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POLI 144D: International Political Economy

In some ways the world is more interconnected than ever before. One consequence of this globalization is an increase in welfare: higher productivity, lower poverty, and lower infant mortality. Yet, not everyone has shared equally in the benefits of globalization. Higher levels of trade have contributed to inequality. Immigration has put pressure on lower skilled workers. Open borders have made it harder to enforce labor standards and govern independently.

International political economy is concerned with addressing these challenges associated with the cross-border flow of capital, commodities, labor, and technology. The objective of this course is to help you think critically about these issues by introducing you to some of the major approaches in international political economy, as well as some of the bigger contemporary issues in globalization.

In the first part of this seminar, we will focus on the winners and losers of globalization. We will discuss the effects of globalization on government policy, as well as the reasons why some individuals and states benefit from globalization more than others. In the second part of the course, we will discuss the responsibility of western governments towards individuals who have not benefited from this increase in welfare over the last century. We will address the role of politics in economic development, as well as the consequences and failings of foreign aid and investment.

We meet twice weekly. On Tuesdays, be prepared to cover new material and take notes. Thursdays are an opportunity for you to contribute to the discussion and you should be prepared to debate the issues raised in the readings. You will note that the readings for Thursday are focused on specific cases and controversial arguments. These readings are not meant to be the final answer on a topic, but rather a catalyst for critical thought and discussion.

Requirements

Since this is a seminar course, all readings are required and you are expected to show up to class on-time having thought critically about the readings.

1. *Write two position papers on the weekly readings. 30%*

These briefs should respond to one of the arguments made in the readings and should explain why you agree or disagree with the position taken by the author. These papers should be approximately three double spaced pages.

These assignments are due Thursday at the beginning of class and must respond to one of the readings for that week. You will share these readings with a small study group; so bring 2-3 extra copies.

2. *Write one response paper. 10%*

This response paper should offer an informed and constructive critique of one of the position papers written by your study group. This paper should offer feedback on how well the author presented his or her argument, as well as suggest some ways in which the argument might be improved. This paper should be at least two double spaced pages.

3. *Final exam. 40%*

This take-home exam will test you on your mastery of the major themes of the course. You will receive a set of exam questions by the beginning of the fifth week of class. These questions will ask you to present an argument about some of the major themes of the course. You must respond to these questions in the form of a typed essay using the readings from the course as evidence.

4. *Participation. 10%*

You are required to attend all meetings and complete all of the readings. In addition to attendance, your participation grade will be affected by your performance on reading quizzes and your participation in class exercises.

Required Texts

These books can be found in the UCSD bookstore. Additional readings are available online.

- Oatley, Thomas. 2009. *International Political Economy, 4th Edition*. London, UK: Longman. ISBN-10: 0205723772.
- Rodrik, Dani. 2011. *The Globalization Paradox*. W.W. Norton. ISBN 9780393071610.

Academic Integrity

You are expected to do your own work and agree to submit your papers to turnitin.com. Plagiarism and cheating will result in a failing grade and will be referred to the academic dean.

Schedule and Readings

All readings must be completed by the day they are assigned. Background readings are not required, but can be helpful in clarifying the material or preparing for the exam.

NOTE: In order to access many of these readings, you must be on the UCSD campus or utilize a proxy. See <http://libraries.ucsd.edu/services/computing/remote-access/proxy-server.html>.

Week One (June 28-30): History of the Global Economy

What is globalization? How have patterns of openness and trade changed over time? What are the consequences of increasing globalization?

Tuesday:

No readings.

Thursday:

- Rodrik 1-46
- Dollar, David. "Globalization, Poverty and Inequality since 1980."
<http://wbro.oxfordjournals.org/content/20/2/145.full.pdf+html>
- Pages 228-241 of Stiglitz, Joseph. "The Overselling of Globalization."
http://www2.gsb.columbia.edu/faculty/jstiglitz/download/papers/2005_Overselling_Globalization.pdf

Background:

- Williamson, Jeffrey. "Globalization and Inequality Past and Present."
<http://www.nber.org/papers/w5491>
- O'Rourke, Kevin. "Globalization and Inequality: Historical Trends."
<http://www.nber.org/papers/w8339>

Week Two (July 4-8): Winners and Losers from Globalization

Why do states trade? Why is protectionism costly? Who wins and loses from increasing globalization? When does openness hurt workers?

