

Course Syllabus

Course Information

PPPE/ECON 6352
World Political Economy

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Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

None

Course Description

The interconnected political and economic structures of the world are undergoing enormous change. We seek to understand the key elements of this change, to analyze what point we have already reached in this global shift and to see which paths lead to the most promising future.

Topics include: underlying theoretical perspectives on the global political economy; globalization and international trade; politico-economic transformation in Eastern Europe, China and the states of the former Soviet Union; democratization and development in less developed countries; military and non-military approaches to national and international security; environmentally sustainable development; and prospects for averting terrorist or human error-induced technological disaster.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

Understand the major theoretical perspectives on international political economy, the assumptions concerning appropriate unit of analysis and nature of interactions between units on which they are based, and their implications for policy.

Develop an understanding of and appreciation for alternative views of and policy approaches to national and international security issues, including terrorism.

Learn how military and nonmilitary aspects on national and international security compete and integrate with each other.

Be able to identify and evaluate institutional, political, cultural and economic constraints on the speed and effectiveness of political and/or economic transition.

Understand the importance of ecological constraints on economic growth and development.

Required Textbooks and Materials

Global Political Economy: Evolution and Dynamics, Robert O'Brien and Mark Williams (Palgrave/ Macmillan: 4th edition, 2013)

The Peacekeeping Economy: Using Economic Relationships to Build a More Peaceful, Prosperous, and Secure World, L.J. Dumas (Yale University Press, 2011)

The Technology Trap: Where Human Error and Malevolence Met Powerful Technologies, L.J. Dumas (Praeger/ABC-CLIO Publishers, 2010)

Suggested Course Materials

Globalization and Its Discontents, Joseph E. Stiglitz (New York: Norton, 2002)

Collision and Collusion: The Strange Case of Western Aid to Eastern Europe, J. R. Wedel (Palgrave, 2001)

The Walls Came Tumbling Down: The Collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe, G. Stokes (Oxford University Press, 2012)

Assignments & Academic Calendar

READING LIST: (The readings marked with * are required)

I. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF PERSPECTIVES

(Basic concepts and assumptions that underlie differing theories of global political economy, including mercantilism/realism, economic/political liberalism, and Marxist/critical perspectives. Some key background issues in the development of the current global political economic situation)

Global Political Economy, O'Brien and Williams (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013)

*Chapter 1, Theories of Global Political Economy.

Chapter 4, Industry, Empire and War: 1800-1945

Chapter 5, *Growing a Global Economy: 1945 - 2010*

II. ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION AND TRADE

(The ongoing international expansion and integration of trade, its roots, advantages,

disadvantages, and impacts on other aspects of international political and economic interaction)

Global Political Economy, O'Brien and Williams (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013)

- * Chapter 6, International Trade.
- * Chapter 7, Transnational Production
- * Chapter 9, *The Global Division of Labor*
- * Chapter 8, *The Global Financial System*
- * Chapter 15, *Governing the Global Political Economy*

- * Stiglitz, Joseph E., Globalization and Its Discontents (New York: Norton, 2002)

Globalization, Growth, and Poverty: Building an Inclusive World Economy, World Bank (Oxford University Press, 2002).

III. THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

(The evolution of conventional warfare and nuclear threats; the interaction of human fallibility and dangerous technologies; terrorism; economic impacts of military-oriented security strategy; nonmilitary approaches to security;

A. Security and Insecurity

1. The Military Approach

- * VIDEO: "The Road to Total War", from the 1985 PBS series, War: A Commentary by military historian Gwynne Dyer. (available on YouTube)
- * "Realities of the Nuclear Age: Growing Sources of Threat", L.J. Dumas, International Journal of Mental Health (Spring, Summer, Fall 1986)

The Fate of the Earth, J. Schell (Avon, 1982), Parts I&II

2. Terrorism, Technology and Security

The Technology Trap: Where Human Error and Malevolence Meet Powerful Technologies, L.J. Dumas (Praeger 2010) :

- * Chapter 1, *Human Fallibility and the Proliferation of Dangerous Technologies*
- * Chapter 2, *Dangerous Technologies and the Terrorist Threat*
- * Chapter 5, *Accidental War with Weapons of Mass Destruction*
- * Chapter 3, *Losing Control (of Dangerous Materials)*
- * Chapter 4, *Accidents Do Happen*

