Government 2755
International Political Economy
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This course is a research seminar in international political economy. It considers major areas in the politics of foreign economic policy. It is not a general survey course, although the range of issues covered is quite broad. We do not spend a great deal of time considering “classics” in IPE or the historical development of the field. I hope that this course will generate ideas for your own research.

Readings: Readings are posted on the course website.

Course requirements: Students must come to class having done the readings and prepared to discuss the topics in depth. Some weeks, some readings (those marked with an asterisk) will be divided among class members, who will report on them. The written requirement for this course is an article-length research paper, due May 2. A one-page outline of this paper is due April 2.

Students are urged to complete their papers in time to receive credit for the course (i.e., by May 2), to avoid getting an incomplete. Students who do not complete their papers by the beginning of the Fall 2018 semester will have to provide strong justification for further delay (for example, the need for field research or time to collect data).
January 22 Introduction: Interests, Interactions, Institutions

January 29 IPE: Theory and History


February 5 International Trade – Interests


**February 12 International Trade – Institutions and Interactions**


**February 19 Presidents’ Day – No class**
February 26  Money and Exchange Rates – Interests

Maurice Obstfeld and Alan Taylor, “International Monetary Relations: Taking Finance Seriously,” Journal of Economic Perspectives 31, No. 3 (Summer 2017), pages 3-28


March 5  Money and Exchange Rates – Institutions and Interactions


**March 12**     **Spring break – No class**

**March 19**     **Foreign Direct Investment**


March 26  Finance and Debt -- Theory and History


*** One-page outline of research paper due April 2 ***

April 2  Alternative views of the IPE: Social Constructivism  
(Guest presentation: Rawi Abdelal, Harvard Business School)


April 9  Finance and Debt – Empirical Studies


April 16  Financial, currency, and banking crises


Stefanie Walter, “Crisis Politics in Europe: Why Austerity Is Easier to Implement in Some Countries Than in Others,” Comparative Political Studies, 47, no. 7 (2016)


**April 23**  
**Immigration**


**April 30 (reading period)**