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# Staff Profile

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Hi, I am Sam and it is lovely to “virtually” meet you. Student of Politics and International Relations will first meet me for the second-year course “Global Politics: Equality and Inequality”.

Ever wondered why some people have more than others? Ever wondered what the solution to inequality could be? We ask these questions and more, while investigating how inequalities can be felt across a range of issues from gender and race, to economics, to issues of citizenship and migration.

I also teach the popular fourth year course “Political Islam: Islamist ideologies and practices” which takes a whirlwind tour of political Islamist movements such as Hamas in Palestine, Hizbullah in Lebanon and global Islamists such as al-Qaeda and ISIS.

There is so much to love about Politics and International Relations! There are a wide range of topics so there is always something to interest students and the study of Politics and IR is so much more than learning “facts”. It allows us to understand the world and each



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other, and most importantly contribute to changing societies for the better by developing original and creative critical thinkers.

For new students, my number one tip is to actively engage – read the newspapers (the good ones), listen to podcasts, watch documentaries, join a student society, or found your own!