

SPECIAL INTENSIVE COURSE POLITICAL CINEMA: BEYOND NETFLIX

POLITIKUM is an academic studies corporation, that focuses on providing civic and political education to high school and university students. Our main objective is the construction of socially responsible and politically conscious citizenship. We are willing to contribute to the intellectual and educational development of our participants, through our unique academic programs and simulations in German, Spanish, and English.

This summer, POLITIKUM offers a special intensive summer course for movie fans around the world ***Political Cinema: Beyond Netflix***. This intensive course includes the streaming of five movies, where several aspects of politics, economics, history, and society will be portrayed and discussed.

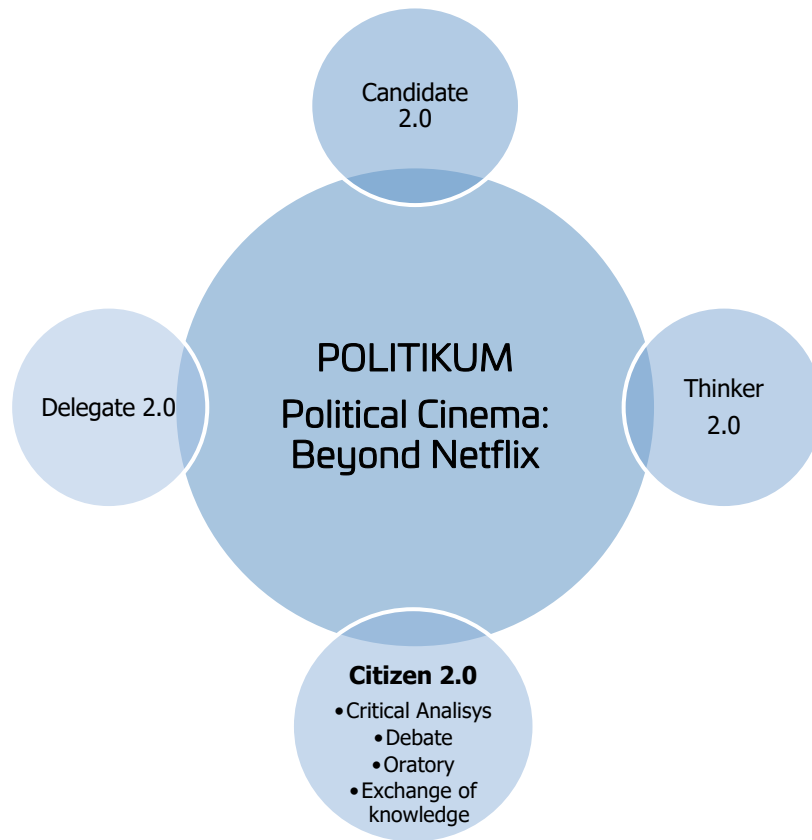
- **Objective**

The main goal of the course is to generate a critical discussion of five key concepts of international relations through the virtual projection of a movie. Participants are encouraged to engage in live and interactive discussions during and after the feature presentation. In the end, they will acquire a better understanding of the political phenomena included in each movie.

This special course combines the integration of academic debate and movies about specific political topics. At the beginning of each session, we will have an introductory discussion of the presented topic, then through the add-in "Teleparty" (on Chrome), we will watch a movie and have direct and live interaction via the chat function of TP. In the end, we will discuss the relationship between the presented concept and the movie considering the relationship thereof. Participants are encourage, at the end of all the course, to write a text about any of the topics discussed or the movies, to be posted on the blog of POLITIKUM.

- **Methodology**

Based on four academic pillars, POLITIKUM has developed a variety of programs and courses, focused especially on political education and academic counseling for students willing to study abroad. Through our methodology, we expect our students to continuously grow, create, and evolve to being capable of dealing with challenges of the present and future world.



• **Sessions**

The sessions of the course will be held on Friday at 6pm (Ecuador time) and its duration will depend of the length of the movie.

Date	Topic	Movie	Summary
02/07/21	Power and Sovereignty	<p>The Last Thing He Wanted</p> <p>Year: 2020 Director: Dee Rees Cast: Anne Hathaway, Ben Affleck & Willem Dafoe</p>	<p>An investigative journalist is writing a story on the role of the US government in the civil war in El Salvador. However, her research was stopped because of some unknown external influence. During this time, the journalist's father (an arms dealer) asks her to help out with one of his jobs. The situation soon becomes unbearable for all participants.</p>

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09/07/21	Anarchy and the Evolution of Norms	<p>The 100</p> <p>Season 1, Ep. 1 – 3 Year: 2014 Director: Jason Rothenberg Cast: Eliza Taylor, Bob Morley, Marie Avgeropoulos</p>	In a futuristic scenario, 97 years after a nuclear war, the human race (what is left of it) is living in space. 100 juvenile delinquents are sent down to Earth as part of a plan to see if the planet is habitable. They are brought down from a space station where humans now live, but they do not have enough resources and supplies to live and survive in this space station much longer.
16/07/21	Corruption as a Global Economic Issue	<p>Inside Job</p> <p>Year: 2010 Director: Charles Ferguson</p>	A documentary that tells the story of the financial crisis on 2008 in the United States. The film focuses on the role of the government of the United States in the deregulation of the private financial sector. It exposes how high-level government officials created a perfect environment for the crisis to evolve leading to the catastrophic scenario of bankruptcies and bailouts.
23/07/21	Freedom, Rights and Justice	<p>The Trial of the Chicago 7</p> <p>Year: 2020 Director: Aaron Sorkin Cast: Eddie Redmayne, Alex Sharp, Sacha Baron Cohen</p>	This is a historical recount of a famous case of seven US citizens and anti-Vietnam War protesters who were charged with conspiracy and inciting riots in 1968 at the National Convention of the Democratic Party in Chicago. It narrates the complex relationship between freedom of expression and public security and the failures of the judicial system on several instances.
30/07/21	Globalization	<p>93 Days</p> <p>Year: 2016 Director: Steve Gukas Cast: Bimbo Akintola, Somkele Iyamah, Danny Glover, Bimbo Manuel</p>	This movie portrays the efforts of local Nigerian health personnel to contain an Ebola outbreak in 2014. It tells the story of a Liberian-American diplomat, who becomes infected with Ebola in Nigeria. As word quickly spreads out in the media and goes viral, the staff of the hospital make enormous efforts for the virus to remain contained and not leak to the outside world.

- **Modality**

The class is virtual and will take place on ZOOM every Friday from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The movies will be streamed on Netflix and watched simultaneously via “Teleparty”. It is important that all the students download Google Chrome in order to have access to the “Teleparty” system.

Code of conduct and attendance:

1. Participants are requested to attend on time at the day and time established for the course.
2. We will wait a maximum of 5 minutes for participants to arrive. After that period, if there is not more than 50% of general attendance, the session will be suspended.
3. For discussions, before and after the movie, participants must turn on their cameras.
4. If for some reason, participants unanimously want to change the dates and hours of one session, they must inform the Academic Director with a 48-hour prior notice.
5. If one participant misses more than 2 sessions, he/she will be suspended from the program and will receive a certificate only for the sessions in which he/she was actively part of the class.

- **Cost**

The special intensive course “Political Cinema: Beyond Netflix” has a participation fee of USD \$250 (two hundred and fifty dollars) for a total of 15 academic hours.

At the end of the course all the participants will receive a certificate of participations and will have access to special discounts to the regular programs of POLITIKUM.

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