

Economics/Political Science 4050
Senior Seminar
International Political Economy

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This class, our Senior Seminar, is designed to focus on the research, writing and presentation of the Senior Thesis in International Political Economy (IPE). Along with Political Science 2050, “Philosophical Foundations of Political Economy,” this course is one of two distinctive to the interdisciplinary IPE major. During the semester, students will systematically define a topic, conduct research and analysis, draft preliminary versions, and submit a final written senior thesis. There will also be a presentation of the thesis. This is our highest priority, working together, but not the only dimension of our work in our Senior Seminar in IPE.

Class readings, discussion and related activities are geared primarily – though not exclusively – to assisting with successful production and completion of the Senior Thesis. We will spend time on research methods, library and related resources, footnotes and bibliography, and other particulars of an effective thesis. There will be written, class presentation and other assignments in addition to the priority project.

Principal Course Texts:

Robert Gilpin, with the Assistance of Jean Millis Gilpin, *The Challenge of Global Capitalism – The World Economy in the 21st Century*, Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2000, 2002.

The Foreign Policy Association, *Great Decisions – 2022*, New York: The Foreign Policy Association, 2022.