

**International Relations Field Seminar II**  
**POL2201H S**

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**COURSE OVERVIEW**

This is the second course in the international relations core sequence. The course has three principal objectives. 1. To continue providing the students with a brief introduction to the large academic literature on international politics, with the goal of helping them to prepare for the synthesis and analysis they will be required to carry out on the field examination. 2. To introduce students to a variety of frontier research problems that animate current work in the field, so they can see and evaluate examples of how empirical research is actually conducted rather than just commenting on “the classics” or reading pure theory. 3. To initiate their own research projects, to gain practical experience in elaborating a theoretical argument, drawing out testable implications, assembling and analyzing relevant evidence, and presenting the work before colleagues.

**EXPECTATIONS**

The core course is a group exploration of IR theory, we will be hashing through abstract ideas and their application to specific issues together. This makes weekly preparation and active participation paramount for this course. The best and most rewarding core course seminar sessions are spent talking to each other, pushing each other on interpretations and implications of the readings, moving beyond answering questions about the content of the readings. This requires that you arrive prepared and ready to engage.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**Participation:**

**In Class (30%):** Attendance and active participation in class discussion is essential. Please come to class prepared to discuss the assigned readings. During one week in the semester, we will also ask you to prepare a 5-10 minute kickoff presentation to the class about a professional development topic.

**Online (20%):** Students are required to use the online annotation tool Perusall. Perusall allows students to interact and learn from each other as they complete the assigned readings. Students should aim to complete a minimum of 3 high-quality annotations per reading to receive full credit for this component (more is encouraged). Annotations must be completed prior to our scheduled class time to receive credit.

- a. To set up Perusall, create an account at <https://perusall.com/> and use access code WU-WJBV6. Alternatively, use this link: <https://app.perusall.com/join/wu-wjbv6>.
- b. General Instructions about using Perusall: [link](#)

**Research Proposal:**

**Outline (10%)** (500 words + references, due February 26): You will choose a topic that interests you and identify a salient puzzle based on a review of existing work. You will then submit a brief summary of the relevant literature, your preliminary hypotheses, and empirical strategy.

**Paper (40%)** (3750-5000 words, due April 12): The final paper should be written as a preliminary dissertation prospectus that contains the following elements: 1. research puzzle and overview of existing literature on your topic; 2. a description of your theory and hypotheses; 3. any preliminary empirical evidence that speaks to your hypotheses; 4. a research plan that describes what type of empirical evidence you will need to collect to evaluate your hypotheses. During the final two weeks of class, you will have an opportunity to present your research project to the class and receive feedback.

**SCHEDULE**

SESSION	TOPIC
Week 1 (1/8)	Introduction
Week 2 (1/15)	Open Economy Politics and Trade
Week 3 (1/22)	Investment and Foreign Aid
Week 4 (1/29)	Immigration
Week 5 (2/5)	Money and Financial Crises
Week 6 (2/12)	Political Economy of Climate Change
Week 7 (2/26)	The Intersection of IPE and Power
Week 8 (3/4)	Regime Complexity
Week 9	The Role of Leaders and Individuals

(3/11)	
<b>Week 10</b> (3/18)	<b>Research Design</b>
<b>Week 11</b> (3/25)	<b>Student Presentations</b>
<b>Week 12</b> (4/1)	<b>Student Presentations</b>

Professional Development Topics (PDT)

- Surviving graduate school (W2)
- Grant applications (W3)
- Professional conferences (W4)
- Academic publishing: journal submission process / publishing a book / co-authorship (W5)
- Peer review (W6)
- Academic job market (W7)
- Non-academic job market (W8)
- Online presence / social media / policy engagement (W9)
- Early career faculty / tenure (W10)
- Teaching (W11)

For each week, one to two students will research the topic and gives a brief presentation. This will be followed by a discussion and Q&A session with the course instructors. Useful information about these topics can often be found in *PS: Political Science & Politics*, professional association websites such as <https://apsanet.org/>, political science department websites, and academic blogs or Twitter threads.

**Week 1: Introduction**

**Week 2: Open Economy Politics and Trade**

David A. Lake. 2009. "Open Economy Politics: A Critical Review." *The Review of International Organizations* 4 (3): 219-244.

Edward D Mansfield and Diana C Mutz. 2009. Support for Free Trade: Self-interest, Sociotropic Politics, and Out-Group Anxiety. *International Organization* 63 (3):425-457.

Kim, I. S., and Osgood, I. 2019. "Firms in Trade and Trade Politics." *Annual Review of Political Science*, 22, 399-417.

Iain Osgood and Hyeon-Young Ro. 2022. "Free Trade's Organized Progressive Opposition." *International Studies Quarterly* 66 (3).

