INST1005

Key Debates in International Studies

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School of Humanities and Languages // UNSW Arts and Social Sciences

Course Overview

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Course Details

Credit Points 6

Summary of the Course

The world we live in is complex, with deeply embedded connections between local, national, international and global phenomena. Today we struggle to understand how to manage the effects of people, finance, services and ideas as they flow across borders. This course introduces you to the field

Assessment

Please consult the Assessment Guide on Moodle.

Assessment Tasks

Assessment task	Weight	Due Date	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed
Essay	25%	19/03/2021 04:00 PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Final Examination	50%	During Formal Examination Period	1, 2, 3, 4
Tutorial Presentation	25%	Weekly	1, 2, 3, 5

Assessment Details

Assessment 1: Essay

Start date: Not Applicable

Length: 2000 Words

Details:

Students will be required to apply theoretical content that has been learned in the course by the midterm

Written feedback will be provided.

This is the final assessment for attendance purposes.

Additional details:

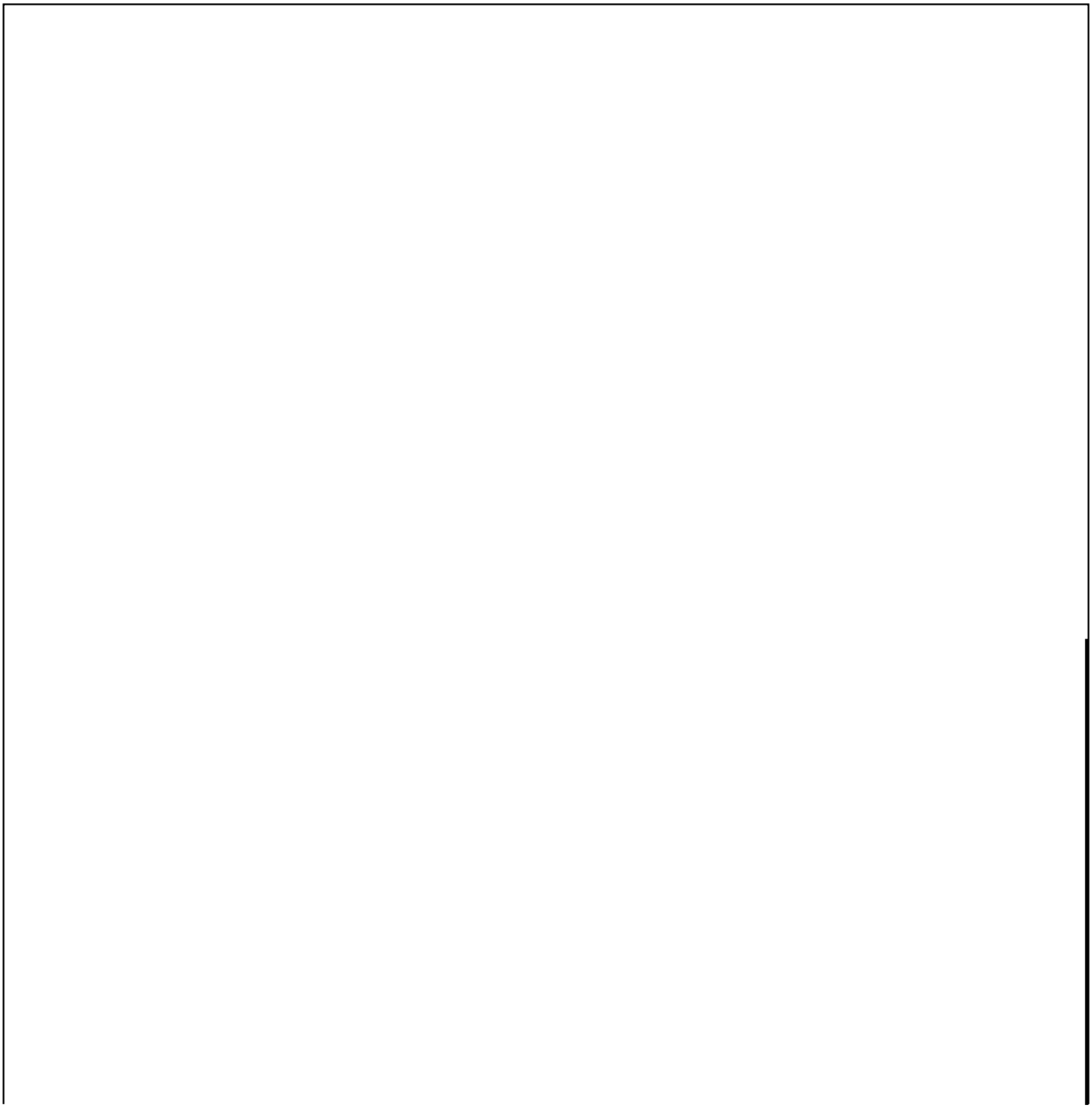
Students should consult the Assessment Guide posted on Moodle for additional information on this assignment. Exam will take place during the exam period.

