Our once large and undiscovered world now feels so small. Every day we hear about many world issues, but do we always know what they mean and understand the impacts? This noncredit course, developed by three McGill graduate students, will delve into subjects that would interest any student fascinated in Political Science, International Development, International Relations, and many other areas of academia. The topics explored in this course engage with the two-way relationship between international politics and international law. This politico-legal system regulates and informs our understanding of phenomena such as war, humanitarian intervention, and transnational terrorism. International Law and Humanitarian Intervention provides students with an overview of certain key issues in international relations and international law and encourages them to think critically about the nature of international conflict, cooperation, and governance in the current world.

Course Meetings
Class: July 20: 1:30pm – 4:15pm
July 21-July 31: 9:30am – 12:15pm

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Alice Chessé is a PhD candidate in Political Science at McGill University. She studies international organizations and global economic governance. Her research explores how various actors develop power, influence and prestige through participation in global governance. More specifically, her PhD dissertation asks how international organizations like the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) legitimate and justify inequalities among states. She was a research scholar of the Centre d’Études en Recherches Internationales de l’Université de Montréal (CÉRIUM) in Fall 2019, and she has been a research fellow of the McGill Centre for International Peace and Security Studies (CIPSS) since 2012 where she has worked on various research projects on multilateral diplomacy, as well as on the role of rising powers in institutions of the liberal international order. She teaches International Relations Theory, International Organizations, and International Political Economy. She received the 2015 McGill Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Society Teaching Assistant Award.

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Suvolaxmi Dutta Choudhury is a doctoral student in the department of Political Science at McGill University. Her research engages with questions of human rights, migration, identity, and citizenship. She is currently working on the issue of citizenship as a human right and the relationship between citizenship, democracy, and migration in multi-ethnic societies. This includes inquiring into why and how legal and political construction of citizenship models affect democratic outcomes. Suvolaxmi holds an M.A. and M.Phil in International Politics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, India. She has previously worked on the impact of non-Western cosmopolitan doctrines such as the Islamic notion of *ummah* on the Westphalian sovereign state.

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**Schedule**

**Class 1**  Introductions and Democracy, Authoritarianism, and Populism
**Class 2**  International Law
**Class 3**  Humanitarian Intervention
**Class 4**  Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law
**Class 5**  The Evolution of Interstate Conflict
**Class 6**  Research Methods in Political Science
**Class 7**  Gender and Politics
**Class 8**  Aftershock: A Humanitarian Crisis Simulation
**Class 9**  International Cooperation and Global Governance
**Class 10**  Conclusion and Trivia Challenge

*Please note that reading assignments will be provided for each class and will be available to students before the program begins.*