

University of Waterloo
Political Economy of Development
PSCI350
Fall 2012

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Calendar description

A critical examination of development problems in the global South, with the focus on North-South relations. Topics include trade, investment, aid, industrialization, agribusiness, development assistance, education, health, and food production.

Prerequisite: One of PSCI250, 252, 281. **Antirequisite:** PSCI350A, 350B, INDEV200.

Course Objectives

This course examines the relationship between politics and economics. In particular it focuses on the neoliberal political economic model and how it has come to impact the Global South. It places US political, military and economic practices at the centre of global political economic development. It examines the coffee industry to make the links between northern consumption and southern producers.

By the end of this course students should:

1. Be able to recognize political economic aspects of development
2. Appreciate the political economy of north/south interconnection
3. Be able to use theories of political economy to examine global issues
4. Have an appreciation for global and regional resistance to globalization

Required Readings

- Harvey, David. *The New Imperialism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.
- Luttinger, Nina and Gregory Dicum. *The Coffee Book: Anatomy of an Industry from Crop to the Last Drop*. Revised and Updated. New York: The New Press, 2006.
- Stubbs, Richard and Geoffrey R.D. Underhill. *Political Economy and the Changing Global Order*. 3rd Ed. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, 2006.
- Selected journal articles which will be made available on Learn.

Assignments and Evaluation

Group Presentation	15%
Short Paper	25%

Term Paper	30%
Final Exam	30%

The late policy for all assignments is that there are no extensions, save for medical reasons (with a doctor's note) or a death in the family. In such cases, the last date for submission without petition is one week after the due date found in the course syllabus. The no-extension policy is not negotiable. Make your plans accordingly.

Group Presentations

Global Issue topics, as detailed in week 9, will be assigned to small groups of 3 or 4 students during the second week of the course. Each group will give a 15 minute presentation summarizing their topic on **November 8th**. Each presentation will contain the following components.

1. Summarize the author's main argument
2. Explain how the author's main argument is constructed and supported
3. Critique the main argument

A one page point-form summary of the presentation must be submitted in class on November 8th. A half page summary of each person's contribution to the assignment must be submitted with your presentation summary.

Short Paper

The assignment is due in class on **Thursday October 25th**. It is a 1200 to 1500 word (4 to 5 pages) assignment. You are required to write an "after after-word" to David Harvey's book titled *The New Imperialism*. Harvey's 'afterword' was published in 2003 and your job is to write an update to his political economic analysis.

Term Paper:

The term paper is due in class on **Thursday November 22nd**. This is a 2400 to 3000 word assignment (8 to 10 pages), which examines the political economy of a product or social phenomenon. Examples include: the political economy of crime; the political economy of healthcare; the political economy of water. Topics must focus on the developing world and its relationship to the developed world. Themes discussed throughout the book must be incorporated into the term paper. As an academic paper it will be properly sourced and must draw on relevant academic studies. The details of the assignment are posted on Learn.

Final Exam:

The final exam will be held on the date announced by the Registrar's Office and will cover material from the whole course.

Schedule of classes and readings

Week 1 (September 13th): Introduction and the First Economic Crisis of the 21st Century

- Krätke, Michael R. and Geoffrey R.D. Underhill. "Political Economy: The Revival of an 'Interdiscipline'" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt 1, pp. 24-38.

Week 2 (September 20th) Theoretical Overview

- Smith, Adam. *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations*. Marxist Internet Archives. Book I, Chpts 1,2,3. <http://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/smith-adam/works/wealth-of-nations/index.htm>
- Marx, Karl and Frederick Engels. *The Communist Manifesto*. Marxist Internet Archives. Chpts 1,2. <http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1848/communist-manifesto/index.htm>
- Gunder Frank, Andre. "The Development of Underdevelopment". *Monthly Review*. 1966. 18.4. 17-31. http://www.bresserpereira.org.br/Terceiros/Cursos/2010/1970.The_Development_of_Under_development.pdf
- Rostow, W.W. "The Five Stages of Growth: A Summary". *The Stages of Economic Growth: A Non-Communist Manifesto*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1960. Chpt 2. 4-16. <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/ipe/rostow.htm>
- Baer, Werner. "Import Substitution and Industrialization in Latin America: Experiences and Interpretations". *Latin American Research Review*. 1972. 7.1. 95-122. http://www.yorku.ca/sbohn/pols4555/Notes/2010/week%204_Baer_ISI_Latin%20America_1972.pdf

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Week 3 (September 27th): Power

- Harvey, pp. 1-86.
- Cox, Robert W. "Problems of Power and Knowledge in a Changing World Order" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt 2, pp. 39-50.

Week 4 (October 4th): Accumulation

- Harvey, pp. 87-182.
- Pauly, Louis W. "Global Finance and Political Order" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt. 8, pp. 135-144.

Week 5 (October 11th): Consent to Coercion and Afterword

- Harvey, pp. 183-232.
- Moon, Bruce E. "The United States and Globalization: Struggles of Hegemony" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt. 31, pp. 431-442.

Week 6 (October 18th): The Coffee Industry

- Luttinger and Dicum. *The History of Coffee*. pp. 1-84.

Week 7 (October 25th): International Trade

Short Paper Due in Class today

- Luttinger and Dicum. *Coffee as an Internationally Traded Commodity*. pp. 85-132.
- Ladefoged Mortensen, Jens. "The WTO and the Governance of Globalization: Dismantling the Compromise of Embedded Liberalism" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt. 11, pp. 170-182.
- Sell, Susan K. "Big Business, the WTO, and Development: Uruguay and Beyond" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt. 12, pp. 183-196.