Tuesday:

- Rodrik 47-112
- Oatley Chapter 3-4

Thursday:

- Freeman, Richard. "Are Your Wages Set in Beijing?"
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/2138423>
- Rogowski, Ronald. "Political Cleavages and Changing Exposure to Trade."
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/1962581>

- Blinder, Alan. "Free Trade is Great, but Offshoring Rattles Me." http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/05/04/AR2007050402555_2.html

Background:

- Hiscox, Michael. "Class versus Industry Cleavages: Inter-Industry Factor Mobility and the Politics of Trade." <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=164715>
- Scheve, Kenneth, Matthew Slaughter. "What Determines International Trade Policy Preferences?" <http://www.nber.org/papers/w6531>

Week Three (July 11-15): Problems in the Global Economy

Why do financial crises occur? What are the impacts of the current financial crisis on global politics?

Tuesday:

- Oatley Ch 14-15
- Rodrik 112-134
- Read/Listen: Altman, Roger. "The Great Crash 2008." <http://www.cfr.org/united-states/podcast-great-crash-2008/p18007>

Thursday:

- Johnson, Simon. "The Quiet Coup." <http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2009/05/the-quiet-coup/7364/>
- Lewis, Michael. "Wall Street on the Tundra." <https://depts.washington.edu/teclass/articles472/Wall%20Street%20on%20the%20Tundra%20%20vanityfair.pdf>

Background:

- Critical Review Special Issue: <http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~db=all~content=g913109959>
- Bremer, Ian. "A G-20 World." http://vnweb.hwwilsonweb.com/hww/results/getResults.ihtml?_DARGS=/hww/results/results_common.ihtml.35

Week Four (July 18-22): Addressing Global Inequalities

What is economic growth? Why have some states grown faster than others? How do politics play a role in economic growth?

Tuesday:

- Sachs, Jeffrey, et al. "The Geography of Poverty." <http://www.earth.columbia.edu/sitefiles/file/about/director/documents/sciam0301.pdf>
- Collier, Paul, Jan Gunning. "Why Has Africa Grown Slowly?" <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2646982>
- Rodrik 135-183

Thursday:

- Sachs, Jeffrey. "Can Extreme Poverty Be Eliminated?"
http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/documents/Scientific_AmericanSept2005.pdf
- Keefer, Phil, Stuti Khemani. "Democracy, Public Expenditures, and the Poor: Understanding Political Incentives for Providing Public Services."
<http://wbro.oxfordjournals.org/content/20/1/1.short>

Background:

- Keefer, Phil, Stephen Knack. "Why Don't Poor Countries Catch Up? Cross-National Test of an Institutional Explanation." <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1465-7295.1997.tb02035.x/abstract>
- Acemoglu, Daron, et al. "The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development."
https://hec.unil.ch/docs/files/21/280/acemoglu_johnson_robinson_2001.pdf

Week Five (July 25-29): The Global Response to Poverty

What is the responsibility of the global community to poverty? Why do states give foreign aid?
When does foreign aid work?

Tuesday:

- Easterly, William. "Can the West Save Africa?"
<http://www.policyarchive.org/handle/10207/bitstreams/14968.pdf>
- Rodrik 184-232

Thursday:

- Easterly, William. "Foreign Aid for Scoundrels."
<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/2010/nov/25/foreign-aid-scoundrels>
- Wadhams, Nick. "Bad Charity (All I Got Was This Lousy Tea-Shirt)."
<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1987628,00.html>
- Watch: Okonjo-Iweala, Ngozi. "TED Talk: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala on Aid versus Trade."
http://www.ted.com/talks/ngozi_okonjo_iweala_on_aid_vs_trade.html

Background:

- Radelet, Steven. "A Primer on Foreign Aid."
<http://cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/8846/>
- Alesina, Alberto et al. "Who Gives Aid to Whom and Why?"
<http://www.springerlink.com/index/r230138p22974562.pdf>
- Burnside, Craig, David Dollar. "Aid, Policies and Growth."
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/117311>
- Easterly, William. "Can Aid Buy Growth?"
<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/aea/jep/2003/00000017/00000003/art00002>

Final (July 31): Final Due at TA's Office by 3PM