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Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- China and its Military: INTLPOL 248 (Win)
- International Security in a Changing World: INTNLREL 114S, POLISCI 114S (Win)

2025-26

- Italy, China, and the Future of the Global Order: OSPFLOR 79F (Win)

2024-25

- China and its Military: INTLPOL 248 (Win)
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- China and its Military: INTLPOL 248 (Win)
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Publications

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