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where I make a difference



- More than 800 undergraduates major in international studies at UCI, many of whom pursue studies abroad
- The International Studies Public Forum and Meet the Diplomat series bring outside scholars and global professionals to campus while lunch groups encourage faculty research interaction
- Topics studied include:
 - Global conflict and resolution
 - Global economics
 - International and comparative law
 - Global ethics and human rights
- Global development, heath and environment

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Why do some countries acquire nuclear weapons while others do not? How has the use of private forces in Iraq affected democracy in the U.S.? How have global norms prohibiting plunder been established? How do illegal immigrants acquire citizenship through illegal paperwork? Why are NGOs sometimes a force for good in global politics and other times not? UCI's international studies scholars investigate global issues to contribute to solutions that positively impact citizens around the world.

investigate

International studies is a hub for scholars from social sciences, humanities, social ecology and beyond to share ideas. It supports faculty and student innovations ranging from travel experiences to study conflict in the Middle East or dance in Africa to collaborative workshops on counterinsurgency and humanism.

innovate

UCI international studies increases students' exposure to and understanding of global issues. UCI faculty influence understanding beyond the campus through their service to editorial boards of top journals, their participation on foundation boards, and their award winning research. Faculty also inform important policy debates on nuclear issues, deterrence, immigration, the regulation of private military and security companies, the Mexican drug war, environmental security and beyond.

impact