

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Department of Political Science
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 trade 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 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 Objectives

- 1) To offer an examination of how political and economic structures interact in world politics**
- 2) To familiarize students with major theories of global political economy**
- 3) To engage students in critical debates regarding the proper role of the state in the market**
- 4) To facilitate the use of empirical evidence to assess theoretical perspectives**

Course Requirements

Exams: There will be two exams each worth 100 points. All make-up exams are scheduled for Thursday December 4th at 10:00 AM. 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: Student 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 50 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. 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 quizzes and exams. Recording devices may not be used at anytime; if any unauthorized recording is made and distributed you will be subject to civil suit. If

you use a computer to take notes the instructor reserves the right to obtain a copy of your notes within 24 hours of the request; failure to comply with this will result in a failing grade for the course.

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 (August 29, 2008). 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.

The instructor reserves the right to have students' written materials submitted electronically and assessed by plagiarism detection software. The University requires all members of the University Community to be familiar with and to follow copyright and fair use laws. You are individually and solely responsible for violations of copyright and fair use laws. The University will neither protect nor defend you nor assume any responsibility for employee or student violations of fair use laws. Violations of copyright laws could subject you to federal and state civil penalties and criminal liability as well as disciplinary action under University policies. To help familiarize yourself with copyright and fair use policies, the University encourages you to visit its copyright page at: www.unlv.edu/committees/copyright. Plagiarism of any form will result in a failing grade for the course and the instructor will file a case with the Office of Student Conduct.

Synopsis of Grading:

Exams	200 points
Question	50 points
Quizzes	50 points
Research Paper	100 points
Total	400 points

Participation and Communication: The instructor usually will reply to email questions and concerns within 24 hours. Please understand, however, there may be times where it will take longer for a reply. Announcements will be made on the course homepage if the instructor will be unavailable for any extended period. The instructor expects students to log-in to Webcampus on a regular basis. Please note that it is UNLV's policy that you communicate with the instructor via your Rebelmail account.

Required Texts

Amsden, Alice H. (2007) *Escape from Empire: The Developing World's Journey through Heaven and Hell*. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press.

Easterly, William (2006) *The White Man's Burden: Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest Have Done So Much Ill and So Little Good*. New York: Penguin.

Cohn, Theodore H. (2007) *Global Political Economy: Theory and Practice*. (4th Ed.) New York: Longman.

Additional required readings will be made available on WebCampus.

Student Accommodation

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) coordinates all academic accommodations for students with documented disabilities. The DRC is the official office to review and house disability documentation for students, and to provide them with an official Academic Accommodation Plan to present to the faculty if an accommodation is warranted. Faculty should not provide students accommodations without being in receipt of this plan.

UNLV complies with the provisions set forth in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, offering reasonable accommodations to qualified students with documented

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, and the contact numbers are: VOICE (702) 895-0866, TTY (702) 895-0652, FAX (702) 895-0651. For additional information, please visit: <http://studentlife.unlv.edu/disability>.

Course Outline

The instructor reserves the right to adjust this schedule as needed.

Date	Topic	Readings
8/26	The Nature of Global Political Economy	Cohn Chapter 1
8/28	Historical Perspectives	Cohn Chapter 2
9/2	Historical Perspectives	Cohn Chapter 2 Angus Maddison (2006) "Shares of the Rich and the Rest in the World Economy: Income Divergence Between Nations, 1820–2030," <i>Asian Economic Policy Review</i> 3, 1: 67-82 (WC) David S. Landes (1990) "Why are We So Rich and They So Poor?," <i>American Economic Review</i> 80, 2: 1-13 (WC)
9/4	Realist/Mercantilist Approaches	Cohn Chapter 3
9/9	Realist/Mercantilist Approaches	Cohn Chapter 3 Alexander Hamilton Excerpts from "Report on Manufactures." (WC) Theodore H. Moran (1993) "An Economics Agenda for Neorealists," <i>International Security</i> 18, 2: 211-215 (letter). (WC)
9/11	Liberal Approaches	Cohn Chapter 4 R. A. Radford (1045) "The Economic Organisation of a P.O.W. Camp," <i>Economica</i> 12, 48: 189-201. (WC)
9/16	Liberal Approaches	Cohn Chapter 4 Adam Smith "Of Restraints upon the Importation from Foreign Countries of such Goods as can be produced at Home," in <i>An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations</i> (WC) Keith Griffin (2003) "Economic Globalization and Institutions of Global Governance," <i>Development and Change</i> 34, 5: 789-808. (WC)
9/18	Historical-Structuralist Approaches	Cohn Chapter 5
9/23	Historical-Structuralist Approaches	Cohn Chapter 5 Vladimir Lenin "Imperialism as a Special Stage of Capitalism," in <i>Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism</i> (WC) Robert W. Cox (2004) "Beyond Empire and Terror: Critical Reflections on the Political Economy of World Order," <i>New Political Economy</i> 9, 3: 307-323 (speech transcript). (WC)
9/25	International Monetary Relations	Cohn Chapter 6
9/30	International Monetary Relations	Cohn Chapter 6
10/2	Exam I	
10/7	Debt and Crises	Cohn Chapter 7
10/9	Debt and Crises	Cohn Chapter 7
10/14	Debt and Crises	Cohn Chapter 7
10/16	Trade	Cohn Chapter 8
10/21	Trade	Cohn Chapter 8
10/23	Trade	Cohn Chapter 8
10/28	Regionalism	Cohn Chapter 9
10/30	Regionalism	Cohn Chapter 9
11/4	MNCs and Global Production	Cohn Chapter 10

11/6	MNCs and Global Production	Cohn Chapter 10
11/11	Holiday	no class
11/13	MNCs and Global Production	Cohn Chapter 10
11/18	Development	Cohn Chapter 11 Easterly Chapter 1 Paul Collier & Jan Gunning (1999) "Why Has African Grown Slowly," <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i> , 13, 3: 3-22. (WC)
11/20	Development	Easterly Chapters 2-7
11/25	Development	Easterly Chapters 10 & 11 Amsden Chapters 1-6
11/27	Holiday	no class
12/2	Development	Amsden Chapters 1-6
12/4	The G Word	Cohn Chapter 12
12/9	FINAL EXAM	1:00 PM-3:00 PM (subject to change)

Other Key Dates:

Last Day to Withdraw, November 3

All Make-up exams, December 4th at 10:00 a.m.