Course Manual

International Political Economy: Theories and Issues

Classroom location: Room 002_016
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Course Instructions

Seminar, 2 SWS
Please be aware that the 4-hour course will take place biweekly (or so, depending on the holidays) on Tuesdays 12-4 pm. Starting on October 16, the other dates will be October 30, November 13, November 27, December 11, January 8, January 22.

CONTENTS
How is the global economy structured and governed? What are the economic and political dynamics driving its evolution? How do they interact and what are their implications for security? What ideas and motives drive international trade and trade disputes? How has globalisation affected the power of transnational corporations, workers’ rights and labour standards? What causes financial crises and how can they be prevented?
Addressing these questions, the class will introduce the students to the field of International Political Economy (IPE), its main theoretical perspectives, and its key issues, such as production, labour, trade, and finance.

TARGET GROUP and METHODS
The class aims at refreshing and deepening your knowledge of IPE theories and applying them to various policy fields and specific cases. We will also regularly discuss the security implications of economic problems. You will be familiarised with theoretical perspectives as well as with theory-led research to enable you to develop your own research ideas.

The target group of the course are students of the masters programmes who – ideally – have already obtained some knowledge in International Relations theory and international politics and are interested in international political economy in particular. The class will be held in English, so the ability to read, discuss and write in English is a prerequisite.

Our sessions will be based on an interactive method of teaching, which means a mix of inputs given by me, plenary discussions, as well as working groups slots and presentations. A thorough preparation of the readings is absolutely required to make sure that every student is able to take an active part in the discussions and to contribute to the working groups.

OpenOLAT
An OpenOLAT course will be available to distribute the mandatory readings, presentations and other course materials. You can access the course through the catalogue or directly:

https://www.openolat.uni-hamburg.de/url/RepositoryEntry/50364585

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
The course is suitable for following modules

A) Studienleistungen (unbenotet)
• Regular and active participation
• Presentation (5-7 minutes)

B) Modul(teil)prüfung
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• Presentation (5-7 minutes)
• Final paper (literature review, 6,000 words, due on 1 March 2019, 6 pm). Detailed instructions will be given during sessions.

BACKGROUND READINGS


FEEDBACK & CONTACT

I will be happy to answer your questions and to give you feedback on your oral and written performance in my consultation hours by appointment.

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PLAGIARISM

I will check all papers on plagiarism. If I find out that not all of your quoted or paraphrased sources have been referenced appropriately within the paper and in the list of references, the consequences will be as follows:

• You fail the exam (mark 5) with no possibility to repeat it with this class.
• The examination office (Studienbüro) will be informed.
• You will be excluded from any of my future courses.

I will only accept papers including the following statement with your (digital) signature:

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### Issues II: Transnational Production and the Global Division of Labour

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