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


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


Requirements and Grading

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<td>Discussion leader</td>
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<td>Participation</td>
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<td>2 reading reviews</td>
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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 weeks’ 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

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<th>Week 1</th>
<th>Introduction and organization</th>
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<th>Week 2</th>
<th>What is International political economy?</th>
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| January 18th, 2013 | - Thomas Oatley, Chapter 1  

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### Week 5
#### Trade Policy – Society-Centered approach

**February 8th, 2013**

- Thomas Oatley, Chapter 4

### Week 6
#### Trade Policy – State Centered approach

**February 15th, 2013**

- Thomas Oatley, Chapter 5

### Week 7
#### International Monetary System and Exchange rate

**February 22nd, 2013**

- Thomas Oatley, Chapter 10
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