

## Our Faculty

**Eve Darian-Smith** is a Professor and Chair of the Global & International Studies Program. Specializing in legal pluralism, human rights, and indigenous issues, she has published widely, received various awards for research and teaching, and is a former associate editor of *Law & Society Review* and *American Ethnologist*.

**Raymond Cléménçon**, Senior Lecturer and MAGIS Director in Global & International Studies, specializes in international and comparative environmental policy and politics. He is editor of the *Journal of Environment and Development*. He has taught graduate and undergraduate courses at UC San Diego, and has worked for the Global Environment Facility and World Bank.

**Paul Amar**, a political scientist and urban ethnographer, is an Associate Professor in the Global & International Studies Program. Professor Amar's research traces the origins and intersections of new patterns of police militarization, security governance, humanitarian intervention, and state restructuring in the megacities of the Middle East and South America.

**Richard Appelbaum** is MacArthur Chair in Sociology and Global & International Studies. His specialties include the impact of giant transnational retailers and contractors on labor conditions in global production, and the role of emerging technologies in emerging economies, with a special focus on China and East Asia.

**Javiera Barandiarán** is an Assistant Professor in Global & International Studies. Her teaching interests include development and environment; democratic institutions and states in transition; the politics of knowledge production and science; and innovation and environmental policies.

**Marguerite Bouraad-Nash**, a Senior Lecturer in Global & International Studies and Political Science, is the Vice Chair and Student Advisor of the Global Peace and Security Program. She is a political scientist specializing in international and Middle Eastern politics.

**Alison Brysk** is Mellichamp Chair of Global Governance. Her research and teaching areas are human rights, global governance, civil society, gender, and Latin American politics. Beyond Latin America, she has also lived and lectured in France, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands, Canada, South Africa, Japan, and Australia.

**Nadège Clitandre**, Assistant Professor in Global & International Studies, specializes in the African Diaspora, migration and displacement, and transnationalism with a particular focus on Haiti and Haitian diasporic literature.

**Giles Gunn** is a Professor of English and Global & International Studies. Long eminent in the field of literary and cultural studies, he writes widely on significant ethical and philosophical dimensions of the global and its history.

**Mark Juergensmeyer**, Director of the Orfalea Center, is professor of Sociology and Global & International Studies. A major figure in the field of global religion and politics, his interests include nationalism and religious violence in an era of globalization, and international conflict resolution.

**Esther Lezra**, Assistant Professor in Global & International Studies, specializes in the literary and cultural study of the Caribbean, Europe and North Africa from the 18th century onward. Her research explores questions of memory in the multilingual archive of transatlantic revolutions and the submerging knowledge of Colonial and Post-Colonial Histories.

**Philip McCarty** studies the ways media frame social problems and policy solutions. A Lecturer in the Global & International Studies, he specializes in teaching fundamentals of research design and field research methods.

**Aashish Mehta**, Assistant Professor of Global & International Studies, is a development economist. He has served as an economist at the Asian Development Bank, and has published articles on the economics of education, employment, inequality, caste discrimination, corruption, energy, and commodity price dynamics, as they affect various developing economies.

**Jan Nederveen Pieterse** is Mellichamp Professor of Global Studies & Sociology. His areas of specialization are globalization (including history and political economy), development studies and cultural studies. Recent interests are emerging societies and cultures of emancipation.

**Gurinder Singh Mann** holds the Kundan Kaur Kapany Chair in Sikh Studies. His interests in Sikh tradition range from the early emergence of Sikh institutions to global challenges facing contemporary Sikhs, both in the Punjab and other parts of the world.

## About the Campus

UCSB ranks among higher-education leaders in the USA and Canada as one of only 61 institutions elected to membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities. U.S. News & World Report's guide, "America's Best Colleges," ranks UCSB as number 10 among all public universities. UCSB's renowned faculty includes five winners of Nobel Prizes for landmark research in chemistry, physics, and economics, and scores of elected members of national and international academies and societies. Located among some of the most beautiful scenery in the nation, UCSB not only provides students with the perfect study environment, but access to world class faculty and renowned research facilities.

