The European Union (EU) has evolved from a European Economic Community of six Western European member states into a political community that influences the daily lives of its citizens and many outside its borders. How can we explain the evolution and process of European integration? What does the political structure and institutional organization of the EU look like? Who are the main actors? And what are some of the main challenges facing the EU? These are some of the questions we will address in this course.

POLI 217/GDS 201 DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL CHANGE
Dr. Marlea Clarke TWF 11:30-12:20
CRN: 12710 DTB A102
Why is there so much inequality and poverty in the world? Why are some countries rich and other countries poor? Does international development make a difference? This course is both multi-disciplinary and historical to help students better understand the multifaceted and historically-rooted issues in international development.

POLI 240 INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
Dr. Mike Webb TWF 13:30-14:20
CRN: 12717 MAC D288
This course will give you the knowledge and theoretical background necessary to make sense of international events. We examine the key influences that shape our understanding of global politics, including questions of war and peace, sovereignty, globalization, international human rights and the environment. We also explore the nature and role of the main players that interact on the global stage, including states, transnational corporations, international organizations and terrorist groups.

POLI 300A ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL POLITICAL THOUGHT
Instructor: Matthew Law TWF 9:30-10:20
CRN: 12724 COR A229
This course examines a lineage of vital political thinkers and themes linking across greater than one and a half millennia in the history of ideas and civilizations running, specifically, through the eras of ancient Greece, late antiquity, high medieval Europe, and classical Islam. The figures on whose thought we will focus--Plato, Aristotle, Saint Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Ibn Khaldun--asked some of the most fundamental political questions imaginable, addressing such matters as the nature of justice, the structure and life cycle of ideal (and essentially flawed) states and societies, and the ultimate character and aims of law.
This is the second in a series of courses on the emergence of political thought in Western modernity. It focuses on assumptions about the location and character of political life which were established in Europe from the late-fifteenth to the mid-eighteenth century. The course begins with Machiavelli and the Renaissance challenge to the hierarchical, theological, imperial and natural world of medieval society.

This course examines the remarkable politics of the circumpolar Arctic region, and the dynamic changes that it has experienced over the last 25 years. By reflecting on recent developments across a range of applied and academic fields – including political science, international relations, political economy, environmental studies and climate change, international law, and Indigenous politics – we will discuss areas in which the Arctic reflects broader global patterns, and those in which it remains a unique region of the world.

This is an introductory course that examines the political foundations of international law including the contested nature of the relationships between international law, international politics and political economy. Materials will equip students with the basic tools that are required to understand how the legal system operates, who comprises this system, how it seeks to regulate a broad range of activities and its general efficacy as a legal order.

This course surveys central topics in the study of gender and politics from a comparative perspective with a particular focus on Canada. It covers topics such as types of political representation and considers the causes and consequences of the under-representation of women in politics. The role of key political actors, like parties, voters, and the media will be central. This course also relates the study of women in politics to some of the major themes in political science like political institutions, parties, and voting behaviour.

This seminar course examines various approaches to contemporary political analysis, with a focus on the assumptions of different theoretical orientations; the conditions under which knowledge claims are made and valued; and variants and critiques of different approaches. Students will be expected to examine and critically evaluate a range of theoretical traditions.

Note: Required for Honours students in their third year. Students majoring in Political Science who wish to take this course should contact the instructor directly.

This course explores Canada’s involvement in global politics. However, rather than providing a purely descriptive account of the history of Canadian foreign policy, it conducts a critical analysis that interrogates the trends and activities that have come to define Canada’s international personality and the various forces and actors that have shaped Canada’s global engagement.

This course examines the question of security in global politics. It surveys the orthodox approach to strategic studies, which focuses on state security, before turning to the field’s recent embrace of previously marginalized concepts, like gender, the environment and human security. It also traces the critique mounted by critical geopolitics, which argues that traditional understandings of geopolitics do not simply provide objective analysis, but instead construct the world in ways that enable militaristic policies.
POLI 349  THE POLITICS OF OIL (ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS)
Dr. Eyene Okpanachi  TWF 11:30-12:20
CRN: 13820  COR A229
Oil and gas have always been important to global and domestic politics, but their importance seems to have received renewed attention in recent times as a result of increasing concerns over the effects of oil exploration on the environment and especially climate change, indigenous rights and cultures, and technological innovations that have led to a boom in the US shale industry. Course topics include introduction to basic concepts, access to oil markets and pipeline ‘wars’, the politics of energy transition, the relationship between oil, democracy/authoritarianism, and conflict, and the larger debate about whether or not oil wealth leads to poor economic and political consequences (i.e., the ‘resource curse’ debate), and an assessment of some of the policy efforts designed to help oil-rich countries mitigate or avoid the resource curse.

POLI 350  INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Cross-listed with ADMN 311
Dr. Tara Ney  Online
CRN: 12734
This course explores the external factors affecting contemporary public sector management in Canada, the changing structural and value context within which public servants work, the key processes in which they are engaged and how those processes are changing. We will focus primarily on the federal and provincial governments, but references will also be made to public administration at other levels.