Stephanie Rickard. 2015. "Electoral Systems and Trade." *Oxford Handbook of the Political Economy of International Trade*.

Betz, Timm, David Fortunato, and Diana Z. O'Brien. "Do Women Make More Protectionist Trade Policy?" *American Political Science Review* (2023): 1-9.

### **Week 3: Investment and foreign aid**

Sonal S. Pandya. 2010. "Labor Markets and the Demand for Foreign Direct Investment." *International Organization* 64 (3): 389-409.

Leslie Johns and Rachel L. Wellhausen. 2016. "Under One Roof: Supply Chains and the Protection of Foreign Investment." *American Political Science Review* 110 (1): 31-51.

Mark Manger. 2005. "Competition and Bilateralism in Trade Policy: The Case of Japan's Free Trade Agreements." *Review of International Political Economy* 12 (5): 804-828.

Sarah Blodgett Bermeo. 2017. "Aid Allocation and Targeted Development in an Increasingly Connected World." *International Organization* 71(4):735-766.

Shannon P. Carcelli. 2023. "Special Interests in Foreign Policy Bureaucracies: Evidence from Foreign Aid." *Journal of Politics* 85(3):905-918.

Bernhard Reinsberg, Katharina Michaelowa and Stephen Knack. 2017. "Which Donors, Which Funds? Bilateral Donors' Choice of Multilateral Funds at the World Bank." *International Organization* 71(4):767-802.

### **Week 4: Immigration and backlash**

Margaret E. Peters. 2014. "Trade, Foreign Direct Investment, and Immigration Policy Making in the United States." *International Organization* 68 (4): 811-844.

Rafaela Dancygier and Michael Donnelly. 2013. "Sectoral Economies, Economic Contexts, and Attitudes towards Immigration." *Journal of Politics* 75(1):17-35.

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

Hainmueller, Jens, and Michael J. Hiscox. "Attitudes toward highly skilled and low-skilled immigration: Evidence from a survey experiment." *American political science review* 104, no. 1 (2010): 61-84.

Sara Wallace Goodman and Thomas B. Pepinsky. 2021. "The Exclusionary Foundations of Embedded Liberalism." *International Organization*, 75(2): 411-439.

Nicole Wu. 2022. "Misattributed Blame? Attitudes toward Globalization in the Age of Automation." *Political Science Research and Methods* 10(3): 470-487.

### **Week 5: Money and Financial Crises**

Benjamin Cohen. "The IPE of Money Revisited." *Review of International Political Economy* 24(4): 657-680.

Nils Redeker and Stefanie Walter. 2020. "We'd Rather Pay than Change the Politics of German Non-adjustment in the Eurozone Crisis." *The Review of International Organizations* 15: 573-599.

Mark Copelovitch and David A. Singer. 2020. *Banks on the Brink: Global Capital, Securities Markets, and the Political Roots of Financial Crises*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 4: "O Canada? Unraveling the Mystery of Canadian Bank Stability."

Sarah Bauerle Danzman, W Kindred Winecoff, and Thomas Oatley. 2017. "All Crises are Global: Capital Cycles in an Imbalanced International Political Economy." *International Studies Quarterly* 61 (4): 907-923.

Phillip Y. Lipsy and Haillie Lee. 2019. "The IMF As a Biased Global Insurance Mechanism: Asymmetrical Moral Hazard, Reserve Accumulation, and Financial Crises." *International Organization*, 73(1): 35-64.

Ben W. Ansell, J. Lawrence Broz, and Thomas Flaherty. 2018. "Global Capital Markets, Housing Prices, and Partisan Fiscal Policies." *Economics & Politics* 30(3): 307-339.

### **Week 6: Political Economy of Climate Change**

Jeff D. Colgan, Jessica F. Green and Thomas N. Hale. 2020. "Asset Revaluation and the Existential Politics of Climate Change." *International Organization* 75 (Spring): 586-610.

Jared Cory, Michael Lerner, and Iain Osgood. 2021. "Supply Chain Linkages and the Extended Carbon Coalition." *American Journal of Political Science* 65 (1): 69-87.

Amanda Kennard. 2020. "The Enemy of My Enemy: When Firms Support Climate Change Regulation." *International Organization* 74 (2): 187-221.

Italo Colantone, Livio Di Lonardo, Yotam Margalit, and Marco Percoco. 2022. "The Political Consequences of Green Policies: Evidence from Italy." *American Political Science Review*: 1-19.

Dustin Tingley and Michael Tomz. 2022. "The Effects of Naming and Shaming on Public Support for Compliance with International Agreements: An Experimental Analysis of the Paris Agreement." *International Organization* 76 (2): 445-468.

