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add this course**Restrictions:****INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION****Name:** Adam Sneyd**Email:** asneyd@uoguelph.ca**Office Location:** 536 MCKN**GENERAL DETAILS**

This course advances Political Science learning outcomes related to political inquiry and analysis, information literacy, global understanding, reading comprehension and integrative communication. POLS*3790 does so through providing students with a comprehensive introduction to the field of International Political Economy (IPE). This transdisciplinary field covers the global intersection of politics and economics in plain English. As such, POLS*3790 showcases concepts and theories that help us to better understand global political conflicts over economic ideas, policies and institutions. The course ultimately aims to enable students to apply conceptual insights from IPE to the politics of current events in international relations, and also to their everyday lives. POLS*3790 commences with a brief introduction to several prominent IPE approaches and core concepts, and proceeds to review the political evolution and dynamics of the contemporary world economy. Students will then consider the politics of the global financial crisis and its aftermath. The class will subsequently be introduced to the politics of the world trading system and also to the politics of transnational or global production systems. Next, students will review several significant topics in the IPE literature, including the politics of economic regionalism, and the political economy of civil society. The final weeks of the course will feature political perspectives on the future of capitalism, and also on the political economy of everyday life. Upon successful completion of the course students will be able to comprehend and communicate key concepts and theories in the IPE literature. They will also be able to apply these concepts and theories to the analysis of contemporary events.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of the course students will be able to comprehend and communicate key concepts and theories in the IPE literature. They will also be able to apply these concepts and theories to the analysis of contemporary events. Through the pursuit of independent, question-driven inquiry into the political economy of a particular commodity, students will have also learned a practical way to analyze political economy issues and apply theories in this field. Students will ultimately command broad knowledge of the political ideas, institutions and power relationships that shape the global economy. After POLS*3790, students will understand and be conversant with the concepts, theories and themes necessary to pursue the study of advances topics in this emerging transdisciplinary field (POLS*4200 W25)

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

- political media analysis presentation with a partner - 10%
- review essay - Cuckooland by Tom Burgis (2024) - 20%
- term paper - 35%
- take home final assignment - 35%

REQUIRED READING

Robert O'Brien and Marc Williams. 2020. Global Political Economy (6th edn.). Red Globe Press/MacMillan.
Tom Burgis. 2024. Cuckooland. William Collins.