PSCI 4809A
Honours Seminar on a Selected Topic in Political Science
Canadian Political Economy
2:35 - 5:25 Mondays and Wednesdays
Loeb Building A602

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• Course description
This course examines the intersection of social forces, economic factors and institutional structures in Canadian economic development and transformation. It explores various approaches to the study of Canadian Political Economy including the staples theory, neo-institutionalism, Marxist, feminist and anti-racist approaches. Throughout the course, the unequal distribution of power and wealth by region, class, gender and ethnicity will be examined.

• WebCT [http://webct.carleton.ca]
Course materials, including the course outline, assignments and links to readings, will be posted on WebCT. Please ensure that you have access to WebCT and consult it regularly.

• Required Readings
There is no required textbook for this course. Required readings that are not available on-line will be placed on reserve in the Political Science Resource Room, C666 Loeb. The Resource Room is open from 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m., Monday to Friday.

• Evaluation
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• Seminar Participation:
Students are expected to attend class having read the required materials for that session and prepared to participate in class discussions on the assigned topic. The grade for seminar participation will be based on attendance at seminar sessions and, more importantly, the quality and extent of participation in seminar sessions.

• Student Presentation:
Individual student presentations should be roughly 15 minutes. The presentation should critically examine and explore an aspect of the seminar topic. In doing so, it is helpful to draw upon other issues, examples and readings. Simply summarizing the readings is not acceptable. Students will also hand in a 2-3 page outline of their presentation at the start of class on the day of their presentation. Further details and guidance will be provided on the first day of class.
• **Discussion Paper:**
  Discussion paper topics and expectations will be distributed on the first day of class. Discussion papers are due by 4:00 p.m. on June 4. Late papers are subject to a one letter grade deduction per day, including Saturdays and Sundays. For example, an A- paper received one day late would be reduced to a B+.

  Written assignments should be submitted either in-class or during my office hours. Do not slide essays under my door. Essays will not be accepted in electronic form. The Political Science drop box is intended to collect late assignments only if a student has extenuating circumstances and is unable to submit the paper directly to me in class or during my office hours. The drop box is emptied every weekday at 4 pm and all items collected at that time are stamped with that day’s date.

• **Research Paper:**
  Research paper topics and expectations will be distributed on the first day of class. Research Papers must be handed in by 4:00 p.m. on June 26. This is the last day to submit written work for the early summer term. Late papers will not be accepted. Papers may be handed in earlier (for example during class on June 25).

  Seminar Topics and Required Readings

  **Wed. May 16: Introduction to the course: Approaches to Political Economy**


  **Mon. May 21 Statutory holiday, University closed**

  **Wed. May 23: Introducing Canadian Political Economy: Colonization, Capitalism and the State**


  **Mon. May 28: Structures of Power and Inequality**


Wed. May 30: Class cancelled

Mon. June 4: From Keynesianism to Neoliberalism: the Changing Role of the State


Mon. June 11: Resource Extraction: Colonization and Environmental Crisis


Wed. June 13: The Transformation and Crisis of Farming and Fishing


Mon. June 18: Canada's Industrial Structure, Lean Production and Precarious Employment


Rutherford, Tod D. and John Holmes. 2007. “‘We Simply Have to Do that Stuff for our Survival’: Labour, Firm Innovation and Cluster Governance in the Canadian Automotive Parts Industry.” Antipode. 39,1.

Wed. June 20: The Service Sector


Mon. June 25: Canada’s foreign economic relations: Continentalization, Globalization and Imperialism?


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Academic Accommodations

For Students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course are encouraged to contact the Paul Menton Centre (PMC) for Students with Disabilities (500 University Centre) to complete the necessary forms. After registering with the PMC, make an appointment to meet with the instructor in order to discuss your needs at least two weeks before the first in-class test or CUTV midterm exam. This will allow for sufficient time to process your request. Please note the following deadlines for submitting completed forms to the PMC for formally scheduled exam accommodations: June 8, 2007 for June examinations, and July 27, 2007 for August examinations.

For Religious Observance: Students requesting accommodation for religious observances should apply in writing to their instructor for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before the compulsory academic event. Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will make accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student. Instructors and students may contact an Equity Services Advisor for assistance (www.carleton.ca/equity).

For Pregnancy: Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a letter of accommodation. Then, make an appointment to discuss your needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.

Plagiarism: The Undergraduate Calendar defines plagiarism as: “to use and pass off as one's own idea or product, work of another without expressly giving credit to another.” The Graduate Calendar states that plagiarism has occurred when a student either: (a) directly copies another's work without acknowledgment; or (b) closely paraphrases the equivalent of a short paragraph or more without acknowledgment; or (c) borrows, without acknowledgment, any ideas in a clear and recognizable form in such a way as to present them as the student's own thought, where such ideas, if they were the student's own would contribute to the merit of his or her own
work. Instructors who suspect plagiarism are required to submit the paper and supporting documentation to the Departmental Chair who will refer the case to the Dean. It is not permitted to hand in the same assignment to two or more courses. The Department's Style Guide is available at: www.carleton.ca/polisci/undergrad/styleguide.pdf

**Oral Examination:** At the discretion of the instructor, students may be required to pass a brief oral examination on research papers and essays.

**Submission and Return of Term Work:** Papers must be handed directly to the instructor and will not be date-stamped in the departmental office. Late assignments may be submitted to the drop box in the corridor outside B640 Loeb. Assignments will be retrieved every business day at 4 p.m., stamped with that day's date, and then distributed to the instructor. For essays not returned in class please attach a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** if you wish to have your assignment returned by mail. Please note that assignments sent via fax or email will not be accepted. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

**Approval of final grades:** Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by an instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

**Course Requirements:** Students must fulfill all course requirements in order to achieve a passing grade. Failure to hand in any assignment will result in a grade of F. Failure to write the final exam will result in a grade of ABS. FND (Failure – No Deferred) is assigned when a student's performance is so poor during the term that they cannot pass the course even with 100% on the final examination. In such cases, instructors may use this notation on the Final Grade Report to indicate that a student has already failed the course due to inadequate term work and should not be permitted access to a deferral of the examination. Deferred final exams are available ONLY if the student is in good standing in the course.

**Connect Email Accounts:** The Department of Political Science strongly encourages students to sign up for a campus email account. Important course and University information will be distributed via the Connect email system. See http://connect.carleton.ca for instructions on how to set up your account.