

ELECTIVE COURSE

Course Title:

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

Course Description:

At the heart of this course is the interaction between the processes of state building and economic development. This course analyzes global politico-economic order from the lens of policies and institution building. Some of the pressing themes that this course engages in include: how do politics shape international economic relations and vice versa? Who are the rulers and the subjects of Neo-liberal globalized order? What is the politics of established international institutions and how does the market economy react to it?

Requisites

Ideally, students taking this course should have a good understanding of basic political structures and economic policies in vogue, and of course, they should be well versed with various macroeconomic models and theories and basic undergraduate-level econometrics.

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Course Objectives:

Successful students will be able to:

- Engage with International Political Economy and describe how it fits within the broader discipline of Economics and point at its linkages to the other fields like Public Choice, and Formal Theory
- Apply several analytical frameworks to study the complex interactions between economic and political factors at a global and regional level.
- Assess how international economic exchanges shape policy responses within and among states.
- Assemble a holistic view of economic globalisation and its variegated impacts across developed and developing countries and across certain issue areas, such as labour rights and the environment.
- Formulate and compose reasoned and factually supported arguments

Course Content:

- 1. International Political Economy (IPE)
 - Emergence, Extended Overview and The Great Politico-Economic Chessboard and Its Relationship with Public Policy
 - Polity in modern times
 - Creation of Public and Private
 - Public policy and economic development



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- 2. Approaches to IPE
 - Adam Smith and Mercantilism
 - JS Mill and Liberalism
 - John Mearsheimer and Structuralism
- 3. Role of Bretton Woods (BW) institutions
 - Emergence and impact of BW on modern global economic order
 - Imperialism and World War 2
 - HD White and JM Keynes
 - IMF, World Bank
 - Currency Convertibility
 - Shuttle Diplomacy,
 - Petro-Dollar Hegemony
 - Entry of China
- 4. Contemporary Global Political and Economic Crisis
 - 1973 oil crisis and OPEC
 - 1979 and Iran-Iraq War
 - Dotcom Bubble
 - 1997 crisis
 - Global War on Terror
 - Sub Prime lending Crisis and Development Bubble
 - Eurozone Crisis
 - Greek Dilemma
- 5. Globalisation
 - Globalization and slow-balization
 - Western Hegemony
 - Regionalization
 - Securitization of global south and global north
 - National Interests Real Politik
- 6. Case studies on the formation of regional Axis and their economic Impacts
 - NAFTA
 - Brics
 - Saarc
 - Quad
 - Asean
 - NATO
 - EU
- 7. International Finance and Role of Multilateral Development Institutions
 - Modern global monetary system



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- Wall street
- Fortune 500
- Nadaq
- Exchange rates
- ESG and Climate Financing

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