

Political Economy Seminar
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

What is political economy? What are subjects of concern in the field of political economy? What are the approaches to the study of political economy? What, if anything, does political economy have to do with our daily life? This course will introduce the intellectual history of political economy and survey contending approaches to the study of political economy. The aim of this course is to acquaint students with the theoretical tools to analyze debates related to contemporary global economy.

REQUIREMENTS

This is a reading course. Seminar members should attend all class meetings and be prepared to discuss the assigned readings. To facilitate class discussion, each student is required to post her/his one-page, single-spaced response memo on Moodle 12 hours before each class. The memo should be a product of critical review of the issues related to the week's topic rather than just a summary of the assigned readings. That said, you should at least be able to identify the main arguments of each reading, its counterarguments, its empirical evidence, its relevance to the current issues facing the global economy, and your critiques. Throughout the semester you will be writing a research proposal that will ideally serve as your master/doctoral thesis proposal. For a useful guide to write an academic paper in the field of social science, see Barry Weingast, "Structuring Your Papers (Caltech Rules)," which is available at https://web.stanford.edu/group/mcnollgast/cgi-bin/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/CALTECH.RUL_.pdf. Another helpful piece written by a leading social science scholar is Robert O. Keohane, "Political Science as a Vocation," *PS: Political Science & Politics* 42:2(2009), pp. 359-63.

Your final grade will be determined by the following criteria:

Class participation	40%
Response memos	30% (due at Moodle by 2 a.m. each Wednesday)
Research proposal	30% (due in class on Jan 8, 2020)

POLICIES

There will be no extensions for any written assignments and oral presentations. Late assignments will receive a grade of zero.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. For a useful article about what constitutes plagiarism, see Kurt Weyland, "How to Assess Plagiarism of Ideas," *PS: Political Science and Politics* 40: 2 (April 2007), pp. 375-376.

Classroom etiquette: Please arrive to class on time. Turn off your electronic devices while you are in class. If your cell phone rings during class, you will be asked to leave.

COURSE MATERIALS

Naazneen H. Barma and Steven K. Vogel (eds.), *The Political Economy Reader: Market as Institutions* (New York & London: Routledge, 2008).

Articles and book chapters are available through electronic access via the library's website and course website (Moodle).

CLASS SCHEDULE

Week 1 September 11, 2019 Course Introduction

Week 2 September 18, 2019 The Classics

Week 3 September 25, 2019 The Liberal Paradigm

Week 4 October 2, 2019 Economic Sociology

Week 5 October 9, 2019 The New Institutional Economics

Week 6 October 16, 2019 Historical Perspectives

Week 7 October 23, 2019 Political Science and Political Economy

Week 8 October 30, 2019 Market Reform in Advanced Industrial Countries

Week 9 November 6, 2019 Mid-term review / Research topic due

Week 10 November 13, 2019 Inequality and Redistribution in Advanced Industrial Countries*

Kathleen Thelen. 2012. "Varieties of Capitalism: Trajectories of Liberalization and the New Politics of Social Solidarity," *The Annual Review of Political Science* 15, 137-59.

Thomas Piketty. 2014. *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press. Introduction & Conclusion.

Joseph E. Stiglitz. 2017. "The Welfare State in the Twenty-First Century," paper presented at a conference on "The Welfare State and the Fight Against Inequality," Columbia University, New York.
<https://www8.gsb.columbia.edu/faculty/jstiglitz/sites/jstiglitz/files/The%20Welfare%20State%20in%20the%20Twenty-First%20Century.pdf>.

Matthew E. Carnes and Isabela Mares. 2007. "The Welfare State in Global Perspective," in Carles Boix and Susan Stokes, Eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Week 11 November 20, 2019 Market Transition in Eastern Europe and China

Week 12 November 27, 2019 Market Transition Reconsidered*

Andrei Shleifer and Robert W. Vishny. 1998. *The Grabbing Hand: Government Pathologies and Their Cures*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press. Chapters 1, 6, 7, 11.

Edmund Malesky and Jonathan London. 2014. "The Political Economy of Development in China and Vietnam," *Annual Review of Political Science* 17 (2014), 395-419.

Hilary Appel and Mitchell A. Orenstein. 2016. "Why did Neoliberalism Triumph and Endure in the Post-Communist World?" *Comparative Politics* 48(April), 313-331.

Week 13 December 4, 2019 The Rise and Fall of Development Theory*

Colin Leys. 1996. *The Rise and Fall of Development Theory*. Bloomington & Indianapolis: Indiana University Press. Chapters 1-4.

Benno J. Ndulu, "The Evolution of Global Development Paradigms and Their Influence on African Growth [through policy]," in Benno J. Ndulu et al, *The Political Economy of Economic Growth in Africa: 1960-2000*, New York: Cambridge UP, 2008, pp. 315-345. (e-book)

Week 14 December 11, 2019 Market Development in Developing Countries

Week 15 December 18, 2019 Globalization and the Information Technology Revolution

Week 16 December 25, 2019 International Political Economy*

John Ravenhill. 2014. "The Study of Global Political Economy," in John Ravenhill. ed. *Global Political Economy (Fourth Edition)*(Oxford: Oxford University Press), pp. 3-24.

Matthew Watson. 2014. "The Historical Roots of Theoretical Traditions in Global Political Economy," in John Ravenhill. ed. *Global Political Economy (Fourth Edition)*, pp. 25-49.

Benjamin Cohen. 2007. "The Transatlantic Divide: Why are American and British IPE So Different?" *Review of International Political Economy* 14(2): 197-219.

Mark Blyth. 2009. "International Political Economy as a Global Conversation," in Mark Blyth ed., *Routledge Handbook of International Political Economy* (New York: Routledge), pp. 1-20.

Week 17 January 1, 2020 New Year's Day

Week 18 January 8, 2020 Review/ Research proposal due