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THE NEW SCHOOL International Affairs

MASTER OF ARTS/MASTER OF SCIENCE

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International Affairs at The New School



“Questions of economics, social and political systems, sustainability, and our relationship to the natural world remain open. . . . It’s up to this generation to engage in working out these questions.”

Michael Cohen, director of the graduate program in International Affairs

Our Program: Theoretical, Practice-Based, Multidisciplinary

The graduate program in International Affairs, established in 2001, is a multidisciplinary master’s degree program that combines theory and practice, classroom discussion and fieldwork. The problem-oriented education offered by the program distinguishes it from conventional international affairs programs. In a short period, the New School’s program has taken a leadership role in international affairs, setting the pace for the education of scholars and practitioners in the global arena.

¶ The New School is a unique urban university founded in 1919 by a group of progressive American educators including John Dewey, James Harvey Robinson, and Thorstein Veblen. The New School offers a distinguished faculty, motivated students, small classes, and close attention to the needs and interests of each individual. The International Affairs program draws on the academic resources of other divisions of the university, particularly Milano The New School for Management and Urban Policy and Parsons The New School for Design. Graduate programs in media studies and the traditional social sciences of anthropology, economics, political science, and sociology enrich the academic environment, as do research institutes like the Transregional Center for Democratic Studies and the Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis.

Our Students

In less than a decade, enrollment in the International Affairs program at The New School has grown from 50 to more than 400 students from 60 countries. Our students work with departmental and university organizations and participate in events that complement their research. They take advantage of the many opportunities for internships, field programs, and consultancies. Continuous contact with academic advisors, program staff, and university student services keeps them on track as they progress toward their professional careers.

¶ Student working groups include the Latin America Forum, Project Africa, Imagining Global Asia, Economics of Security, and Global Health. Students in the program also publish an annual journal, *Contexts*. Learn more about student activities and achievements at www.newschool.edu/internationalaffairs.

Our Location in New York City

The New School is located in Greenwich Village, one of New York City’s oldest and most dynamic neighborhoods. The city offers vast resources to students of international affairs. It is home to international institutions such as the UN General Assembly and Security Council, leading research institutes, and hundreds of grassroots NGOs. It is also the headquarters of major multinational corporations and a center of media production and business.

¶ The International Affairs program takes full advantage of this setting, bringing students into direct contact with outstanding scholars, diplomats, businesspeople, journalists, and global activists working in and visiting New York.

Curriculum & Faculty

Theory Meets Practice

A Distinctive Curriculum

The program of study integrates a set of core courses and a broad range of electives with real-world experience. Sixty courses, along with many internship opportunities, are offered every semester. In the summer, students can participate in the International Field Program, in which they work in developing countries. The program's small seminar-style classes combine research and critical thinking with practical training. Most courses are offered in the late afternoon and evening. Learn more at www.newschool.edu/internationalaffairs.

Concentrations

Students structure their studies in the program by selecting a concentration in one of the following areas:

- Governance and Rights
- Development
- Media and Culture
- Cities and Urbanization
- Conflict and Security

Sample Elective Courses

Supplementing foundation and concentration requirements is an ever-changing selection of elective seminars. Sample course titles:

- Race and Gender in International Relations
- Sustainable Development
- Global Migration
- Tsunamis, Monsoons, Hurricanes: Cities and Infrastructure
- Humanitarian Intervention
- Microfinance in the Developing World
- Refugees and Asylum
- Law and Praxis of Human Rights
- Corporate Justice and Rights
- Public Finance and Debt in Development
- Art and Politics
- Epidemics and International Responses
- Media Terrorism Discourse
- Narratives and Memories of War
- Issues in Latin American Development
- States of Africa
- Middle East Development
- The U.S. in the World Economy
- India-China Interactions