Sarah Bush and Amanda Clayton. 2022. "Facing Change: Gender and Climate Change Attitudes Worldwide." *American Political Science Review* 117 (2): 591-608.

### **Week 7: The Intersection of IPE and Power**

Joanne Gowa and Edward D. Mansfield. 1993. "Power Politics and International Trade." *American Political Science Review* 87(2): 408–20.

Christina L. Davis and Meredith Wilf. 2017. "Joining the Club: Accession to the GATT/WTO." *Journal of Politics*. 79(3): 964-978.

Carla Norrlof. 2014. "Dollar Hegemony: A Power Analysis." *Review of International Political Economy* 21(5): 1042-1070.

Broz, J. Lawrence, Zhiwen Zhang, and Gaoyang Wang. "Explaining Foreign Support for China's Global Economic Leadership." *International Organization* 74.3 (2020): 417-452.

Paul Musgrave and Daniel H. Nexon. 2018. "Defending Hierarchy from the Moon to the Indian Ocean: Symbolic Capital and Status Insecurity in Early Modern China and Cold War America." *International Organization* 72 (3): 591-626.

Helen Milner and Sondre Ulvund Solstad. 2021. "Technological Change and the International System." *World Politics* 73(3): 545-589.

### **Week 8: Regime Complexity**

Karen J. Alter and Kal Raustiala. 2018. "The Rise of International Regime Complexity." *Annual Review of Law and Social Sciences* 14: 329-349.

C. Randall Henning and Tyler Pratt. 2023. "Hierarchy and Differentiation in International Regime Complexes: A Theoretical Framework for Comparative Research." *Review of International Political Economy* 30 (6): 2178-2205.

Felicity Vabulas and Duncan Snidal. 2013. "Organization without Delegation: Informal Intergovernmental Organizations (IIGOs) and the Spectrum of Intergovernmental Arrangements." *The Review of International Organizations* 8: 193-220.

Kenneth W. Abbott, Jessica F. Green, and Robert O. Keohane, "Organizational Ecology and Institutional Change in Global Governance." 2016. *International Organization* 70 (2).

Allison Carnegie and Richard Clark. 2023. "Reforming Global Governance: Power, Alliance, and Institutional Performance." *World Politics* 75 (3): 523-565.

Jing Qian, James Raymond Vreeland, and Jianzhi Zhao. 2023. "The Impact of China's AIIB on the World Bank." *International Organization* 77 (1): 217-237.

## **Week 9: The Role of Leaders and Individuals**

Michael Horowitz, Rose McDermott, and Allan C. Stam. 2005. "Leader Age, Regime Type, and Violent International Relations." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49 (5): 661–685.

Madison Schramm and Alexandra Stark. 2020. "Peacemakers or Iron Ladies? A Cross-National Study of Gender and International Conflict." *Security Studies* 29(3): 515-548.

Keren Yarhi-Milo. 2013. "In the Eye of the Beholder: How Leaders and Intelligence Communities Assess the Intentions of Adversaries." *International Security* 38(1): 7-51.

Emilie M. Hafner-Burton, Stephan Haggard, David A. Lake, and David G. Victor. 2017. "The Behavioral Revolution and International Relations." *International Organization* 71 (S1): S1-S31.

Janice Gross Stein. 2017. "The Micro-Foundation of International Relations Theory: Psychology and Behavioral Economics." *International Organization* 71 (S1): S249-S263.

Brian C. Rathbun, Joshua D. Kertzer, and Mark Paradis. 2017. "Homo Diplomaticus: Mixed-Method Evidence of Variation in Strategy Rationality." *International Organization* 71 (S1): S3-S60.

## **Week 10: Research Design**

William R. Clark. 2020. Asking Interesting Questions. In L. Curini & R. Franzese (Eds.), *The SAGE Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations* (pp. 7–25). essay, New York: SAGE.

*Skim (to supplement Clark):* Przeworski, A. and Salomon, F., 1995. The art of writing proposals. *Brooklyn NY, Social Science Research Council*.

James D. Fearon. 1991. "Counterfactuals and Hypothesis Testing in Political Science." *World Politics*. 43(2): 169-195.

Seawright, J. and Gerring, J., 2008. Case selection techniques in case study research: A menu of qualitative and quantitative options. *Political research quarterly*, 61(2), pp.294-308.

Kertzer, Joshua D. "Microfoundations in international relations." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 34, no. 1 (2017): 81-97.

(Resource: [https://egap.github.io/theory\\_and\\_practice\\_of\\_field\\_experiments/index.html](https://egap.github.io/theory_and_practice_of_field_experiments/index.html))

## **Week 11: Student Presentations**

## **Week 12: Student Presentations**