



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### ***ECONOMIC WAR AND PEACE - 58319***

*Last update 26-10-2014*

*HU Credits:* 2

*Degree/Cycle:* 1st degree (Bachelor)

*Responsible Department:* International Relations

*Academic year:* 3

*Semester:* 1st Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

*Course/Module Coordinator:* Dr. Nizan Feldman

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*Teaching Staff:*

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Dr. Nizan Feldman

Course/Module description:

*This course examines the nexus between economic processes and state behavior in the international system. The first part will focus on IR theories and the way they link economic policies of states and their foreign relations. The second part will explore the behavior of specific states as case studies through which we can test the validity of theories explored in the first part. Finally the course will address the 2008 financial crisis and its impact on international affairs.*

Course/Module aims:

*The course aims to explain and analyze the nexus between economic processes and state behavior in the international system. The course equips students with tools for analyzing the effects that political violence has on trade and financial markets.*

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- 1. Understand the impact of various economic interactions on the political relations.*
- 2. Analyze the influence that political violence exerts on financial market and trade pattern.*
- 3. Critically compare different approaches which refer to the nexus between economic processes and war.*
- 4. Define and understand key concept on the sanction literature.*
- 5. Identify the sources of the global financial crisis.*

Attendance requirements(%):

80

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures once a week*

Course/Module Content:

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- 1.Introduction
  - 2.Commercial liberalism
  - 3.Critics of realism and Marxism
  - 4.World wars
  - 5.The impact of war on the economy
  - 6.Second Iraq war as a case study
  - 7.The political economy of the cold war
  - 8.International sanction
  - 9.Globalization and the financial crisis
  - 10.Economic cooperation under the shadow of the financial crisis
  - 11.The debate crisis
  - 12.sovereign wealth fund
  - 13.Conclusions

Required Reading:

Class 2

Gartzke, Erik, and Quan Li .2003. War, peace, and the invisible hand: Positive political externalities of economic globalization. *International Studies Quarterly* 47 (4): 561-86.

McDonald, Patrick J. 2009. *The invisible hand of peace: Capitalism, the war machine, and international relation theory*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 1-49.

Class 3

Barbieri, Katherine. 2002. *The Liberal Illusion: Does trade promote peace?*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, pp. 17-43.

Class 4

Keynes, John Maynard. 1919. *The economic consequences of the peace*. New York: Harcourt, Brace and Howe, pp. 1-27.

Gartzke, Erik, and Yonatan Lupu. 2012. Trading on preconceptions: Why world war I was not a failure of economic interdependence. *International Security* 36(4): 115-150.

Class 5

Drezner, Dan. . 2011. *Sanctions Sometimes Smart: Targeted Sanctions in Theory and Practice*. *International Studies Review* 13: 96-108.

Class 6

Colgan, Jeff D. *Fueling the Fire: Pathways from Oil to War*. *International Security* 38(2): 147-180.

Class 7

Higgs, Robert. 2006. *Depression, War and Cold War: Studies in Political Economy*. New York: Oxford University Press, 61-80.

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Stiglitz, E. Joseph, and Linda J. Bilmes. 2011. *Estimating the costs of war: Methodological issues, with applications to Iraq and Afghanistan* in *Oxford handbook of the economics of peace and conflict*, edited by Michelle, R. Garfinkle and Stergios Skaperdas, pp. 2-46.

#### Class 8

Higgs, Robert. 1994. *The Cold War economy: Opportunity costs, ideology, and the politics of crisis*. *Explorations in Economic History* 31: 283-312.

Drury, A. Cooper, and Yitan Li. 2006. *U.S sanction threats against China: Falling to leverage better human rights*. *Foreign Policy Analysis* 2 (4): 307-24.

#### Class 9

Stiglitz, E. Joseph. 2011. *Freefall: America, free markets, and sinking of the world economy*. New York: Norton & Company, 1-26.

#### Class 10

Cooper, Andrew. 2010. *The G20 as an improvised crisis committee and/or a contested steering committee for the world*. *International Affairs* 86(3): 741-57.

Bremmer, Ian, and Nouriel Roubini. 2011. *A G-Zero World: The New Economic Club Will Produce Conflict, Not Cooperation*. *Foreign Affairs* 90(2):

#### Class 11

Drezner, Dan. 2009. *Bad debts: Assessing china`s financial influence in great power politics*. *International Security* 34(2): 7-45.

Friedberg, Aaron. 2010. *Implications of the financial crisis for the US-China rivalry*. *Survival* 52(4): 34-51.

#### Class 12

Krugman, Paul. 2011. *Can Europe be saved?* *The New York Times*, January 12, 2011.

*Can Angela Merkel hold Europe together?* *The Economist*. Mar 10, 2011

Featherstone, Kevin. 2011. *The Greek sovereign debt crisis and EMU: A failing state in a skewed regime*. *Journal of Common Market Studies* 49(2):193-217.

Cohen, Benjamin J. 2009. *Sovereign wealth fund and national security: The great tradeoff*. *International Affairs* 85(4): 713-31.

#### Class 13

Helleiner, Eric. 2011. *Understanding the 2007-08 Global Financial Crisis: Lessons for Scholars of International Political Economy?*. *Annual Review of Political Science* 14:

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67-87.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 100 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: