



US IN THE WORLD

USSC2601 US in the World

Before 9/11, the US strode the global stage as the world's sole superpower. A decade later, has the eagle been mortally wounded by the one-two punch of 9/11 and the global financial crisis? Join **Professor Geoffrey Garrett**, CEO of the United States Studies Centre and top American thought leaders and policymakers, to explore the answer to this question and more, in the semester two unit **US in the World (USSC2601)**.

Taught by Professor Garrett, one of the most influential political scientists of his generation and former Professor at Stanford and Yale universities, as well as President of the US West Coast's leading international affairs think tank, this unit will interactively evaluate the global role and standing of the US. Professor Garrett will be joined by leading guest lecturers including, **Jeffrey Bleich**, current US Ambassador to Australia; **Marty Kaplan**, commentator on American politics for *The Huffington Post*, former senior executive for Disney, and former speechwriter and campaign manager for former US Vice President Walter Mondale; and **Shanto Iyengar**, Political Scientist, Stanford University, an expert on the impact of the media in contemporary American politics.

Most significantly, to mark the anniversary of the 9/11 Decade which will occur mid-way through the class, a guest lecture will be given by Pulitzer Prize-winning author and *New York Times* columnist, **Thomas Friedman**. Arguably America's most influential

journalist. Friedman is an outspoken commentator on the Middle East and global affairs. He is the author of the best sellers *From Beirut to Jerusalem*, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, *The World is Flat* and *Hot Flat and Crowded*. Earlier this year he wrote about the Arab Spring from Cairo, and in this class you will have an unmatched opportunity to discuss this with him, as well as his thoughts on America's standing in the world today. Friedman will also give a preview of his new book *The American Condition: Why We Lost Our Way In A World We Invented And How We Get It Back*.

With an outstanding lineup of American and Australian guest lecturers, this dynamic unit will give you an in-depth understanding and perspective on the US under President Barack Obama amid the challenges posed by the worst global economic downturn since the Great Depression, and the expanding struggle against violent Islamic extremism. Topics will include: the impact of Osama bin Laden's death, the 2011 Arab Spring, the Afghanistan war, the loss of American hegemony, the interactions between the war on terror, the global financial crisis and China's rise.

Described in the 2011 SRC *Counter Course Handbook* as one of the "best subjects that you can do at uni", US in the World is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to gain an understanding of the US through the lens of leading American and Australian perspectives.

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