

## **SOCI 433A-004 - Student Directed Seminar Course**

**Title:** 'Representations of the Ongoing Syrian and Iraq Civil War and Subsequent Refugee Crisis'

**Description:** In this course, students will explore the ongoing Syrian and Iraq civil war and subsequent refugee crisis through a sociological and historical lens. Patterns of migration, gender and family during the war, islamaphobia, and various nations' responses to incoming refugees will all be examined. Students will critically engage with how these events have been presented to the public through various forms of media. The seminar will culminate in an opportunity for students to generate a project that is designed to have a positive impact on the conflict. Students from any discipline are welcome to apply. Interested students should send a one-page statement of intent to Aida and Michael at [aida.mwanzia@ubc.ca](mailto:aida.mwanzia@ubc.ca) including: 1) motivation for taking the course 2) what you would contribute to this seminar (i.e. through relevant courses, volunteer/work experience, personal lived experiences) 3) your major and year of study.