



**POLS*4200 International Political Economy
Department of Political Science**

Credit Weighting: 1.0

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LOCATION & TIME: ANNU 306, 2:30-5:20pm Mondays

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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GENERAL DETAILS

This honours seminar focuses on contemporary developments in the transdisciplinary field of International Political Economy. It examines relationships between politics and economics across national, regional, and global levels. Given the breadth of IPE scholarship, this seminar does not aim to provide comprehensive coverage of the IPE literature. Instead, the emphasis of this course falls on scholarship related to some of the biggest and most controversial topics that contemporary thinkers in this field seek to address. Students will facilitate our weekly seminars collaboratively to immerse their classmates in the readings and stimulate our discussions on hot topics including the politics of surveillance capitalism, artificial intelligence, resource extraction, reform of the Bretton Woods Institutions, rising and emerging powers, corporate power, financialization, ethical consumption, work and leisure, transportation and movement, and green growth versus degrowth.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students will enhance their capacity to produce analyses in popular formats that are common in the field, including opinion pieces and podcasts. Critical and creative thinking skills will be developed collaboratively through the seminar facilitations and the podcast assignment. The course also aims to seriously enhance student capacities to identify, analyze and evaluate diverse sources of arguments and knowledge. The contents of this course will build global understanding, and the assessment methods will afford students the opportunity to develop their teamwork, oral, and integrative communication skills.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

20% collaborative seminar facilitation on a weekly topic
20% individual seminar participation and preparation (including Courselink discussion board posts)
15% opinion piece on Bretton Woods reform
25% collaborative podcast assignment
20% take home exam

REQUIRED READING

The Case for a New Bretton Woods - Kevin P. Gallagher and Richard Kozul-Wright (Polity Press, 2022). \$15.95 CAD
Weekly article/chapter pdfs