The Georgetown University Learning Community

Free, non-credit, short courses on the GU campus* for persons 55 or better.
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Controversial Issues in the European Union.
Four recent issues: the EU constitution (now the reform treaty), the Lisbon agenda, enlargement (especially Turkey), a common foreign and security policy. Karl H. Cerny, Professor of Government, Emeritus. Maguire* 103. Fridays: February 22 & 29 and March 14 & 28.  10:10AM-11:40AM.

Economics of the 2008 Presidential Election.
Major economic problems facing the electorate — and the economic programs proposed by major candidates. The role of the state of the economy in predicting a winner. (No economics background is assumed.) Bradley Billings, Associate Professor of Economics, Emeritus. 3307 M Street, NW, Wash, DC. Tuesdays: April 1, 8, 15 & 22.  10:15AM-11:45AM.

Evolution of the Medieval Gothic Cathedral.

Fabulous Fakes.
Notorious and interesting literary forgeries and fakes: forged books and documents from Dr. Betz’s personal collection, and from the Special Collections of the GU Library. Paul Betz, Professor of English, Emeritus and Joseph Jeffs, Retired University Librarian. Lauinger Library, * Special Collections, 5th Fl. Tuesdays: March 4, 11 & 18.  1:30-3:00 PM.

Important Issues for All Americans — A Facilitated Dialogue.
Freedom of speech...is it too costly? Capital punishment ... right or wrong? Explore these issues with an experienced facilitator/moderator in a non-threatening yet dynamic environment. Cynthia Walsh, Instructer Emerita, English as a Foreign Language, White-Gravenor* G-01. Weds: Feb. 27, March 5, 12 & 19.  2:15 PM-3:45 PM.

Causes and extent of Population Aging (PA). How can nations deal with the costs of retirement and health care resulting from PA? Murray Gendell, Professor of Sociology, Emeritus. 3307 M Street, NW, Washington, DC. Wednesdays: February 27, March 5 & 12.  11:00 AM-12:30 PM.

Social Services in Austria.
Pros and cons of the system by which a small country manages universal health insurance for everybody — and also provides child care, pensions, and welfare. Alfred Obernberger, Associate Professor of German, Emeritus. Maguire* 101. Fridays: March 14, 28 & April 4 & 11.  1:15-2:45 PM.

Some New Views on Darwinism and Religion.
Considers three short books published in 2007 that present contrasting interpretations of the relationship between evolutionary science and traditional religion. The books are: Darwin’s Gift, Francisco Ayala; Living with Darwin, Philip Kitcher; Evolution for Everyone, David Sloan Wilson. (Participants do not need to read these books.) Joseph E. Earley, Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus. ICC* 214. Thursdays: February 28, March 6 & 13.  1:15-2:45 PM.

The United States and Iran in Historical Perspective.
Economic, strategic, and political factors that have influenced the critical relationship between Iran and America from the mid-twentieth century to the present. John D. Ruedy, Professor of History, Emeritus. New North* 412. Wednesdays: February 13 & 20.  11:10 AM-12:40 PM.

Three Pivotal Monuments in the History of Western Art.
Decorative programs of three art masterpieces: 1) the Parthenon in Athens, (447-432 BC); 2) the Mausoleum of Emperor Constans I in Spain (350 AD) — combines classical and Judeo-Christian imagery; 3) The Palazzo della Cancelleria in Rome (1520 AD) — presents the Renaissance belief that antiquity and Christianity contain complimentary ideas. Thomas W. Hardy (Georgetown AB, 1964), Professor of English and Art, Northern Virginia Community College (Annandale). ICC* 108. Fridays: February 22 & 29 and March 7:  1:15-2:45 PM.

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