3. Economic Impacts

The Peacekeeping Economy, L.J. Dumas

* Chapter 7, The Economics of Demilitarized Security (pp.253-276)

Chapter 8, Managing the Transition

The Overburdened Economy, L.J. Dumas (University of California Press, 1986), Chapters 4,6,7,9,and 11

B. Alternative Security Strategies

The Peacekeeping Economy, L.J. Dumas

Chapter 1, The Hopeful Science

* Chapter 2, Laying the Foundations

* Chapter 3, The Core Principles of Economic Peacekeeping

* Chapter 4, Making It Happen: Building A Peacekeeping Economy in the “Real World”

* Chapter 6, Does Globalization Contribute to Economic Peacekeeping?

* Chapter 10, Demilitarized Security, Development, and Terrorism (only pp338-344)

Alternative Security: Living Without Nuclear Deterrence, B. Weston, editor (Westview, 1990)

* Chapter 4, Bruce Russett, *Politics and Alternative Security: Toward a More Democratic, Therefore More Peaceful World*

Democracy and War: The End of an Illusion?, Errol A. Henderson, (Boulder, Colorado: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2002)

* The Technology Trap: Where Human Error and Malevolence Meet Powerful Technologies (Praeger, 2010), Chapter 12, “*Escaping the Trap: Four Steps for Preventing Disaster*”.

VIDEO: “A Force More Powerful”, PBS-TV documentary on nonviolent resistance, aired September 2000

Civilian-Based Defense: A Post-Military Weapons System, G. Sharp (Princeton University Press, 1990).

IV. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

(The late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries have seen political and economic transformations, remarkable not only for the dramatic difference they have made in the global political economy, but also for how change was achieved. We begin with the political and economic transformations in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and China. Then take a look at the still ongoing phenomenon of popular protest and rebellion in the Islamic world that has sometimes been referred to as the “Arab Spring”.)

A. Democratization and Economic Transformation in the Formerly Socialist Countries

* Collision and Collusion: The Strange Case of Western Aid to Eastern Europe, 1989-1998, J. R. Wedel (Palgrave, 2001)

* The Walls Came Tumbling Down: The Collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe, G. Stokes (Oxford University Press, 2012)

Democratic Governance and Social Inequality, Joseph s. Tulchin and Amelia Brown, editors, (Boulder, Colorado: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2002),

China's Transitional Economy, A.G. Walder, editor (Oxford University Press, 1996)

B. Democratization and Development in the Third World

The Peacekeeping Economy, LJ Dumas

* Chapter 10, Demilitarized Security, Development and Terrorism

* Chapter 9, Economic Peacekeeping and Nonviolent Action

Rock the Casbah: Rage and Rebellion Across the Islamic World, Robin Wright (Simon and Shuster, 2011)

Conflict, Security and Development: World Development Report, 2011, World Bank (World Bank Publications, 2011), Overview, Chapters 1-4.

The Self-Restraining State: Power and Accountability in New Democracies, A. Schedler, L. Diamond and M.F. Plattner, editors (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1999), Chapters 1-3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17,19

V. SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

(To be workable over the long run, development must be politically, economically, and environmentally sustainable. After a brief look at the nature of development as a process and the requisites for sustainability, we focus on the challenge to the global political economy posed by the pre-eminent environmental issue of the day, global warming and climate change. How will the pressure to move to low greenhouse gas releasing forms of energy change the world's pattern of energy use and supply? How will the accident at Fukushima-Daichi nuclear power complex in March 2011 affect the role of nuclear power in the energy mix.)

Global Political Economy, O'Brien and Williams (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013)

* Chapter 11, *Economic Development*

* Chapter 12, *Global Environmental Change*

* Seeds of Opportunity: Climate Change Challenges and Solutions, LJ Dumas (Civil Society Institute, April 2006), available at <http://www.resultsforamerica.org/calendar/files/041906%20Seeds%20of%20Oppty%20Dumas%20report%20FINAL.pdf>

* Economic Development, E.W. Nafziger (Cambridge University Press, 2012)), Chapter 13.

Economic Development, E.W. Nafziger (Cambridge University Press, 2012), Chapters 2, 4 and 6.

Building Peace: Sustainable Reconciliation in Divided Societies, J.P. Lederach (U.S. Institute of Peace, 1997).

Sustainable Democracy, A. Przeworski (Cambridge University Press, 1995).

