

INTL 190: SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES TENTATIVE RESEARCH QUESTION ASSIGNMENT

As you are all aware, INTL 190 requires students to submit a 20-22 page research paper as part of the department's graduation requirements. Subsequently, the goal of each INTL 190 course is to provide you with enough background on a topic to be able to meet this requirement successfully. As we have stated in class, crafting the right research question can seem daunting, but if the question is crafted correctly, it will make the research process go much more smoothly.

Please be aware that a research project of this size CANNOT be done at the last minute, subsequently we will be working on crafting the paper in stages throughout the quarter. At this point, you should not feel like you are “locked in” to a question at this stage, but you should start posing a question/idea that you would like to investigate.

For this assignment, *using Baglione as your reference for crafting a solid research question*, please submit the following:

1) Your tentative research question (one to three sentences)

Use Baglione CH 1 and 2 and the unit video on “Crafting a Research Question” for insights into crafting a research question. Please remember that the question 1) MUST deal with explaining some aspect of populism/populist parties and 2) CANNOT look only at the United States.

2) Brief background detailing why the question is of interest to you (one paragraph).

This is where I should get a sense of why you chose this topic and why you found this topic to be of interest.

If you have any questions, please let me know as my role is to help you find a research question of interest to you that not only pertains to this topic, but it also doable within the ten week time frame.

Your submission for this assignment should be approximately one half to one (double spaced) page in length.