



**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMME  
INTP 441: INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY  
30 POINTS**

**TRIMESTER 2 2013**

**Important dates**

**Trimester dates:** 15 July to 17 November 2013

**Teaching dates:** 15 July to 18 October 2013

**Mid-trimester break:** 26 August to 8 September 2013

**Study period:** 21–25 October 2013

**Examination/Assessment Period:** 25 October to 16 November 2013

Note: students who enrol in courses with examinations must be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the scheduled examination period.

**Withdrawal dates:** Refer to

[www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds)

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination (aegrotats), refer to

[www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat)

**Class times and locations**

**Seminar time:** Monday from 9.00AM-11.50 AM

**Seminar location:** MY401

**Name and contact details**

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## **Communication of additional information**

This course uses Blackboard and presumes that all enrolled students have valid myvuw.ac.nz addresses. Please check that this account is active and you have organised email forwarding. Additional information and any changes to the timetable or lecture and seminar programme will be advised by email, announced in seminars, and posted on the course Blackboard site.

## **Prescription**

This course covers the main theoretical perspectives and issue areas involved in studying international political economy (IPE) and supports student-led research into a more specific topic in IPE. The course concentrates on the political factors that shape international economic processes and explores some social consequences of the development of capitalism.

## **Course learning objectives (CLOs)**

Students who pass this course will be able to:

- 1 Understand interactions between capitalist economies and political institutions at national and international levels
- 2 Understand the most important contemporary 21<sup>st</sup> century issues in the international politics of trade, finance, multinational production and development
- 3 Demonstrate a critically engaged understanding of the most important theoretical perspectives in the study of international political economy
- 4 Analyse sophisticated arguments and evaluate competing evidence regarding contemporary issues in political economy
- 5 Choose a research project, select appropriate sources, critically evaluate those sources and synthesize them into a coherent and credible extended argument

## **Teaching format**

This course is taught through 3 hour seminars. These will largely be student led, although there may be some short lectures. Seminar participants will be expected to regularly attend seminars and be active discussants. They will also be assigned various seminar tasks in the second class. Students are expected to come to class having read the 'compulsory readings' supplied by the course coordinator.

## **Mandatory course requirements**

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must:

1. Submit all three assessments by their due date
2. Carry out one seminar task assigned by the course coordinator in the second class
3. Give a presentation on their proposed research

## **Workload**

In accordance with Faculty Guidelines, this course has been constructed on the assumption that students will devote 300 hours to the course throughout the trimester. This includes weekly attendance at seminars, completion of all set weekly readings and research and writing for set assessment tasks.

## Assessment

Further guidance and details of assessment and marking criteria will be provided by the course coordinator in the first class and posted on Blackboard.

Assessment items and workload per item – INTP 441		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	Research proposal	15%	5	12/08/2013
2	8000 word research essay	45%	1,3,4,5	18/10/2013
3	3 hour examination	40%	1,2,3,4	Examination period

## Submission and return of work

Essays should be submitted through Blackboard along with one hard copy, together with completed cover sheet available from the School office (MY518).

Essays and tests will be returned at times to be advised. If students fail to attend these times, they may collect their essay from the School Office, Room 518, Murphy Building between the hours of 2.00 and 3.00 pm from Monday to Friday and must show their Student ID card before collection.

## Penalties

There is a uniform deadline for the submission of Honours research papers in Political Science and International Relations. This deadline is adhered to firmly. Extensions are granted in exceptional circumstances only, under the conditions stipulated in Victoria University's aegrotat regulations, and extensions must be approved by Honours Coordinator (Dr Kate MacMillan) in advance of the deadline. The deadline for Honours research papers is **5.00pm, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. Work not submitted by this deadline will not be taken into consideration when determining final results.

Students will be penalised for late submission of research proposals – **a deduction of 5% for the first day late, and 2% per day thereafter, up to a maximum of 8 days**. Work that is more than 10 weekdays late can be accepted for mandatory course requirements but may not be marked.

## Set texts and recommended reading

These will be provided separately by the course coordinator in the first week of class and on Blackboard

## Student feedback

This course has been substantially rewritten to reflect its new one-trimester format. In response to previous student feedback, it has also been altered to make the content covered more manageable and remove some of the more economically challenging topics. Student feedback on course coverage would be welcomed, particularly in terms of any relevant topics students would have liked to see covered. Student feedback on University courses may be found at

[www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback\\_display.php](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php).

## Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism)
- Aegrotats: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat)
- Academic Progress: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress) (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/dates](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/dates)
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: [www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin)
- Grades: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/grades](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/grades)
- Graduate attributes: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/hppi/about/overview-of-the-school/phil-overview#grad-attributes>
- Resolving academic issues: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#grievances](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#grievances)
- Special passes: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#specialpass](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#specialpass)
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy)
- Student support: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/vicliffe/student-service](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/vicliffe/student-service)
- Students with disabilities: [www.victoria.ac.nz/st\\_services/disability](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability)
- Student Charter: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/vicliffe/student-charter](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/vicliffe/student-charter)
- Student Contract: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/enrol/studentcontract](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/enrol/studentcontract)
- Turnitin: [www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin)
- University structure: [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about)
- VUWSA: [www.vuwsa.org.nz](http://www.vuwsa.org.nz)