



University of the
West of England

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Code: UPPNGS-30-2 **Title:** Global Political Economy **Version:** 6
Level: 2 **UWE credit rating:** 30 **ECTS credit rating:** 15

Module type: Standard

Owning Faculty: CAHE **Field:** Politics

Faculty Committee approval: **Date:**

Approved for Delivery by: indicate name of affiliated institution if module will only be delivered by them

Valid from: September 2010

Discontinued from:

Contributes towards: Awards up to BA(Hons)

Pre-requisites:

UPPNFE-30-1: Democracy or Dictatorships? or
UPPNFB-30-1: Politics Beyond the Nation State or
UPPNFD-30-1: Foreign Policy or Equivalent

Co-requisites: None

Entry requirements: *If the module is offered as CPD or stand alone, indicate the entry requirements*

Excluded combinations: UNGOP2S3: International Political Economy
UNPPNGS-30-2 Politics of Globalisation

Learning outcomes:

On completion of the module the typical student will be expected to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of, differentiate between and assess the validity of the main theoretical approaches to the study of international political economic phenomena in the global system (components A & B).
2. Explain and compare different modes of interaction between states, non-state actors and markets globally and regionally, and evaluate their consequences (component B, element 2).
3. Assess historical and contemporary issues in the global political economy through analysis of relevant text sources. (components A & B).
4. Effectively communicate key arguments related to such issues both verbally and in writing (components A & B)
5. Construct clear and persuasive arguments using a wide range of factual and scholarly material relating to the development of a global political economy (component B, element 1 & 3).

Syllabus outline:

The module covers four main themes in the study of the Global Political Economy:

1. Theorising the global political economy - introduction to the contending approaches used to understand and explain the international political economy, and the importance of differences between theoretical approaches to the analysis of the global system.
2. Structures and actors in the global political economy - analysis of the main actors (state, state associations and non-state) which produce and shape outcomes in the global system, and the structures in which these actors are located.
3. Institutions of the international political economy - survey of the main intergovernmental actors (IGOs), the major non-state political economic organisations as well as the major role played by commercial non-state actors (multinational corporations).
4. Issues in the global political economy - discussion of a selection of issues which bring together the factors studied in various elements of the module, e.g. the problems of international development, environmental change, instability in the financial sector and the possibilities for multi-level governance.

Teaching and learning methods:

The course is organised round a series of lectures which set the framework for students' own interrogation of the relevant literature. Seminar groups will be used to help students focus on particular key issues within the overall subject field of the module. Seminar groups will be student led and will aim to reflect student interests through a tutor mediated discussion (which will also involve group working where appropriate). Students are expected to carry out autonomous study in addition to directed work and the module is structured on this basis.

Indicative Reading List:

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| Axford,B | The Global System: Economics, Politics and Culture Polity, 1995 |
| Cleaver,T | Understanding the World Economy Routledge, 1997 |
| Daniels,P.W. & Lever,W.F. | The Global Economy in Transition Longman, 1997 |
| Gilpin,R | Global Political Economy Princeton U., 2001 |
| Held,A <i>et al</i> | Global Transformations Polity, 1999 |
| Jones, R.J.B. | Globalisation and Interdependence Pinter, 1995 |
| Kenwood,A.G. & Lougheed, A.L. | The Growth of the International Economy (fourth edition) Routledge,1999 |
| O'Brien,R. & Williams,M. | Global Political Economy (first/second edition) Palgrave, 2004/07/10 |
| Palan, R. | Global Political Economy: Contemporary Theories Routledge, 2000 |
| Ravenhill, J. | Global Political Economy (either edition) OUP, 2005/08 |
| Rosenau,J.N. & Czempiel,O | Governance Without Government: Order & Change in World Politics (ed.) CUP, 1992 |
| Scholte, J.A. | Globalization: A Critical Introduction (second edition) Palgrave, 2005 |
| Stiglitz, J. | Globalization and its Discontents Penguin, 2002 |
| Strange,S | States and Markets (either edition) Pinter, 1988/95 |
| Stubbs,R & Underhill,G.R.D. (editors) | Political Economy and the Changing Global Order (second/third edition) OUP, 2000/05 |
| Woods, N. | The Political Economy of Globalization St Martin's, 2000 |

Journals:

International Organisation
International Studies Quarterly
Global Society
Governance
Global Governance
New Political Economy
Review of International Political Economy

