

# INTL 4310: International Political Economy

University of Georgia

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## Welcome!

The focus of this course is comparative political economy, a subject that lies at the intersection of politics and economics. The goal of this course is to better understand economics, politics, and the effect that they have on each other. By understanding these forces you will be able to better understand the world around you and place events within a historical and factual context. This course primarily focuses on what takes place with a countries and variations across and between countries.

## Required Materials

- Clark, Barry. The Evolution of Economic Systems: Varieties of Capitalism in the Global Economy
- The News: NY Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Christian Science Monitor, NPR, The Economist, the evening news, AP, Reuters

**Make-up policy:** It is your responsibility to attend all scheduled class meetings, including the times when exams are offered. I will offer make-up exams only in extreme cases.

## How will you be graded?

Table 1: Components of Final Grade

Component	Prop. of grade
Midterm	30%
Country Papers (4)	20%
Participation	20%
Final Paper	30%

This class does use the +/– system.

## Ground rules

You are responsible for being self-motivated, self-directed, active learners. I expect you to comply with university policy and use common sense. You should complete all of the course assignments and participate fully in all of our activities. In this class we will be discussing politics which can be a sensitive topic. Offensive language, personal attacks, and harassment WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. On a technical note, close of business is 5pm; when something is due by close of business, that is what is expected.

## Goals and teaching philosophy

When this course is finished, you should:

- Understand the basic workings of the economy
- Understand how politics and the economy interact within and across states
- Understand the varieties of economies and capitalism

My goal in this class is to foster an environment where learning and discussion can be carried out. <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>A note about my name: Feel free to call me Jeff or Mr. Auerbach.

## Country Papers

The goal of this project is to help you develop a real world skill. In these you will be asked to give a one to two page summary (single spaced, 12pt, Times New Roman) summary of the economic situation in a country of your choosing. The only requirement is that you choose at least one developed, one developing, and one least developed country. In these papers I would like for you to tell me about the economic situation in the country. What industries do they have? What resources? What factors are abundant? What are areas for growth or investment? Have they made mistakes? Or been model economies? Tell me what I would need to know before taking a business trip there.

## Final Paper

You will be expected to write a 5 to 7 page paper on the political economy topic of your choice. This sounds broad, because it is. I am looking for you to pick a topic that is of interest to you because CPE is extremely broad. As long as it relates to both politics and economic it is likely to be a good topic. That being said, you will be required to turn in a topic by spring break. This is to insure that the topic is acceptable and well conceived.

## Course Schedule

All readings are from Clark, unless otherwise specified.

### 1 Part I: Varieties of Economies

#### Week 1

Week of January 9: Talking Money

- Syllabus
- Chapter 1

#### Week 2

Week of January 14: Measuring Thing

- Chapter 2

### **Week 3**

Week of January 21: The Invisible Hand

- Monday: No Class MLK day
- Chapter 3

### **Week 4**

Week of January 28: The Heavy Hand

- Chapter 4

### **Week 5**

Week of February 4: A Thousand Hands

- Chapter 5

## **Part II: Developed Economies**

### **Week 6**

Week of February 11: Sea to Shining Sea

- Monday: Midterm Exam
- Chapter 6

### **Week 7**

Week of February 18: A Wee Spot of Industrial Revolution

- Chapter 7

### **Week 8**

Week of February 25: Wine, Cheese, and Welfare

- Chapter 8

## **Week 9**

Week of March 4: Kraftwerking Together

- Chapter 9

## **SPRING BREAK!!!! WOOOOOO!!!!**

## **Week 10**

Week of March 18: Ikea to Success

- Chapter 10

## **Week 11**

Week of March 25: Don't Russia It

- Chapter 11

## **Week 12**

Week of April 1: Sino the Times

- Chapter 12

## **Week 13**

Week of April 8: Howl's Barely Moving Economy

- Chapter 13

## **Part III: BRICs and Beyond**

## **Week 14**

Week of April 15: BRIC Houses

- Chapter 14

## **Week 15**

Week of April 22: Globalization Pun Here

- Chapter 15

## **Week 16ish**

- Monday April 29: Final Papers Due