

GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

Course Description

This course provides an introduction into the field of international relations and international political economy. In the first part, the course discusses various theories, analytical frameworks and research programmes with a special emphasis on globalization and cooperation in economic governance. In the second part the history of the world economy's global architecture is discussed and selected research areas presented, such the role of domestic factors, international organizations, new regionalism, varieties of capitalism and development.

Course details

Participants: MILE and TRAIL+ cohort

Requirement: MILE Mandatory

Price: N.A. (course is not offered à la Carte)

Format: Non modular, expository-interactive lecture

ECTS: 5

Lecturers: Manfred Elsig, Cédric Dupont, Damian Raess

Biographies

Manfred Elsig: Manfred Elsig is Professor of International Relations and Deputy Managing Director of the World Trade Institute of the University of Bern. He studied at the universities of Bern and Bordeaux and earned a degree in political science. He worked from 1997 to 1999 at the Swiss Federal Office for Foreign Economic Affairs. He later joined the Political Science Institute at the University of Zurich and received his PhD (Dr Phil) in 2002 with a dissertation on European Union trade policy. From 2002 to 2004 he worked for UBS financial services group and as a personal advisor to the Minister of Economy of Canton Zürich. In 2004-2005 he was a teaching fellow at the International Relations Department at the London School of Economics and Political Science. From 2005 to 2009 he worked as a post-doc fellow at the World Trade Institute and at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. From 2009 to 2013 he was an Assistant Professor at the World Trade Institute. His research focuses primarily on the politics of international trade, regional trade

agreements, European trade policy, international organizations, US–EU relations, and private actors in global politics. He has published in international peer-reviewed journals including *International Studies Quarterly*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *European Union Politics*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Review of International Political Economy*, and *World Trade Review*. He has been visiting lecturer/visiting professor at the University of Zurich, the University of Geneva, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, the London School of Economics and Political Science, and the Thunderbird School of Global Management. His courses include international political economy (IPE), international relations theories, international institutions, globalisation and European integration, and research methods.

Cédric Dupont: Professor of International Relations/Political Science and Director of Executive Education at the Graduate Institute, Geneva, Cédric Dupont is a Senior Research Fellow of the Berkeley Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Study Center (BASC) at the University of California at Berkeley. He has been a consultant to various international organisations, multinational companies as well as a range of governments. In addition to courses and seminars for graduate students, he has taught a wide array of programmes to government officials and private sector employees.

He is a former Editor of the *Swiss Political Science Review* and former Associate Editor for Europe of the journal *Business and Politics*. He has been a visiting Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, Seoul National University and the University of Melbourne.

His recently published works include: *Political Risk and Investment Arbitration: An Empirical Study*, *Toward a New Heuristic Model: Investment Arbitration as Political System*, and *European Union Meets South Korea: Bureaucratic Interests, Exporter Discrimination and the Negotiations of Trade Agreements*.

His research focuses on international political economic issues, both at the global and regional levels, on international cooperation, and international negotiation processes. His current work concentrates on the political economy of international investment arbitration (forthcoming book with Oxford University Press on *Arbitration as a Political System*), comparative regionalism, the management of jurisdictional boundaries between international organisations and the factors that influence trade negotiations in the European Union.

Damian Raess: Since January 2017 Damian Raess is SNSF Professor at the WTI, University of Bern. Trained as a political scientist (BA, University of Lausanne; MA and PhD, University of Amsterdam), he specialises in international and comparative

political economy. His main research interests include the political economy of globalization, the globalization-labor nexus, the politics of crisis responses, and macroeconomic policy, particularly fiscal policy.

His new project, entitled 'BRICS globalization and labor protections in advanced and emerging economies', deals with the incorporation of the BRICS economies in the world economy and its consequences for labour politics and employment relations in Europe and in the BRICS. Most recently (2014-2016), he led a collaborative and interdisciplinary research project on the causes and consequences of labour standards in trade agreements funded by the Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS). One of the outputs of the project is a new, comprehensive dataset on labour provisions in preferential trade agreements (LABPTA dataset).

Damian has been a visiting scholar in the political science department at MIT and in the labour and worklife programme at Harvard University. He has been visiting lecturer at KU Leuven, the University of Amsterdam, and the Graduate Institute in Geneva. He held a position as a lecturer at the University of Geneva (2010-2015) before moving to the University of Reading. He has published articles in journals such as *Annual Political Science Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Politics & Society*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *Socio-Economic Review*, amongst others.