

POLI 7946: Seminar in the Politics of International Economic Relations
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Course Description: This course is a seminar in the international political economy subfield of international relations. The goal of the course is to familiarize students with prominent scholarship in many of the subjects within IPE, including issues relating to the politics of monetary systems, trade, foreign aid. There are no prerequisites for the course, but students who have taken the graduate proseminar in international relations or who have studied economics at the undergraduate level will find themselves utilizing material they have studied in these courses. Students who have not taken these courses will still be able to access the material, as each of the major economic and

Grading Policy: The grading breakdown is as follows:

Class participation/leadership of class discussions: 25%

Weekly research questions 15%

Research paper proposal: 10%

Research paper, final draft: 50%

A+: 97-100

B+: 87-89

C+: 77-79

D: 67-69

F: 59 or below

A: 93-96

B: 83-86

C: 73-76

D: 63-66

A-: 90-92

B-: 80-82

C-: 70-72

D-: 60-62

One student each week will be responsible for leading the class discussion of the assigned materials. This student should prepare notes including summaries of the research question under analysis; the main argument of each article; the empirical approach, including methods and measures (if applicable); and finally, the author's primary finding and conclusion. The student must email these notes to other class members by 10pm the day preceding class, and will be responsible for presenting these notes and leading the class discussion during that day's seminar. Submissions will be evaluated on timeliness of submission, thoroughness and accuracy of the material covered, and overall presentation (including basic editing and grammatical style).

Students who are not leading the discussion on week must themselves prepare a brief series of research questions and responses to the assigned reading (in preparation for the next week's discussion).

Part II: International Trade and Foreign Investment

Week 7: February 22 - Trade and Conflict

- Oneal, John R. and Bruce M. Russett. 1997. "Classic Liberals Were Right: Democracy, Interdependence and Conflict, 1950-1985." *International Studies Quarterly* 41(2): 267-293.
- Mansfield, Edward D. and Brian M. Pollin. 2001. "The Study of Interdependence and Conflict: Recent Advances, Open Questions and Direction for Future Research" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45(6): 834-859.
- Gartzke, Erik and Quan Li. 2003. "Measure Measure: Concept Operationalization and the Trade Interdependence-Conflict Debate." *Journal of Peace Research* 40(5): 553-571.
- Maoz, Zeev. 2009. "The Effects of Strategic and Economic Interdependence on International Conflict Across Levels of Analysis." *American Journal of Political Science* 53(1): 223-240.
- Kinne, Brandon J. 2012. "Multilateral Trade and Militarized Conflict: Centrality, Openness, and Asymmetry in the Global Trade Network." *The Journal of Politics* 74(1): 308-322.

Week 8: February 29 – PTAs and Trade Organizations

- Lipson, Charles. 1982. "The Transformation of Trade: The Sources and Effects of Regime Change." *International Organization* 36(2): 417-455.
- Goldstein, Judith and Lisa L. Martin. 2000. "Legalization, Trade Liberalization and Domestic Politics: A Cautionary Note." *International Organization* 54(3): 603-632.
- Mansfield, Edward D and Eric Reinhardt. 2003. "Multilateral Determinants of Regionalism: The Effects of GATT/WTO on the Formation of Preferential Trading Agreements." *International Organization* 57: 829-62.
- Rose, Andrew K. 2004. "Do We Really Know that the WTO Increases Trade?" *American Economic Review* 94: 98-114.
- Davis, Christina L. and Sarah Blodgett Deo. 2009. "Who Files? Developing Country Participation in GATT/WTO Adjudication." *The Journal of Politics* 71(3): 1033-1049.

Week 12 – March 28 – How Can Aid be Improved – And Should It?
Research design proposal due by 9:00am

- Sachs, Jeffrey. 2005. *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time*
- Easterly, William. 2006. *The White Man's Burden: why the West's efforts to aid the rest have so much ill and so little good*
- Easterly, William. 2014. *The Tyranny of Experts: Economics Dictators and the Forgotten Rights of the Poor*
- Moyo, Dambisa. 2009. *Dead Aid: Why Aid is Not Working and How There is a Better Way for Africa*

Week 13: April 4 - Aid Externalities: What Else Does Aid Do Besides Promote Economic Growth?

