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 the politics of substantive issues in international finance, including macroeconomic policy coordination, foreign debt and economic adjustment, and European integration.

Course Requirements: Each student writes a data-based research paper (20-25 pages, described below). A draft of the research paper is due at 5:00 pm April 13, and the final version is due May 10 at 12:00 noon (no extensions). Each student will have at least one opportunity to present a preliminary version of the paper during the semester. In addition, there will be a take-home final exam, due May 4 at 4:00 pm. Grading: 1/3 class participation, 1/3 final paper, 1/3 final. Note also the Block Seminar on Saturday, April 28, when all students will present their papers. Please reserve the day; we may go off campus for a change of venue.

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. Please speak to me before the second class so I can get you started.

Readings: The following books are recommended for purchase; I recommend ordering on-line.

Course Outline:

Friday, Jan. 20: International Political Economy and Contemporary Paradigmatic Debates

Friday, Jan. 27: No class (PEIO)

Friday, Feb. 3: Money and Power


Friday, Feb. 10: Sovereign Debt


Student presentations

Friday, Feb. 17: Foreign Aid


Friday, Feb. 24: Foreign Direct Investment


Friday, Mar. 2: Multilateral Lending


**Friday, Mar. 9: International Finance under the Gold Standard**


**SPRING BREAK, March 12-16**

**Friday, Mar. 23: International Finance in the Bretton Woods Era**


**Friday, Mar. 30: International Finance under Flexible Exchange Rates**


Drazen, *Political Economy in Macroeconomics,* (pp. 559-80.)


**Friday, April 6:** No Class (Good Friday)

**Friday, Apr. 13, 5:00:** Paper Draft due -- No Class (MPSA)

**Fri., Apr. 20:** The Rise and Decline of the Euro


Drazen, *Political Economy in Macroeconomics*, (pp. 544-59.)


**Fri., Apr. 27:** Globalization by Design?


**Saturday, April 28, 9:00-3:00:** Block Seminar: Student presentations

**Friday, May 4:** Final exam due, 4:00 pm

**Thursday, May 10:** Final paper due, 12:00 noon