INTL 1-303 30975 Advanced Topics in Global Development: The Politics of Oil
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From the moment it was first drilled from Pennsylvania fields, petroleum turbocharged world politics. For the first time energy could move by ship or pipeline from anywhere in the world to anywhere else. A global industry was born. Today, oil is as essential to modern life as water. International oil companies have more wealth and power than most governments. Oil determines who rules whom in the Middle East. This course will examine the wars for control of oil, the international movement to limit the environmental and cultural trauma, and the political and environmental consequences of having oil, or not having enough.