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Political Science 407S
Global Political Economy

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Course Content: Global political economy is the study of the parallel existence and mutual interaction of the state and the market at the global level of analysis. This course is an examination of the politics of international economic relations focusing on both state and non-state actors. Liberal, neomercantile, and critical theories of political economy are examined and applied to several issues. Issues the course will explore include: the politics of markets, imperialism, dependency, interdependence, trade, direct foreign investment, multinational corporations, globalization, regional integration, international economic institutions, labor, and the environment.

Format: As this is an upper-level course, the instructor assumes that students who have registered for the class are interested in the topic. The course will be conducted as a seminar. The instructor expects students will read the assigned materials prior to coming to class. Students are expected to actively participate in a constructive manner during class discussions.

Course Requirements: *Exams:* There will be two exams each worth 100 points. All make-up exams are scheduled for Monday May 7th at 10:10 a.m. Make-up exams will only be allowed when the instructor is notified *before* the scheduled exam and only for verifiable and excusable grounds. All in-class exams and quizzes must be written in black ink, dark blue ink, or a “number 2” pencil. Exams and quizzes not conforming to this requirement will not be graded. Students who do not exercise intelligible penmanship will be penalized on their exam and quiz grades. Please note that *all* final exams must be taken during the officially scheduled time and that make-up exams are not offered for the final exam.

Research Project: Students will write a research paper worth 100 points. More information on this assignment will be handed out in class.

Class Participation and attendance, including quizzes, will account for another 100 points. Make-up quizzes will not be offered. At least once during the semester each student will be called on to answer a question related to the assigned readings. This assignment is worth 50 points toward your participation grade. Missing more than 3 classes lowers your final grade by one-third (e.g., an A- turns into a B+). Missing more than 5 classes determines that your grade is an F. Students who arrive late or leave early will be marked absent.

Disruptions – such as using a cell phone, text messenger, pager, computer or other device – will have a deleterious effect on your participation grade. *The instructor requires all cell phones and pagers to be switched off during class.* Electronic devices, including language translation equipment, may not be used during exams. Late assignments will be penalized 20 percent per day beyond the due date. Incompletes will only be offered when requested in writing on behalf of a student by the Chair of the Department of Political Science or the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. All grade disputes must be in writing. Students who expect to miss class because of the observance of a religious holiday will have an opportunity to make up missed work given that the instructor has been notified in writing regarding the anticipated absence by the last day of late registration. Students who expect to miss class due to an officially sanctioned, UNLV activity (e.g., intercollegiate athletics) must notify the instructor in writing at least 7 days prior to the anticipated absence and provide verification of participation.

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Synopsis of Grading:

Exams	200 points
Participation	100 points
Research Paper	100 points
Total	400 points

Required Texts:

Cohn, Theodore H. (2005) *Global Political Economy: Theory and Practice*. (3rd Ed.) New York: Longman.
 Ravenhill, John (ed) (2005) *Global Political Economy* New York: Oxford University Press.
 Woods, Ngaire (2006) *The Globalizers: The IMF, the World Bank, And Their Borrowers*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Student Accommodation: The UNLV Disability Resource Center (DRC) houses the resources for students with disabilities. If you have a documented disability that may require accommodations, you will need to contact the DRC for the coordination of services. The DRC is located in the Student Services Complex (SSC) room 137. The phone numbers are 702-895-0866 (voice), 702-895-0652 (TDD), and 702-895-0651 (Fax). For additional information please visit: www.unlv.edu/studentinf/les.

Course Outline: The instructor reserves the right to adjust this schedule as needed. In addition to the course texts, additional *required* readings are available E-reserves. For information on how to use E-reserves inquire at the Lied Library.

January 15: NO CLASS

January 17: Introduction

Cohn Chapter 12

January 22: The Nature of Global Political Economy

Cohn Chapter 1

Ravenhill Chapters 1 & 2

January 24: Post-World War II Global Economic Relations

Cohn Chapter 2

January 29 & 31: Liberal Approaches to IPE

Cohn Chapter 3

Radford, R.A. (1945) "The Economic Organization of a P.O.W. Camp," *Economica*, 12, 48: 189-201.

February 5 & 7: Realist/Mercantilist Approaches to IPE

Cohn Chapter 4

Harlen, Christine Margerum (1999) "A reappraisal of classical economic nationalism and economic liberalism," *International Studies Quarterly* 43, 4: 733-744.

Helleiner, Eric (2002) "Economic Nationalism as a Challenge to Economic Liberalism? Lessons from the 19th Century," *International Studies Quarterly* 46, 3: 307-329.

February 12 & 14 Historical-Structural Approaches to IPE

Cohn Chapter 5

Cardoso, Fernando (1977) "The Consumption of Dependency Theory in the U.S.," *Latin American Research Review* 12, 3: 7-24.

February 19: No Class

February 21: Convergence and the Evolution of the Global Political Economy

Landes, David S. (1990) "Why are We So Rich and They So Poor?," *The American Economic Review*, 80, 2: 1-13.

February 26, 28 and March 5: International Monetary Relations

Cohn Chapter 6

Ravenhill Chapters 6 & 7

March 7: Mid-Term Exam

March 12 & 14: No Class

March 19 & 21: Foreign Debt and Financial Crises

Cohn Chapter 7

March 26 & 28: Global Trade

Cohn Chapter 8

Ravenhill Chapter 4

April 2 & 4: Regionalism

Cohn Chapter 9

Ravenhill Chapter 5

April 9 & 11: Multinational Corporations and Foreign Direct Investment

Cohn Chapter 10

April 16 & 18: Development and Underdevelopment

Cohn Chapter 11

Ravenhill Chapters 11, 12, & 13

Collier, Paul and Jan Gunning (1999) "Why Has Africa Grown Slowly," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 13, 3: 3-22.

Bardhan, Pranab (1997) "Corruption and Development: A Review of Issues," *Journal of Economic Literature* 35, 3: 1320-1346.

Easterly, William (2003) "Can Foreign Aid Buy Growth?" *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 17, 3: 23-48.

April 23 & 25: Global Environmental Change

Ravenhill Chapter 14

Melser, Daniel and Peter E. Robertson (2005) "Eco-labeling and the Trade-Environment Debate," *The World Economy* 28, 1: 49-62.

April 30 & May 2: Governing the Global Political Economy

Woods Chapters 1-7

Rapkin, David P. and Jonathan R Strand (2006) "Reforming the IMF's Weighted Voting System," *The World Economy*

FINAL EXAM: Wednesday May 9th from 3:10-5:10 p.m.