

## English-based Degree Program      Course outline

Course title	Studies on International Political Economy
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Course outline
<p>International Political Economy (IPE) is a multidisciplinary field of research, which originated mainly from the prototype of economics, <i>οικονομία</i>/ <i>oikonomia</i> (in ancient Greece) and political economy (19<sup>th</sup> century), also from a branch of International Relations (1970s thereafter). It has been recently developed as Global Political Economy.</p> <p>The international issues are essentially complex but comprehensive phenomena. Therefore, students will look at economic issues of trade, finance, production and development in the Global South (especially in the Asian region) but not merely from the perspective of economic theory. Students will be expected to engage also with the International Relations concepts, ideas and literature on the economic relations among states, and between states and non-state actors (such as firms, societal groups and international organizations).</p> <p>Our major research interest is to explore the global conditions to implement global peace and development in three interacted areas: violence, poverty, and exclusion, which are dealt with respectively by security, development, and inclusive policies.</p>

Attainment objectives
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Getting deeper theoretical insights of IPE.</li><li>2. Getting deeper theoretical understandings of international issues in terms of IPE.</li><li>3. Explaining the specific topics in the historical context of international issues.</li></ol>

Study Method
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Students need to collect a wide range of data, including social, political and economic statistics, upon which further empirical research will be based.</li><li>2. Students need to read a wide range of literature on IPE theories covering political economy, international and development studies.</li><li>3. Students need to read a wide range of literature on IPE topics, including the conditions of global peace, the development of Global South, and how to resolve disparities at several socio-political units.</li></ol>