WWS 552: Relations Between the Industrialized and Developing Countries: Globalization, International Institutions and Development.

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Course Description

This is a graduate course in international political economy suitable for graduate students in the Woodrow Wilson School. What is the impact of the major international economic institutions on the developing countries? What should the role of these institutions vis-à-vis the developing world be? Changing economic and political conditions around the world make understanding relations between the advanced industrial countries and the developing ones imperative. Globalization has added great complexity to the myriad issues surrounding North-South relations. The course examines the nature of existing economic and political linkages, including trade, foreign aid, debt, investment, and the promotion of democracy and economic liberalization. Attention is focused on the role of multilateral institutions, such as the IMF, World Bank, and WTO, in mediating these relations and fostering development. The course assesses the interaction of globalization and development and inquires into the normative issues of global justice.

Course Requirements

All members of the seminar are expected to participate in weekly discussions and to prepare special subjects for oral presentation. The presentations, in most cases, will involve presenting one of the readings or exploring a case study of one of the issue areas. Additionally, every member of the seminar will be responsible for writing four essays of 5-7 pages (typed, double-spaced) assessing the readings and/or examining a particular case; these papers will be due during the course of the class. Grading for the course will be based on class participation (20%), oral presentations (20%), and the 4 essays (60%).

Readings

All readings are on reserve in the Woodrow Wilson School Library in Wallace Hall and in electronic reserves. The books that we will read cover-to-cover (or nearly) have been ordered at the university bookstore.

Feb. 7: Week 2: Globalization: What is it and how has it changed?

Feb. 14: Week 3: The Role of International Organizations

Feb. 21: Week 4: Globalization and the Problems of IOs

Feb. 28: Week 5: Development and the Problems of IOs

***note time change: TUES. MAR 8, 7-10 pm. Week 6: The IMF
***this session will be held at my house w/ dinner
Mar 21: Week 7: The IMF

Mar 28: Week 8: Foreign Aid & the World Bank

Apr. 4: Week 9: WTO and the Developing Countries

Apr. 11: Week 10: Normative Perspectives I

**Apr. 18: Week 11: Normative Perspectives II**

**Apr. 25: Week 12: Normative Perspectives III**