

GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (SPIA)
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN STUDIES
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Security Challenges for Global Governance

The Program on Government and International Affairs (GIA) invites applications for an assistant professor position to start in August 2012. Along with GIA, SPIA also includes our Center for Public Administration and Policy (CPAP) and our Urban Affairs and Planning (UAP) unit. This position will focus on the security dynamics created by new institutions and processes of global governance as these affect civil society, the economy, and government in the U.S.A. and abroad. Candidates should be able to work within the interdisciplinary setting of SPIA, which offers graduate degrees in International Affairs, Urban Planning, and Public Administration at its Alexandria campus in the National Capital Region as well as its main campus in Blacksburg. This candidate will work with GIA students enrolled in our Masters of Public and International Affairs (MPIA) as well as in our PhD program in Planning, Governance, and Globalization. This hire will work in the Government and International Affairs Program in the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) with colleagues based in the National Capital Region's Alexandria, Virginia campus.

In particular, we are interested in candidates whose research and scholarship focuses on the systemic security challenges created by rapid globalization and geopolitical change -- for US foreign policy and international networks of governance -- as well as new institutional innovations that have been created in response to these challenges. Specific issues might include human security dilemmas, civil society erosion, state failure, incomplete democratization, uncontrolled immigration, environmental collapse, flows of illicit trade, stressed security institutions, human rights abuses, media concentration, anti-systemic revolutionary activity, persistent economic inequalities, and/or risk society dynamics. We will prioritize candidates who are knowledgeable about more than one country or region of the world. A Ph.D. in hand by start date in public affairs, sociology, political economy, political science, human geography, international studies, or a closely related discipline is required for this appointment, and all applicants also must demonstrate the potential for developing a distinguished record of scholarly achievement.

Complete applications should include full curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, two samples of written work, and teaching evaluations if available. Applicants also should submit a cover letter that briefly addresses how they would approach collaborative academic activity in SPIA, a statement about their current and future research agendas, and an overview of their teaching experience.

Applications and supporting documents (except reference letters) must be submitted online at www.jobs.vt.edu (paper documents cannot be accepted), reference posting # 0110953. Interested applicants should arrange for references letters to be sent to: Dr. Joel Peters, Chair, Security Challenges for Global Governance Search Committee, c/o Ms. Krystal Wright, SPIA (0113), 160 Otey Street, Room 110, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061; Phone: (540) 231-2291 or send them electronically to Krystal Wright (krystal@vt.edu), Faculty Search Assistant, SPIA.

The search will remain open until the position is filled, but to be assured full consideration, applications should be received by October 15, 2011.

For further information on GIA and SPIA, see www.gia.vt.edu and www.spia.vt.edu.

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