Development and Climate Change: World Development Report, 2010, World Bank (World Bank Publications, 2010).

Small Is Beautiful: Economics As If People Mattered, E.F. Schumacher (Harper and Row, 1973).

SUPPLEMENTARY BOOK REVIEW LIST

Each student will be responsible for reading and presenting a review and critique of ONE of the following books. The book to be presented will be assigned. An effort will be made to accommodate individual student preferences. Also, books not on this list can be reviewed WITH SPECIFIC PERMISSION.

DO NOT PREPARE A REVIEW AND CRITIQUE WITHOUT FIRST GETTING APPROVAL.

(Choose ONE book to review: * indicates a preferred book)

*The Abyss: Bridging the Divide Between Israel and the Arab World, Eli Avidar (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2015) [246 pages]

*African Truth Commissions and Transitional Justice, John Perry and T. Debey Sayndee (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2015) [120 pages]

*The Arab Uprisings: What Everyone Needs to Know, James Gelvin, (Oxford University Press, 2015) [224 pages]

Armed Groups: The 21st Century Threat, Peter Thompson (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2015) [224 pages]

*Austerity: The History Of a Dangerous Idea, Mark Blythe (Oxford University Press, 2014) [336 pages]

*China's Foreign Political and Economic Relations: An Unconventional Global Power, Sebastian Heilmann and Dirk Schmidt (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2014) [266 pages]

*Climate Change and Global Equity, Frank Ackerman and Elizabeth Stanton (Anthem Press, 2015) [284 pages]

*Climate Shock: The Economic Consequences of a Hotter Planet, Gernot Wagner and Martin Weitzman (Princeton University Press, 2015) [264 pages]

*Cold Peace: China-India Rivalry in the 21st Century, Jeff M. Smith (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2015) [290 pages]

A Dangerous World? Threat Perception and U.S. National Security, Edited by Christopher Prebble and John Mueller (Washington, DC: CATO, 2014) [385 pages]

Democratic Trajectories in Africa: Unraveling the Impact of Foreign Aid, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013) [352 pages]

*Doing Bad by Doing Good: Why Humanitarian Action Fails, Christopher J. Coyne (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2013) [272 pages]

Economic Development: What Everyone Needs to Know, Marcelo Giugale (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014) [176 pages]

Emotional State Theory: Friendship and Fear in Israeli Foreign Policy, Christopher Schilling (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2015) [152 pages]

*Exodus: How Migration Is Changing Our World, Paul Collier (Oxford University Press, 2014) [320 pages]

*Experiencing European Integration: Individual Transnationalism and Public Orientations Toward European Integration, Theresa Kuhn (Oxford University Press, 2015) [248 pages]

From Poverty to Power: How Active Citizens and Effective States Can Change the World, Duncan Green (Practical Action Publishing - formerly Intermediate Technologies Ltd, 2012) [490 pages]

Gender, Violence, and Human Security: Critical Feminist Perspectives, Aili Mari Tripp , Myra Marx Ferree and Christina Ewig (NY: NYU Press, 2013) [336 pages]

Globalization and Culture: Global Melange, Jan Nedertveen Pieterse (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2015) [224 pages]

Globalization: Interdependencies and Coordination, Jan-Erik Lane (Transaction Publishers, 2014) [376 pages]

Humane Migration: Establishing Legitimacy and Rights for Displaced People, Christine G.T. Ho and James Loucky (Boulder,CO: Lynne Rienner, 2012) [215 pages]

* Human Rights in the Global Political Economy: Critical Processes, Tony Evans (Boulder,CO: Lynne Rienner, 2011) [232 pages]

Human Rights, Revolution, and Reform in the Muslim World, Anthony Chase (Boulder,CO: Lynne Rienner, 2012) [215 pages]

Imagining the United States of Africa: Discourses on the Way Forward, Edited by E. Ike Udogu (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2015) [212 pages]

Islam in "Liberal" Europe: Freedom, Equality and Intolerance, (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2014) [416 pages]

* The Leaderless Economy: Why the World Economic System Fell Apart and How To Fix It, Peter Temin and David Vines (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2013) [320 pages]

Making Feminist Sense of the Global Justice Movement, Catherine Eschle and Bice Maiguashca (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2011) [280 pages]

*Multinational Firms in China: Entry Strategies, Competition, and Firm Performance, Sea-Jin Chang (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013) [256 pages]

