ECONOMICS IN ACTION: CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES

Please note the revision in the title of this course: it will cover economic issues affecting countries other than the United States.

This is a course of student participation. No lectures will be given. Instead, reading will be discussed. Since participation is an important element of the experience, regular attendance and regular reading will be expected.

Both the historical background of world areas and their current problems will be discussed. Readings will be in a manuscript being prepared by the professor, Our World of Rich and Poor: The Historical Causes of Economic Development, plus The Economist and The Wall Street Journal. The New York Times would be an excellent supplement but is not required. Student sign-up for The Economist and The Wall Street Journal will be arranged in class. Students wishing also to read the New York Times may subscribe at Jones Drug Company (or other places in Boulder), to pick it up Monday thru Friday at $24 per semester. No special prices are available for Saturday or Sunday.

Each Tuesday, discussion will begin on a new area, as outlined below. By that day, students are expected to have read the chapters indicated in Our World of Rich and Poor, plus whatever articles may have appeared on the area under discussion in The Economist and The Wall Street Journal since the beginning of the semester. Discussion on the same area will continue on Thursday. Throughout the semester, students are expected to continue to read articles on areas already discussed.

Sep. 3: Japan, chs. 1-3.
Sep. 10: Europe, chs. 4-5. (No class Thurs. Sep. 12.)
Sep. 17: Europe, ch. 6.
Oct. 8: India, ch. 10.
Oct. 15: Hour Examination.
Oct. 22: China, chs. 11, 12.
Nov. 5: Russia and USSR, ch. 14.
Nov. 12: Spain and Portugal, chs. 15, 16.
Nov. 19: Latin America, chs. 17, 18.
Nov. 26: The Middle East, chs. 19, 20.
Dec. 3: The End of the Twentieth Century, ch. 23.
Dec. 10: Review.
Also read chapters 21 and 22, not listed above.