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\textbf{Course Description}

The second half of Theories of International Relations will deal broadly with economic factors in international affairs, and with certain theories that support a focus on those factors. Historically, it has been said that nations interacted principally through war or trade. This simple behavioural distinction clearly no longer describes today’s complex world. Nevertheless, one can see reflections of this distinction in the approaches to international studies that emphasize security and defence issues on the one hand, versus approaches that emphasize political economy on the other. It is common today to speak of international political economy as a sub-discipline of international relations, and to expect that this sub-discipline will focus on different questions than those raised by those whose main focus are war and peace.

This course is divided into two sections. The first will examine theories that form building blocks of the study of political economy, such as the economic determinants of politics, or theories of cooperation or system change. Just as Classical Realism is a building block to the study of security in the world, so also are theories such as cooperation fundamental to an understanding of political economic behaviour. The second section of the course will deal with the different subject areas that are normally examined under the heading of international political economy, such as trade, finance, and development. Each of these areas has spawned theoretical efforts on its own, and an attempt will be made to acquaint the student with some these efforts.

Taken in toto, international political economy is a complex sub-field because of the vast factual material it engages, and because of the diversity of theory - from far Left to far Right - that claims to represent the field. An attempt will be made in Class 7 to review empirically the subjects that comprise the field of international political economy, simply to ensure that subsequent theoretical efforts proceed from a common base of understanding. As for the diversity of theory in international political economy, much of this has been generated as a criticism of contemporary economic policy making, or even as a fundamental critique of the broader field of International Relations Theory.
Several examples of these theoretical efforts are presented in the syllabus.

The coursework consists of the discussion of class readings, led by the instructor, and in-class reports presented by designated students. Readings for reports are set in the syllabus; reports are expected to be about 15 minutes (including brief discussion), and should be accompanied with a 1-2 page summary of the reading. One 15 page paper is expected at the end of each section, on a question to be set by the instructor. The final grade for the course will be compiled as follows: two papers, 70%, class participation (including reports) 30%.

**SECTION ONE**

**International Relations Theory: General**

**Class 1**

**Introduction to Course**

- Review of Syllabus
- Assignment of Class Reports

**Class 2**

**Economic Determinants of International Politics**


**Class 3**

**The Problem of Cooperation in International Relations**

Reports: Stephen Haggard and Beth Simmons, “Theories of international regimes”, *International Organization* (Summer, 1987).


Class 4  
**The Techniques of Cooperation: Institutional Bargaining and Negotiation**


Andrew Moravcsik, “Theory and Method in the Study of International Negotiation: A Rejoinder to Oran Young”, Ibid.


Class 5  
**System Change and the End of the Cold War**

Class Reading: Francis Fukuyama, *The End of History and the Last Man*, New


Reports:


Class 6 **Globalization and the Nation State**


## SECTION TWO

### International Political Economy

#### Class 7  Overview of International Political Economy

**Class Reading:**


**Reports:**


**Recommended:**


#### Class 8  Theories of International Political Economy

**Class Reading:**


**Reports:**

M. Shamsul Hague, “The Fate of Sustainable Development Under Neo-Liberal Regimes in Developing Countries”, *International*


**Class 9**

**International Trade**

Class Reading: Sylvia Ostry, The Post-Cold War Trading System: Who’s on First, (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1997), Preface, Chapters 1, 2, 6, 7 (skim 3-5).


**Class 10**

**Global Finance**

Class Reading: Eric Helleiner, States and the Reemergence of Global Finance: From Bretton Woods to the 1990s, Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, Chapters 1,7-9, Skim Chapters 2-6.


**Class 11**

**International Development Policy**


**Class 12**

**The Future of International Political Economy**


