



University
of Victoria

POLI 344: International Political Economy

Instructor Fall 2022: Dr. Sarah E. Sharma

Course delivery: POLI 344 will be delivered on campus and face-to-face.

Course description: This course is an advanced introduction for students to key debates, concepts and themes of International Political Economy (IPE). IPE is a field of study that examines the interrelations of economic and political structures, actors and processes to understand how world order is organized. Employing an IPE perspective, the class will examine the relations of power that construct global, national, and subnational institutions and social change, and how they are contested. Students will also examine both key historical and contemporary topics of investigation in IPE to understand how theoretical and empirical topics have arisen and their implications for knowledge production.

Prerequisite: POLI 240, or permission of the department

Course outcomes/objectives:

- Introduce IPE as a field of study, including its histories, theories and topics of inquiry
- Understand the relationship between politics and the global economy
- Build an ability to think, read, and communicate logically and critically from an IPE perspective
- Develop a self-reflexive approach to understanding how various assumptions and values are shaped and their implications for world events
- Enhance verbal and written communication skills through your class participation, class presentations, and written work

Topics may include:

Historical political and economic structures and transformations

Actors in IPE including the state, global governance institutions, corporations, and civil society organizations

Globalization

Global Finance

International Trade

Environmental Governance

Neoliberalism

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