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## M.A. Degree Program

This two-year interdisciplinary M.A. degree is designed for those who wish to deepen their understanding of globalization, whether for the sake of pursuing further graduate study or to prepare themselves for employment in international organizations, including non-governmental organizations (NGOs), business and government. The internship and other requirements focus on some of the intellectual and practical challenges facing those who seek to understand processes of globalization.

For more on the M.A. degree program and its requirements, please visit our website: [www.global.ucsb.edu/graduate](http://www.global.ucsb.edu/graduate).

## Career Preparation

Each student will be encouraged to become knowledgeable about a certain global topic (such as immigration or sustainable development) and build expertise in that area through classes, directed reading courses, field studies, and internships. In this process, each student will be assigned a faculty committee who will serve as mentors. Periodic reviews will provide the student with constructive feedback and additional guidance. Specialized short-term courses and workshops are also available at UCSB that can contribute to the knowledge and skills of MA students. These include training in survey research through the Social Sciences Survey Center, proposal and grant writing, web and graphic design, and geographic information systems (GIS).



## Curriculum

The two-year graduate program is divided into three areas of specialization:

- Global Culture, Ideology, and Religion
- Global Governance, Human Rights, & Civil Society
- Political Economy, Sustainable Development, & the Environment

Students typically spend the summer and/or fall quarter of the second year abroad, completing internships with non-governmental organizations, governmental bodies or businesses; in study abroad programs; or in a combination of internship and study abroad. UCSB's Education Abroad Program is also an option.

The curriculum consists of a minimum of fifty-seven quarter units in graduate-level courses. In the entry year, all students enroll in four 4-unit core seminars, one 1-unit issues course, two 4-units research methods courses, and several 4-unit electives to explore professional or career objectives. The initial two terms include an introductory graduate course in global studies, History and Theory of Globalization, and gateway courses in the three areas of specialization.

Second-year students, upon returning fall or winter quarter from internships and/or study abroad experiences, enroll in independent study courses with their respective principal advisors (GLOBL 596A/B), focusing researching and writing their M.A. theses. Students supplement research with additional graduate elective courses which provide background in particular geographic regions, global topics, and focus on issues in the students' chosen areas of specialization.

## Admission Requirements

Preference in admission is given to students who have strong oral and written communication skills, a capacity for excellence in research and critical thinking, and an interest in problem-solving. A minimum 3.0 undergraduate grade point average is required for graduate admissions to UCSB.

Language requirement: Two years of undergraduate foreign language proficiency with a "B" or better in the final term or proficiency in a second language.

- ✓ Online graduate application is available in early September on the UCSB Graduate Division website.
- ✓ Application fee is \$80 USD for USA residents \$100 USD for international applicants.
- ✓ Unofficial transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended.
- ✓ Statement of Purpose (2-3 pages). Include an outline of your general academic goals, descriptions of several global issues in which are you interested, and examples of the research questions you would like to pursue and how you want to pursue them.
- ✓ Statement of Personal Achievements/Contributions.
- ✓ Résumé or Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- ✓ Three Letters of Recommendation (submitted online by recommenders).
- ✓ GRE General record exam scores. Verbal, quantitative, and analytical scores are required of all applicants. No score minimum for admission.
- ✓ TOEFL scores (if applicable). Foreign students whose native language is not English must score above 600 on the written exam, 80 on the Internet-based exam or Overall Band score of 7 or higher on the IELTS. School code #4835

- ✓ Writing Sample or evidence of other relevant activities. This may be an undergraduate or graduate paper, or a relevant report, policy analysis, or problem-solving exercise showing practical understanding.

## Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies

The Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies sponsors interdisciplinary conferences, seminars, and public programs.

## Paul Orfalea and the Orfalea Family Foundation

The M.A. program and the Orfalea Center are made possible in significant part by the generosity of Paul Orfalea and the Orfalea Family Foundation. Their gift provides support for graduate student fellowships, internships, visiting professorships, programming, and staff. Paul Orfalea, founder of Kinko's International, is a long-time supporter of UCSB's Global & International Studies Program.

## Important Dates for Fall Entering Classes

- Applications are due by December 15 of the preceding year.
- Admission decisions will be announced by mid-March.
- Fellowships must be accepted or declined by April 15.
- First day of class is the last Thursday of September.