TED/Talks Syllabus
Wednesday am  Fall Session, 2019

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The class will have weekly themes for the eight weeks. We will view two to four TED talks from the list for the day, followed by class discussion.

We are open to your suggestions for TED TALKS you’d like us to show during class. The link for TED Talks is http://www.ted.com/talks if you want to watch before each class. We will watch them in full during the class sessions.

Session 1: September 18  BIG Problems

- The risky politics of science  Jonathan Tepperman  September 2016  (18:18 )
- The real harm of the global arms trade  Samantha Nutt, June 2016  (13:34)
- The dream we haven’t dared to dream  Dan Pallotta, May 2016  (11:58)
- What does it mean to be a citizen of the world  Hugh Evans, April 2016,  (16:56 )

Session 2: September 25  Theme: Justice/Injustice

“How Judges can show respect”, Victoria Pratt, October 2016  (16:04)

A prosecutor’s vision for a better justice system, Adam Foss  (15:57)   2/16

We need to talk about an injustice  Bryan Stevenson  23:34  3/13

Session 3: October 2  Theme: Science and Research

“The future of Psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy”  Rick Doblin, April 2019 (16:25)

“The mysterious microbes living deep inside the earth-and how they could help humanity”, Karen Lloyd,  (13:59)

“How supercharged plants could slow climate change”, Joanne Chory  (13:48)

“The living tech we need to support human life on other planets, Lynn Rothschild, June 2019 (16:20)
Session 4: October 9  Theme: Architecture
“Floating cities, the LEGO House and other architectural forms for the future”, Bjarke Ingels (15:24)
“Stunning buildings made from raw, imperfect materials”, Debora Mesa Molina, November 2018, (12:01)
“How to transform sinking cities into landscapes that fight floods”, Kotchakorn Voraakhom, November 2018 (12:23)
“How I am making bricks out of ashes and rubble in Gaza”, Majd Mashharawi, (10:45)

Session 5: October 16  Theme: Challenges
- 5 challenges we could solve by designing new proteins  David Baker  June 2019 (10:19)
- Your body versus implants  Kaitlyn Sadtler  June 2019 (4:27)
- How synthetic biology could wipe out humanity—and how we can stop it  Rob Reed, June 2019 (16:36)
- “The political powers of being a good neighbor”: Michael Tubbs, June 2019 (17:25)
- The lies our culture tells us about what matters—and a better way to live  David Brooks  June 2019 (14:54)

Session 6: October 23  Theme: Personal Growth
“The healing power of reading”, Michelle Kuo, September 2018, (18:20)
“The lies our culture tells us about what matters—and a better way to live”, David Brooks, April 2019 (14:49)
“Everything happens for a reason—and other lies I’ve loved”, Kate Bowler, June 2019 (14:49)
“Why we ignore obvious problems---and how to act on them”, Michele Wucker (10:05)

Session 7: October 30  Theme: Some of Our Favorites