



Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science

DEMOCRACY & DIVERSITY GRADUATE SUMMER INSTITUTE

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Following upon the success of our region-based institute in South Africa during the past four years, we are pleased to announce the fifth *Democracy & Diversity* Graduate Summer Institute in Cape Town, South Africa. In an intensive two-week program, an international body of junior scholars and activists engaged in questions of civil society will examine critical issues of democracy and democratization as they manifest themselves in this region and beyond.

Eight years after launching its imaginative program for the creation of a post-apartheid society, economy, and state, South Africa provides an exceptionally stimulating setting for study and debate on democratic transitions and consolidation. The Institute, designed and organized jointly by the Transregional Center for Democratic Studies of New School University, New York, and The EDGE Institute in Johannesburg, will again bring together 40 young scholars and civic leaders, primarily from South Africa and other countries of Sub-Saharan Africa but also from the United States, Latin America, and Central & Eastern Europe.

Faculty and Program

The highly intensive program, offering the equivalent of a full semester of graduate study, includes four core seminars, each co-taught by faculty from Africa and the United States. The curriculum will be complemented by evening guest lectures, panel discussions, field trips, and a day-long concluding conference. Guest speakers at the 2003 Cape Town Institute will include prominent civic leaders, policy makers, and public intellectuals from the region.

Guest speakers at past institutes have included:

- Frederick Van Zyl Slabbert (former leader of parliamentary opposition and co-founder, IDASA),
- Amina Mama (Director, African Gender Institute),
- Njabulo Ndebele (Vice Chancellor, University of Cape Town),
- Zackie Achmat (Director, Treatment Action Campaign),
- Pallo Jordan (Member of South African Parliament, ANC), and Prof. Claus Offe (Humboldt University, Germany).

Curriculum

Classes begin on January 9 and run through January 25. Participants are expected to arrive on January 8 and depart by evening of January 26. All classes will meet thirteen times and offer the equivalent of a full semester-length graduate course in a U.S. university.

- GECO6360 / GANT6023: *Economic Development and Democracy* — Seminar Stephen Gelb, Director, The EDGE Institute, Johannesburg; and William Milberg, Department of Economics, Graduate Faculty, New School University

The transition from an authoritarian system to democracy creates enormous political pressure for economic change. Economic policy must respond to the needs of a wider base of citizens. Coinciding with the wave of democratization over the past decade is a marked “globalization” of production and finance, involving greater international capital mobility and trade openness. This heightened interconnectedness of markets across countries has narrowed the scope for effective economic policy in any given country and contributed to new forms of cultural and political response, including global activism, international crime, and even terrorism. Many governments have relied more heavily on market mechanisms and adopted policies favoring business investors. What are the prospects for economic democracy in such an environment? Can the apparent conflict between globalization and democratization be resolved? What development strategy options are available? This course will explore these questions, relying heavily on experiences in Africa, Latin America and Asia.

