**Political Economy – Global Perspective (course in english language)**

**Number of Lecture hours**

3 hours per week

36 hours in total

**Number of ECTS points: 4**

**Course Description:**

Introduction to key economic theories, concepts and ideas, as well as investigation into their relevance to contemporary social and political issues on a local, national and global scale, by examining the key components of national and international economic systems, with the focus on three interrelated themes: the internationalisation of production, the globalisation of finance and the changing nature of the state. Although certain important and rather complex economic issues are discussed during the course, it does not require a background in economics. Rather, the course aims to help in understanding the nature of the relationship between the political and the economic in the evolution of contemporary economic systems. The course is built with a balance of historical and theoretical approaches in the study of practical issues, such as challenges of global governance, development, growth, by analyzing the roles of states, corporations, international and domestic institutions, and other factors in creating and/or managing conflicts and facilitating cooperation on local, regional and global level.

**The aims of this course are:**

To examine critically the acceleration in global economic integration and the political processes shaping it, with the intention of understanding the key trends. These include the transformation of the division of labour in the world economy, the mass migrations of working people to the more successful economies, the changing regional arrangements between states and the creation of policies to promote or resist globalisation. The historical evolution of globalisation will be set out. Next the role of the international financial markets and their extension and liberalisation will then be looked into. This then leads to the study of the movement in capital and the role of the international capital markets in global development. The corresponding political arrangements which have stimulated or accommodated these economic pressures will be examined at the same time. The institutions that have come to regulate international trade and development will be discussed, both in respect to their successes and to there apparent failures. Regional economic developments such as NAFTA, EU and Mercosur will be studied in relation to the growing globalisation process and its political consequences. The environmental and ecological issues arising from the underlying economic transformations, as well as demographic phenomena, will be studied.

**Objectives/Learning Outcomes**

* Describe and apply basic economic terminology
* Apply economic concepts to key issues that matter to you and your future profession
* Identify and evaluate how different groups’ economic interests and political views impact on business, politics and society
* Locate and use a range of sources of information and analysis relating to global, international, national and urban issues where politics and economics intersect
* Understand the interaction between states and markets and how politics and economy conflict and supplement each other.

## Outline

The course consists of the following units:

Unit 1: Introduction

Unit 2: The Nature of Political Economy

Unit 3: Contemporary Theories of International Political Economy

Unit 4: Globalization

Unit 5: The State and Multinational Corporations

Unit 6: Regionalism and Globalization

Unit 7: International Trade

Unit 8: International Financial System

Unit 9: Opposing Globalization

Unit 10: Future Trends and Issues

Unit 11: Political Economy of EU

Unit 12: Political Economy of Croatia in European Perspective

**Teaching Arrangements**

Teaching and learning will take place by means of lectures, seminars and class presentations by teachers and students, individually or in groups.

**Grading:**

Attendance 10%

Presentation: 20%

Written exam: 30%

Oral exam: 40%

**Reading List:**

**Key texts (Obligatory)**

* Gilpin R, (2001), *Global Political Economy: Understanding the International Economic Order,* Princeton, Oxford.
* Ravenhill J (ed), (2005), *Global Political Economy,* OUP.

**‘Popular’ literature on the topic**

* Freidman T, (1999), *The Lexus and the Olive Tree,* Harper Collins (an optimistic view).
* Gray J, (1998), *False Dawn, The Delusions of Global Capitalism,* Granta (a pessimistic view).

**Other related literature:**

Stiglitz, J., The Price of Inequality: The Avoidable Causes and Invisible Costs of Inequality. Allen Lane (28 Jun 2012).

Stiglitz, J., Freefall: Free Markets and the Sinking of the Global Economy. Penguin (7 Oct 2010)

Rodrik, D., The Globalization Paradox: Why Global Markets, States, and Democracy Can't Coexist. OUP Oxford (17 May 2012)

Friedman, M., Capitalism and Freedom: Fortieth Anniversary Edition. University of Chicago Press; 40th Anniversary edition edition (17 Dec 2002).

Hayek, F., The Constitution of Liberty. Routledge; New Ed edition (4 Sep 2006).

Mises, L., The Anti-Capitalistic Mentality. Pober Publishing Company (12 Aug 2010).

Stilwell, F., Political Economy: Political Economy: The Contest of Economic Ideas, 3rd Edition. OUP Australia & New Zealand; 3 edition (15 Dec 2011)

Baldwin, R., Wyplosz., C., The Economics of European Integration., McGraw-Hill Higher Education; 4 edition (1 May 2012).

De Grauwe, P., Economics of Monetary Union. OUP Oxford; 9 edition (31 May 2012).

**Teachers:**

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