Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to the field of international political economy. You should gain from this course a better understanding of the interaction between political and economic phenomena on an international and global scale and learn useful tools for analyzing and assessing both current policy and historical developments. We examine the role of states, international and domestic institutions, and other factors in creating and/or managing conflicts and facilitating cooperation in the international political economy. We focus on the politics of trade and the politics of money and finance, but also look at development, regional integration and environmental issues in IPE. We focus on the U.S. in the world economy, but also consider other advanced industrialized countries as well as developing countries. We do so using economics, political science, and occasionally other social science perspectives.

Required Texts


Course Requirements

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Class Schedule

Week 1

Wednesday, January 23: Introduction, Discussion of Syllabus and course requirements.

Friday, January 25: Cohn chapter 1: Introduction Pg. 3-14

Week 2

Monday, January 28: Managing the Global Economy, Cohn Chapter 2

Wednesday, January 30: Methodology and the Nature of Political economy, Gilpin Ch 2

Friday, February 1: Realism, Cohn Chapter 3

Week 3

Monday, February 4: Liberalism, Cohn Chapter 4, Gilpin Chapter 3

Wednesday, February 6: Historical Structuralist, Cohn Chapter 5

Friday, February 8: New Economic Theories I, Gilpin Chapter 5

Week 4

Monday, February 11: New Economic Theories II, Gilpin Chapter 6

Wednesday, February 13: Comparative National Systems, Gilpin Chapter 7

Friday, February 15: Domestic Politics


Week 5

Monday, February 18: NO CLASS

Wednesday, February 20: International Regimes


Friday, February 22: Discussion

Hypothesis Assignment Due
Week 6

Monday, February 25: International Monetary Issues I, Cohn Chapter 6

Wednesday, February 27: International Monetary Issues II, Gilpin Chapter 9

Friday, February 29: International Finance I, Gilpin Chapter 10

Week 7

Monday, March 3: International Finance II, Cohn Chapter 7

Wednesday, March 5: International Trade I, Gilpin Chapter 8

Friday, March 7: International Trade II, Cohn Chapter 8

Week 8

Monday, March 10: International Trade III, Cohn Chapter 9

Wednesday, March 12: Free Trade vs. Fair Trade

Friday, March 14: Midterm Review

Week 9

Monday, March 17: MIDTERM EXAM

Wednesday, March 19: International Development I, Gilpin Chapter 12

Friday, March 21: NO CLASS

Week 10

Monday, March 24: NO CLASS

Wednesday, March 26: NO CLASS

Friday, March 28: NO CLASS
Week 11

**Monday, March 31:** International Development II, Cohn Chapter 11

**Wednesday, April 2:** Microfinance I

**Friday, April 4:** Microfinance II, Measuring Impact

Week 12

**Monday, April 7:** Discussion
   **Hypothesis Assignment Due**

**Wednesday, April 9:** Foreign Aid I, Gilpin Chapter 12

**Friday, April 11:** Foreign Aid II,

Week 13

**Monday, April 14:** Natural Resources and Economic Growth I
   *Friedman, Thomas, “The First Law of Petropolitics” Foreign Policy May/June 2006

**Wednesday, April 16:** The Economics of Environmentalism
   *Browne, John, “Beyond Kyoto,” Foreign Affairs, July/August 2004

**Friday, April 18:** Institutional Reform I: World Bank
   *Einhorn, Jessica. “Reforming the World Bank” Foreign Affairs Jan/Feb 2006

Week 14

**Monday, April 21:** NO CLASS

**Wednesday, April 23:** Institutional Reform II: IMF
   Stiglitz, Democratizing the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank: Governance and Accountability. Available from EBSCO Host

**Friday, April 25:** Institutional Reform III: WTO
Week 15

**Monday, April 28: The Anti-Globalization Movement I**
*Klein, Naomi “Reclaiming the Commons” New Left Review May/June 2001*

**Wednesday, April 30: The Anti-Globalization Movement II**
Available Online through Brookings

**Friday, May 2: Discussion**
Papers Due

Week 16

**Monday, May 5: Final Exam Review**

**Wednesday, May 7: NO CLASS, Reading Day**

**Wednesday May 14: FINAL EXAM 1-3 PM**

*Available Electronically Through the Library*