Elections 2016: Urgent Domestic and International Issues

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As we lurch toward another national election, there is a deficit of serious political discourse despite a surfeit of serious issues. Internationally, the Islamic State’s pivot toward the ?far enemy?, the on-going bloodletting in Syria, an increasingly assertive China and Russia, and the inexorable advance of global climate change--all these issues speak to the dangerous times in which we live and the complexities of global power dynamics. Domestically, partisan polarization makes it difficult for the nation to coalesce around even the most urgent political issues, including ever-widening inequality, an increasingly unresponsive political system, a less-and-less competitive education system, a lack of stable middle-class jobs, etc. This course, will examine policy issues in a variety of urgent areas, surveying potential solutions with an eye to the political viability of various approaches.

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