Our lives today are deeply intertwined with global economic and political forces. We cannot fully understand any of the issues on the American political scene – jobs, economic inequality, the financial crisis, US government debt and deficits – without understanding America’s engagement in the global system. The same is true for citizens of every country. Europe is living through the consequences of commitments to a common currency, international trade has helped China transition from famines to feast in one generation, and the world as a whole is struggling with global challenges regarding climate change, food security, and migration. Everyone is embedded, for good or ill, in a global economic and political system, one that is changing before our eyes.

This course examines the economic, political, and social issues raised by deepening integration – its impact on living standards, jobs, inequality, poverty, and the environment – for citizens, societies, and nations. The course focuses on the economic interests and political power of the actors that constitute the international system – sovereign national governments, economic firms, financial institutions, international organizations, civil society, social networks – and the institutions within which those actors operate.

The course provides the necessary conceptual and empirical foundations to understand today’s global challenges, but focuses heavily on analyzing current debates. Lectures are supplemented by simulation exercises in section, in which students are asked to play the role of governments, stakeholders, or institutions and come to a decision on a key issue of the day. We will also have prominent experts and practitioners visit the class to discuss some of the most hotly debated decisions of the past decade.

This course is based on the premise that reasoning based on solid analytics and rigorous empirical evidence will lead to better choices about the institutions of globalization and better outcomes for human global well-being. More importantly, this course aims to give you the tools you need to have well-developed opinions on the enormously complex issues that globalization will create over your lifetime.
Lectures. The lectures will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30-1:00pm, with both professors regularly attending.

Sections. Students will also be divided into sections of approximately 18 students each, with different sections for those enrolled in Ec 1400 (undergraduates) and ITF 225 (HKS students and all other cross-registered graduate students). Sections are not merely reviews of lecture and are an integral part of the course. Therefore, section participation is mandatory.

The majority of sections will be devoted to conducting or preparing for simulation exercises. This year’s simulations will focus on upcoming US Government trade policy with the EU and the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a new amendment to the EU Treaty regarding deeper integration, and a strategy for addressing environmental regulation in India and China.

Course requirements. Over the course of the semester, students will be responsible for three group presentations and two authored 4-5 page (double spaced) briefs for the simulation exercises. In addition, there will be a midterm and a final examination covering all of the course material – lectures, readings, and section exercises.

All written material will be turned in through the course website and will be due on the first day of a given simulation, so due dates will vary according to section day. The midterm exam will be held in class on March 6th. All simulations will be held in section and are absolutely mandatory.

Readings. Links to all the readings from journal articles, web-sites and otherwise web-accessible sources will be provided on the course website. Non-web accessible readings will be in a source book, available for purchase. While some readings will be discussed in lecture and section, it is up to you to keep up with readings as they will be an important part of both the midterm and the final exam.

Grading. There will be a final examination, which counts for 30 percent of the grade, and a midterm examination, which will count for 15 percent of the grade. Each of the two decision briefs will count for 20 percent of your grade, with the remaining 15 percent of your grade devoted to participation in simulations and section.

Prerequisites. Some background in economics (at the level of Ec 10a and Ec 10b) will be assumed, but we will be holding economics reviews early in the semester to help with catch up.

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Lecture Overview and Readings

Session                      | SECTION I: THEMES AND HISTORICAL OVERVIEW
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2/13/13 **International Commerce and non-state actors**

Debora Spar and David Yoffie, "Multinational Enterprises and the Prospects for Justice"  

Daniel W Drezner, "Bottom Feeders"  
http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2000/11/01/bottom_feeders#sthash.pOV0f1B.dpbs

2/18/13 **GUEST LECTURE**

2/20/13 **A Rule Based System for International Trade**

http://www.cfr.org/trade/united-states-wto-dispute-settlement-system/p12871

http://www.citizen.org/publications/publicationredirect.cfm?ID=7081


[Skim] Understanding the WTO. 2013. Available at  
http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/cases_e/ds381_e.htm

2/25/13 **WTO Dispute Settlement / TUNA-DOLPHIN, SHRIMP-TURTLE DEBATES**

WTO. United States – Measures Concerning the Importation, Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna Products. Summary of the dispute to date:  
http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/cases_e/ds381_e.htm

WTO. India etc versus US: ‘shrimp-turtle’  
http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/envir_e/edis08_e.htm

WTO. European Communities – Measures Concerning Meat and Meat Products (Hormones). Summary of the dispute to date:  
http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/cases_e/ds26_e.htm#top

2/27/13 **Can the WTO Adapt?**


### 3/4/13

**The Politics of Free Trade: Jobs and Inequality**


### 3/11/13

**Basics of Monetary Economics and Finance**


### 3/13/13

**International Finance and Financial Crises**


Simon Johnson. The Treasury’s Mistaken View of Too Big to Fail.

http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424127887323304579059070153371410

Michael Lewis. 2011. All you need to know about why things fell apart.

3/27/13  The Crisis of the Euro


Thorsten Beck. 2013. Banking Union for Europe: Where do We Stand?
http://www.voxeu.org/article/banking-union-europe-where-do-we-stand

4/1/13  GUEST LECTURE

SECTION IV: GLOBALIZATION WITHOUT RULES

4/3/13  Global Public Goods


http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/517e31c8-45bd-11e1-93f1-00144feabde0.html#axzz2GF1nhJWY

4/8/13  Global Commodities: Energy and Food

Brown, Lester. 2012. “The great food crisis of 2011”, Foreign Policy,

4/10/13  
**SPEAKER**

4/15/13  
**Climate Change**


4/17/13  
**Global Health**


4/22/13  
**Development and Poverty**


4/24/13  
**Solyndra Case**

4/29/13  
**The Future of Globalization**