

POSC 4641:101
Politics of the Illicit Global Economy

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OBJECTIVES:

International Political Economy scholarship has begun to pay greater attention to transnational markets for illicit goods and services. State agencies, corporations, organized criminal groups, terrorists, and others interact in these markets as participants as well as aspiring regulators. The nature of transactions in these illicit markets is multifaceted. The illicit flow of goods includes products ranging from cocaine and heroin to human body parts and weapons of mass destruction. The illicit flow of capital includes a myriad of forms of laundered money ranging from cash and securities to electronic currency and currency speculation. Illicit movements of people include the smuggling of migrant workers as well as the trafficking in women and children for sexual slavery.

The objectives of this course are threefold. First, students will learn the major theoretical approaches that seek to explain the illicit global economy. Second, students will learn the basic characteristics and mechanics of, and participants in, substantive issue areas that comprise the illicit global economy. Third, students will learn to apply and assess the merits of theoretical approaches in seeking to understand patterns of participation and efforts to control this dimension of international economic relations.

REQUIREMENTS:

The course grade will be based on two exams and a research paper. The midterm and final exams will each count for 30 percent of the course grade, the paper outline for 10 percent and the paper for 30 percent. The direction of borderline grades will be based on class participation. The midterm and final exams will consist of a combination of identification and short essay questions.

The research paper must make an argument on some aspect of the illicit global economy. To do so, the paper must identify and resolve a problem/paradox (e.g., why does a certain pattern exist where we would expect a different pattern—given theory, past experience, or the experience of other issue areas, countries or regions). A required 3-4 page outline detailing the paper's puzzle/problem, thesis, and preliminary organization along with three annotated sources (150 words each) is due on Friday, March 2 by 6:00 pm in the class D2L dropbox. No late outlines will be accepted. The final research paper must be 10-12 pages long and incorporate at least eight research sources (four of which must be books or scholarly journal articles; course readings do not count towards the source requirement) to support the argument. The final paper is due on Friday, April 27 by 6:00 pm in the class D2L dropbox. No late final papers will be accepted. Failure to submit the outline or paper by the deadlines noted above will result in zero points for the assignment.

As will be discussed in class, research papers require citations. Plagiarism, including self-plagiarism of prior work for other courses, is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Words and ideas taken from other sources must include citation of those sources. The material also must be bracketed by quotation marks if used word for word. Students can use one of the following citation formats: footnotes, endnotes, or in-text parenthetical references (the later with bibliography of sources listed alphabetically).

Students are responsible for completing and thinking about the assigned reading before coming to class. Class format will be a combination of lecture and discussion. If it becomes clear that the course readings are not being completed, the instructor reserves the right to add to the course requirements through the use of surprise reading quizzes. The successful completion of this course requires attention to both course readings and class lecture/discussions. Absence will be spot checked and academic integrity policies will conform to University regulations as described in the *2017-18 UNDERGRADUATE BULLETIN*.

GRADING SCALE:

1000 point total: 950-1000 = A; 925-949 = A-; 900-924 = B+; 850-899 = B; 825-849 B-; 800-824 = C+; 750-799 = C; 725-749 C-; 700-724 = D+; 650-699 = D; 0-649 = F

REQUIRED TEXTS:

There are two required texts for the course: 1) Asif Efrat, *Governing Guns, Preventing Plunder: International Cooperation against Illicit Trade* (Oxford, 2012 hardcover, or 2014 paper); 2) H. Richard Friman, ed., *Crime and the Global Political Economy [CGPE]* (Lynne Rienner, 2009). Additional readings will be on library reserve (password: 4641S18), available electronically through MARCAT, on the web, or posted on D2L.

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE [READINGS SHOULD BE DONE IN THE ORDER LISTED]

Part I: Introduction

January 16: Introduction

January 18, 23: Perspectives

Read: January 18

Moises Naim, "The Five Wars of Globalization" *Foreign Policy* January/February 2003, 29-37.

Peter Andreas, "Illicit Globalization: Myths, Misconceptions, and Historical Lessons," *Political Science Quarterly* 126, 3 (2011): 403-425.

Read: January 23:

Andreas and Nadelmann, "The Internationalization of Crime Control," CGPE, 21-33

Friman, "Crime and Globalization," CGPE, 1-19

January 25, 30: The Challenge of Cooperation and Control

Read: January 25

Ethan Nadelmann, "Global Prohibition Regimes: The Evolution of Norms in International Society,"

International Organization, 44, 4 (Fall 1990): focus on pp. 479-486. Excerpt on D2L

Efrat, *Governing Guns*, Chapter 2

Read January 30:

Reno, "Illicit Commerce in Peripheral States," CGPE, 67-84

Jonathan Kelman, "States can play too: Constructing a typology of state participation in illicit flows,"

Crime, Law and Social Change 64, 1 (August 2015): 37-55.

