

Department of Political Science

POLI 3587

International Political Economy

Winter 2013

Friday, 9h35-12h25

Dentistry 4117

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Course description and objectives

This course is composed of two overlapping constituent themes. The first theme is that of competing explanations of international political economic behaviour – behaviour affected by that diffuse political authority characteristic of the international system, the second, that of examining the basic issues in international political economy – the fundamental questions as to why international trade, international finance, unequal economic development, international organization, and the multinational enterprise. The first theme functions to create the over-all framework of analysis by which competing approaches to international political economy can be evaluated. The second theme will integrate these approaches with issue areas within the fields of international trade, international finance, and what might be termed “international production” (within which fields issues such as economic development, the multinational enterprise, and the global “division of labour” constitute the major foci). The course sessions will roughly be constituted by 50 percent lecture and 50 percent organized student contributions for seminar discussion and debate.

Website

The course website on the Blackboard Learn System (Bblearn) can be accessed through my.dal.ca. It includes, among other resources, a digital copy of the syllabus, updates to any changes to the syllabus throughout the semester, web links to some readings that are not in the

required book. If you have a technical problem with the course website, email the Help Desk: helpdesk@dal.ca.

Readings

The course has a required book available at the university bookstore:

Thomas Oatley, 2012, *International Political Economy: Interests and Institutions in the Global Economy*, 5th ed., Toronto, Pearson/Longman.

Suggested readings:

For motivated students, there are many good books on International Political Economy which would complement the lectures. Here is one suggestion:

John Ravenhill, ed., *Global Political Economy*, 3rd ed., Oxford University Press: 2012.

Requirements and Grading

Discussion leader	25%	
Participation	20%	
2 reading reviews	2 x 15%	
Final exam	25%	April 5 th

Discussion leader

The first half of each week will be devoted to a lecture on the week's topic. In the second half of the class, we will break up in three to four discussion groups of roughly 10 students. Once during the semester, you will be responsible for leading your assigned group's discussions. You will have to prepare for the discussion, develop discussion points and overall animate the conversation and encourage a lively debate. Your colleagues will evaluate you for how well you have been able to sustain the discussion, propose interesting ideas, and your overall understanding of the week's readings.

Participation

An important element of academic life is to attend and take part in class discussions.

Reading review

Each week, there are supplemental readings on specific topics. You will have to prepare two lecture reviews on the proposed readings during the semester. You should highlight the overall arguments, conclusions, and assess the author's relevance.

Final Exam

The final exam will cover material (from seminars and readings) from the entire semester. It will be scheduled by the University Registrar. The official exam period is April 11-26. Do not make travel plans until after you know the official date of the final exam.

Deadlines and Late Penalties

Any assignment received after the due date will be subject to a late penalty of 5% per day, unless appropriate written documentation such as a doctor's note is provided. Please plan your work well ahead of time to avoid this.

Plagiarism and Academic Integrity

Plagiarism is a serious violation of academic ethics. All students in this class are to read and understand the policies on plagiarism and academic honesty referenced in the Policies and Student Resources sections of the **plagiarism.dal.ca** website. Ignorance of such policies is no excuse for violations.

To ensure that you understand what plagiarism is, I suggest you take the following online quiz: <http://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/polisci/integrity/quiz.html> . You might find some surprises.

If you have any questions about academic integrity and plagiarism, please ask.

OSAA Syllabus Statement on Accommodation

Students may request accommodation as a result of barriers related to disability, religious obligation, or any characteristic under the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act. Students who require academic accommodation for either classroom participation or the writing of tests and exams should make their request to the Advising and Access Services Center (AASC) prior to or at the outset of the regular academic year. Please visit www.dal.ca/access for more information and to obtain the Request for Accommodation – Form A.

A note taker may be required as part of a student's accommodation. There is an honorarium of \$75/course/term (with some exceptions). If you are interested, please contact AASC at 494-2836 for more information.

Please note that your classroom may contain specialized accessible furniture and equipment. It is important that these items remain in the classroom, untouched, so that students who require their usage will be able to participate in the class.

Course schedule

Week 1	Introduction and organization
January 11 th , 2013	

Week 2	What is International political economy?
January 18 th , 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Oatley, Chapter 1 • Lake, David A. 1993. "Leadership, Hegemony, and the International Economy: Naked Emperor or Tattered Monarch with Potential?" <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 37 (4): 459-489. • Gowa, Joanne and Edward D. Mansfield. 1993. "Power, Politics and International Trade." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 87 (2): 408-420. • Simmons, Beth A. and Zachary Elkins. 2004. "The Globalization of Liberalization: Policy Diffusion in the International Political Economy." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 98 (1):171-189.

