

02-45-356 (01)

Theories of International Political Economy

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Course description

This course provides an examination of major theoretical perspectives on international political economy (IPE), and covers both classical and modern theories, including mercantilism, liberalism, realism, neoliberalism, Marxism, feminism and post-modernism. We approach concepts, themes, and cases with the understanding that the processes, structures, ideas, and ideologies that constitute IPE – as an academic field and as material practices shaping everyday life – are fundamentally politicized, highly contested, and tied to how we define the social good.

Course goals and learning outcomes

At the conclusion of this course, successful students will be able to:

- Identify and explain basic ideas, concepts, and arguments associated with different theoretical perspectives on international political economy.
- Understand what theory is and its relationship to political and economic practice and argument.
- Recognize and discuss arguments about globalization, development, and political economic change relative to the theories that inform them.
- Demonstrate improved ability to read, understand, and discuss complex material orally and in writing.
- Demonstrate increased political literacy and engage more effectively in the political, economic, and social life of their communities.

Required readings

The required readings consist of **two books**, available at the university bookstore and online:

- Stéphane Paquin. (2016) *Theories of International Political Economy*. Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press Canada.
- John B. Judis. (2016) *The Populist Explosion: How the Great Recession Transformed American and European Politics*. New York: Columbia Global Reports.

There are also required **articles, book chapters, and other materials** available electronically through Leddy Library and the course Blackboard site. Lectures, quizzes, and assignments build on the assigned readings. It is imperative that you attend lectures and keep up with readings if you want to have a solid understanding of cases and concepts and do well in this course.

Assignments and grades

Your grade in this course will be based on five in-class reading quizzes and two papers. It is possible that I will curve final course grades if I deem it necessary, but I will not curve individual assignment marks.

- **Four in-class quizzes (5% each, 20% total) – Oct 3, Oct 31, Nov 14, Nov 28**
- **Midterm paper (35%) – due Tuesday, October 24**
- **Final paper (45%) – due Tuesday, December 19**

During the final two weeks of the term, I will give out the Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) forms in class and you will be able to evaluate your experience and my teaching in this course. The official Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences grading policy can be found online at http://www.uwindsor.ca/fahss/sites/uwindsor.ca.fahss/files/policies_procedures_course-outline-june_26-17.pdf. My primary concern is that I mark your work **fairly, accurately, and consistently**, and not that a particular expected distribution is met.

Course schedule

- **Sept 12: Introductions**
 - Paquin, chapter 1
- **Sept 19: What is theory in IPE?**
 - Paquin, chapter 2
- **Sept 26: Realism**
 - Paquin, chapter 3
 - Waltz, Kenneth N. (1988) "The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory." *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 18 (4): 615-628.
- **Oct 3: Liberalism I (origins of liberalism)**
 - **Reading quiz #1**
 - Paquin, chapter 4
 - Smith, Adam. (1776 [1904]) *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations* (5th ed). London: Methuen & Co., Ltd. Library of Economics and Liberty [online], www.econlib.org/library/Smith/smWN1.html [note: read **only** Book 1, Introduction and chapters 1 through 4, available on Blackboard to download, ~18 pages in length]
- **Oct 10: Reading week, no class**
- **Oct 17: Liberalism II (neoliberalism)**
 - Paquin, chapter 4
 - Friedman, Milton and Rose Friedman. (1979) "The Power of the Market." Chapter 1 in *Free to Choose: A Personal Statement*. New York and London: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 9-37.
 - Williamson, John. (2008) "A Short History of the Washington Consensus." In Narcis Serra and Joseph E. Stiglitz (eds.), *The Washington Consensus Reconsidered: Towards a New Global Governance*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 14-30.
- **Oct 24: Domestic / OEP approaches**
 - **Midterm paper due**
 - Paquin, chapter 5
 - Lake, David A. (2009) "Open economy politics: A critical review." *The Review of International Organizations*, 4 (3): 219-244. [also available open access online at <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11558-009-9060-y>]
- **Oct 31: Marxism**
 - **Reading quiz #2**
 - Paquin, chapter 6

- Marx, Karl. (1847 [1891]) "Wage Labour and Capital." Available online at Marxists.org, <http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1847/wage-labour/>. [note: read **all** the parts that are linked on this site; it ends up being ~14 pages total]
- Gramsci, Antonio. (1971) "Americanism and Fordism." In Quintin Hoare and Geoffrey Nowell Smith (eds.), *Selections from the Prison Notebooks*. New York: International Publishers, 298-318.
- **Nov 7: British heterodox IPE**
 - Paquin, chapter 7
 - Cohen, Benjamin. (2016) "The IPE of money revisited." *Review of International Political Economy*, doi: [10.1080/09692290.2016.1259119](https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2016.1259119).
- **Nov 14: Feminist and green IPE**
 - **Reading quiz #3**
 - Paquin, chapter 8
 - Wright, Melissa W. (2006) "Disposable Daughters and Factory Fathers." Chapter 2 in *Disposable Women and Other Myths of Global Capitalism*. New York and London: Routledge, 23-44.
 - *Wednesday, November 15 - last day to withdraw from the course*
- **Nov 21: What's missing? IPE theory beyond the West**
 - Paquin, conclusion
 - Chin, Gregory, Margaret M. Pearson, and Wang Yong. (2013) "Introduction – IPE with China's characteristics." *Review of International Political Economy*, 20 (6): 1145-1664.
 - Vale, Peter and Vineet Thakur. (2015) "'Out in the dark': knowledge, power and IPE in southern Africa." *Contexto Internacional*, 37 (3): 1011-1040. [also available online at <http://www.scielo.br/pdf/cint/v37n3/0102-8529-cint-37-03-01011.pdf>]
- **Nov 28: Reality and theory: the challenge of populist politics I**
 - **Reading quiz #4**
 - Judis, Introduction and chapters 1-3 (pp 1-88)
- **Dec 5: Reality and theory: the challenge of populist politics II**
 - Judis, chapters 4 -6 and Conclusion (pp 89-163)

FINAL PAPER

Due by Tuesday, December 19, 3:30 pm