The International Affairs Faculty

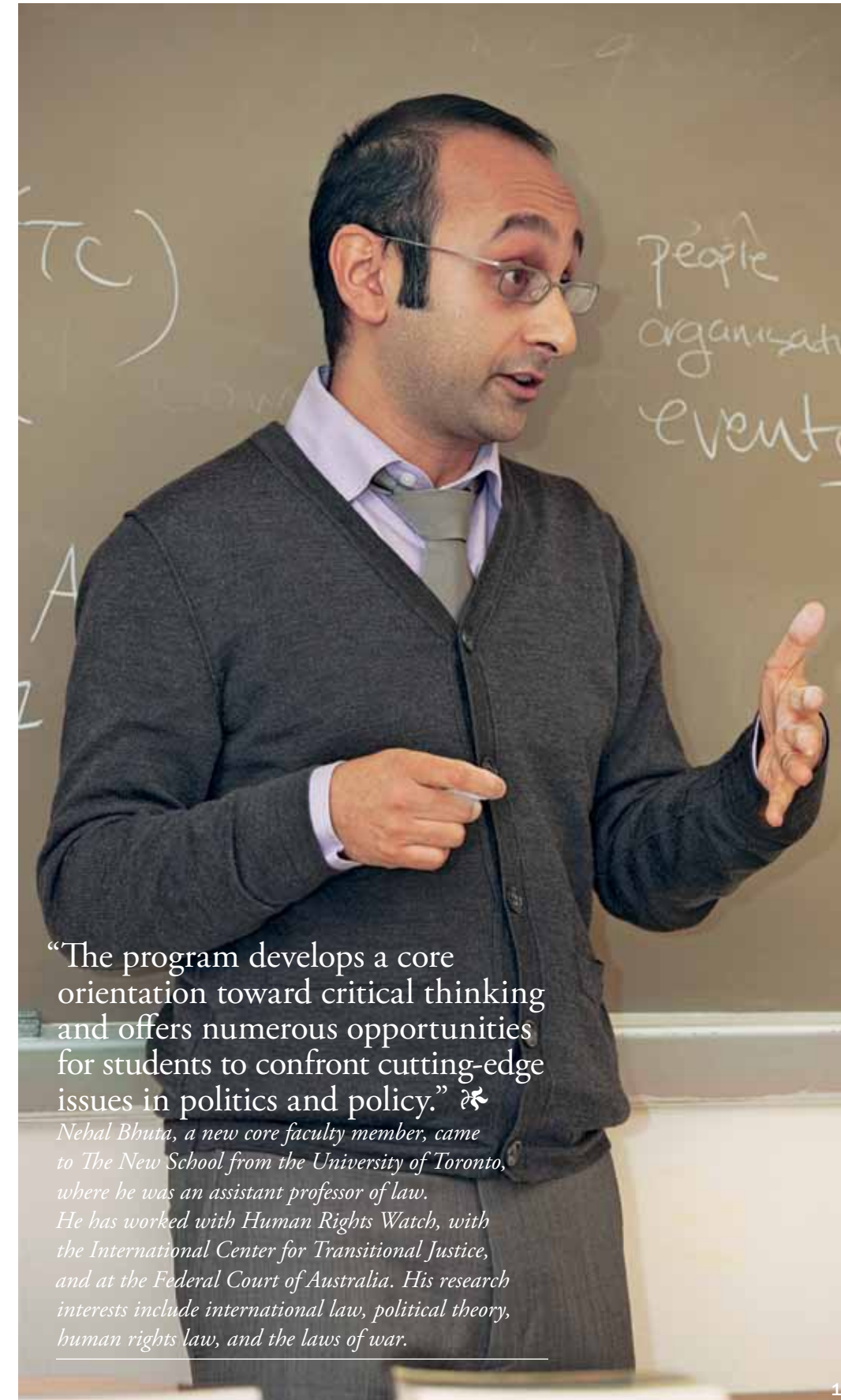
Our diverse faculty is made up of experienced researchers and policy makers in global affairs. They include anthropologists, economists, architects, political scientists, journalists, project management specialists, urban specialists, and experts in international law and in culture and media. Their concerns are development, the environment, migration, international law, human rights, health, women's issues, security and conflict resolution, peacekeeping, international finance and debt, microenterprise, global governance, new media and culture, and issues confronting cities around the world. They have worked in organizations ranging from the World Bank, UNICEF, and the United Nations Development Programme to the World Policy Institute, the International Rescue Committee, and Human Rights Watch.

¶ The New School is a small and tightly knit academic community. Students in the graduate program in International Affairs develop close relationships with the faculty through interactions in the classroom and collaborations on research projects, which are often global in scope.

