



University  
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# POLI 366 Canadian Political Economy

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**Instructor Summer 2023:** Dr. Cara Camcastle

**Course delivery:** In the Summer 2023 term, this course will be delivered online .

## **Course description:**

This course is an introduction to the debates and problems of Canadian Political Economy (CPE), both in historical analysis and in contemporary policy concerns. Topics may include the institutional analysis of markets; staples; capital and class analyses; state formation and the role of the state; theories of economic development, trade, and dependency; and gender, Indigenous, and anti-racist analyses. Canadian political economy developed rapidly in four distinct periods: the 1920s to 1940s; the 1960s to 1970s; the 1980s and 1990s, and again from 2001 to the present. Leading trends in international economics and political economy have influenced it and emphasized distinct problems and solutions. We will also explore ecological economics including definitions of sustainability, the search for alternative economic indicators, and the valuation of ecosystem services.

**Prerequisite:** None

## **Course outcomes/objectives:**

- Develop core undergraduate skills appropriate to the third-year level, such as effective writing and analysis.
- Explore the history of debates around Canadian political economy
- Understand some basic interactions between race, gender, and aspects of the economy such as wage segmentation and super-exploitation
- Examine state involvement in the Canadian economy

## **Topics may include:**

Staples trap  
Social reproduction  
Precarious labour  
Capital as contradictory process  
Accumulation by dispossession  
Imperialism and hegemony

*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.*