

Political Science 4420: Politics of International Economic Relations

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Course Description

What makes states engage in trade? What makes a labor union oppose a trade agreement? What are the effects of NAFTA? Why did the British vote to leave the EU? This course focuses on questions like these, and others that are common in the social scientific study of international political economy (IPE). IPE rests at the intersection of economics and international relations, and focuses on questions where this intersection takes place. For example, we will discuss how international trade affects a country's domestic population, and how that changes policy. Conversely, we will examine the political interactions that resulted in the international organizations that coordinate and affect international trade.

During the course we will focus on both the theories of international political economy, and several topic areas such as monetary relations, trade, and development. You will be asked throughout the class to think about and discuss the interactions between local and national politics, policy and economics, and the roles of all the actors in the international system. Throughout the class, more technical discussions will be supplemented with examinations of real-world examples.

Grading

Your final course grade will be calculated from the following sources:

- Midterm: 35%
- Final Exam: 35%
- Research Project: 30%
 - Topic and Literature Review: 15%
 - Final Research Paper: 15%

Exams

There will be exams held in class (on **October 12** and **December 11**). The exams will consist of a mixture of multiple choice, short answer, and/or essay questions that will test your general understanding of social science research into political violence. I will provide a study guide prior to each exam, and will set aside time to review in class if the schedule permits. The second exam will not be cumulative, but you will need to maintain your basic understanding of the social science of political violence for the second exam.

Research Project

The research project is intended to help you become familiar with the process of evaluating social scientific research about political economy while giving and applying it to a problem/question of your choice. You can choose a generalized topic, such as whether increased trade leads to inequality, or a specific event, such as the effects of NAFTA on U.S. employment, to examine in your project. The full project will make up 30% of your overall course grade. More specific information will be provided and discussed in class as the semester continues. All assignments will be submitted through Canvas.

- **Literature Review (Due October 26)** This stage of the project should present your (3-5 page) background research on the topic you chose, including a survey of the relevant literature that inform your topic. For example, if you chose to evaluate the effects of a trade agreement on a particular group, you would present your discussion about how the literature has measured this impact and what the group's reaction may be. It is an opportunity for you to engage with the research before drawing conclusions or making critiques, and an opportunity for me to assist with any problems that would impact the final paper.
- **Final Paper (Due December 7)** The final paper, 7-10 pages long, should present a slightly expanded review of the literature, and your discussion, interpretation, and conclusion of your research project. This is the opportunity to provide a synthesis of the literature, the theoretical expectations it generates, and how your particular topic fits (or is unexplained) by this literature. The paper must be 3-5 pages, double spaced, using normal fonts.

Make-up Exams

While I am more than happy to provide make-up exams for those that miss class, I cannot do so without a reason to excuse the absence. I will excuse absences on a case by case basis if provided acceptable documentation that indicates true emergency. Please note that any alternative assignments or make-up exams may be different than those given to the rest of the class.

Grading Scale

98-100: A+ 88-89: B+ 78-79: C+ 68-69: D+ 59 and below: F
94-97: A 84-87: B 74-77: C 64-67: D
90-93: A- 80-83: B- 70-73: C- 60-63: D-

Canvas

All communication for this course will be conducted via the course's Canvas site and University email. Any supplementary material, assignments, or changes to the course structure will be made available on this site. Each student should ensure that they have access to these materials and are able to receive emails through their student account. Please note that I cannot accept or respond to student emails that come from a non-university address.

Information and University Policies

Academic Honesty

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Classroom Conduct

The University community welcomes intellectual diversity and respects student rights. Students who have questions or concerns regarding the atmosphere in this class (including respect for diverse opinions) may contact the departmental chair or divisional director; the director of the Office of Students Rights and Responsibilities; the MU Equity Office, or equity@missouri.edu.

All students will have the opportunity to submit an anonymous evaluation of the instructor at the end of the course.

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Disability Services

If you anticipate barriers related to the format or requirements of this course, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need to make arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please let me know as soon as possible.

If disability related accommodations are necessary (for example, a note taker, extended time on exams, captioning), please register with the MU Disability Center, S5 Memorial Union, 573-882-4696, and then notify me of your eligibility for reasonable accommodations.

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Textbooks and Readings

There is one textbook required for the course. All other assigned readings, such as book chapters or academic journal articles will be provided for you by PDF. These will be available

on the course Canvas site. The assigned textbook is available at the university bookstore, or can be rented or purchased online.

- Cohn, Theodore H. 2016. *Global Political Economy: Theory and Practice*, 7th edition.

