

International Political Economy

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Course Information:

POLS 360
TR 1:00-2:15PM
Woodburn 102
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Course Description

This course is designed to provide students with an introduction to the field of international political economy. The course readings were chosen in order to familiarize students with the various issues surrounding the study of IPE, whether that student will be applying this information in a scholarly way in graduate school or on the job in the future. Five main topics will be discussed in this class: development; the connection between domestic politics and international economics; free trade; economic integration; and globalization.

Required Books (available at the WVU bookstore):

Crane, George T. and Abla Amawi, eds. 1997. *The Theoretical Evolution of International Political Economy: A Reader*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Krugman, Paul. 2013. *End This Depression Now!* New York: Norton.

All other readings are available via ecampus or on JSTOR.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Exams: There will be three exams given throughout the semester. These exams will cover all material (lecture, readings, movies, guest lectures, etc.) through the dates listed below. The exams will include multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions. Each exam will be worth 20% of the course grade (total=60% of the course grade). The exam schedule for this class is listed below:

Exam One: September 19

Exam Two: October 22

Exam Three: Friday December 13, 3-5PM (finals week)

Reading Quizzes: There will be six reading quizzes given during the semester. Three of them are announced (and the dates are found in the reading schedule) and three will be unannounced. The quiz will contain short answer questions. Your lowest quiz grade will be dropped. *If you are not in attendance on a day in which a pop quiz is given, you cannot make up the quiz regardless of the circumstance.* Each quiz is worth 3% of the course grade (total =15% of the course grade).

Analytic Essay: For this paper, you will choose a current issue in international political economy and write a 7-10 page paper that describes the issue/problem, the actors involved, and an analysis that includes possible solutions and theoretical responses to the problem. It is due on Thursday, November 21 and is worth 25% of your final grade.

Grade Calculations for POLS 260:

Exam One	20%
Exam Two	20%
Exam Three	20%
Quiz Average	15%
Analytical Essay	25%
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Total	100%

Course Rules

- (1) Make-up quizzes and examinations are given only with **prior** instructor approval (unless in a true emergency) and with appropriate documentation. Note that the documentation must indicate why you could not be in class *at the exact time of the test*.
- (2) Failure to take any exam will result in a failing grade for the entire course; a passing grade requires completion of all course requirements.
- (3) Students are required to keep an extra copy of each assignment until the instructor has returned the graded copy of that assignment. Students are also required to keep graded, returned copies of all exams and quizzes. Failure to do so will invalidate any potential question or protest about assignment or course grades.
- (4) All students must treat both the instructor and the other students with respect. This includes showing respect for alternative opinions and points of view, listening when either the instructor or a fellow student is speaking to the class, and refraining from insulting language and gestures.
- (5) All students must treat the classroom setting with respect. This includes arriving on time and staying for the entire class (or notifying the instructor in advance if this will not be possible), turning off cell phones and similar devices during class, and refraining from reading, talking with friends, and any other potentially disruptive activities.
- (6) Failure to abide by these policies will be dealt with in an appropriate manner, which may include a reduction in the course grade.
- (7) Any exceptions to these rules are given at the instructor's discretion, only with **prior** approval where possible, and only under extraordinarily pressing and well-documented circumstances.

Grade Scale:

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	0-59%

Reading Schedule:

For this class to be a successful one, it is imperative for all readings to be completed before class on the day they are assigned. I do not lecture straight from the book. Therefore, if you have any questions about the readings, I suggest that you either email them to me or visit my office during office hours.

Tuesday, August 20: Intro to Class
No readings

Thursday, August 22: Realist Approach to IPE
Crane and Amawi Ch.1 (Hamilton and List)

Tuesday, August 27 and Thursday, August 29: No Class, American Political Science Association Meeting in Chicago

Tuesday, September 3: Liberal Approach to IPE
Crane and Amawi Ch. 4 (Cooper and Keohane & Nye)

Thursday, September 5: Marxism/World Systems Theory
Crane and Amawi Ch. 3 (Marx & Engels; Marx; Lenin)
First announced quiz

Tuesday, September 10: Neoliberalism/Interdependence
Axelrod, Robert. 1981. "The Emergence of Cooperation Among Egoists."
American Political Science Review 75(2): 306-318. (on JSTOR)

Thursday, September 12: Globalization
Keohane, Robert O. and Joseph S. Nye, Jr. 2000. "Globalization: What's New? What's Not? (And So What?)" Foreign Policy 118 (Spring): 104-119. (on JSTOR)

Tuesday, September 17: Hegemonic Stability Theory/Bretton Woods
Crane and Amawi Ch. 8 (Wallerstein and Strange)

Thursday, September 19: EXAM ONE

Tuesday, September 24: Is Walmart Good For America?
Video in class, no reading

Thursday, September 26: Classical Bases For International Trade
Crane and Amawi Ch. 2 (Smith and Ricardo)

Tuesday, October 1: Who Really Wants Freer Trade?

