POLS*3790: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This course is designed to provide students with an exciting introduction to approaches to understanding international political economy (IPE). This transdisciplinary field covers the global intersection of politics and economics in plain English. As such, POLS*3790 showcases concepts and theories that help us to better understand global political conflicts over economic ideas, policies and institutions. The course aims to enable students to apply conceptual insights from IPE to the politics of current events in international relations, and also to their everyday lives. The course commences with a brief introduction to several prominent IPE approaches and core concepts, and proceeds to review the political evolution and dynamics of the contemporary world economy. Students will then consider the politics of responses to the global financial crisis. The class will subsequently be introduced to the politics of the world trading system and also to the politics of transnational or global production systems. Next, students will review several significant topics in the IPE literature, including: globalization politics; the international political economy of everyday life (housework; payday loans; protest; travel etc.); and the politics of economic regionalism. The final weeks of the course will consider civil society in the IPE, and will conclude with discussions on the politics of science and the future of capitalism.

REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENT

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