

## GPHY 228- GEOGRAPHY OF THE GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

<b>Contact Time</b>	1.5 hrs. tutorial per week; 1.5 hrs. weekly in-class lecture; weekly office hours	
<b>Format</b>	Lectures, discussions, and debates based on key texts, case studies and videos	
<b>Class Assessment</b>	Participation and Attendance	30% (10% Lecture & 20% tutorial)
	Midterm	30%
	End of Term Exams.	40%

**COURSE OVERVIEW**

This course offers a comprehensive exploration of the global political economy, specifically the complex interplay between politics and economics in the contemporary globalized world. It analyzes the interactions between states (e.g., USA, Russia, China, Canada, India), international organizations (e.g., IMF, World Bank, WTO), multi and transnational corporations (e.g., Apple, Amazon, Microsoft, BP, ExxonMobil), and other non-state actors (e.g., World Economic Forum, Transparency International, Group of Seven (G7) and Group of Twenty (G20)) in shaping the global economic system through economic policies, trade relationships, financial systems and development strategies. Additionally, the course delves into how the policies of these entities impact workers and are at the center of many global environmental challenges. You will examine key theories, concepts, and debates in the field and explore contemporary issues and challenges in the global political economy.

**COURSE TOPICS**

The topics to be covered are listed below.

- Introduction to Global Political Economy
- Trade and Globalization
- Global Financial System
- Development and Inequality
- Global Governance and Institutions
- Environment and Sustainability
- Power, Politics, and Conflict
- Globalization and Labor Markets
- Emerging Issues in the Global Political Economy

**COURSE READINGS**

There is no specific textbook for this course; however, below are some key texts you may find helpful. I strongly recommend the Mackinnon and Cumbers text as it provides a good introduction to the topic. Weekly readings are available through the course onQ site (See Course Reserves module). For each class session, you are expected to have completed readings and come to class prepared to discuss them.

- 1) Mackinnon D. and A. Cumbers (2011). An Introduction to Economic Geography: Globalization, Uneven Development and Place. Toronto: Pearson Prentice Hall. (available as an e-book from Queen's Library). <https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.proxy.queensu.ca/lib/queen-ebooks/detail.action?docID=5596808>
- 2) Weingast, B.R. and D.A. Wittman (2006). The Oxford Handbook of Political Economy. Oxford University Press, Oxford. Available at: <https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.proxy.queensu.ca/lib/queen-ebooks/detail.action?docID=4962988>
- 3) Warf, B. (Ed.) (2010). Encyclopedia of Geography. SAGE Publications, Inc., <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781412939591>
- 4) CORE. Economy, Society and Public Policy. Online Text. Available at: <https://www.core-econ.org/espp/book/text/0-3-contents.html>