

Global Political Economy

Root Number:	104458
Semester:	Fall semester- HS2022
ECTS:	5
Lecturer:	Prof. Dr. Manfred Elsig
Start Date:	26 September 2022
End date:	23 December 2022
Dates:	Mondays 10:15 – 12:00
Room:	Silva Casa Auditorium, World Trade Institute
Registration:	15/11/2022 - 31/12/2022 in KSL only
Deregistration:	15/11/2022 – 31/12/2022 in KSL only
Assessment:	Active participation during the seminar, discussion of a paper, seminar paper (individual)

Course Description

The seminar introduces into theories of global political economy with a particular focus on the politics of trade. It covers various research programs, such as domestic factors of economic policy-making, international institutions in GPE and the development-trade, security-trade and environment-trade linkages.

Prior participation in the course Introduction into International Relations it is strongly recommended. The seminar requires substantial reading in order to prepare for class discussions. Interaction and active participation is a very important element of the seminar. Instruction language is English.

Lecturer

Manfred Elsig

Manfred Elsig is Professor of International Relations at the World Trade Institute (University of Bern) since 2009. He is the Deputy Director of the WTI and its Director of Research. He studied at the Universities of Bern and Bordeaux and earned a degree in political science. He worked from 1997–1999 at the Swiss Federal Office for Foreign Economic Affairs. He then joined the Political Science Institute of the University of Zurich and received his PhD (Dr. phil) in 2002. From 2002–2004, he worked for UBS financial services group and as a personal advisor to the Minister of Economy of Canton Zurich. Before joining the WTI in 2005, he was a teaching fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science. His research focuses primarily on the politics of international trade, European trade policy, international organizations, US–EU relations, and private actors in global politics. He has published over 30 peer-reviewed articles.

Learning Objectives

The Seminar is designed as introduction into the field of Global Political Economy of Trade. Students will learn the basic theories in GPE and will be exposed in class to different research programs. Special emphasis will be on domestic factors, international cooperation, international institutions, trade-and linkages. By writing a seminar paper and discussing a research paper, students will be further able to specialize on a specific area of GPE of trade in more details and gain important insights and expertise.

This seminar looks at trade policy also from a sustainable development perspective. In particular, the relationship between trade and environment, trade and security and trade and development are important features of this seminar

What is highly recommended is to listen to following podcast:

<https://www.tradetalkspodcast.com/>

Course Schedule

	Weekday	Date	Beginning	End	Room
	Monday	26/9/2022	09:30	12:00	WTI, Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Monday	3/10/2022	10:15	12:00	WTI, Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Monday	10/10/2022	10:15	12:00	WTI, Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Monday	17/10/2022	10:15	12:00	WTI, Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Monday	24/10/2022	10:15	12:00	WTI, Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Monday	31/10/2022	10:15	12:00	WTI, Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Monday	7/11/2022	10:15	12:00	WTI, Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Monday	14/11/2022	10:15	12:00	WTI, Silva Casa Auditorium
1	Monday	21/11/2022	10:15	12:00	WTI, Silva Casa Auditorium