

**PS220B: International Relations Core Seminar II**  
**Course Syllabus**  
**Winter 2016**

**COURSE INFORMATION**

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Mondays 3:00-5:50 pm in Public Affairs 1329  
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**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Participation: We expect you to come to each class session and to come prepared. You may be required to do in-class presentations.

Weekly memos: Each week you must a short memo on two of the assigned readings. For each reading identify:

- What is the research question?
- What is the theoretical argument?
- What evidence is provided to support the argument?
- Why is the argument important?
- What is one major critique of the argument?

This document should consist of short answers for each question. The document should be no more than 3 pages total.

Research design: By the end of week 10 (March 11), you must submit a 10-15 page research design. This document should achieve the following tasks:

- Identify a research question and explain why it matters
- Briefly situate the question within the relevant existing literature
- Outline a theoretical argument
- Provide a plan for how you would collect evidence to support your argument
- Address two possible critiques or counter-arguments

Your research design may address any of the substantive topics covered in PS220A or PS220B. You may also choose a different topic, subject to approval by both professors. You must have your topic approved and have a one-on-one meeting with at least one of the professors to discuss your project by the end of week 7 (February 19).

## **SCHEDULE**

Week 1: Introductory meeting  
Week 2: International cooperation and institutions  
Week 3: No class (MLK Day)  
Week 4: Crossing borders I (trade and migration)  
Week 5: Crossing borders II (investment and money)  
Week 6: Social constructivism  
Week 7: No Class (President's Day)  
Week 8: Dispute settlement and international law  
Week 9: TBD (student choice)  
Week 10: TBD (student choice)

Additional recommended seminars:

- Monday, January 11: Margaret Peters, Department of Political Science, 12:30-1:45 pm in Bunche 4357
- Friday, February 12: Laurence Helfer, IR/IL Workshop, 2:00--3:30 pm in Bunche 4357

## **READINGS**

### **Week 1: Introductory Meeting**

### **Week 2: Overview of International Institutions**

Keohane, Robert O. (1982) "The Demand for International Regimes"  
*International Organization* 36 (2): 325-355 -- SKIM

Stein, Arthur A. (1982) "Coordination and Collaboration: Regimes in an Anarchic World"  
*International Organization* 36 (2): 299-324 -- SKIM

Milgrom, Paul R., Douglass C. North, and Barry R. Weingast. (1990) "The Role of Institutions in the Revival of Trade: The Law Merchant, Private Judges, and the Champagne Fairs." *Economics and Politics*. 2 (1): 1-23.

March, James G., and Olsen Johan P. 1998. "The Institutional Dynamics of International Political Orders." *International Organization* 52: 943-69.

Koremenos, Barbara, Charles Lipson and Duncan Snidal (2001) "The Rational Design of International Institutions" *International Organization* 55 (4): 761-799

### **Week 3: No Class (MLK Day)**

### **Week 4: Crossing Borders I (Trade and Migration)**

Rogowski, Ronald (1987) "Political Cleavages and Changing Exposure to Trade" *American Political Science Review* 81 (4): 1121-1137

Mansfield, Edward D., Helen V. Milner and B. Peter Rosendorff (2002) "Why Democracies Cooperate More: Electoral Control and International Trade Agreements" *International Organization* 56 (3): 477-513

Kono, Daniel Y. (2006) "Optimal Obfuscation: Democracy and Trade Policy Transparency" *American Political Science Review* 100 (3): 369-384

Fitzgerald, Jennifer, David Leblang and Jessica C. Teets (2014) "Defying the Law of Gravity: The Political Economy of International Migration" *World Politics* 66 (3): 406-445

Peters, Margaret (2015) "Open Trade, Closed Borders: Immigration Policy in the Era of Globalization" *World Politics* 67 (1): 114-154.

### **Week 5: Crossing Borders II (Investment and Money)**

*Review: Frieden (1994) from PS220A*

Kobrin, Stephen J. (1987) "Testing the Bargaining Hypothesis in the Manufacturing Sector in Developing Countries" *International Organization* 41 (4): 609-638

Jensen, Nathan (2008) "Political Risk, Democratic Institutions, and Foreign Direct Investment" *The Journal of Politics* 70 (4): 1040-1052

Pinto, Pablo (2013) *Partisan Investment in the Global Economy: Why the Left Loves Foreign Direct Investment and FDI Loves the Left* Cambridge University Press -- Chapters 2 and 4 only; skim sections 2.3.1-2.3.2 (PDF provided)

Johns, Leslie, and Rachel Wellhausen (forthcoming) "Under One Roof: Supply Chains and the Protection of Foreign Investment" *American Political Science Review*

Frieden, Jeffrey A. (1991) "Invested Interests: the Politics of National Economic Policies in a World of Global Finance" *International Organization* 45: 425-51.

### **Week 6: Social Constructivism**

Wendt, Alexander (1992) "Anarchy is What States Make of It: The Social Construction of State Politics" *International Organization* 46: 391-425.

Ruggie, John Gerard (1998) "What Makes the World Hang Together? Neo-utilitarianism and the Social Constructivist Challenge" *International Organization* 52: 855-885.

Finnemore, Martha and Kathryn Sikkink (1998) "International Norm Dynamics and Political Change" *International Organization* 52 (4): 887-917

Finnemore, Martha (2003) *The Purpose of Intervention: Changing Beliefs About the Use of Force* Cornell University Press -- Chapters 1 and 2 only (PDF provided)

Barnett, Michael and Raymond Duvall (2005) "Power in International Politics" *International Organization* 59 (Winter): 39-75.

### **Week 7: No Class (President's Day)**

### **Week 8: Dispute Settlement and International Law**

*Review: Milgrom et al. (1990) from week 1*

Abbott, Kenneth, Robert O. Keohane, Andrew Moravcsik, Anne-Marie Slaughter and Duncan Snidal (2000) "The Concept of Legalization" *International Organization* 54 (3): 401--419.

Moravcsik, Andrew. (2000) "The Origins of Human Rights Regimes: Democratic Delegation in Postwar Europe." *International Organization* 54 (2): 217—252.

Rosendorff, B. Peter. (2005) "Stability and Rigidity: Politics and the Design of the WTO's Dispute Resolution Procedure." *American Political Science Review* 99: 389—400.

Allee, Todd L. and Paul K. Huth. 2006a. "Legitimizing Dispute Settlement: International Legal Rulings as Domestic Political Cover." *American Political Science Review* 100: 219—234.

Pelc, Krzysztof J. (2009) "Seeking Escape: The Use of Escape Clauses in International Trade Agreements." *International Studies Quarterly* 53: 349—368.

Helfer, Laurence R. and Erik Voeten (2014) "International Courts as Agents of Legal Change: Evidence from LGBT Rights in Europe" *International Organization* 68(1): 77--110

### **Week 9: TBD**

### **Week 10: TBD**