

POLITICAL ECONOMY AND PUBLIC POLICY FROM A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
(INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY A)
ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM
SPRING SEMESTER (2019)

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Course Description

We will examine the political, economic, and social conditions conducive to the development of cooperative behaviour. Each lecture we will cover the main questions and puzzles in this sub-field of political science, and the discipline's best answers to date. The first two sections of this course will mainly consist of theory. Throughout this course we will be utilizing cases stemming from Eurasia.

Course Objectives

Upon completing this class, students should be able to:

- Analyze and explain the key features of political economy and public policy from an East Asian perspective
- Identify the principal actors, institutions, structures, and norms that shape open or closed economic policies
- Engage in basic research tasks using online databases and other resources
- Construct arguments, using data/evidence appropriately.

Furthermore, this course is designed to help students:

- Develop thinking, learning and communication skills;
- Develop skills in identifying, accessing and evaluating sources of information;
- Promote curiosity and life-long learning.

Instruction to Students

In this course, students learn by reading and reflecting on the assigned texts, listening to the instructor's lectures, participating in class discussion, participating in formal debates, and asking questions--lots of questions. This class meets 3 hours a week. Students can expect 6 to 8 hours of preparation (reading, reflecting, preparing written assignments, reviewing notes, preparing for tests, etc.) per week.

Grading Criteria

Midterm I:	20%
Midterm II:	30%
Final Exam:	40%
Participation:	10%

Textbooks:

The instructor will provide all reading and course materials

COURSE SCHEDULE

NO.	DATE	TOPIC	READINGS
1	TBA	Course Introduction	No scheduled readings ; In-class survey
2	TBA	What is Political Economy? Why focus on East Asia?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Readings: - Oatley, Chapter 1 - Suggested readings: Lake, David, 2006. International Political Economy: A Maturing Inter-discipline (pp 757-776)
3	TBA	The Bretton Woods System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Readings: Oatley, Chapter 2 - Suggested readings: Busch, Marc. Overlapping Institutions, Forum Shopping, and Dispute Settlement in International Trade. International Organization 61(4): 735-761.
4	TBA	In-class exercise	- No scheduled readings
5	TBA	The Political Economy of Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Readings: Oatley, Chapter 3 - Suggested readings: Grieco, Joseph M. and John Ikenberry. 2003. The Economics of International Trade. In Grieco and Ikenberry, State Power and World Markets: The International Political Economy. New York: W.W. Norton & Co. pp19-56.
6	TBA	A Society-Centered Approach to trade and public policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Readings: Oatley, Chapter 4 - Suggested readings: Rogowski, Ronald. 1987. Political Cleavages and Changing Exposure to Trade. American Political Science Review 81 (4):1121-1137
7	TBA	In-class exercise	- No scheduled readings
8	TBA	A State-Centered Approach to trade and public policy I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Readings: Oatley, Chapter 5 - Suggested readings: Woo, Meredith. The Developmental State (chapter 1)
9	TUE SEPT 27 TH	A State-Centered Approach to trade and public policy II	- Readings: Oatley, Ch. 6
10	TBA	Trade and Development I: ISI	Readings: Oatley, Ch. 7
11	TBA	Multi-National Corporations in the Global Economy	- Readings: Oatley, Ch. 8
12	TBA	In-Class Exercise	- Midterm Review (No readings)
13	TBA	Midterm Exam I	- No scheduled Readings

14	TBA	Post-midterm exam exercise	- Group work
15	TBA	Documentary	Documentary
16	TBA	The Politics of Multi-National Corporations	- Readings: Oatley, Ch. 9
17	TBA	The International Monetary System I	- Readings: Oatley, Ch. 10
18	TBA	A Society-Centered Approach to Monetary and Fiscal Policy I	- Readings: Oatley, Ch. 12, 13
19	TBA	In-class exercise	- No scheduled Readings
20	TBA	Documentary: Princes of the Yen (Central Bank Independence)	Documentary
21	TBA	Development and Regime Type I: Theory	- Readings: TBA
22	TBA	Development and Regime Type II: Theory	- Readings: TBA
23	TBA	In-class exercise	- Readings: TBA
24	TBA	Midterm II Review	- No scheduled readings
25	TBA	Midterm II	- No scheduled readings
26	TBA	Post-Exam exercise	- No Readings
27	TBA	Globalization	- Readings: TBA -
28	TBA	Course Wrap Up: Final Thoughts ; Course Evaluations	- Readings: TBA - Final exam review guide handed out
29	TBA	Final Exam Review	- Review previously assigned readings
30	TBA	Final Exam	- In-class final exam

NOTES:

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: -2.5% FROM COURSE GRADE; TARDY: -1.25% FROM COURSE GRADE

**SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH NOTICE.