Wood, Adrian. 1995. "How Trade Hurts Unskilled Workers." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 9(3): 57-80. (on JSTOR)

Baker, Andy. 2005. "Who Wants to Globalize? Consumer Tastes and Labor Markets in a Theory of Trade Policy Beliefs." *American Journal of Political Science* 49(4): 924-38. (on JSTOR)

Thursday, October 3: Domestic Interest Groups and Trade Policy

Grossman, Gene M. and Elhanan Helpman. 1994. "Protection for Sale." *The American Economic Review* 84(4): 833-50. (on JSTOR)

Milner, Helen. 1988. "Trading Places: Industries for Free Trade." *World Politics* 40(3): 350-75. (on JSTOR)

Fattore, Christina and Michael E. Allison. 2013. "Extended Endogenous Protection and Exogenous Protection in the EU-US Banana Disputes." *The Latin Americanist*. (on ecampus)

Tuesday, October 8: The WTO

Goldstein, Judith L., Douglas Rivers, and Michael Tomz. 2007. "Institutions in International Relations: Understanding the Effects of the GATT and the WTO on World Trade." *International Organization* 61(1): 37-67. (on JSTOR)

Maggi, Giovanni. 1999. "The Role of Multilateral Institutions in International Trade Cooperation." *The American Economic Review* 89(1): 190-214. (on JSTOR)

Second announced quiz

Thursday, October 10: Issues in the WTO

Davis, Christina L. 2004. "International Institutions and Issue Linkage: Building Support for Agricultural Trade Liberalization." *American Political Science Review* 98 (1): 153-69. (on JSTOR)

Busch, Marc L., Eric Reinhardt, and Gregory Shaffer. 2009. "Does Legal Capacity Matter? A Survey of WTO Members." *World Trade Review* 8 (4): 559-577. (on JSTOR)

Fattore, Christina. 2012. "Interest Group Influence on WTO Dispute Behavior: A Test of State Commitment." *Journal of World Trade* 46 (6): 1261-1280. (on ecampus)

Tuesday, October 15: No class, Fall Break

Thursday, October 17: Trade Regionalism

Mansfield, Edward D. 1998. "The Proliferation of Preferential Trading

Arrangements.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 42(5): 523-43. (on JSTOR)

Krueger, Anne O. 1999. “Are Preferential Trading Arrangements Trade-Liberalizing or Protectionist?” *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 13(4): 105-24. (on JSTOR)

Tuesday, October 22: EXAM TWO

Thursday, October 24: Guns Germs and Steel
No reading, video in class

Tuesday, October 29: The Millennium Development Goals

Sachs, Jeffrey. 2005. *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time*. New York: Penguin Press. Selected chapters on ecampus
Bono’s New York Times editorial :

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/09/19/opinion/19bono.html>

Millennium Declaration:

<http://www.un.org/millennium/declaration/ares552e.htm>

Thursday, October 31: The Failure of Safety Nets

Easterly, William. 2007. *The White Man’s Burden: Why The West’s Efforts to Aid the Rest Have Done So Much Ill and So Little Good*. Selected chapters on ereserves

Tuesday, November 5: Trade and Development

Milner, Helen V. and Keiko Kubota. 2005. “Why the Move to Free Trade? Democracy and Trade Policy in the Developing Countries.” *International Organization* 59(1): 157-93. (on JSTOR)

Olson, Mancur. 1993. “Dictatorship, Democracy, and Development.” *American Political Science Review* 87(3): 567-76. (on JSTOR)

Third announced quiz

Thursday, November 7: Reforms and Development: Eastern Europe

Roland, Gerard. 2002. “The Political Economy of Transition.” *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 16(1): 29-50. (on JSTOR)

Hellman, Joel S. 1998. “Winners Take All: The Politics of Partial Reform in Post- Communist Transitions.” *World Politics* 50 (2): 203-34.

Tuesday, November 12: Reforms and Development: China

Qian, Yingyi. 2003. “How Reform Worked in China.” In *In Search of Prosperity: Analytic Narratives on Economic Growth*, edited by Dani Rodrik. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. (on ecampus)

Montinola, Gabriella, Yingyi Qian, and Barry R. Weingast. 1995. “Federalism, Chinese Style: The Political Basis for Economic Success in China.” *World Politics* 58: 505-535. (on JSTOR)

Cai, Hongbin and Daniel Treisman. 2006. “Did Government

Decentralization Cause China's Economic Miracle?" World Politics
58: 505-35. (on JSTOR)

Thursday, November 14: International Monetary Relations

Neely, Christopher J. 1999. "An Introduction to Capital Controls." Review
of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. 81(6): 13-30.

Tuesday, November 19: The Welfare State

Rueda, David. 2005. "Insider-Outsider Politics in Industrialized
Democracies: The Challenge to Social Democratic Parties."
American Political Science Review 99 (1): 61-74.

Pierson, Paul. 1996. "The New Politics of the Welfare State." World
Politics 48(2): 143-79.

Thursday, November 21: Too Big To Fail?

Video in class, no reading

Papers due

No Class November 26 and 28, Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, December 3: Current Financial Crisis

Krugman Ch. 1-6

Thursday, December 5: Current Financial Crisis

Krugman Ch. 7-13

Tuesday, December 10: Review for Exam Three

Friday, December 13, 3-5PM: Exam Three