I expect you to have completed the readings before the day they appear on the syllabus. Fully reading and understanding the material is essential to doing well on the exams, class discussions, and your final project.

Class Outline and Schedule

I reserve the right to make changes to this syllabus at any time. Changes will be announced in class, through email, and on the course Canvas site. It is the responsibility of the student to take note of any changes.

Section 1: An Introduction to International Political Economy

August 22 & August 24: Political Economy as a Discipline

- Cohn: Chapter 1
- David Lake, 2006. “International Political Economy: A Maturing Interdiscipline.”
- Jeffrey Frieden and Lisa Martin, 2002. “International Political Economy: Global and Domestic Interactions.”

August 29 & August 31: International Economic Institutions

- Cohn: Chapter 2
- Kenneth L. Sokoloff and Stanley L. Engerman, 2000. “History Lessons: Institutions, Factor Endowments, and Paths of Development in the New World.”

Section 2: Theories of IPE

September 5 & September 7: Neomercantilism

- Cohn: Chapter 3
- Duncan Snidal, 1985. “The Limits of Hegemonic Stability Theory.”

September 12 & September 14: Liberalism and Neo-liberalism

- Cohn: Chapter 4
- Charles Kindleberger, 1987. “The World in Depression, 1929-1939.”
- Robert O. Keohane, 1984. “After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy.”

September 19 & September 21: Critical Theories

- Cohn: Chapter 5
- Alexander Wendt, 1992. “Anarchy is what States Make of it: The Social Construction of Power Politics.”

Section 3: Topics in IPE

September 26 & September 28: International Monetary Relations

- Cohn: Chapter 6
- J. Lawrence Broz and Jeffrey A. Frieden, 2001. “The Political Economy of International Monetary Relations.”

October 3 & October 5: International Finance

- Cohn: Chapter 7
- Jeffrey Frieden and Menzie Chinn, 2011. “Welcome to Argentina: How America Borrowed Its Way into a Debt Crisis.”

October 10 & October 12: International Trade

Midterm Exam October 12

- Cohn: Chapter 8
- Stephen D. Krasner, 1976. “State Power and the Structure of International Trade.”
- Helen V. Milner, 1999. “The Political Economy of International Trade.”

October 17 & October 19: Trade Agreements

- Cohn: Chapter 9
- Jana Von Stein, 2005. “Do Treaties Constrain or Screen.”
- Yotam Margalit, 2011. “Costly Jobs: Trade-related Layoffs, Government Compensation, and Voting in U.S. Elections”

October 24 & October 26: The Role of Multinational Corporations

- Cohn: Chapter 10
- Nathan M. Jensen, 2003. “Democratic Governance and Multinational Corporations.”

Literature Review Due October 26

October 31 & November 2: Foreign Aid

- Alberto Alesina and David Dollar, 2000. “Who Gives Foreign Aid to Whom and Why?”
- David H. Bearce and Daniel C. Tirone, 2010. “Foreign Aid Effectiveness and the Strategic Goals of Donor Governments.”
- Simone Dietrich, 2011. “The Politics of Public Health Aid.”
- Andreas Fuchs, Axel Dreher, and Peter Nunnenkamp 2014. “Determinants of Donor Generosity.”

November 7 & November 9: Development I

- Cohn: Chapter 11
- William Easterly, 2002. “The Elusive Quest for Growth,” Chapters 3, 4, 6, and 11. Provided on Canvas.

No Class November 9: The Social Practice of Human Rights Conference

November 14 & November 16: Development II

- Michael Albertus and Victor Menaldo, 2015. “Capital in the Twenty-First Century—in the Rest of the World.”
- M. Victoria Murillo, 2002. “Political Bias in Policy Convergence.”
- Adam Przeworski and Fernando Limongi, 1993. “Political Regimes and Economic Growth.”
- Christopher S. P. Magee and John A. Dozes, 2015. “Reconsidering Regime Type and Growth.”

November 21 & November 23:

No Class, Thanksgiving Break

November 28 & November 30 Economic Sanctions

- A. Cooper Drury, Patrick James, and Dursun Peksen, 2014. “Neo-Kantianism and Coercive Diplomacy.”
- A. Cooper Drury, 1998. “Revisiting Economic Sanctions Reconsidered.”
- Dursun Peksen and A. Cooper Drury, 2010. “Coercive or Corrosive: The Negative Impact of Economic Sanctions on Democracy.”
- Abel Escriba-Folch, 2012. “Authoritarian Responses to Foreign Pressure.”

December 5 & December 7: Custom Readings

Readings will be selected a few weeks in advance by students.

Final Paper Due December 7

December 11: Final Exam, 3:00pm-5:00pm