- Finkel, Steven E., Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, and Mitchell A. Seligson. 2007. "The Effects of U.S. Foreign Assistance on Democracy Building, 1990-2000." *World Politics* 59(3): 404-439.
- Kono, Daniel Yuichi and Gabriella R. Martinola. 2009. "Does Foreign Aid Support Autocrats, Democrats, or Both?" *The Journal of Politics* 71(2): 704-718.
- Wright, Joseph. 2009. "How Foreign Aid Can Help Democratization in Authoritarian Regimes." *American Journal of Political Science* 53(3): 552-571.
- Ahmed, Faisal Z. 2012. "The Perils of Unequal Foreign Income: Aid, Remittances, and Government Survival." *American Political Science Review* 106(1): 146-165.
- Girod, Desha M. 2012. "Effective Foreign Aid Following Civil War: the Nonstrategic-Desperation Hypothesis." *American Journal of Political Science* 56(1): 188-201.
- Savun, Burcu and Daniel C. Tirone. 2012. "Generous Shocks, Foreign Aid and Civil War." *International Organization* 66(3): 363-393.

Part IV: International Financial Institutions

Week 14: April 11 – Development and roles of the IFI's

- Cohen, Benjamin J. 1982. "Balance of Payments Financing: Evolution of a Regime." *International Organization* 36(2): 457-478.
- Frieden, Jeff. 1993. "The Dynamics of International Monetary Systems: International and Domestic Factors in the Rise, Reign, and Decline of the Classical Gold Standard." In *Coping with Complexity in the International System*. Jack Snyder and Robert Jervis. Westview Press.
- Fischer, Stan. 2003. "Financial crises and reform of the international financial system." *Review of World Economics* 39(1): 1-37.
- Eichengreen, Barry. 2004. "Global Imbalances and the Lessons of Bretton Woods". NBER Working Paper 10497.
- Meissner, Christopher M. 2005. "A New World Order: Explaining the International Diffusion of the Gold Standard, 1870-1913." *Journal of International Economics* 66: 385-406.

Additional Topics Which May Be of Interest

International Monetary Fund

- Thacker, Strom C. 1999. "The Political Politics of IMF Lending." *World Politics* 51(1): 38-75.
- Gould, Erica R. 2003. "Money Talks: Supplementing Primary Financiers and International Monetary Fund Conditionality." *International Organization* 57: 551-586.
- Vreeland, James R. 2003. Chapters 1, 4-7 from *IMF and Economic Development*
- Oatley, Thomas and Jason Yackee. 2004. "American Interests and IMF Lending." *International Politics* 41: 415-429.
- Nooruddin, Irfan and Joel W. Simmons. 2006. "The Politics of Hard Choices: IMF Programs and Government Spending." *International Organization* 60: 1001-1033
- Mukherjee, Bumba and David Andrew Singer. 2010. "International Institutions and Domestic Compensation: The IMF and the Politics of Capital Account Liberalization." *American Journal of Political Science* 54(1): 45-60.

Central Bank Independence

- Cukierman, Alex, Steven B. Webb and Binayanti. 1992. "Measuring the Independence of Central Banks and Its Effect on Policy Outcomes." *World Bank Economic Review*
- Simmons, Beth A. 1996. "Rules of the Game: Central Bank Independence during the Interwar Years." *International Organization* 50(3): 407-443.
- Bernhard, William T. 1998. "A Political Explanation of Variations in Central Bank Independence." *American Political Science Review* 92: 311-28.
- Hallerberg, Mark. 2002. "Veto Players and the Choice of Monetary Institutions." *International Organization* 56(4): 775-802.
- Broz, J. Lawrence. 2002. "Political System Transparency and Monetary Commitment Regimes." *International Organization* 56(4): 861-887.
- Copelovitch, Mark S. and David Andrew Singer. 2008. "Financial Regulation, Monetary Policy, and Inflation in the Industrialized World." *The Journal of Politics* 70(3): 663-680.

