**EDS379 Global Political Economy (January 2013) – Draft Course Guide**

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**Lecture and Seminar Room:** BT3A13

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**Exam:** 48 hrs take-home exam (1,500 words) – Mon Jan 28 at 12h00 to Wed 30 at 12h00

Students are given three of the seminar assignment titles (see below), and shall write their exam paper on one of these three titles.
I. Lectures & Readings

1. Introduction/Glossary

2. Liberalist & Realist Perspectives

   Essential Reading: Watson; O’Brien & Williams (Ch 1-2)
   Further Reading: Wade (2003), Kruger

   Related seminar assignment:

   1. ‘When a state cedes sovereignty to a multilateral economic regime it simultaneously surrenders the national interest’ Discuss.

3. Critical Theory & Other Perspectives

   Essential Reading: Watson; O’Brien & Williams (Ch 1-2); Balaam & Veseth
   Further Reading: Gareau; Worth; Hiscox

   Related seminar assignment: As above

4. The Global Financial Order (or Disorder)

   Essential reading: Helleiner; Thompson; Wade (2010)
   Further: Pauly, Nordhaug

   Related seminar assignment:

   2. ‘The deregulation of countries’ capital accounts and currency exchange systems has turned the world into an huge casino for finance capital.’ Discuss the statement.
5. World Bank & IMF

Essential reading: Woods; Booth; Hickey & Mohan
Further reading: SAPRIN; Craig and Porter; Oxfam (2006, 2007)

Related seminar assignments:

3. ‘The set-up, history and policies of the World Bank and the IMF show that multilateral regimes just institutionalise the interests of its most powerful members.’ Discuss

4. ‘Poverty reduction strategies (PRSs) are old wine in new bottles.’ Discuss

6. WTO (I): Regime; Agreement on Agriculture

Essential reading: Winham; Lee; Grant
Further reading: Jawara & Kwa; Khor; Bridges; Narlikar (2004, 2007); Taylor; Smythe; Alavi

Related seminar assignments:

5. ‘WTO grants considerable power to developing countries.’ Discuss

6. ‘Liberalization of agricultural trade, WTO-style, is in the interest of developing countries.’ Discuss.

7. WTO (II): TRIPS, NAMA & GATS

Essential reading: (Winham); Gallagher; Wolf
Further reading: Wade (2003); Richards; Shadlen; Lin & Chang; Franceys; UNDP (Ch 7, 11 & 13); O’Brien & Williams (Ch 9)
Related seminar/exam assignment:

7. ‘A new ambitious agreement on manufacturing tariffs will together with regulatory restrictions of other WTO agreements, render catch-up industrialization impossible.’ Discuss

8. Resource Scrambles

Essential reading: Dauvergne & Neville; Rosser; UNCTAD (pp. 81-154)
Further reading: Vivoda; Omaje; Wilkinson & Herrera, Richardson

Related seminar/exam assignment:

8. ‘Countries endowed with an abundance of energy resources (fossil or renewable) hold a ticket to power and prosperity.’ Discuss.

9. Globalization of Production

Essential reading: Thun; Selwyn; Wolf
Further reading: Nadvi; Jenkins; Silver & Arrighi; French & Wintersteen; Standing

Related seminar/exam assignment:

‘The globalisation of production is good for workers in the global South.’ Discuss.
II. RULES AND REGULATIONS – ASSESSMENT

Seminar assignments

Every student will be given, by random draw, a seminar assignment. The student shall give a 10-15 min’s plenary presentation on his/her title, in the scheduled seminar. Assignments are ‘mandatory activity’: Students who (i) fail to give their presentation as scheduled, or (ii) give a very poor presentation may not sit exam.

NB: Students may under no circumstance exchange assignments between themselves.

Exemptions from ‘mandatory activity’ are granted only in exceptional cases (such as in case of documentable medical emergencies, or when planned travel – paid for before the first day of the course – conflicts with the scheduled presentation). Students with such legitimate excuse must write a paper (1,500 words) on the same assignment title in order to be allowed to sit exam.

Exam

In the exam announcement, three titles – drawn from the nine seminar assignment titles – are given, and the students shall write his/her exam paper on one of these titles. The exam paper shall be no more than 1,500 words, including notes (but the reference list may come in addition). The exam paper shall be submitted 48 hours after the announcement in the designated folder (‘exam papers’) in Fronter (see p. 1 for announcement and deadline). The folder closes automatically at deadline. NB: Students submitting their papers outside the exam folder will fail automatically.

All exam papers will be scanned for plagiarism – including against the exam papers of current and past students of the course – through the Euphorus software program. The NORAGRIC guideline for determining plagiarism through Euphorus, and the related procedure, will be uploaded to the fronter page of the course.

Exam Papers are graded A-F.
III. Literature


Nordhaug, K. (2010): “The dollar standard and overaccumulation in East Asia and the United States” (Manuscript)


Richardson, B. (2010) 'Big Sugar in southern Africa: rural development and the perverted potential of sugar/ethanol exports', Journal of Peasant Studies, Vol. 37, No. 4