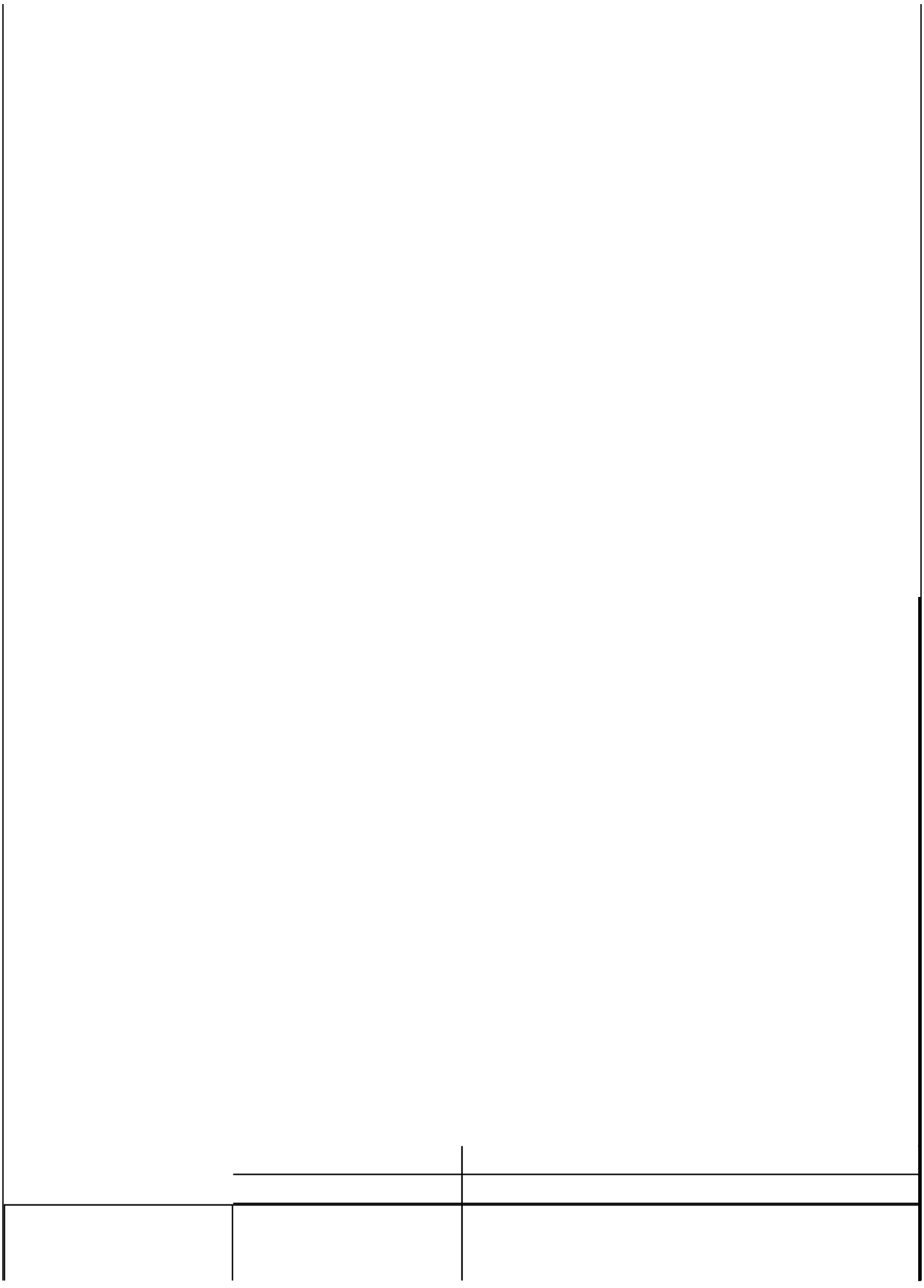
Turnitin setting: This is not a Turnitin assignment