Music and Coexistence: A Journey Across the World in Search of Musicians Making a Difference, Osseily Hanna (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2015) [228 pages]

One-Party Dominance in African Democracies, edited by Renske Doorenspleet and Lia Nijzink (Boulder,CO: Lynne Rienner, 2013) [250 pages]

* Opting Out of War: Strategies to Prevent Violent Conflict, Mary Anderson and Marshall Wallace (Boulder,CO: Lynne Rienner, 2012) [185 pages]

Plastic Money: Constructing Markets for Credit Cards in Eight Postcommunist Countries, Akos Rona-Tas and Alya Guseva (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2014) [336 pages]

Politics, Religion, and Society in Latin America, Daniel H. Levine (Boulder,CO: Lynne Rienner, 2012) [290 pages]

Political Corruption in Eastern Europe: Politics After Communism, Tatiana Kostadinova (Boulder,CO: Lynne Rienner, 2012) [320 pages]

Putin's Wars: The Rise of Russia's New Imperialism, Marcel Van Herpen (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2014) [296 pages]

The Quality of Democracy in Latin America, Daniel H. Levine and Jose E. Molina, eds. (Boulder,CO: Lynne Rienner, 2011) [299 pages]

*The Quest for Prosperity: How Developing Economies Can Take Off, Justin Yifu Lin (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012) [344 pages]

Russia vs. the EU: The Competition for Influence in Post-Soviet States, Jakob Tolstrup (Boulder,CO: Lynne Rienner,2014) [295 pages]

*The Small Nation Solution: How the World's Smallest Nations Can Solve the World's Biggest Problems, John H Bodley (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2013) [314 pages]

The Status Quo Crisis: Global Financial Governance After the 2008 Meltdown, Eric Helleiner (Oxford University Press, 2014) [256 pages]

Time to React: The Efficiency of International Organization in Crisis Response, Heidi Hardt (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014) [272 pages]

Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana: Race and Politics in Two Plural Societies, Ann Marie Bissessar and John Gaffar La Guerre (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2015) [212 pages]

Water, Peace and War: Confronting the Global Water Crisis, Brahma Chellaney (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2013) [424 pages]

*Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict, Erica Chenoweth and Maria Stephan (NY: Columbia University Press, 2011) [296 pages]

* Why Peace Fails: The Causes and Prevention of Civil War Recurrence, Charles T. Call (Georgetown University Press, 2012) [288 pages]

*Women and Development in Africa: How Gender Works, Michael Kevane (Boulder,CO: Lynne Rienner, 2014) [250 pages]

*Women, Islam and Resistance in the Arab World, Maria Holt and Haifaa Jawad (Boulder,CO: Lynne Rienner, 2013) [211 pages]

Working with the Grain: Integrating Governance and Growth in Development Strategies, Brian Levy (Oxford University Press, 2014)

Grading Policy

Grading is based on a 20-25 page research paper (typed, double-spaced **with pages numbered**) prepared on an approved topic (60%), an in class analytical oral book review (of ONE of the books listed in the Supplementary Book Review List at the end of the Reading list or another instructor approved book) (20%) and participation in the class discussions (20%). To the extent that websites are cited as sources in the research paper, care should be taken that they are websites that engage in serious quality control (for example, the New York Times, the World Bank, on-line academic journals are fine; wikipedia is not). Poor attendance that affects participation or required presentations will be penalized.

Course & Instructor Policies

Each student is required to prepare an outline or brief summary of key elements in his/her oral book review, and bring enough hard copies of that outline/summary for everyone in the class on the day he/she is giving that presentation. In addition, every student is required to be ready to give his/her oral book review (and provide hard copies of the summary) one week BEFORE the week it is officially scheduled. This is to assure a smooth flow of presentations in case there is a sudden, unavoidable absence of one of the scheduled presenters.

The research paper is due the last day of class. Permission of the instructor is required in advance in order for the student to hand in the research paper after that date and receive a grade of "incomplete". Early submission is always acceptable.

Incomplete Grade Policy

As per university policy, incomplete grades will be granted only for work unavoidably missed at the semester's end and only if 70% of the course work has been completed. An incomplete grade must be resolved within eight (8) weeks from the first day of the subsequent long semester. If the required work to complete the course and to remove the incomplete grade is not submitted by the specified deadline, the incomplete grade is changed automatically to a grade of **F**.