Members of the Core Faculty and Their Specializations

- Director **Michael A. Cohen** PHOTO 2, urban policy and economic development, development policy
- **Nehal Bhuta** PHOTO 1, international law, human rights law
- **Stephen Collier** PHOTO 4, neoliberalism, anthropology of security
- **Sakiko Fukuda-Parr** PHOTO 6, human development, human rights
- **David Gold**, economics of security, macroeconomic policy
- **Margarita Gutman** PHOTO 5, urban history, Latin American cities
- **Sean Jacobs**, media and politics, film and politics
- **Mark Johnson**, international program management, humanitarian aid
- **Nina L. Khrushcheva** PHOTO 3, comparative media, Russian politics
- **Terra Lawson-Remer**, political economics, law and development
- **L.H.M. Ling**, international relations, Asian development
- **Everita Silina**, critical political economy, security and human rights

The core faculty is supported by a number of adjuncts who are scholars and professionals of the highest caliber. They teach courses on subjects including postconflict strategies, refugee rights, international migration, cultural aspects of media reporting, and global health. Visit the website to learn more about our distinguished faculty and their accomplishments.





Learning Beyond the Classroom

International Field Program

The International Field Program takes students to remote villages and major urban centers around the world. There they work with humanitarian relief organizations like the International Rescue Committee, health and human service organizations like the African Services Committee, and other institutions ranging from the Asian Human Rights Committee in Hong Kong to Viva Rio in Brazil and Argentina's Ministry of Economy in Buenos Aires. The field program has recently been offered in **Brazil, China, Nepal, Hong Kong, Senegal, Uganda, Guatemala, Argentina, Kosovo, and Ethiopia**. Participants earn 6 credits for completing these summer internships, which combine an academic component with hands-on work.

Other Internships

Professional internships in all kinds of relevant institutions are strongly encouraged. Our students are sought after by NGOs and cultural institutions such as the **Coalition for the International Criminal Court, the Council on Foreign Relations, the World Policy Institute, the UN Division for Social Policy and Development, the Museum of Modern Art, and UNICEF**.

Credit and noncredit field experience is strongly recommended but is not required for completion of the MA or MS.

“It was the best learning experience I have ever had. I was able to gain a strong understanding of what was actually going on there through my interviews and compare it with what I had studied before the trip. I saw the gap between policy and reality.” ✨ *Meghan Holohan worked with a partner from Cheikh Anta Diop University and the United Nations Population Fund on a 2009 study of youth sexual behavior and HIV/AIDS in Senegal.*

Practicum

One option for completing the master of arts degree is the Practicum in International Affairs, a faculty-supervised consulting assignment driven by a client organization. A team of four to six students take on a discrete assignment of at least three months duration assisting a nonprofit, public, private, or academic institution. The practicum simulates the professional context in all respects, including deadlines, professional standards for work products, and the imperative to make recommendations based on imperfect information.

✦ Examples of recent student practicum projects and client institutions:

- International Rescue Committee: devising methods to identify and reach victims of human trafficking
- United Nations Development Programme: project on gender and trade
- Human Rights Watch: research on human rights accountability and impunity in Afghanistan, Kosovo, and Argentina
- Cities Alliance: designing the University Urban Research Initiative
- Women's Environment and Development Organization: research into how gender is being addressed in the One UN reform process in Tanzania and Vietnam
- UN Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development: white paper on the potential of information and communication technology in the developing world
- Doctors of the World USA: survey and evaluation of the New York City medical centers' ability to serve immigrant populations including torture survivors
- UNICEF: institutional mapping of social insurance and protection schemes for children, women, and families

Photos opposite were taken on site by participants in the International Field Program. Clockwise from left: Josephine Q. Vu **PHOTO 1**, Nepal; Farzana Ramzan **PHOTOS 2 & 3**, South Africa; Bonny Vosu **PHOTO 4**, Senegal; Andrea Feduzi **PHOTO 5**, India; Jennifer Zanolwiak **PHOTO 6**, India

Global Opportunities

Global Careers

Where Can the Master's Degree in International Affairs Take You?

The New School takes your education as seriously as you do. You are considering making the financial, time, emotional, and intellectual commitment to attend graduate school. You are thinking about outcomes, and so are we. Students come to International Affairs from a variety of backgrounds that may provide a foundation for their academic work and their subsequent career. Students may also discover an entirely new career direction while in the program.

Robert Demeranville managed port operations for containerized shipping companies. Speaking with people who worked in humanitarian relief convinced him that his technical knowledge and experience could be applied to relief operations. Admitted to the program, he concentrated in economics, worked in Turkey on an earthquake reconstruction project, and wrote his thesis on humanitarian operations in the Horn of Africa. After receiving his master's degree, Robert went to work for the USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance. He has since been deployed with disaster assistance response teams in Darfur, Pakistan, Burma, and Haiti and in New Orleans as the international donations liaison during Hurricane Katrina. He also served as the logistics coordinator in the Washington, DC operations center for USAID.

