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 24, a short paper due April 1 (6 page limit – worth 25%), a formal final exam (40%), and participation in discussion conferences led by the TA (10%). Conferences begin January 20th. 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. 6): Introduction & the Substance of IPE

Lecture 2 (Jan. 8): Realism & Liberalism

Lecture 3 (Jan. 13): Marxism & Constructivism

Lecture 4 (Jan. 15): Institutionalism & the Economic Take-Off of Europe

CONFERENCES START WEEK OF JANUARY 20th

Lecture 5 (Jan. 20): Mercantilism
  Jacob Viner, “Power versus Plenty as Objectives of Foreign Policy,” *World Politics* 1 (1), October 1948, 1-29

Lecture 6 (Jan. 22): Mercantilism and the Dutch Republic

Lecture 7 (Jan. 27): Domestic Changes & the End of Mercantilism

Lecture 8 (Jan. 29): Pax Britannica & the Rise of Free Trade
Lecture 9 (Feb. 3): Pax Britannica and the Decline of Free Trade

Lecture 10 (Feb. 5): The Gold Standard in Theory

Lecture 11 (Feb. 10): The Gold Standard in Practice

Lecture 12 (Feb. 12): Pax Britannica and International Investment

Lecture 13 (Feb. 17): The New Imperialism

Lecture 14 (Feb. 19): World War I & the Collapse of Trade

MIDTERM Feb. 24

Lecture 15 (Feb. 26): Interwar Monetary Relations

NO CONFERENCES WEEK OF FEB. 24

READING WEEK MARCH 2-6

NO LECTURES WEEK OF MARCH 9-13 — Conferences will be held
Lecture 16 (March 16): The Great Depression & World War II

Lecture 17 (March 18): Pax Americana & GATT

Lecture 18 (March 23): GATT Evolves

Lecture 19 (March 25): Pax Americana & the Bretton Woods System

Lecture 20 (March 30): Bretton Woods Breaks Down — Floating Rates

Lecture 21 (April 1): Pax Americana & International Investment

Lecture 22 (April 6): Globalization

Lecture 23 (April 8): Theories in IPE & the Future