



University
of Victoria

POLI 365: BC Political Economy

Instructor Fall 2022: Dr. Jamie Lawson

Course delivery: POLI 365 will be delivered on campus and face-to-face.

Prerequisites: None.

Course description:

POLI 365 is an examination of the political and economic development of the province of BC; its political orientations and social cleavages; its party system, civil-societal organizations, and social movements; and its various institutions and social structures. In this sense, “political economy” is a thing or process to be studied – the contending agents and structures of production, exchange, political action, civil-societal action, and household relations, all marked by particular ecological relationships. But political-economy is also a specific set of frameworks, techniques, and theories about how scholars and activists should study such a thing or process with most insight.

Course outcomes/objectives:

- Use basic political-economic analytical frameworks, techniques, and theories to understand the relationships which comprise BC’s political economy;
- Explore the interplay between class exploitation, dispossession, and struggle; racial oppression and resistance; imperialism, colonization, and decolonizing struggles; gender oppressions and resistance; and struggles over ecological sustainability;
- Explore key political-economic problems in BC and the changing nature of the economy;
- Develop written and verbal communication through essay writing and discussion.

Topics may include:

Energy politics and energy systems

Colonialism and imperialism

Race and gender

Ground rent as a factor in urban sprawl, housing affordability, and resource extraction

Temporary foreign workers and migration

Labour exploitation, precarity, and citizenship

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.