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PSCI 3213-200, 3 Semester Hours, Class No. 17222

Session B: June 9-August 9, 2019

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Why do countries that promote free trade choose at the same time to restrict immigration? Why do international economic organizations like the International Monetary Fund treat some countries more favorably than others? Why did the Great Depression lead to a total collapse in world trade and global governance while the 2008 Global Financial Crisis did not? These are just some of puzzles that International Political Economy (IPE) seeks to answer. In this course, students will gain a better understanding of such questions by analyzing how international trade, capital flows, and migration interact with political processes in international relations. At the end of the term, students will be familiar with how domestic interests, political institutions, and international organizations can generate (sometimes inefficient) foreign economic policies that affect the welfare of individuals around the globe. No background in international economics is required.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Brendan J. Connell is a Ph.D. student in the Political Science Department at CU Boulder. His research examines the politics of finance and government responses to economic crises. Prior to CU, he studied International Affairs (M.A.) at American University in Washington D.C. and international trade law at the Graduate Institute in Geneva, Switzerland.

