Course Description
This course explores the evolution of the international political economy. Prior exposure to both international relations and economics is not absolutely required, but is extremely helpful. The course applies theories from several approaches (Realism, Liberalism, Marxism, Institutionalism and Constructivism) to explain changes in international regimes.

Course Requirements
The grade for this course consists of a midterm exam (worth 25% of the total grade) which is scheduled for February 26, a short paper due April 4 (6 page limit – worth 25%), a formal final exam (40%), and participation in discussion conferences led by the TA (10%). Conferences begin January 22nd. Exams consist of both short answers and essay components.

Course Materials
Assigned articles are available on JSTOR, MyCourses, or links to online resources. A recommended text for reference will be available on reserve at the library (with more information on MyCourses).

Policy on Academic Honesty
“McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures” (see www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/ for more information).

Note: In accord with McGill University’s Charter of Students’ Rights, students in this course have the right to submit in English or in French any written work that is to be graded.
Course Schedule

Lecture 1 (Jan. 8): Introduction & the Substance of IPE

Lecture 2 (Jan. 10): Realism & Liberalism

Lecture 3 (Jan. 12): Liberalism

Lecture 4 (Jan. 15): Marxism
V. I. Lenin, *Imperialism*, 1917, Ch. 7

Lecture 5 (Jan. 17): Constructivism & Institutionalism

Lecture 6 (Jan. 19): The Economic Take-Off of Europe

CONFERENCES START WEEK OF JANUARY 22nd

Lecture 7 (Jan. 22): Mercantilism
Jacob Viner, “Power versus Plenty as Objectives of Foreign Policy,” *World Politics* 1 (1), October 1948, 1-29

Lecture 8 (Jan. 24): Mercantilism and the Dutch Republic

Lecture 9 (Jan. 29): Domestic Changes & the End of Mercantilism

Lecture 10 (Jan. 31): Pax Britannica & the Rise of Free Trade
Charles Kindleberger, “The Rise of Free Trade in Western Europe, 1820-1875,”  
*Journal of Economic History* 35 (1), March 1975, 20-55

**Lecture 11 (Feb. 5): Pax Britannica and the Decline of Free Trade**  
Peter Gourevitch, “International Trade, Domestic Coalitions and Liberty,”  
*Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 8 (2), Autumn 1977, 281-313

**Lecture 12 (Feb. 7): The Gold Standard in Theory**  

**Lecture 13 (Feb. 12): The Gold Standard Theory vs. Practice –**  

**Lecture 14 (Feb. 14): The Gold Standard in Practice**  

**Lecture 15 (Feb. 19): Pax Britannica and International Investment**  

**Lecture 16 (Feb. 21): The New Imperialism**  

**Midterm Feb. 26**

**Lecture 17 (Feb. 28): World War I & the Collapse of Trade**  

**Lecture 18 (March 12): Interwar Monetary Relations**  

**Lecture 19 (March 14): The Great Depression & World War II**  
Lecture 20 (March 19): Pax Americana & GATT

Lecture 21 (March 21): GATT Evolves

Lecture 22 (March 26): Pax Americana & the Bretton Woods System

Lecture 23 (March 28): Crisis in the Bretton Woods System

Lecture 24 (April 4): Pax Americana & International Investment

Lecture 25 (April 9): Floating Exchange Rates and the Search for a Regime

Lecture 26 (April 11): Globalization

Lecture 27 (April 16): Theories in IPE & the Future