- GLIB5229 / GANT6024: *Nationalism, Gender, Globalization* — Seminar
 Shireen Hassim, Department of Political Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg; and Elzbieta Matynia, Committee on Liberal Studies, Graduate Faculty, New School University; with Guest Speakers
 This course will investigate three factors (and their accompanying movements) that have influenced both political discourse and action in the new democracies over the last decade. Whether defined as philosophical concept, ideology, attitude, or group state of mind, *nationalism* continues to be a major *idee force*, leading to successive reconfigurations of the world map. In Europe, as in Africa, nationalism has been both a force for progressive and revolutionary change, and a mobilizing factor in authoritarian politics. Recognizing that the principle of *gender* equity is still rarely reflected in actual social practices in the new democracies, we will discuss the challenging intersections of gender and nation in postcolonial and post-Communist societies. We will examine the relationships between women and nationalist projects, between nationhood and identity, between ethnicity and politics. Finally we will look at *globalization*, and consider how the political goals of nationalist movements (self-determination and state sovereignty) are challenged by the emergence of a supraterritorial system of growing interdependence involving the movement of goods, people, and knowledge across borders.
- GSOC6053: *The Public Sphere: Problems of Democratic Culture and its Enemies* — Seminar
 Xolela Mangcu, Executive Director, Steve Biko Foundation, Johannesburg; and Jeffrey C. Goldfarb, Department of Sociology, Graduate Faculty, New School University
 Democracy as a set of political and cultural practices proved to be significant alternative to 20th Century totalitarian and authoritarian regimes. In Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Africa, Latin America and Asia, potent democratic oppositions initiated a wide variety of democratic transitions, with greater and lesser successes. The wave of new democracies led some to celebrate the end of history, while others struggled with the very difficult tasks of democratic constitution. On September 11, 2001, the profound character of the opposition to democracy was revealed to New Yorkers, Americans and the rest of the world. In this course, starting with a close reading of September 11 and its aftermath, the political cultures of authoritarianism, totalitarianism and terrorism will be compared and contrasted with each other and with democratic culture. Among the issues to be considered are: the relationships between democracy and nationalism, and democracy and social injustice; the legacies of dogmatic and democratic resistance; the problems of civil society; the dilemmas of multiculturalism; and the sociological spectacle of media politics (with special focus on terrorism as media performance).
- GPOL6213: *Sustaining Democracy? The Problem of Boundaries* — Seminar
 David Plotke, Department of Political Science, Graduate Faculty, New School University; Emmanuel Gyimah-Boadi, Department of Political Science, University of Ghana, and Centre for Democracy and Development in Accra
 What do people have to agree on for democracy to persist? If we can agree on a basic view of the institutions and commitments required for democratic politics, hard questions arise at the boundaries of this polity. Analyzing these questions is valuable not only for their own importance but also because boundaries help to define and sustain what they distinguish.

We will look at the problem of boundaries from a number of angles, primarily through the lens of ongoing major arguments about such matters as: immigration; the nature of democratic education; whether to limit political speech to rule out hostile messages; cultural diversity and its limits; and whether (or when) illegal means are legitimate forms of political action. This course, then, is about how membership, toleration, and conflict are related to democratic practices. While the argument of the course is theoretical, sessions will focus on important examples and cases from Africa, Europe, North America, and elsewhere.

- Concluding Conference—*The State of Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa*
Guest speakers will include scholars, political commentators, and public figures from Southern and South Africa.

Why Cape Town?

Cape Town, the capital of the Western Cape Province, is simultaneously an historic and picturesque city of 17th-century origins, and the dynamic legislative capital of South Africa, the site of its Parliament and other important political and educational institutions. It is situated on the Cape of Good Hope peninsula, whose southernmost point is the richly symbolic tip of Africa. With its mild climate, extraordinary setting featuring the spectacular Table Mountain and Lion's Head as backdrops, and its vivid mix of historic sites amid the signs of energizing social and political change, the Cape Town area is an ideal location for the *Democracy & Diversity* Institute.

The main site of the Institute will be Breakwater Lodge, a waterfront campus of the University of Cape Town and a residential complex whose history in many ways is intertwined with that of apartheid. It was used briefly in the early part of this century as a prison, and later, until 1989, as a men's hostel for migrant workers from the rural areas working in Cape Town harbor. Here one is further confronted by a sobering view of Robben Island with its massive prison, now a museum, where anti-apartheid leaders of the African National Congress, including President Nelson Mandela, were held.

Who Should Apply?

Candidates invited to apply may have academic backgrounds in the areas of political science, sociology, social psychology, gender studies, social work, economics, history, political philosophy, and anthropology.

Applicants will fall into two groups:

- Junior faculty or advanced graduate students (preferably working toward their Ph.D.) in the fields mentioned above. We are interested both in theory-oriented students and in those who are engaged in applied social sciences (e.g., policy design and analysis).
- University graduates who are currently working in leadership positions in public sector, non-governmental or community-based organizations.

The Institute offers four intensive seminars, each of which is equivalent to a one-semester graduate course (complemented by an evening program and a concluding conference). Participants will select two of the four seminars and, upon completion of the Institute requirements, will receive certificates. U.S. graduate students will receive appropriate credits (3 credits per course for New School University students).

