Seminar: International Political Economy
GOVT 781-01
Spring 1999

Dr. George Shambaugh
Office: 656 ICC
Phone: 687-2979
Internet: shambaug@gunet.georgetown.edu

This seminar is designed to prepare students to carry out methodologically sound research at the cutting edge of international political economy. To achieve this objective, the course will explore prominent debates among and within the dominant paradigms in IPE theory. It will focus on critiquing these works and assessing the next fruitful steps in the relevant research programs. Gaining a greater understanding of the core works in the field of IPE is a positive externality of taking this course, but it is not the primary aim. Students are presumed to be familiar with key works in international political economy and international relations theory. Rather than introducing this literature, this course will teach students how to assess its merits, and determine and respond to its limitations. Each student will be expected to master the skills needed to analyze and evaluate this literature and use these skills to make his or her own contribution to a scholarly debate in IPE.

REQUIREMENTS

Reading material has been assigned for each week and must be completed before class. The reading material will focus on one or more theoretical debates in international political economy. Beginning on January 28 and ending April 15, every student will be responsible for writing a 2-page critique of one of the readings (either a book chapter or article) assigned for each class. All students will also be asked to write critiques of two of their colleagues paper proposals. These critiques will be due on April 29. All of the critiques must follow the "research design" format specified in class and they must be submitted by email to Professor Shambaugh by 10:00a.m. on the Wednesday preceding each class. The critiques will be distributed to everyone via email prior to the class session. Classroom discussion will center around the critiques.

Each student will also be responsible for writing an article-length paper, approximately 30 pages in length. The paper should apply one or more of the theories or approaches discussed in class to a case or a problem in international political economy of the student’s choosing. It should be written in a form that could be submitted for publication in a professional journal, with appropriate revisions. The papers will be evaluated using the same “research design” criteria applied in the 2-page critiques.

You are required to meet with Professor Shambaugh on an individual basis to discuss
topics for the article-length paper. **Topic proposals must be approved and submitted on or before February 25.** You are strongly encouraged to meet with him earlier to discuss possible topics. Drafts of the final papers (including the introduction and at least the first ten pages of the paper) are due on April 22. These drafts will be critiqued by two other people in the class. Final papers are due on May 5, the last day of classes.

Grades will be estimated as follows. 75% of the grade will depend on the final paper, 25% will depend on the critical essays and participation in class discussions.

**BOOKS**

Recommended for all students:

All books and articles have been placed on reserve at the Lauinger Library and need not be purchased. It is recommended that students purchase books that are specifically related to the research paper they wish to write.

CLASS SCHEDULE & READINGS

Pick up the syllabus and related materials in class. (January 14)

The following books are recommended as general references to be used throughout the semester by those who need a refresher on the history and/or theoretical foundations of IPE:


1. **IPE Today: The Implications of Globalization** (January 21)


2. **International-Domestic Linkage** (January 28)

   Robert Keohane and Helen Milner, editors. *Internationalization and Domestic Politics* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996), Parts I and V.


Ronald Rogowski, Commerce and Coalitions, pp. 3-21, 88-128, 163-174.

Recommended:

3. International and Domestic Management of the IPE (February 4)

Robert Keohane and Helen Milner, editors. Internationalization and Domestic Politics (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996), Parts II, IV.


Recommended:

4. Multilateralism and International Economic Institutions (February 11)


19-22.


February 18: No Class
Complete unfinished reading and prepare paper topics.

Recommended:
All Ph.D. Students should attend a panel at the International Studies Association Conference taking place downtown.

5. Competitiveness and Competitive Advantage (February 25)

* Paper Topics are Due in Class on February 25 *

Paul Krugman, Strategic Trade and International Economics (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1986), chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 11 and one other (choose among the case studies in chs. 7, 8, 9).


Jeffrey Hart, Rival Capitalists: International Competitiveness in the United States, Japan and Western Europe (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1992), chs.1, 7 and one other (choose one of the country case studies).

Recommended:

6. Economic Statecraft (March 4)


Audie Klotz, *Norms and International Relations* (Ithica: Cornell University Press, 1995), chapters 1, 2, 9, 10.

Recommended:

7. **Strategic Interaction I: Bargaining Strategies and Cooperation** (March 18)


Samuel Barkin and George Shambaugh, *Anarchy and the Environment* (Albany: SUNY Press, 1999), chs. 1, 2, 8 and one other (available outside Professor Shambaugh’s office).

8. **Strategic Interaction II: Game Theory and IPE** (March 25)


Recommended:
Robert Powell, “Appendix: Some Introductory Notes on Game Theory,” *Nuclear Deterrence Theory* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996), pp. 187-220. (This is a very good introduction to extensive form games.)

9. Modernization Theory, Constructivism, and Norms (April 8)


Kurt Burch and Robert Denemark, eds. Constituting International Political Economy (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1997), 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 10.


Recommended:

10. Democratization and Economic Development (April 15)


11. **Cognitive Psychology and Decision Making in Political Economy** (April 22)

* Drafts of Final Papers are Due on April 22 *


12. **Review, Reprise and Riposte** (April 29)

Class discussion will focus on the critiques of the final papers.
** Final Papers are Due at 5:00pm on May 5, the Last Day of Classes **