Rachel Nadelman worked for several years developing community service opportunities but wished to be directly involved in poverty reduction. Admitted to the MA program, she concentrated in socioeconomic development. The International Field Program sent her to Uganda, where, with the Ugandan Export Promotions Board, her team researched how women's beekeeping cooperatives could be supported to improve economic opportunities and strengthen the national industry. The next year, Rachel interned with Argentina's Ministry of Economy. Her practicum placed her with the International Rescue Committee. After graduating, Rachel was hired by the World Bank's Social Development department.

Robert, Rachel, and hundreds of other International Affairs graduates are making a mark in public and government service, international organizations, NGOs and non-profits, academia, media, and the private sector. They are policy advocates and program managers in development, human rights, and health and environment. They are documentary filmmakers, international journalists, grant writers, educators, and financial analysts. They have worked in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in Darfur, Indonesia, and India; in HIV/AIDS advocacy in Ethiopia; in conflict zones in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan, and Chechnya; in refugee camps in Pakistan, Ethiopia, and Kenya; and in municipal government in Buenos Aires. They hold positions at the International Rescue Committee, UNIFEM, UNICEF, UNDP, the World Bank, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, the Open Society Institute, the Grameen Foundation, the Global Fund for Children, UNESCO, Africare, the Rockefeller Foundation, the U.S. Department of State, USAID, and a variety of media organizations including the BBC, MTV International, Al-Jazeera, and the *New York Times*.

The New School offers Career Development services. See page 8.

“The New School seemed like a place that would welcome creative thinking, critical questions, and problem solving and would offer training for practitioners and academics alike in an ever-evolving political and economic context. I was excited by the newness of the program and was inspired by a curriculum that could change with the world's issues.” ✎ *Alumna Cate Owren, MA, is the coordinator of the Sustainable Development Program of the Women's Environment and Development Organization. She has been working with a team of advocates at UN climate change negotiations to ensure that gender equality principles are incorporated into a climate change agreement.*



Master of Arts or Master of Science in International Affairs

The Master of Arts curriculum is designed for people looking to pursue, advance or transition into careers in international affairs. They include recent college graduates and career changers with less than five years' relevant experience. The MA requires completion of 42 credits.

¶ The Master of Science curriculum is designed for students with at least five years of post-university work experience in a related field (as determined by the admission committee) who wish to enhance their careers. The MS requires completion of 30 credits.

¶ Candidates for both the MA and the MS must complete the following courses:

- Global Flows and the International Community
- Comparative Development Experience
- Economics in International Affairs
- Methods Course

¶ In their final year, MA candidates have the choice of writing a master's thesis or participating in a practicum with an approved international organization.

MS candidates complete their requirements with electives.

¶ The program is designed to be completed in two years of full-time study, but part-time study is an option.

Financing Your Education

Tuition and fee schedules and other financial information are posted at www.newschool.edu/student-services.

¶ All applicants are considered for merit scholarships.

¶ U.S. citizens and permanent residents should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov (the school code is 002780).

¶ The New School participates in all federal and New York State need-based financial assistance programs, including campus employment and student loans. All need-based financial assistance is awarded in accordance with federal formulas and regulations.

Student Financial Services

For more information about the costs of attending graduate school and financial assistance, see the Financing Solutions Guide on the website at www.newschool.edu/admin/financial or speak to an admission counselor at an information session (see Visit Us/Talk to Us, this page) or email nsadmissions@newschool.edu.

Housing

The New School has a variety of residence halls in the vicinity of the Greenwich Village campus, including a number of options for graduate students. Applicants who are interested in university housing should apply as soon as they receive their admission decision; spaces are awarded on a first come, first served basis. More information and application forms are available at www.newschool.edu/student-services.

Career Development Services

The New School supports International Affairs graduates with

- Individual mentoring and career advisement with trained counselors
- Career workshops, seminars, and panel discussions with successful professionals in related fields
- Networking events on hot topics such as urban development and the role of media in international affairs
- Information about internships and career opportunities posted on websites, wikis, and social networking sites

Visit Us/Talk to Us

Learn more about the graduate program in International Affairs in person. Group and individual information sessions are held throughout the year at which you can discuss the program of study, career directions, costs, and financial aid. Admission representatives also travel to other cities in the United States to meet prospective students who cannot come to New York City.

¶ Learn about and sign up for admission events at www.newschool.edu/internationalaffairs.