Institute seminars are conducted in English. *All candidates must have an excellent command of the English language.* Participants from non-English speaking countries must provide evidence of English language skills.

Preference will be given to those young scholars who, while pursuing their academic goals, can demonstrate a commitment to the strengthening of civil society and an active interest in building bridges among universities, NGOs, and the communities in which they live.

Applications

- *Applications from New School University and consortium universities:*

The cost of the Graduate Summer Institute is based on the Spring 2003 Graduate Faculty tuition rate and includes full room and board. Graduate Faculty financial aid is applicable. Travel costs are not included.

To request an **application form**, please contact Olivia Newman, Office of Admissions, Graduate Faculty, 65 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003; tel. 212-229-5710, 800-523-5411 (from outside NYC); fax: 212-989-7102; e-mail gfadmit@newschool.edu.

Please direct all inquiries to Timo Lyyra at e-mail lyyra@newschool.edu, tel. 212-229-5580, fax 212-229-5894.

The deadline for applications is **November 18, 2002 at 12:00 noon**. Advance registration at the Graduate Faculty for the DDI courses will continue through November 22. Applications can be submitted via e-mail, fax, or regular mail. You can also download the application form from our Web site at www.newschool.edu/centers/tcds.

- *Applications from elsewhere in the United States and Central & Eastern Europe:*

A limited number of candidates from elsewhere in the U.S. and Central & Eastern Europe will be considered. Only very limited financial aid may be available for candidates from these regions. Applicants are therefore strongly encouraged to seek financial support on their own and to begin while the application process is underway.

The following information is **required** for the processing of applications:

- Full name;
- Reliable/preferred mailing address, telephone/fax numbers, e-mail address;
- Educational background, degrees received, and current institutional affiliation;
- Applicants affiliated with an NGO or a civic organization should include a brief description of the nature of the work undertaken by their organization;
- One letter of recommendation; and
- A 1,500 word essay in English on a key current issue or problem facing your country, and your views on possible policy measures which government and/or social organizations, and/or international action could pursue to address the problem.

Interested candidates should send applications to the Transregional Center for Democratic Studies. Applications should be sent **preferably via email**, but can also be submitted via fax, regular, or courier mail:

- Email: tcds@newschool.edu (*mark "CT03 application" in subject field*)
- Postal Address: Attn. Megan Mosher, Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, Graduate Faculty, New School University, 65 Fifth Avenue, Room 405, New York, NY 10003, USA (*mark "CT03 application" on envelope*)
- Fax: +1-212-229-5894 (Attn. Megan Mosher)

Please direct all inquiries to Timo Lyyra at e-mail lyyra@newschool.edu, tel. +1-212-229-5580.

The deadline for applications from elsewhere in the U.S. and CEE is **November 25, 2002**.

- *Applications from Africa:*

Applications are welcome from all countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. A limited number of scholarships will be available to selected candidates.

The following information is **required** for the processing of applications:

- Full name;
- Reliable/preferred mailing address, telephone/fax numbers, e-mail address;
- Educational background, degrees received, and current institutional affiliation;
- Applicants affiliated with an NGO or a civic organization should include a brief description of the nature of the work undertaken by their organization;
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Interested candidates should send applications to the attention of Jonathan Faull at The EDGE Institute. Applications should **preferably be sent via email**, but can also be submitted via fax, regular, or courier mail:

- Email: jfaull@the-edge.org.za
- South African applications: tel. (011) 339-1757(office); 082-415-0197 (mobile – evenings); fax (011) 4032794
- Other African applications: tel. +27-11-339-1757 (office); +27-82-415-0197 (mobile – evenings); fax +27-11-403-2794
- Postal Address: The EDGE Institute, P.O. Box 30896, Braamfontein 2017, South Africa;
- Physical Address (for couriered documents): The EDGE Institute, 11th Floor Braamfontein Centre, 23 Jorissen St., Braamfontein, Johannesburg, South Africa

The deadline for applications from Africa is **November 25, 2002**. Applications received after this date will be considered only if space allows.

Disclaimer: The organizers reserve the right to cancel the Institute for reasons involving a force majeure condition or loss of funding.