



Democracy And Peace Are Focus Of UNH Lecture Jan. 31

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DURHAM, N.H. – Churchill's observation that "democracy is the worst form of government, except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time" has been widely quoted. Why were people so leery of democracy for so long, and what turned the tide?

Alyna Lyon, assistant professor of political science at the University of New Hampshire, will discuss the history of democracy at the next Saul O Sidore Memorial Lecture, "Democracy and Peace," Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008. Lecture starts at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building Theater II. It is free and open to the public.

Lyon's research focuses on conflict mobilization, peacekeeping and American foreign policy. She has published several articles and book chapters on these topics. Her recent publications include "American Humanitarian Intervention: Toward a Theory of Coevolution" in Foreign Policy Analysis and "Moral Motives and Policy Actions: Dag Hammarskjöld at the United Nations" in Public Integrity. She is faculty advisor for the UNH Model United Nations and serves as chair of the ethnicity, nationalism and migration section of the International Studies Association.

The Saul O Sidore Memorial Lecture Series was established in 1965 in memory of Saul O Sidore of Manchester. The series offers programs that raise critical and sometimes controversial issues facing our society. The UNH Center for the Humanities sponsors the program. For more information visit http://www.unh.edu/humanities-center/Events_Sidore.html.

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