Duke University
Political Science 213
Theories of International Political Economy
Fall 2005
Wed 2:50-5:20
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Purpose:
PS 213 is a seminar on the theories of international political economy. We will systematically examine theoretical explanations for why countries open their markets to international trade in some products, but not others; why governments sometime use tariffs but at other times non-tariff barriers to protect domestic producers; why many countries have removed restriction on capital in- and outflows in recent years; what the consequences are of economic globalization, especially increased financial openness; and whether democracy helps or hinders economic development. We will also examine more general questions, such as: What is the role of domestic and/or international political institutions in the international political economy? As part of our discussions, we will consider how well the various theoretical arguments are supported empirically by the authors’ own empirical research or otherwise—and how the research design might be improved to allow more systematic assessments of competing claims. The main focus of the seminar will be the analysis of the works we read as theory: What are the assumptions? Do the hypotheses logically follow from those assumptions? Are they compelling? What is the stipulated causal mechanism? What exactly is the explanandum? What alternative explanations might there be for this phenomenon? Etc.

A central concern of international political economy is to understand why the world often appears not to work as basic neoclassical economic models suggest it should. Consequently, prior familiarity with the central concepts and basic models of international economics, such as the notion of comparative advantage and the Ricardian and specific factors models of trade, is highly recommended. PS213 also presumes basic empirical knowledge at the level of at least PS113 about current political-economic issues and the history of the international political economy, including the major institutions of trade and finance, such as the GATT/WTO, IMF, and the World Bank. Students who would like to brush up on these issues should consult the recommended readings for week 1. PS213 is geared primarily toward PhD students in Political Science, but is open to others, including qualified undergraduates, with permission of the instructor.

Requirements
Active and thoughtful participation in the seminar discussion—including the ability to listen—are an essential part of this course and will count for 20% of the grade. Since we will be a large group, I may in the interest of fairness call on students who seem not to have had an opportunity to participate in the discussion.

Students will write two short papers, each counting for 20% of the grade, during the course of the semester. One of the short papers should be a careful theoretical critique of a single major work based on a close reading, keeping in mind Imre Lakatos dictum that "the first stage of any serious criticism of a scientific theory is to reconstruct, improve its logical deductive articulation." The other short paper should address a broader issue or debate, drawing on all pertinent required readings (usually primarily from a single week). Each student may choose his or her own topic for these papers, but the chosen

topics should focus mainly on the issues and required readings for this course. The papers are due at the beginning of class for which the discussed readings are assigned. Each student may choose the order of the two papers, but they must be written for different weeks and one paper must be written at the latest for week 6. These papers should be 6-8 double-spaced pages in length, following standard formatting and referencing guidelines (maximum length is 2,000 words of text incl. footnotes and 10 pages max. incl. references). Each essay should be paginated and stapled, contain an un-numbered title page (which should be the only place where your name appears), repeat the title at the top of the first page of text, and report the word count (incl. notes) at the end of the essay.

In addition, there will be one written exercise at the end of the course (40% of the grade), consisting of two broad questions selected at random from the IPE section of past qualifying exams. Possible questions will be distributed in advance; the two actual questions will be selected at the end of the last class, with responses (4-6 double-spaced pages per question) due the next day. Graduate students who want to fulfill the seminar paper requirement based on this course may write a seminar paper instead of the final written exercise, with permission of the instructor. Those who intend to exercise this option should submit a paper proposal no later than Oct.7. All written work must be done individually, but you may discuss your topic and ideas in advance with your peers, as long as they are individually acknowledged in the paper.

Readings

Many of the required readings are journal articles, which should be available to you online via Duke's electronic journal holdings or bibliographic databases (online); some other readings are on electronic reserves (e-res), and a few unpublished manuscripts are accessible only via the course website (cws) with access restricted to students enrolled in the class. All books from which we read any chapters have been placed on reserve at Perkins library; some of these books have additionally been ordered at Duke's Textbook Store (indicated by an asterisk below). I highly recommend those books, but buy only those you want.

