This seminar provides an overview of international political economy targeted towards PhD students in the Government department. Students from other programs may register only with the permission of the instructor. There are no prerequisites for the course. Students preparing for their International Relations A-Exam should also familiarize themselves with the syllabi from recent versions of this course; they are posted on the blackboard site.

The reading load for this course is substantial, averaging seven articles/chapters or approximately three hundred pages per week. Students are expected to have done all of the readings before each class. Note that most of the assigned journal articles are available on-line; many of the readings will be placed on reserve at Olin library. Some readings will also be available on the course blackboard site. All readings are required.

The requirements for this class are as follows:

*Active and thoughtful class participation.* All students are expected to participate actively and constructively in discussions of the assigned reading and related topics.

*Research Paper:* Students are required to write a research paper (of about 25 pages in length). There are a number of preliminary elements and deadlines attendant to this assignment:

- **Friday, February 16:** a 5-7 page prospectus in which you describe the research area you will focus on as well as a one-page bibliography.

- **Friday, March 16:** a 12-15 page memo in which you spell out your research question (or dependent variable) (approximately 5-7 pages); and then your main hypotheses (or independent variables) (also about 5-7 pages); finally you should including a reading list of about 3 pages in length in which you mark (with asterisks) the readings that you have been able to do so far.

- **Friday, May 11:** the final paper is due (in both paper and electronic form). I will grade all papers that come in on time promptly. All others will likely receive an Incomplete (given college requirements about when grades must be submitted); you should be alert to the rules of the department (as well as the Graduate School) with regard to incompletes, which, once frozen, are difficult to resolve.
Week 1 (January 23): Introduction


Week 2 (January 30): Analytical Approaches


Week 3 (February 6): State and Nation


**Week 4 (February 13): The Problem of Cooperation**


**Week 5 (February 27): Keynes**


**Week 6 (March 6): Domestic Politics**


**Week 7 (March 13): Trade**


**Week 8 (March 20): Money**

Week 9 (March 27): Finance and Capital Mobility


Week 10 (April 10): Financial Crises


Week 11 (April 17): Regimes and Institutions


Stephen Nelson, *The Currency of Confidence: How Economic Beliefs Shape the IMF’s*
Cynthia Roberts, Leslie Elliott Armijo, and Saori Katada, The BRICS and Collective
Financial Statecraft (Oxford University Press, 2018), pp. 1-66

Week 12 (April 24): Economic Power and Statecraft


Week 13 (May 1): The Euro as a Political Laboratory


Week 14 (May 8): Progress in IPE?