The New School in Brief

- Founded in 1919
- Chartered as a university in 1934
- Located in New York City
- Has 10,000 students enrolled in all degree programs
- Has 400 students enrolled in the International Affairs program

The academic divisions of the university are The New School for General Studies, The New School for Social Research, Milano The New School for Management and Urban Policy, Parsons The New School for Design, Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts, Mannes College The New School for Music, The New School for Drama, and The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music.

¶ Visit www.newschool.edu for complete and up-to-date information about The New School.

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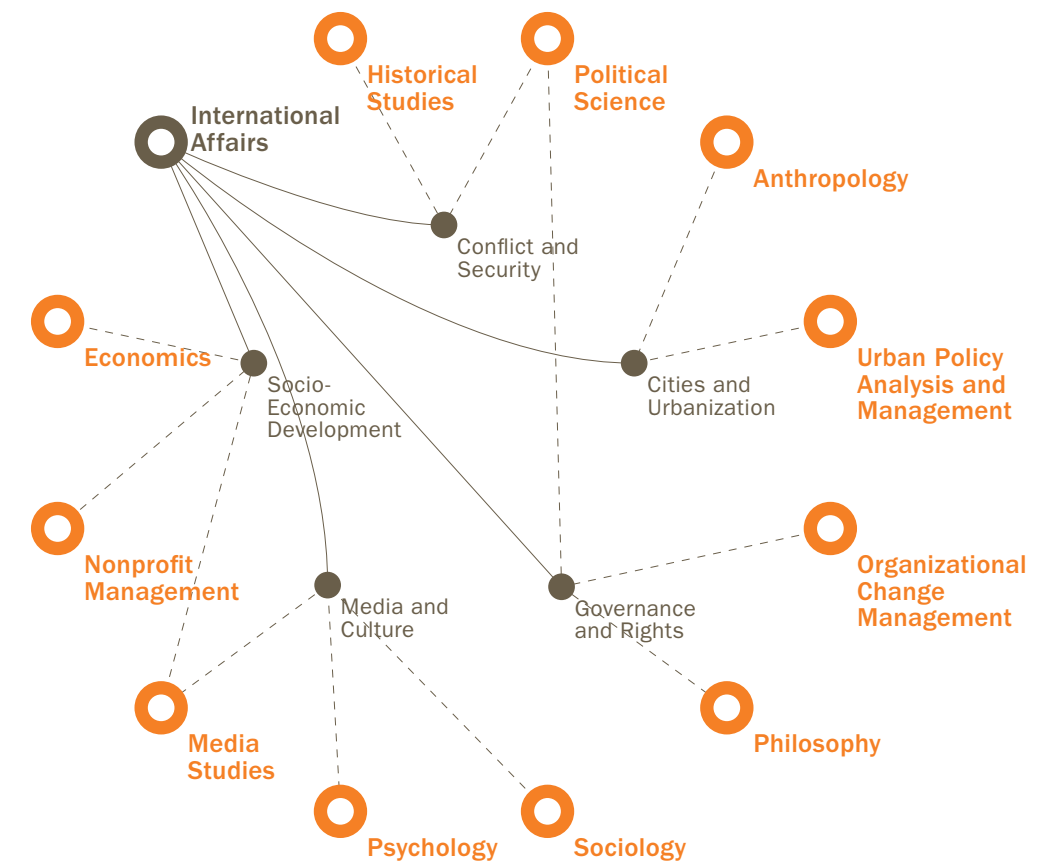
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Related Programs at The New School



○ = related graduate programs at the university

● = concentrations within International Affairs

The New School is a private university in New York City offering undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education programs in the liberal arts and social sciences, management and policy analysis, design, and the performing arts.

¶ International Affairs is one several related graduate programs at The New School. Some are traditional research programs that

may lead to the PhD; others train students for high-level careers in public service and business. All are enriched by the progressive traditions and academic culture of The New School, a unique institution in American higher education.

¶ Visit www.newschool.edu to see what The New School can offer you.

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The graduate program in International Affairs seeks a diverse group of individuals who are committed to deepening their knowledge and improving their practice in the international arena.

¶ New students are admitted for the fall and spring semesters. Priority deadlines are January 15 for fall and October 15 for spring. For more information, contact

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International Students

The New School is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. Students whose native language is not English must provide proof of English language proficiency. Documentation necessary to obtain a visa for entry into the United States is provided after a student has been accepted into a degree program.