This course is a graduate colloquium introducing the theories and concepts of political economy. Through a combination of lectures and discussions, the course explores the central theoretical perspectives, debates, and findings in political economy. Coverage does not include every issue and approach, but it addresses many of the core problems and perspectives animating comparative and international political economy. Students can expect to develop a sufficient understanding of the field to prepare for further study and specialization.

The course relies heavily on the required books (listed below) and the supplemental packet of articles (to be distributed). Each assigned reading should be read carefully.

- **10%: Weekly Attendance and Participation.** Preparing for and contributing in class is mandatory for the successful completion of this course and I will not be lenient with this requirement.
- **40%: Two Critical Reviews (20% each).** Write two, 5-7 page essays analyzing and critiquing a week’s readings. Do not unnecessarily summarize; reviews are to be sophisticated judgments on the research and arguments presented in that week’s readings. The reviews are due at your discretion throughout the semester, by the Monday before that Tuesday’s class, no later than 5pm. Please email the reviews to me at akingsley@ambac.com or allison.kingsley@nyu.edu.
- **50%: Take-Home Essay Exam.** A final, take-home essay exam makes up the remaining 50% of your grade. For the exam, you will be able to use readings and notes from the course and draw upon any external materials you deem relevant. I will hand out the exam on Tuesday, November 30th, and it will be due on Friday, December 17th by noon. I look unfavorably upon extensions and you should not anticipate receiving deadline flexibility from me. Please email your exam to me at akingsley@ambac.com or allison.kingsley@nyu.edu.

There will be no class on Tuesday, September 14th. Due to the University calendar, there will be no class on Tuesday, December 14th. The last class of the semester is Tuesday, December 7th.

**Required Books:**

9. Supplemental Reading Packet. [Denoted by * after assigned reading.]
Week 1: Introduction to Political Economy and Social Science

No Class on September 14th.

Week 2: Methodology and Research Design


*Economist* articles. *

Week 3: Theories of Political Economy I

Robert Gilpin, *Global Political Economy*.
  Chapter 1: “The New Global Economic Order”
  Chapter 2: “The Nature of Political Economy”
  Chapter 3: “The Neoclassical Conception of the Economy”
  Chapter 4: “The Study of International Political Economy”


Week 4: Theories of Political Economy II

Robert Gilpin, *Global Political Economy*.
  Chapter 5: “New Economic Theories”
  Chapter 6: “The Political Significant of the New Economic Theories”
  Chapter 7: “National Systems of Political Economy”
  Chapter 15: “Governing the Global Economy”

F. A. Hayek, *The Road to Serfdom*.


Week 5: Trade

Robert Gilpin, *Global Political Economy*


Economist articles. *

Week 6: Monetary and Financial Systems

Robert Gilpin, Global Political Economy
Chapter 9: The International Monetary System

Jeffry A. Frieden and David A. Lake, International Political Economy.


Economist articles. *

Week 7: Regional Integration

Walter Mattli. The Logic of Regional Integration. Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 6.

Robert Gilpin, Global Political Economy
Chapter 13: The Political Economy of Regional Integration

Jeffry A. Frieden and David A. Lake, International Political Economy.
Chapter 24: Ronald W. Cox. “Explaining Business Support for Regional Trade Agreements.”

*Economist* articles.

**Week 8: Multinational and International Institutions**


Robert Gilpin, *Global Political Economy*

Chapter 11: The State and Multinationals


*Economist* articles.

**Week 9: Domestic Institutions and Investment**


Charles Cameron. *Veto Bargaining* (select chapters).

*Economist* articles.

**Week 10: Development I**

Robert Gilpin, *Global Political Economy*
   Chapter 12: The State and Economic Development


   Chapter 26: Robin Broad, John Cavanagh, and Walden Bello. “Development: The Market is Not Enough,”

*Economist* articles. *

**Week 11: Development II**


*Economist* articles. *

**Week 12: Globalization**


Robert Gilpin, *Global Political Economy*
   Chapter 14: The Nation State in the Global Economy

*Economist* articles. *