Week 3	Theories of IPE
January 25 th , 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wyatt-Walter, Andrew. 1996. "Adam Smith and the Liberal Tradition in International Relations", <i>Review of International Studies</i> 22(1): 5–28. • Lake, David. 2009. "Open Economy Politics: A critical review." <i>The Review of International Organizations</i> 4 (3):219-44. • Harlen, Christine Margerum. 1999. "A Reappraisal of Classical Economic Nationalism and Economic Liberalism", <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 43(4): 733–44. • Wubbels, Erik. 2006. "Dependency Revisited: International Markets, Business Cycles, and Social Spending in the Developing World." <i>International Organization</i> 60 (2): 433-468.

Week 4	**** No class****
February 1 st , 2013	

Week 5	Trade Policy – Society-Centered approach
February 8 th , 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Oatley, Chapter 4 • Scheve, Kenneth and Matthew Slaughter. 2001. "What Determines Individual Trade-Policy Preferences?" <i>Journal of International Economics</i> 54 (2): 267-292. • Mayda, Anna and Dani Rodrik. 2005. "Why Are some People (and Countries) More Protectionist Than Others?" <i>European Economic Review</i> 49 (6): 1393-1430. • Hainmueller, Jens and Michael J. Hiscox. 2006. "Learning to Love Globalization: Education and Individual Attitudes toward International Trade." <i>International Organization</i> 60 (2): 469-498.

Week 6	Trade Policy – State Centered approach
February 15 th , 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Oatley, Chapter 5 • Kono, Daniel Y. 2006. "Optimal Obfuscation: Democracy and Trade Policy Transparency." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 100 (03):369-84. • Mansfield, Edward D., and Diana C. Mutz. 2009. "Support for Free Trade: Self-Interest, Sociotropic Politics, and Out-Group Anxiety." <i>International Organization</i> 63 (3):425-57. • Gawande, Kishore, Pravin Krishna, and Marcelo Olarreaga. 2009. "What Governments Maximize and Why: The View from Trade." <i>International Organization</i> 63 (3):491-532.

Week 7	International Monetary System and Exchange rate
February 22 nd , 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Oatley, Chapter 10 • Bernhard, William and David Leblang, 1999. "Democratic Institutions and Exchange Rate Commitments." <i>International Organization</i> 53 (1): 71-97. • Broz, J. Lawrence. 2002. "Political System Transparency and Monetary Commitment Regimes." <i>International Organization</i> 56 (4): 863-889. • Meissner, Christopher. 2005. "A New World Order: Explaining the International Diffusion of the Gold Standard, 1870-1913." <i>Journal of International Economics</i> 66 (2): 385-406.

Week 8	***March break***
March 1 st , 2013	

Week 9	Multinational Enterprises and Direct Investments
March 8 th , 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Oatley, Chapter 8-9 • Markusen, James R. 1995. "The Boundaries of Multinational Enterprises and the Theory of International Trade." <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i> 9 (2): 169-189. • Helpman, Elhanan. 2006. "Trade, FDI, and the Organization of Firms." <i>Journal of Economic Literature</i> 44(4): 589 - 630. • Scheve, Kenneth and Matthew J. Slaughter. 2004. "Economic Insecurity and the Globalization of Production." <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 48 (4): 662-74.

Week 10	The Political Economy of International Organizations
March 15 th , 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Oatley, Chapter 2 • Martin, Lisa and Beth Simmons. 1998. "Theories and Empirical Studies of International Institutions." <i>International Organization</i> 52 (4): 729-757. • Ruggie, John G. 1982. "International Regimes, Transactions, and Change: Embedded Liberalism in the Postwar Economic Order." <i>International Organization</i> 36(2): 379-415 • Tomz, Michael, Judith Goldstein, and Douglas Rivers. 2007. "Do We Really Know That the WTO Increases Trade?" <i>American Economic Review</i>. 97(5): 2005-2018.

Week 11	International Development and Foreign Aid
March 22 th ,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Oatley, Chapters 6-7 • Kosack, Stephen and Jennifer Tobin. 2006. "Funding Self-Sustaining Development: The Role of Aid, FDI, and Government in Economic Success." <i>International Organization</i> 60 (1): 205-243. • Alesina, Alberto and David Dollar. 2000. "Who Gives Foreign Aid to Whom and Why?" <i>Journal of Economic Growth</i> 5 (1): 33-63. • Przeworski, Adam and James Raymond Vreeland. 2000. "The Effect of IMF Programs on Economic Growth." <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> 62 (2): 385-421.

Week 12	***Good Friday*** University Closed
March 29 th , 2013	

Week 13	*** Final Exam ***
April 5 th , 2013	