PS F100X
Political Economy
Department of Political Science
University of Alaska-Fairbanks
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SYLLABUS

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10:00am-3:00pm
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Course Introduction:

This course introduces students to concepts and theories related to the political science sub-discipline of political economy. Political economy is the study of the inter-relationship between the economy and politics, as distinct but interrelated fields. This course is divided into five overlapping sections. The first section defines and introduces the capitalism as a political-economic system. The second section introduces students to classic debates in the field of political economy by examining the writings of Adam Smith, Karl Marx and Karl Polanyi. The third section focuses on the development of the American economic system. The fourth part of the class examines debates surrounding globalization and the impact of increased economics integration. The final section of the class is topical, and uses insights drawn the previous sections to explain and understand the implications of the rise of Donald Trump in the 2016 American presidential elections.

Required Materials:


*** Other materials will be made available through Blackboard***

Evaluation:

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Participation (25%): Students are expected to participate extensively during each class throughout the semester. This means that students are expected to complete ALL of the readings assigned each week, and be prepared to critically discuss them during class time. Due to the condensed nature of any WINTERmester course, students are required to be in class and should not miss more than ONE class during the course of the semester. Students are responsible for those classes they miss.

Reading Quizzes (15%): Quizzes will be administered every class to evaluate student comprehension of the readings.

Mid-Term (4*15%=60%) Exams: There will be FOUR mid-term exams in this class (to be held Jan. 5th, Jan. 8th, Jan. 10th and Jan. 12th). Exams will not be cumulative.

Class Rules and Advice:

Changes to the syllabus: In the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the University's control, the content and/or evaluation scheme in this course is subject to change. Changes to the syllabus may be made to address practical contingencies (e.g., weather related university closures, unexpected availability of relevant guest speaker), pedagogical concerns (e.g., new assignments), or other similar issues. Students are responsible for announcements posted to Blackboard.

Students with disabilities: Students with disabilities should register with UAF Disabilities Services and follow its procedures for obtaining assistance. If you qualify for modifications or assistance related to disabilities, UAF Disabilities Services will inform me of your needs. I will work with you to accommodate your needs appropriately and fairly. For more information see: https://www.uaf.edu/disability/.

Medical Leave: Students who miss exams during the course of the semester MUST provide medical documentation. Only excuses accompanied by medical documentation will be accepted.

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Academic honesty: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to plagiarism, cheating on quizzes or exams, falsifying identity or academic records, and being an accessory to acts of academic dishonesty. Ignorance about what counts as plagiarism or academic dishonesty is not an acceptable excuse. Spot checks of written work will be conducted and other forms of suspected plagiarism or academic dishonesty will be investigated. Any infractions will be reported and penalized in accordance with departmental and university-wide procedures. For this class, students are required to use APA or in-text citations. Please see the citation guide available through the UAF writing centre: http://www.uaf.edu/english/writing-center/apa-matters/.
University of Alaska-Fairbanks Statement on Academic Honesty:

Honesty is a primary responsibility of yours and every other UAF student. The following are common guidelines regarding academic integrity:

1. Students will not collaborate on any quizzes, in-class exams or take-home exams that contribute to their grade in a course unless the course instructor grants permission. Only those materials permitted by the instructor may be used to assist in quizzes and examinations.

2. Students will not represent the work of others as their own. Students will attribute the source of information not original with themselves (direct quotes or paraphrases) in compositions, theses and other reports.

3. No work submitted for one course may be submitted for credit in another course without the explicit approval of both instructors.

Alleged violations of the Code of Conduct will be reviewed in accordance with procedures specified in regents policy, university regulations and UAF rules and procedures. For additional information and details about the Student Code of Conduct, see: http://www.uaf.edu/catalog/current/academics/regs3.html#Student_Conduct

E-mails: Students are encouraged to communicate with me through e-mail. However, some rules apply. I will only respond to e-mails that address me formally. Simply, I expect any e-mail directed to me to begin with ‘Hi Jeremy/Prof. Speight’ or ‘Hello Jeremy/Prof. Speight’ or ‘Dear Jeremy/Prof. Speight’. I WILL NOT respond to any e-mail where I am addressed to ‘Hey’, ‘Yo’ or where I am not addressed at all (so, instances where e-mails are not addressed to anyone in particular). So, if you send me an e-mail and I do not respond, this is probably a reason why. The other important rule to remember is that I will respond to all student e-mails within a 48-hour period. However, most of the time, I should be able to respond within 12-24 hours. What this means is that you should not send me repeated e-mails if I have not responded within 2 or 3 hours of receiving your first e-mail.

Course Outline:

Part 1: January 3rd-5th

Capitalism: A Primer


(E), Ch. 1

*** January 5th: Mid-Term Exam #1 ***
Part 2: January 6th-8th

*** January 8th: Mid-Term Exam #2 ***

Classic Perspectives on Political Economy: Smith, Marx and Polanyi

Part 3: January 9th-10th

*** January 10th: Mid-Term Exam #3 ***

Evolution of the American Political Economy
(E), Ch. 3-7, 10

Part 4: January 11th

States versus Markets: Globalization and the Shifting Loci of Authority
(E), Ch. 9

Part 5: January 12th

*** January 12th: Mid-Term Exam #4 ***

The Rise of Trump: Implications? Explanations?
(SF) Ch. 1-5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 19, 21, 23-26, 30, 33