Assessment 3: Tutorial Presentation

Start date: Not Applicable

Length:





		The rise of neoliberal orthodoxy and the ascendency of the free market from the 1970s appeared to be an unshakeable foundation on which the capitalist system has been built. In this class we will analyse the classical liberal philosophy behind neoliberalism and the major events and technologies that contributed to the growth of capital markets. We will also look at the anatomy of the recent world financial crisis and the role that securitization, collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) and the lack of regulation played in the collapse of banks and investment houses across the globe. Finally we will ask whether things have changed or whether a new shadowy world of investment is emerging.
	Tutorial	HOW TO HANDLE A DICTATOR
	Group Work	PREPARE FOR WEEK SEVEN SIMULATION
Week 6: 22 March - 26 March		MIDTERM BREAK!
Week 7: 29 March - 2 April	Lecture	THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE NORTH & SOUTH This week we will analyse the ramifications of the neoliberal project for relations between developed and developing countries. In particular we will look at the way that conditionalities embedded in structural adjustment programs have shaped inequalities across the world. We will also look at the ways that such policies have created relations of dependence based around commodity production and the race for the cheapest products worldwide. As we will see, these policies have had social political and environmental consequences that are very difficult to overcome.
	Tutorial	TRADE WARS & TARIFFS
	Group Work	PREPARE FOR WEEK EIGHT SIMULATION
Week 8: 5 April - 9 April	Lecture	LAND, COMMODITIES & RESOURCE COMPETITION The race to acquire resources links an unlikely grouping of financial traders, speculators, multinational corporations and warlords, who see land and natural resources as the next frontier for wealth accumulation. However, as we have seen throughout this course, whereas capital flows are digital, land acquisition and resource extraction are fixed in space and can only occur in particular places where people live. This week, we look at the geography of resource competition and who is involved in this speculation. We also analyse the

		impacts that this race is having on indigenous communities worldwide and the ways in which they are starting to fight back.
	Tutorial	

Resources

Prescribed Resources

See Moodle site for weekly required and optional readings.

Please also consult the Assessment Guide on Moodle which gives additional help and guidance about completing assignments and how to prepare for tests.

Recommended Resources

Below are journal resources and websites that you might find useful:

American Journal of Sociology; American Political Science Review; Political Science Quarterly; Review of International Political Economy; International Studies Review; International Affairs; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Strategic Studies; Foreign Affairs; Foreign Policy Analysis; Journal of Refugee Studies; Third World Quarterly, World Development, Journal of Development Studies, Development and Change, European Journal of Development Studies, SAIS review.

International Monetary Fund (IMF) – http://www.imf.org/external/index.htm

World Bank - http://www.worldbank.org/

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) - http://www.oecd.org/

World Trade Organization (WTO) - http://www.wto.org/

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - www.undp.org

UNHCR – www.unhcr.org

USAID – www.usaid.gov

Department for International Development (DFID) - www.dfid.gov.uk

Norwegian Development Aid (NORAD) - http://www.norad.no/en/front-page

Amnesty International – www.amnesty.org

Human Rights Watch – www.hrw.org

Course Evaluation and Development

Student feedback will be solicited through the My Experience evaluation portal, but in general if you have any suggestions about how to improve your learning experience, please don't hesitate to contact the course convenor or your tutors. We value your input!

Submission of Assessment Tasks

Turnitin Submission

If you encounter a problem when attempting to submit your assignment through Turnitin, please telephone External Support on 9385 3331 or email them on externalteltsupport@unsw.edu.au . Support

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