February 1: The Evolution of Organized Criminal Groups

Read:

Phil Williams, "Transnational Criminal Networks," in John Arquilla and David Ronfeldt, eds., *Networks and Netwars: The Future of Terror, Crime and Militancy* (Santa Monica: Rand Corporation, 2001), 61-97. On D2L

Part II: Issue Areas: Drug Trafficking

February 6, 8, 13

Read: February 6, 8

Peter Andreas, *Smuggler Nation: How Illicit Trade Made America* (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), Chapter 14 (pp. 253-290). On D2L and reserve
Efrat, *Governing Guns*, 225-249

Read: February 8, 13

Serrano, "Drug Trafficking and the State in Mexico," CGPE, 139-157

Friman, "Behind the Curtain: Naming and Shaming in International Drug Control," in H. Richard Friman, ed., *The Politics of Leverage in International Relations: Name, Shame, and Sanction* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015), 143-164. On D2L and Reserve.

Part III: Issue Areas: Human Smuggling and Trafficking

February 15, 20: Human Smuggling

Read:

Peter Andreas, "The Transformation of Migrant Smuggling across the U.S.- Mexican Border," in David Kyle and Rey Koslowski, eds., *Global Human Smuggling: Comparative Perspectives* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2011), 139-156. On D2L and Reserve

Kamal Sadiq, "Have Documents, Will Travel," in Kyle and Koslowski, eds., *Global Human Smuggling*, 233-255. On D2L and Reserve

Noelle Brigden, "Improvised Transnationalism: Clandestine Migration at the Borders of International Relations and Anthropology," *International Studies Quarterly* 60, 2 (June 2016): 343-354.

February 22, 27 March 1: Human Trafficking

Read:

Picarelli, "Enabling Norms and Human Trafficking," CGPE, 85-101

Efrat, *Governing Guns*, Chapter 5

USDOS, *Trafficking in Persons Report 2017*, Excerpts: <https://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2017/>

March 2 (Friday): Research Paper Outline Due, D2L by 6:00 pm

March 6: Catch up and Midterm review

March 8: Midterm Exam in class

March 13, 15: No class, Spring Break

March 20: Class Session on Writing Research Papers

Part IV: Issue Areas: Arms Trafficking

March 22, 27: SALW

Read:

Douglas Farah and Stephen Braun, "The Merchant of Death," *Foreign Policy* Issue 157 (November/December 2006), 52-61.

Victoria Ellen Collins and Melissa Pujol, "Secrets Exposed?: Selective State Concern and the prosecution of Notorious Arms Trafficker Viktor Bout," *Critical Criminology* 24, 1 (March 2016): 93-109.

Efrat, *Governing Guns*, Chapter 3

March 29: Easter Break

April 3, 5 [no class], 10: WMD

Read:

Rensselaer Lee, "Nuclear Smuggling: Patterns and Responses," *Parameters* (Spring 2003): 95-111. On D2L

Chaim Braun and Christopher F. Chyba, "Proliferation Rings: New Challenges to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime," *International Security*, 29, 2 (Fall 2004): 5-49.

Part V: Issue Areas: Money Laundering

April 12, 17

Read: April 12

William F. Wechsler, "Follow the Money," *Foreign Affairs* 80, 4 (July/August 2001): 40-. On D2L

Palan, "Crime, Sovereignty and the Offshore World," *CGPE*, 35-48

Read: April 17

Efrat, *Governing Guns* (Chapter 6, focus on pages 250-263)

Mark Nance, "Naming and Shaming in Financial Regulation: Explaining Variation in the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering," in Friman, ed., *The Politics of Leverage in International Relations*, 123-142. On D2L and Reserve.

Part VI: Issue Areas: Antiquities Trafficking

April 19, 24

Read:

Efrat, *Governing Guns*, Chapter 4

Simon Mackenzie, "Illicit deals in cultural objects as crimes of the powerful," *Crime, Law and Social Change* 56, 2 (2011): 133-153.

April 27: Research Paper Due: Submit to D2L Dropbox by 6:00 pm**Part VI: Issue Areas: New Tech and the Evolution of Illicit Markets**

April 26, May 1, 3

Read:

James Martin, "Lost on the Silk Road: Online Drug Distribution and the 'Cryptomarket,'" *Criminology & Criminal Justice* 14, 3 (2014): 351-367. On D2L

Daniel Sui, James Caverlee, Dakota Rudes III, "The Deep Web and the Darknet: A Look Inside the Internet's Massive Black Box," Wilson Center, October 2015. On D2L.

Benoit Dupont, "Bots, cops, and corporations: on the limits of enforcement and the promise of polycentric regulation as a way to control large-scale cybercrime," *Crime, Law and Social Change* 67, 1 (February 2017): 97-116

May 3: Conclusion

Final Exam: Tuesday, May 8 (10:30 am-12:30 pm)