Political Science 568: International Organization  
Friday, 9:30-11:55, Fenno Room (Harkness 329)  

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**Purpose of the course:** This is an advanced course intended for Ph.D. students. The course conducts a broad survey of the field, focusing on recent developments in the theory of international organization, and making use of historical examples from a range of substantive issue areas.

**Course Requirements:** Each student writes a data-based research paper (20-25 pages, described below). A draft of the paper is due Monday, December 6, at 5:00 pm, and the final version is due December 17 at 12:00 noon. There will be opportunities to present versions of the paper during the semester. There will be a take-home final exam, due December 20 at 4:00 pm. Grading: 1/3 class participation, 1/3 final paper, 1/3 final.

**Research Papers:** Although the papers are short (no more than 25 pages, please), the standards are high. The papers are expected to formulate a hypothesis, ground it in appropriate literature, illustrate an argument or puzzle using qualitative evidence, and test the hypothesis using quantitative evidence.

**Books:**

Course Outline:

Sept. 4: No class (APSA)

Sept 11: Public Goods and Transaction Costs


Sept. 18: Institutional Design


Sept. 25: Delegation and Agency


Oct. 2: Informal Governance

Oct. 9: Voting in the UN


Oct. 16: Institutional Change in the European Union


Oct. 23: EU Legislation


Oct. 30: The WTO


**Nov. 6: Trade Disputes and Adjudication**


**Nov. 13: International Law and Domestic Politics**


**Nov. 20: International Law and Courts**


Nov. 27: Informal Governance


Dec. 4: Environmental Institutions


Dec. 11: No class (Moscow)