1. Conceptualizing Alternative Approaches and Assessing Theoretical Work in IPE (Aug. 29, 3:30pm)

**NOTE:** Since Wed, Aug.31 is the first day of the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, we will have an advance make-up meeting for PS213 on Monday, Aug.29. It will only be a brief introductory meeting, from 3:30 until about 4:15pm in Room 136 Social Sciences, during which we will have little time to discuss the selections below; I nonetheless highly recommend that you read them, as they will prove useful throughout the remainder of the semester.

*Alternative Approaches to IPE*

Assessing Theoretical Work in IPE

* King, Gary, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba. In Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994: esp. sections 1.1, 1.2.0–1.2.3, 1.3.3, 1.3.4; 2.1.2, 2.2, 2.6, 2.7; 3 (all); 4.1, 4.3, and 4.4. [pp. 3-27, 31-33; 42f, 46-49, 55-71; 75-95, 99-114; 118-121, 122f, 128-149].


Recommended: Theory


Recommended: Empirics


I also highly recommend a subscription to the Financial Times (at greatly reduced rates for students from http://news.ft.com/Education/Portal/) to keep up with current international political and economic affairs.


duke university seminar on globalization, equity & democratic governance
prof. michael tomz, stanford university
"domestic audience costs in international relations: an experimental approach"
perkins library, breedlove room

2. Trade I: International and Transnational Explanations (Sep. 7)


3. Trade II: Transnational and Domestic Explanations (Sep. 14)


Recommended:


4. The Politics of Non-Tariff Barriers to Trade: Standards & Regulations (Sep. 21)


**Recommended:**

5. Institutions & Cooperation I (Sep. 28)


online Simmons, Beth A. "International Law and State Behavior: Commitment and Compliance in International Monetary Affairs." *American Political Science Review* vol.94 no.4 (December 2000): 819-835.


Recommended: International Institutions, General Debate


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**Tue, 4 Oct 2005, 7:00 - 8:30pm**

*Duke University Seminar on Globalization, Equity & Democratic Governance*

Prof. Shanker Satyanath, New York University

"Capital Controls, Political Institutions, and Economic Growth"

John Hope Franklin Center, Room 240

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### 6. Institutions & Cooperation II (Oct. 5)


**online** Rose, Andrew. "Do We Really Know That the WTO Increases Trade?" *American Economic Review* vol.94 no.1 (March 2004): 98-114.


*Recommended: How Institutions Matter in World Politics*


8. International Finance II: Exchange Rates; Lending & Debt (Oct. 19)


**Recommended:**


9. Foreign Direct Investment and Multinational Corporations (Oct. 26)

**Online**
- Li, Quan and Adam Resnick.  "Reversal of Fortunes: Democratic Institutions and Foreign Direct Investment Inflows to Developing Countries." *International Organization* vol.57 no.1 (Winter 2003): 175-211.

**CWS**

**Recommended:**

10. Economic Development & Aid (Nov. 2)

**Online**

**E-Res**


Recommended:


Tue, 8 Nov 2005, 7:00 - 8:30pm

*Duke University Seminar on Globalization, Equity & Democratic Governance*  
Prof. Kal Raustiala, UCLA (Law)

"The Evolution of Territoriality in an Age of Globalization"

Perkins Library, Breedlove Room

11. Globalization and Its Consequences in Advanced Industrialized Countries (Nov. 9)


12. Consequences of Globalization in Developing Countries (Nov. 16)


**Recommended:**


**NOTE:** No class on Wednesday, Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Break).

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**13. New Issues & Persistent Debates** (Nov. 30)

**International Environmental Politics**


**Human Rights**


**Non-State Actors in World Politics**


**Intellectual Property Rights**


**Unilateralism vs. Multilateralism**


**Recommended, Environmental Politics:**


**Recommended, Unilateralism vs. Multilateralism:**


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*Thursday, 1 December 2005, 6pm:*

*Final Written Exercise due*