

SIS 401
Theories of International Political Economy
Professor Ingebritsen
Fall 2007

MWF 9:30-10:20am

Thomson 101

This course examines alternative ways scholars and policy makers engage the interaction of politics and markets on a global scale. Three critical issues in IPE today are the focus of the readings and class discussions: eco-politics; regional cooperation; and global governance. Students are required to read The New York Times, and participate actively in lecture and discussion sessions.

Learning Goals:

Students will compare and contrast leading IPE theories, and apply these to the modern world economy.

Readings:

Theodore Cohn, Global Political Economy
Brian Fagan, The Little Ice Age
Christine Ingebritsen, The Nordic States and European Unity
Christine Ingebritsen, Scandinavia in World Politics
Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, Activists Beyond Borders
Elizabeth Kolbert, Fieldnotes From the Catastrophe
Mark Kurlansky, Cod
Gordon Myers, Banana Wars

Grades:

Weekly quiz (50%)
Final exam (50%)

*Students may 'opt out' of one quiz/drop the lowest graded quiz.

Week One. What is IPE?
Read: Global Political Economy, pp. 1-47.
Discuss: Examples of IPE problems

Week Two. Alternative Paradigms and Theories
Read: Global Political Economy, pp. 47-118.
Discuss: Who's who in IPE

Week Three. Issue-Areas in IPE

Read: Global Political Economy, pp. 119-137
Discuss: Actors, power and saliency

Week Four: The Global Commons
Read: Cod
Discuss: Hardin's Tragedy of the Commons

Week Five: The Global Commons
Read: Fieldnotes from the Catastrophe
The Little Ice Age
Discuss: Global warming and climate change

Week Six: Regionalism
Read: Global Political Economy, pp. 238-279.
Discuss: EU as a Rival to the US?

Week Seven: Small Trading States and European Integration
Read: The Nordic States and European Unity
Discuss: Pooled sovereignty, winners and losers

Week Eight: Equity and Global Justice
Read: The Banana Wars
Discuss: Global governance, WTO

Week Nine: Whose World Governance?
Read: Scandinavia in World Politics
Discuss: Norms, institutions, global agenda-setting

Week Ten: Globalization
Read: Global Political Economy, pp. 280-388.
Discuss: Multinational corporations, fair trade

Week Eleven: Transnational Social Movements
Read: Activists Beyond Borders
Discuss: Human rights, equality, the environment

Week Twelve: Course Review
Discuss: New directions in IPE today

Final Examination
Wednesday, December 12, 8:30-10:20am, Thomson 101