- Research Interests: Ethics, Nuclear Weapons
- Courses: Summer Research College

Professor Kenneth Schultz (IS)

- Department: Political Science

- Affiliations: CISAC, FSI
- Research Interests: Impact of Domestic Politics on IR, U.S. Foreign Policy
- Courses: POLISCI 1, POLISCI 110D

Professor Stephen Stedman (CIG, IS, SDHWB)

- Department: Political Science
- Affiliations: FSI, CDDRL, CISAC
- Research Interests: Civil Wars, Mediation
- Courses: INTLPOL 307

Professor Kathryn Stoner, Mosbacher Director of CDDRL (E&R)

- Department: CDDRL
- Affiliations: Political Science, Hoover Institution, MIP
- Research Interests: Modern and Contemporary Russia
- Courses: POLISCI 114D, INTLPOL 231B

Professor Michael Tomz (CIG, EDWE)

- Department: Political Science
- Affiliations: Center for International Development, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research
- Research Interests: International Political Economy, Research Methods
- Courses: Summer Research College, POLISCI 101Z, POLISCI 410C

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Dr. Harold Trinkunas, Deputy Director at
CISAC (IS, LAIS)

- Department: FSI-CISAC
- Research Interests: Armed Groups, Venezuela
- Courses: POLISCI 114S

Professor Kiyoteru Tsutsui, Senior Fellow at
FSI (SDHWB, ESA)

- Department: Shorenstein APARC
- Affiliations: Sociology, Human Rights
- Research Interests: Political and Comparative Sociology, Social Movements, Globalization, Human Rights, Japanese Society
- Courses: HUMRTS 122, SOC 115, SOC 311A

Penelope Van Tuyl, JD (SDHWB)

- Department: Human Rights
- Research Interests: International Criminal Law
- Courses: HUMRTS 101, HUMRTS 117, HUMRTS 196, HUMRTS 197

Dr. Gil-li Vardi, Lecturer (IHC, IS)

- Department: History, International Relations
- Affiliations: CISAC, Hoover
- Research Interests: Military History
- Courses: HISTORY 220G, HISTORY 103F, INTNREL 183

Allen Weiner, JD, Senior Lecturer (IS)

- Department: Stanford Law School

- Affiliations: Center on International Conflict and Negotiation, Program in International Law
- Research Interests: International Law, Law of Armed Conflict
- Courses: Sophomore College, INTLPOL 250, INTLPOL 350, THINK 19

Professor Jeremy Weinstein (A, CIG, EDWE, IS)

- Department: Political Science
- Affiliation: FSI, Global Studies
- Research Interests: Civil War, Ethnic Politics, Political Economy and Development, Africa
- Courses: Summer Research College

Professor Paul Wise (SDHWB)

- Department: School of Medicine
- Affiliations: FSI, CDDRL, CISAC, King Center
- Research Interests: Children's Health, Health-Outcome Disparities
- Courses: HUMBIO 129S

Professor Amy Zegart (IS)

- Department: Political Science
- Affiliations: CISAC, FSI,
- Research Interests: Cybersecurity, U.S. Foreign Policy, Intelligence Agencies, National Security
- Courses: IIS 199, PUBLPOL 100, POLISCI 115