Additional Readings, 2013-2015

JOP

"Environmental reform, negative duties, and Petrocrats: A strategic green energy argument" by Shmuel Nili, *Journal of Politics* vol. 77, issue 4 (914-927).

"Doing harm by doing good? The negative externalities of humanitarian aid provision during civil conflict" by Wood and Sullivan, *Journal of Politics* Vol. 77, issue 3 (736-748).

“English bacon: Copartisan bias in intergovernmental grant allocation in England” by Fourinaies and Mutlu-Ered, Journal of Politics Vol. 77, issue 3 (805-817).

“How does leadership affect violence? The case of drug trafficking organizations in Mexico”, by Brian Phillips, Journal of Politics vol. 77, issue 2 (324-336).

“The political consequences of special policies: How interstate highways facilitated geographic polarization,” by Clayton Nall, Journal of Politics vol. 77, issue 2 (394-406).

“Political centralization and economic performance: Evidence from Russia” by Quintin Beazer, Journal of Politics vol. 77, issue 1 (128-145).

“Foreign aid allocation tactics and democratic change in Africa” by Dietrich and Wright, Journal of Politics Vol. 77, issue 1 (216-234).

“Bases, bullets, and ballots: The effects of US military aid of political conflict in Colombia,” by Dube and Naidu, Journal of Politics vol. 77, issue 1 (249-267).

“International Finance and central Bank independence: Institutional Diffusion and the flow and cost of capital” by Bodea and Hicks, Journal of Politics, vol. 77, issue 1 (268-284).

“Economic discontent as a mobilizer: Unemployment and voter turnout” by Barry and Wichowsky, Journal of Politics Vol. 76, issue 4 (887-898).

“Political parties, supply side strategies and firms: The political micro-economy of partisan politics” by Isa Camya, Journal of Politics vol. 76, issue 3 (725-739).

“Curse or cure? Migrant Remittances and corruption” by Michael Tybur, Journal of Politics, vol. 76, issue 3 (814-824).

“Who benefits from economic reform? Firms and distributive politics” by Szakonyi and Urpelainen, Journal of Politics Vol. 76, issue 3 (841-858).

“Humanitarian assistance and the duration of peace after civil war” by Neil Narang, Journal of Politics vol. 76, issue 2 (446-460).

“Balancing Demands: The World economy and

“Market inequality and redistribution in Latin America and the Caribbean” by Morgan

“Exchange rates and industry demands for trade protection” by Broz and Werfel, International Organization, Apr. 2014, vol. 68, issue 2 (393-416).

“The emperor has no clothes: The limits of OPEC in the global oil market” by Jeff Colgan, International Organization, Jul. 2014, vol. 68, issue 3 (599-632).

“Who gets to be in the room? Manipulating participation in WTO disputes” by Johns and Pelc, International Organization, Jul. 2014, vol. 68, issue 3 (663-699).

“Trade, foreign direct investment, and immigration policy making in the United States” by Margaret Peters, International Organization, Oct. 2014, Vol. 68, issue 4 (811-844).

“Audience features and the strategic timing of trade disputes” by Stephen Chaudoin, Oct. 2014, vol. 68, issue 4 (877-911).

“Price stability and central bank independence: Discipline, credibility, and democratic institutions” by Bodea and Hicks, International Organization, Jan. 2015, vol. 69, issue 1 (35-61).

“Central Banks at War” by Paul Poast, International Organization, Jan. 2015, vol. 69, issue 1 (97-130).

“Multilateral aid and domestic economic interests” by Elena McLean, International Organization, Jan. 2015, vol. 69, issue 1 (97-130).

“When are sanctions effective? A Bargaining and Enforcement framework” by Bapat and Kwon, International Organization, Jan. 2015, vol. 69, issue 1 (131-162).

“What is litigation in the WTO worth?” by Bechtel and Sattler, International Organization, Apr. 2015, vol. 69, issue 2 (375-403).

