No more West and the Rest; Plato to NATO is out. Instead, how we got from the Big Bang to Obama, with a few whistle stops in between. How to read, conceptualize, and do global and world history. From wide-angle overviews to locales viewed close-up. We sample some old wine, plus several newer vintages (from developing areas). Moving beyond history, we engage other disciplines and POV’s.

New to v. 3: The history of the postwar national security state, or why it is no longer paranoid to think somebody is after you. The atomic bomb, the original WMD, or late nights at the atomic café, where all the talk is MAD (Mutual Assured Destruction). From Bush’s GWOT to Obama’s “war on terrorism,” including why right-wing terrorism is as "When Nobel Prize-winning author Rabindranath Tagore lived in Urbana on High Street in 1913 while his son visited classmates after studying agriculture at UI, he found it boring, intellectually backward compared to cosmopolitan Calcutta where he had come from.”

Throughout seminar members are encouraged to bring their own perspectives to bear; all will have the opportunity to construct their own course syllabus. There are no course prerequisites; this is the core course for the Ph.D. field in Global Histories.

American as Oklahoma City. Why the remake of *The Manchurian Candidate* could not boldly go where the original had for fear of scaring the audience. From Ronald Reagan the movie to George Bush the horrorshow; from the radical Right then to now. The Arab Spring one year on. #OWS. From Web 2.0 to 3.0. You Are Not A Gadget (but they act as though you are). We end with the history of the future: the 2012 elections, the next 100 years, and other inconvenient truths.