

LGBTI Rights in

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COURSE: [JSIS 478H](#)

TIME: [Tues, Thurs 12:30- 2:20](#)

ROOM: [ROOM: MEB 250](#)

TERM: [Spring 2017](#)

During this course, students will examine the intense global debate over LGBTI equality norms and how it impacts international affairs. Discussions will address how human rights concepts have evolved, strategies of social movements, and how states influence one another based upon normative values. Through guest speakers, group projects, and policy simulations, students will gain experiential learning of human rights advocacy. The course offers an overview of LGBTI rights in international affairs, U.S. and E.U. human rights foreign policies, and contemporary debates in the UN on global rights. Class participants will investigate NGOs and civil society advocacy strategies that lead to foreign policy reform, Sweden's feminist foreign policy, and how human rights is, or is not, prioritized over security interests. The course ends with a negotiation simulation of the U.S. conditioning aid to Uganda based upon LGBTI rights abuses.

Dr. Carlson-Rainer is a former U.S. diplomat who worked throughout North Africa and Gulf countries shaping U.S. human rights foreign policy and managing human rights international aid programs. Along with the Department of State, Carlson-Rainer has worked with the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Her doctoral research examines why and how LGBTI rights became incorporated into the foreign policies of Sweden and the United States. She was a Fulbright Scholar at Stockholm University. Carlson-Rainier currently serves as Director of Executive Education at the UW Evans School of Public Policy and Governance.

Exciting Opportunity!:

[Students will meet the U.S.' first-ever Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTI People appointed by Secretary of State John Kerry.](#)



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