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- Due to the sensitive nature of this subject, some speakers are not able to confirm their participation in advance. Therefore, changes to the schedule of topics may occur.

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The Crisis in Sudan

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4 -6 p.m.

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Introduction
Referred to as the first genocide of the 21st century, the ethnic cleansing in Darfur as well as the on-going conflict in Sudan has been in the forefront of the world’s attention for nearly a decade. With over 400,000 dead and two and half million people displaced, we are looking at the worst humanitarian crisis in the world today.

How did this tragedy come about? How has the history of the region been fostered by colonial rule; tribal conflicts; racial prejudice and economic competition? Why have the Darfurian people been targeted for elimination?

South Sudan became the youngest country in the world when it was born on July 9, 2011. Many believed that this was the end of the conflict in Sudan and the genocide in Darfur. This is far from the case. In this seminar we will look at the history of the region, origins of the conflict and genocide, the attempts at advocacy and the effects on the survivors, both in Sudan and in diaspora, especially in the United States.

Session I
Thursday, March 1, 2012
The History of Sudan
After an orientation to the four sessions of our course, we will delve into the history of Sudan with Professor Jay Spaulding of Kean University, an expert in this field. We will examine this African country through multiple lenses: origins of the various tribes; culture and religions; the relationship to neighboring states; the colonial period and independence.

Session II
Thursday, March 8, 2012
The Political Situation
New Jersey has been at the forefront of the American response to the genocide in Darfur. Congressman Donald Payne has led the congressional action for divestment and for aid; we will hear from the Congressman via a representative from his office about the current activity in Washington. We will hear the personal stories of both a physician who escaped with his life through the intervention of an international medical organization, and a teacher who continues her activism in the United States. We will also hear from Blanche Foster, Director of the Darfur Rehabilitation Project in New Jersey, a group dedicated to helping Darfurian immigrants, refugees and political asylees.

Session III
Thursday, March 22, 2012
Activism
At this session we will be joined by the leadership of the New Jersey Coalition Responds to the Crisis in Darfur: Melanie Gorelick and Janet Nelson. Other representatives from coalitions and activist groups in the metropolitan New York area will describe their advocacy on behalf of the Darfurian people. We will also hear from Blanche Foster, Director of the Darfur Rehabilitation Project in New Jersey, a group dedicated to helping Darfurian immigrants, refugees and political asylees.

Session IV
Thursday, March 29, 2012
The Present Situation
Recent refugees from the Darfur Resettlement Project of the Jewish Vocational Service in East Orange will bring us into the present and explain how we can be involved today in welcoming these newest survivors of genocide. We will look at the present condition of women and girls in the Sudan with Professor Nada Ali of the New School. The seminar will conclude with Sudanese artist and professor, Khalid Kodi, whose moving and beautiful images of art-as-activism and as peace-making give us hope and inspiration for the future.