INTL 102: Economics, Politics, and International Change: The Modern World Economy

This course examines the evolution of the world economy from the late nineteenth century to the present. Our purpose is not only to describe the historical trends in the international economy but also to explain the causes and the consequences of these trends. Students come away with the basic tools they need to understand the global economy and the politics of international economic relations.

The history of the modern world economy divides into three periods. The Golden Age (1870-1913) was a period of extensive globalization; in some respects, nations were more economically integrated than now. The Golden Age came to an end with the Interwar Interregnum (1919-1939), which saw nations abandon the world economy and turn inward behind high protectionist barriers and restrictions on international capital flows. Postwar Globalization (1945-2003) saw the gradual reemergence of the world economy, a trend that is now threatened by politics, anti-globalization forces, and crises in global finance.

Prerequisites: Familiarity with political science and economics is helpful but not required. We will cover the necessary material.

Requirements:
1) Midterm examination (30% of total grade).
2) Final examination (50%).
3) Section participation (20%).

Exams are composed of two equally weighted parts: Part I: Short-Answer Identifications and Part II: Essay Question(s). The IDs on Part I will be drawn from a longer list of potential IDs that will be distributed before each exam. You should define the ID and discuss its significance in the context of this course. Answers should be 1-2 paragraphs in length. The essay questions on Part II will incorporate material from readings and lectures. There will be one essay question on the Midterm and two essay questions on the Final.

Books (available for purchase at the bookstore; on reserve at Geisel Library).


Articles: Journal articles are marked on the reading list below with an asterisk (*). They are available electronically via E-Reserves at http://reserves.ucsd.edu/
Reading tips: Do the assigned readings by the day for which they are assigned. The reading load is moderate though not evenly distributed. Pay particular attention to weeks with heavier assigned readings and plan accordingly.

Academic Integrity: Integrity of scholarship is essential for an academic community. The University expects that both faculty and students will honor this principle and in so doing protect the validity of University intellectual work. For students, this means that all academic work will be done by the individual to whom it is assigned, without unauthorized aid of any kind.

PART I: INTRODUCTION

Lecture 1 (Jan 5): Course Overview
- Frieden, Lake, Broz, *Introduction*, pp. 1-19

Lecture 2 (Jan 7): Understanding International Trade and Trade Policy

Lecture 3 (Jan 12): Understanding International Finance and Exchange-Rate Policy

PART II: THE GOLDEN AGE, 1873-1914

Lecture 4 (Jan 14): Prologue to the late 19th century: Mercantilism and the rise of the United States
- Frieden, *Prologue: Into the Twentieth Century*.

Lecture 5 (Jan 19): Overview of "The Golden Age."
- Frieden, *Chapter 1, Global Capitalism Triumphant*.
- Frieden, *Chapter 2, Defenders of the Global Economy*.

Lecture 6 (Jan 21): Movement of Money, Capital, and People
- Frieden, *Chapter 3, Success Stories of the Golden Age*.
Lecture 7 (Jan 26): Divergent Patterns of Development
- Frieden, Chapter 4, Failures of Development.

MIDTERM EXAM: January 28

Lecture 8 (Feb 2): Opposition to Globalization
- Frieden, Chapter 5, Problems of the Global Economy.
- Frieden, Chapter 6, All that is Solid Melts into Air.
- Peter Gourevitch, International Trade, Domestic Coalitions, and Liberty: Comparative Responses to the Crises of 1873-1896, in Frieden, Lake, Broz, pp. 98-118.

PART III: INTERWAR INTERREGNUM, 1918-1939

Lecture 9 (Feb 4): World War I, Recovery, and Collapse
- Frieden, Chapter 7, The World of Tomorrow.
- Frieden, Chapter 8, The Established Order Collapses.

Lecture 10 (Feb 9): Responses to the Great Depression
- Frieden, Chapter 9, The Turn to Autarky.
- Frieden, Chapter 10, Building a Social Democracy.

PART IV: POSTWAR GLOBALIZATION, 1945-2003

Lecture 11 (Feb 11): Settlement and Reconstruction
- Frieden, Chapter 11, Reconstruction East and West.
- Ronald Rogowski, Commerce and Coalitions: How Trade Affects Domestic Political Alignments, in Frieden, Lake Broz, pp. 365-375

Lecture 12 (Feb 16): The Bretton Woods System and Beyond
- Frieden, Chapter 12, The Bretton Woods System in Action.
- Frieden, Chapter 15, The End of Bretton Woods.

Lecture 13 (Feb 18): Decolonization and Development
- Frieden, Lake, Broz, Economies in Development, pp. 443-446.
- Frieden, Chapter 13, Decolonization and Development.

**Lecture 14 (Feb 23): Multinational Corporations**

**Lecture 15 (Feb 25): From Oil Crises to Debt Crisis**
- Frieden, *Chapter 16, Crisis and Change*.

**Lecture 16 (Mar 2): Patterns of Global Integration**
- Frieden, *Chapter 17, Globalizers Victorious*.
- Frieden, *Chapter 18, Countries Catch Up*.

**Lecture 17 (Mar 4): Tensions in Developing Countries**
- Frieden, *Chapter 19, Countries Fall Behind*.

**Lecture 18 (Mar 9): Tensions in Industrialized Countries**
- Frieden, *Chapter 20, Global Capitalism Troubled*.

**Lecture 19 (Mar 11): Current Globalization Controversies**
- Jeffrey A. Frankel, *Globalization and the Environment*, in Frieden, Lake, Broz, pp. 511-539

**FINAL EXAMINATION: Tuesday, March 16, 8 – 11 a.m.** (double-check date)