Course Title: The World Since 9/11: Twenty Years Later  
Course Code: HIS 21  
Instructor: Thomas S. Mullaney (Professor of History)

Course Summary:

Global history knows few moments as transformative as September 11, 2001. The war in Afghanistan went on to become the longest military conflict in US history. The global war on terror more broadly transformed and destabilized a large swath of the Middle East, North Africa, and beyond. The 9/11 attacks became a new model for nonstate actors and terrorists in the deployment of new tactics and strategies, and a new vocabulary for states and governments, which could now categorize any number of once-unacceptable policies under the rubric of “anti-terrorism.” Governments around the world unveiled surveillance programs with unprecedented levels of reach and sophistication. Meanwhile, violence against Muslims, both state-sanctioned and spontaneous, crescendoed. In fact, hardly any national policy was untouched, whether on matters of energy, foreign affairs, military intervention, immigration, or otherwise. 9/11 was a fulcrum around which nearly every aspect of our everyday lives pivoted.

In this course, a multidisciplinary group of experts will gather to reflect how the world has changed in the twenty years since that fateful Tuesday. Guest speakers include Robert Crews, professor of history, Stanford, who will speak about the war in Afghanistan; Lisa Blaydes, professor of political science and a senior fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford, who will speak about post-9/11 Iraq; Serkan Yolacan, assistant professor of anthropology, Stanford, who will speak about transnational Muslim movements in the Middle East and Central Asia following 9/11; and Darren Byler, postdoctoral researcher, University of Colorado, who will speak about the mass detention and surveillance of Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities in northwest China. In reflecting on the past twenty years, the course will also offer students a chance to imagine alternative, and better, futures.

Grade Options and Requirements:

- **No Grade Requested (NGR)**
  - This is the default option. No work will be required; no credit shall be received; no proof of attendance can be provided.

- **Credit/No Credit (CR/NC)**
  - Students must attend/watch at least 4 out of 6 class sessions.

- **Letter Grade (A, B, C, D, No Pass)**
  - Students must attend/watch at least 4 out of 6 class sessions and complete a piece of written work (to be discussed further in class).
*Please Note: If you require proof that you completed a Continuing Studies course for any reason (for example, employer reimbursement), you must choose either the Letter Grade or Credit/No Credit option. Courses taken for NGR will not appear on official transcripts or grade reports.*

**Tentative Weekly Outline:**

**Thursday, October 21**
Robert D. Crews, *Professor of History at Stanford*
Topic: Speaking on the War in Afghanistan

**Thursday, October 28**
Serkan Yolacan, *Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Stanford*
Topic: Post-9/11 Transnational Muslim Movements in the Middle East and Central Asia

**Thursday, November 4**
Lisa Blaydes, *Professor of Political Science at Stanford and Senior Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies*
Topic: Post-9/11 Iraq

**Thursday, November 11**
Asfandyar Ali Mir, *Lecturer in Political Science at Stanford*
Topic: Al-Qaeda

**Thursday, November 18**
Condoleezza Rice, *66th US Secretary of State (George W. Bush Administration), 20th US National Security Advisor (George W. Bush Administration), Taube Director of the Hoover Institution, Denning Professor of Global Business and the Economy, Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy at Hoover, and Professor of Political Science at Stanford*
Topic: To be announced

**Note About Live Attendance and Recording:**

These class sessions will be recorded.

Live attendance is recommended. Recordings will be available to students for the duration of the course.