“Migration and Foreign Aid” by Bermeo and Leblang, International Organization, vol. 69, issue 3 (627-657).

“Profiting from sanctions: Economic Coercion and US Foreign Direct Investment in third-party states” by Barry and Kleinberg, International Organization, Oct. 2015, Vol. 69, issue 4 (847-879).

APSR

“Empowering Women through development Aid: Evidence from a field experiment in Afghanistan” by Beath et al., American Political Science Review, vol. 107, issue 3, Aug. 2013 (540-557).

"Different paths to the modern state in Europe: The interaction between warfare, economic structure, and political regime" by Karaman and Panizza, *American Political Science Review*, vol. 107, issue 3, Aug. 2013 (603-626).

"Trade, institutions, and ethnic tolerance: Evidence from South Asia" by Saumitra Jha, *American Political Science Review*, vol. 107, issue 4, Nov. 2013, (806-832).

"The political economy of ownership: Hong Kong markets and the welfare state" by Ben Ansell, *American Political Science Review*, vol. 108, issue 2, May 2014, (383-402).

"Race, Paternalism, and foreign aid: Evidence from U.S. Public Opinion" by Andy Baker, *American Political Science Review*, vol. 109, issue 1, Feb. 2015, (93-109).

"How does development assistance affect civil action capacity? Results from a field experiment in Post-Conflict Liberia" by Fearon et al., *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 109, issue 3, Aug. 2015 (450-469).

AJPS

"Do Cash transfers affect electoral behavior? Evidence from a randomized experiment in Mexico" by Ana De La O, *American Journal of Political Science*, Jan. 2013, vol. 57, issue 1, (1-14).

"Size, democracy, and the economic costs of running the political system" by Blom-Hansen et al., *American Journal of Political Science*, Oct. 2014, vol. 58, issue 4, (790-803).

"Political reinforcement: How rising inequality curbs manifested welfare generosity" by Barth et al., *American Journal of Political Science*, July 2015, vol. 59, issue 3, (565-577).

World Development

"Remittances and Portfolio Values: An Inquiry among Immigrants from Africa, Europe, and the Americas," by Amuedo-Dorantes and Pozo, *World Development*, Vol. 41, Jan. 2013, (83-95).

"Export liberalization, job creation, and the skill premium" by Turrini, (833, (565-577)).

International Interactions

"The IMF, domestic public sector banks, and currency crises in developing states," by Bumba and Bagozzi, *International Interactions*, Jan.-Mar. 2013, Vol. 39, Issue 1, (1-29).

"Economic sanctions, poverty, and international terrorism: An empirical analysis" by Choi and Luo, *International Interaction*, Apr.-Jun. 2013, Vol. 39, Issue 2, (217-245).

"Global market credits, political violence, and politically sustainable risk premia" by Chapman and Reinhardt, *International Interactions*, Jul.-Aug. 2013, Vol. 39, Issue 3, (316-342).

"Unionization and restrictions on foreign direct investment" by Erica Owen, *International Interactions*, Nov.-Dec. 2013, Vol. 39, Issue 5, (723-747).

"Introduction: Survey and Experimental Research in International Political Economy" by Jensen et al., *International Interactions*, Jul-Aug. 2014, Vol. 40, Issue 3, (287-304).

"Trade and welfare compensation: The missing links" by Haataja, *International Interactions*, Nov.-Dec. 2014, Vol. 40, Issue 5, (631-656).

"The effects of political risk on different entry modes of foreign direct investment" by Lee et al., *International Interactions*, Nov.-Dec. 2014, Vol. 40, Issue 5, (683-710).

"Coercion and the global spread of securities regulation" by Johannes Kleibl, *International Interactions*, Jan.-Mar. 2015, Vol. 41, Issue 1, (1-25).

"The influence of aid changes on African election outcomes" by Ryan Briggs, *International Interactions*, Apr.-Jun. 2015, Vol. 41, Issue 2, (201-225).

"International signaling and economic sanctions" by Whang and Jun, *International Interactions*, Jul.-Aug., 2015, Vol. 41, Issue 3, (427-452).