

International Political Economy

Paperback Required Reading:

Robert O'Brien and Marc Williams, Global Political Economy: Evolution and Dynamics (Palgrave, 2004) hereafter denoted as "OW"

Peter Dicken, Global Shift: Reshaping the Global Economic map in the 21st Century (Guilford, 2004), fourth edition. Hereafter denoted as "D"

January 31 Introduction to the subject and the course

February 2 Perspectives on the International Political Economy OW 1

7 The world system OW 2

9 In-class writing assignment. TBA

14 Shaping the World political economy OW 3

16 So Twentieth Century OW 4

23 International Trade OW 5

28 In-class essay. TBA

March 2 Transnational production OW 6

7 Global division of labor OW 7

9 The global economic map D 3

14 At-home paper due at the start of class. TBA

16 Technology and economic transformation D 4

21 FIRST EXAMINATION (three essays choice of five topics)

23 The state D 5

30 Transnational corporations D 7

April 4 Markets, Conflict and Cooperation D 9

6 At-home paper TBA

11 International finance D 13 & OW 8

13 Global automobile industry D 11

18 Semi conductor industry D 12

20 Distance and distribution D 14

May 2 LONG PAPER DUE. TBA

4 Economic development and the environment OW 9 & 10

9 Governance D 18 OW 11

11 Textiles and China D 10

16 SECOND EXAMINATION (three essays choice from five topics)

18 As the world turns

A week or more before papers are due (both in class and at home assignments) the reading required for the paper which can be downloaded from the Internet will be posted on this web site. The shorter at home papers are to be no more than four pages long. Please use one inch margins, number pages bottom center and use Arial 12 point typeface (which looks like this). Proof read carefully being sure your introductory paragraph tells the reader what to expect and why it is the fascinating question we know it will be and concluding paragraph should summarize the wise things you have said along with your parting thoughts. Details of the longer paper assignment which will be 12-14 pages will be posted by April 15th.