POLI 344: Global Political Economy

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Course delivery: This course will be delivered on campus and face-to-face.

Course description:
Global Political Economy (GPE) is the study of the relationships between politics and economics at a level beyond that of an individual state. It encompasses the politics of international economic relations between states, as well as the politics of transnational interactions among states, markets, corporations, and domestic populations. Part I of the course introduces students to GPE as an interdisciplinary field of study, distinct from International Relations and Economics. Part II provides an overview of the diverse theoretical and methodological approaches mobilized within GPE scholarship. Part III critically applies these insights to the major debates facing GPE today, including those on: international trade and investment, transnational production, global tax governance, development, and the global financial system. The course concludes by providing students with an opportunity to contribute to these debates through the development and presentation of a final research project.

Prerequisite: POLI 240 or permission of the department

Course outcomes/objectives:
• Introduce GPE as a field of study, including its histories, theories, and debates
• Provide a theoretically and historically-informed understanding of the emergence, operation, and contested future(s) of global political-economic affairs
• Strengthen written and verbal communication skills through a combination of examination and the development and presentation of a final research project
• Promote diverse and critical perspectives towards investigating power in GPE

Topics may include:
Historical transformations, including economic globalization
(Neo)liberalism, (neo)mercantilism, and critical political economy
International Trade and Investment
Transnational production
Global tax governance
Development Discourse and Practice
The 2008 Global Financial Crisis and its aftermath

This summary provides an overall sense of the course and is not considered an official course outline. Detailed course outlines will be available for all registered students on the first day of class.