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STRAUSS ON OBAMA  FEE: $60
Join Julie Strauss, Ph.D., to examine the Obama Administration’s progress nine months after its move into the White House. Everyone knew the job would be daunting when President Obama was inaugurated in January; people had lost confidence in the world’s financial systems, and Israel’s army had just pulled out of Gaza. By the end of the month, Obama’s hope-filled agenda looked bleakly into the future. Register for the series of all three lectures or individual sessions.

PSE C05-81, ETHS, 3 Tue., 9/15-9/29, 7:30-8:45 pm  CRN 61200

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THE BALANCE OF POWER  FEE: $30
When it comes to “executive power,” has Barack Obama’s administration charted a new and different course from its predecessor? Has the President delivered on his campaign pledges of bipartisanship, cooperation, and a new era of transparency and accountability? Or are we left with “business as usual” as the White House and Congress compete for dominance?

PSE C05-82, ETHS, 1 Tue., 9/15, 7:30-8:45 pm  CRN 61201

THE WORLD STAGE  FEE: $30
Examine whether and how the Obama administration has changed course from the Bush administration in key regions including Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, the Middle East and China. Is Hillary Clinton’s star power and emphasis on diplomacy successful in advancing President Obama’s agenda?

PSE C05-83, ETHS, 1 Tue., 9/22, 7:30-8:45 pm  CRN 61202

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THE DOMESTIC AGENDA  FEE: $30
Is the Obama administration able to work with Congress to pass its ambitious domestic programs, its economic stimulus, health care overhaul and energy reform. Examine the key players, their strategies and chances for success.

PSE C05-84, ETHS, 1 Tue., 9/29, 7:30-8:45 pm  CRN 61203

PASSPORT TO THE WORLD
FOREIGN RELATIONS
Examine the new world order. Since fall 2008 we have seen the inauguration of a new U.S. president; a meltdown of national and international financial systems; new leaders in the Middle East; renewed sanctions against Cuba; and a shift in U.S. relations with Russia. Join us to analyze the meaning of these significant changes on the global stage.

HUM S53-53, ETHS, 3 Tue., 10/13-10/27, 7:30-9 p.m., $18 in district residents age 60 and above.  CRN 61204
HUM S53-54, ETHS, 3 Tue., 10/13-10/27, 6, 7:30-9 p.m., $34 out of district residents or under age 60.  CRN 61205

Registration is by seminar only. Half-price discount does not apply. For more information, call 847-635-1414.
Tuesday, October 13

NINE MONTHS LATER: THE MIDDLE EAST

The Obama Administration faces innumerable challenges in the Middle East, from the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and tension between Tehran and Washington. Join Toufic El Rassi, instructor of political science, for this update regarding the administration’s strategies and goals with regards to myriad foreign policy problems.

Tuesday, October 20

THE BAILOUT AND BEYOND

Gain a better understanding of the short- and long-term consequences of the federal bailout and economic stimulus with Tracy Fulce, assistant professor of marketing and management. Are U.S. banks "nationalized," and what does that mean for taxpayers and businesses? Did the government’s stimulus effort help end the foreclosure crisis? Did it help state and local governments to become solvent? What happened to the money that was invested with Lehman Brothers? What does $1 trillion in U.S. debt mean for U.S. businesses?

Tuesday, October 27

A LOOK AT WAR SURVIVOR TRAUMA:
WALTZ WITH BASHIR

Ari Folman’s powerful Waltz With Bashir is a mostly-animated, autobiographical reflection on memory and responsibility in the surreal wake of warfare. While the film focuses on one particular, violent conflict, it is an almost lyrical plea for all peoples of the world to stop “dancing with death.” Join Jim Rooney, instructor of cinema arts, and family therapist Charles Wilkinson for this screening and a discussion about trauma and survival.

Please note, this session extends to 2.5 hours.