Week 8 (November 1st): Fair Trade

- Luttinger and Dicum. FairTrade Coffee. pp. 133-216.
- Phillips, Nicola. "Latin America in the Global Political Economy" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt. 23, pp. 323-343.

Week 9 (November 8th): Global Issues [15 minute group presentations]

- Burgoon, Brian. "The Political Economy of Post-9/11 Security" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt. 7, pp. 118-134.
- Story, Jonathan. "The Emerging World Financial Order and Different Forms of Capitalism" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt. 9, pp. 145-157.
- Webb, Michael C. "The Group of Seven and Global Macroeconomic Governance" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt 10, pp. 158-169.
- Ruigrok, Winfried. "Multinational Corporations in the Global Economy" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt. 13, pp. 197-210.
- Farrell, Henry. "The Political Economy of the Internet and E-Commerce" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt. 14, pp. 211-212.
- O'Brien, Robert. "The Agency of Labour in a Changing Global Order" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt 15, pp. 222-232.
- Chowdhry, Geeta. "Post-Colonial Readings of Child Labour in a Globalized Economy" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt 16, pp. 233-245.
- Bernstein, Steven. "Environment, Economy and Global Environmental Governance" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt 17, pp. 246-259.
- Marchand, Marianne. "Gendered Representations of the 'Global': Reading/Writing Globalization" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt 18, pp. 260-271.
- Friman, Richard H. "Crime in the Global Economy" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt. 19, pp. 272-288.

Week 10 (November 15th): Regional Dynamics

- Hveem, Helge. "Explaining the Regional Phenomenon in an Era of Globalization" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt. 20, pp. 294-305.
- Porter, Tony. "The North American Free Trade Agreement" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt. 22, pp. 317-331.
- Shaw, Timothy M. and Mbabazi, Pamela K. "Political Economies of Africa(s) at the Start of the Twenty-first Century" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt 25, pp. 356-370.

Week 11 (November 22nd): Responses to Globalization

Term Papers due in Class today

- Helleiner, Eric. "Alternatives to Neo-Liberalism? Towards a More Heterogeneous Global Political Economy" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt. 5, pp. 77-87.
- Mittelman, James H. "Globalization and Its Critics" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt. 4, pp. 65-76.
- Cerny, Philip G. "Political Globalization and the Competition State" in Stubbs and Underhill. Chpt. 26, pp. 377-386
- Hart-Landsberg. "Learning from ALBA and the Bank of the South: Challenges and Possibilities". *Monthly Review*. Sept 2009. 61.4. 1-18.

Week 12 (November 29th): Conclusions, preparation for final exam and course evaluation.

Further Readings

- Amin, Samir. *Ending the Crisis of Capitalism or Ending Capitalism?* Dakar: CODESRIA, 2011.
- Chomsky, Noam. *Class Warfare: Interviews with David Barsamian*. Monroe: Common Courage Press, 1996.
- Harvey, David. *The Enigma of Capital and the Crises of Capitalism*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.
- Gret, Marion and Yves Sintomer. *The Porto Alegre Experiment: Learning Lessons for Better Democracy*. New York: Zed Books, 2005.
- Kiely, Ray. *The New Political Economy of Development: Globalization, Imperialism, Hegemony*. New York, Basingstoke: Palgrave Mcmillan, 2007.
- Ocampo, Jose Antonio and Rob Vos. *Uneven Economic Development*. New York: ZedBooks, 2008.
- Panitch, Leo and Martijn Konings. *American Empire and the Political Economy of Global Finance*. New York, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.
- Panitch, Leo, Greg Albo and Vivek Chibber. *The Crisis This Time. Socialist Register 2011*. Winnipeg: Fernwood Press, 2010.
- Rapley, John. *Understanding Development: Theory and Practice in the Third World*. 3rd ed. Boulder, London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2007.
- Smith, Adam. *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of The Wealth of Nations*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1976.
- Stanford, Jim. *Economics for Everyone: A Short Guide to the Economics of Capitalism*. Winnipeg, Black Point: Fernwood Publishing, 2008.
- Teeple, Gary and Stephen McBride. *Relations of Global Power: Neoliberal Order and Disorder*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2011.
- Westra, Richard. *Confronting Global Neoliberalism: Third World Resistance and Development Strategies*. Atlanta: Clarity Press, 2010.

Please Read Carefully

Policy on Mobile Devices in the Classroom

Mobile devices, specifically laptops and tablets, may be used in this course for educational purposes only (i.e., learning directed related to the course). At times I may direct you to use your mobile device to complete an activity or task, other times I may ask you to close your laptop or turn off your tablet to focus your attention on other course related tasks. Failure to comply may result in you being asked to leave your device in your bag or at the front of the room for all or part of the class/course, or being asked to leave the classroom. Use of all other mobile devices (above all, phones) is not permitted in class.

Cross-listed course:

Please note that a cross-listed course will count in all respective averages no matter under which rubric it has been taken. For example, a PHIL/PSCI cross-list will count in a Philosophy major

average, even if the course was taken under the Political Science rubric.

Academic Integrity:

Academic Integrity: In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility.

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Grievance: A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4, <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy70.htm>.

Appeals: A student may appeal the finding and/or penalty in a decision made under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances (other than regarding a petition) or Policy 71 - Student Discipline if a ground for an appeal can be established. Read Policy 72 - Student Appeals, <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy72.htm>.

Academic Integrity website (Arts):

http://arts.uwaterloo.ca/arts/ugrad/academic_responsibility.html

Academic Integrity Office (uWaterloo): <http://uwaterloo.ca/academicintegrity/>

Accommodation for Students with Disabilities:

Note for students with disabilities: The Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD), located in Needles Hall, Room 1132, collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with the OPD at the beginning of each academic term.

