Governance of the Global Economy  
GV 731, Winter 2013  
Tuesdays, 9:30-12:20, BSIA 131

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Course Description: This course surveys the field of global/international political economy (GPE/IPE). The bulk of the course focuses on the recent literature on a number of key topics in GPE, including finance, money, trade, regionalism, transnational corporations, development, resources, environment, and food, agriculture and land. The last four weeks are devoted to liberalism, realism, critical political economy, and constructivism as theoretical approaches to GPE.

Course Readings:  
There are two main kinds of readings in this class:  
1) Articles from academic journals, which can be accessed through your university’s website.  
2) Chapters and sections from books. Hard copies of all of the books used in the course are on reserve at the Wilfrid Laurier library. Some of the books assigned are available as ebooks through the TUG library system; they are marked below.

Readings marked * are mandatory for PhD students but optional for MAs.

Students who are (relatively) new to the study of GPE are encouraged to consult a textbook on the subject for background. One good option is John Ravenhill (ed.), Global Political Economy, 3rd ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011).

Course Requirements:  
1) Seminar participation (30% of the final course grade). Students must come to class ready to participate actively in the discussion.  
2) Biweekly reaction papers (35%). Each student will write four papers of around 1000 words responding to the week’s readings. These papers should not summarize the arguments of the readings, but should analyze them critically and make comparisons between them (and readings from other weeks). These papers will be written between Week 3 and Week 10 of the course. Students must sign up for either Group A (Weeks 3, 5, 7 and 9) or Group B (Weeks 4, 6, 8 and 10) and write their papers only for the weeks assigned to their group. We will pick groups during Week 2. The papers must be submitted to the course
MyLearningSpace site by 4 PM on the Monday before class. Students are expected to read each other’s reaction papers before seminar.

3) Extended book review (35%). This review (of 3000-4000 words) will summarize and critically analyze a recent book on IPE. Reviews must make extensive reference to the readings we have covered in class. The choice of book must be approved by the course instructor (ideally by November 26). The summary component of the review may not be longer than 1000 words. Due December 10.

The course components are thus:
- Participation: 30%
- Biweekly reaction papers (4 papers): 35%
- Extended book review (due December 10): 35%

Schedule of Topics and Readings

September 10. Week 1: Global Economic Governance since the Crisis


September 17. Week 2: Finance


*Young, Kevin L. 2012. Transnational Regulatory Capture? An Empirical Examination of the Transnational Lobbying of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision. Review of


September 24. Week 3: Money


October 1. Week 4: Trade


October 8. Week 5: Regions and other Spaces


October 15. Week 6: Transnational Corporations


October 22. Week 7: Development


Best, Jacqueline. 2013. Redefining Poverty as Risk and Vulnerability: Shifting Strategies of


**October 29. Week 8: Resources and Environment**


**November 5. Week 9: Food, Agriculture and Land**


**November 12. Week 10: Liberalism**


**November 19. Week 11: Realism**


November 26. Week 12: Critical IPE


December 3. Week 13: Constructivism and Wrap-Up


*Sharman, J.C., and Catherine Weaver. Forthcoming. RIPE, the American School and Diversity in Global IPE. *Review of International Political Economy*:1-19.

Extended book review due December 10.

“Does it really matter anyway which of us is right since we both agree on the ending? You don’t even need a theory to agree on the ending right?”

– Sergio de la Pava, *A Naked Singularity*, p.662