POLI 351  PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS
Dr. Julie Williams  W 18:30-21:20
CRN: 12735  COR B111
In this course, we will explore the theoretical approaches to policy analysis and the different ways to conduct policy analysis. The course introduces students to the theory and practice of policy analysis in Canada. How do policy-makers make their decisions? How do policy makers design and implement public policy and what factors do they consider when making decisions and recommendations? Students will have an opportunity to learn about and discuss policy analysis from both a theoretical and practical perspective.

POLI 363  INDIGENOUS POLITICS IN CANADA
Rachel George  MR 10:00-11:20
CRN: 12736  COR A221
This course introduces students to the major concepts, issues, and debates that shape Indigenous politics in Canada. It focuses on the various relationships and consequent political orders that shape Indigenous peoples’ lives. These include colonial relationships, Indigenous peoples’ construction and understanding of relationships (to creation, oneself, and to others), and relationships between Indigenous and non--Indigenous peoples in particular partnerships (treaties and alliances). We will address relevant questions surrounding the nature of colonialism, racism, citizenship and identity through a critical review of contemporary literature on Canadian and Indigenous politics.

POLI 369  ISSUES IN CANADIAN POLITICS: POLITICAL PARTIES IN CANADA
Dr. Daniel Westlake  MR 11:30-12:50
CRN: 12737  COR B129
This course focuses on the Canadian party system and organizations and their role within our representative democracy. Following an examination of the origins and development of the federal party system, we will analyze different aspects of party organizations such as ideologies, activism, leadership, internal structures and financing. We will also explore some of the recent challenges that parties have been addressing, notably, the representational claims of diverse groups and changes in telecommunications technologies.

POLI 371  CHINESE POLITICS/ HSTR 365
Dr. Guoguang Wu  MR 13:00-14:20
CRN: 12738  ELL 061
This course focuses on the post-Mao period of economic reform (1979-present) in the People’s Republic of China. It places this period in a deeper historical context, exposing some of the discontinuities and continuities of Chinese politics. In this course, politics is defined broadly: beyond strictly institutional approaches to the Chinese state. Main issues covered will include China and imperialism; political campaigns during the Mao era; market economy and the state; capitalism and democracy; China’s role in Africa; migration and urbanization; and the environment.

POLI 381  POLITICS OF MASS MEDIA IN LATIN AMERICA
Dr. Michelle Bonner  MR 14:30-15:50
CRN: 12739  COR B111
Media are a key political actor in democracy and democratization. But, how? What are the limitations? How can the limitations be overcome? Latin America is an interesting region to look at in order to answer these questions. In this course we explore both the general relationship between media and democracy and some of the specific challenges faced in Latin America.

POLI 414  EUROPEAN POLITICS (Seminar)
Dr. Valerie D’Erman  M 17:00-19:50
CRN: 12741  DTB A357
This seminar course is devoted to both theoretical analysis as well as current events. It deals with the history and institutions of the EU, current challenges and achievements of the EU. The course assesses various theoretical approaches for understanding the integration process governments. Learning outcomes include paper writing, research, discussion skills and integrating theoretical knowledge with current events.
POLI 433 A01 “DEVELOPMENT AND THE STATE” ISSUES IN POLITICS (Seminar)
Dr. Reeta Tremblay M 10:00-12:50
CRN: 12742 DTB A357
This seminar course examines central theoretical themes around development and the state, modernization and change. The course will address competing theoretical debates around concepts such as democracy, nationalism, pluralism, minority accommodation and civil society within the context of state-societal relations.

POLI 433 A02 “THE POLITICS OF HISTORICAL JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION IN CANADA” ISSUES IN POLITICS (Seminar)
Dr. Matt James T 10:00-12:50
CRN: 12743 DTB A357
The recent Truth and Reconciliation Commission addressing Canada’s shameful attempt to eliminate Indigeneity via residential schools reflects a broader global trend of official and quasi-official examinations of past atrocities. Focusing primarily on Canada, but considering relevant international scholarship and examples, this course will examine not only the TRC but other Canadian engagements with historical injustice as well. As we will see, these engagements are not merely about the past; they are about the country’s contested contemporary identity and future.

POLI 433 A03 “NATIONALISM AND VIOLENT CONFLICT” ISSUES IN POLITICS (Seminar)
Dr. Scott Watson F 9:30-12:20
CRN: 12744 DTB A357
This course explores the relationship between ethno-nationalism and violent conflict. The course will cover the historical origins of ethno-nationalism and the conditions in which it gives rise to organized political violence. The seminar will also examine conflict management strategies and the role of the international community in resolving/perpetuating these conflicts. In addition to the theoretical focus of the course, students will be exposed to a range of cases of ethno-nationalist conflicts.

POLI 433 A04 “THE POLITICS OF COLONIALISM” ISSUES IN POLITICS (Seminar)
Dr. Rita Dhamoon R 10:00-12:50
CRN: 12745 DTB A357
This course will focus on selected topics within the fields of Indigenous politics and (post and anti)colonial studies. We will explore debates on conceptions of colonialism, settler colonialism, and imperialism; the possibilities and limits of ‘settler colonialism’ as a theoretical framework; decolonization in the context of dynamics between Indigenous nations, ‘settlers, ‘allies’; and interacting relations of colonial difference, such as Indigeneity, capital, gender and queerness, anti-Blackness, labour, and anti-Asianness.

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