DESCRIPTION:

The number of regional integration schemes around the globe has mushroomed in the last decades, often with consequences as important as (or more important than) those wrought by global factors and forces. How can we explain the proliferation of regional integration? Why do states participate in forms of regional integration instead of pursuing multilateral or global integration? Why do we see such a diversity of institutional forms in regional integration? And what are the economic and political consequences of regional integration?

This graduate course addresses these questions. Our focus will be on the causes and consequences of regional integration as well as on a comparative perspective of the diversity of regional integration schemes. Part I of the course introduces the topic of regional integration and provides some background to the theory of international cooperation and organizations in general. In Part II we will delve into the theoretical literature on the causes of regional integration. Part III will focus on a more in-depth study of the European Union as the most prominent example of political integration as well as on economic integration schemes in the Asia Pacific and North America. We will pay specific attention to a comparison between these different models of regional integration. Finally, Part IV will concentrate on a discussion of the economic and political consequences of regional integration.

REQUIREMENTS:

There are four major requirements for this course, with the percentage of the course grade that each constitutes shown in parentheses:

1. **Class Participation (25%)**. I expect that you come to class prepared and participate actively. The success of this course crucially depends on your participation and you should therefore take this component very seriously. Most of our sessions focus on different (and sometimes contradicting) explanations and I might well ask you to defend and discuss a particular theory from the readings in class.

2. **Two Referee Reports (20%)**. You will submit two two-page single-spaced (12pt) referee reports. Please indicate clearly in your reports whether your opinion is reject, accept, R&R with some revisions, or R&R with major revisions. The first report will be on Mansfield, Edward D. and Eric Reinhardt, 2003: Multilateral Determinants of Regionalism: The Effects of GATT/WTO on the Formation of Preferential Trading Arrangements.
International Organization 57(4): 829-862. It will be due at beginning of class in week 3. Be prepared to defend your position during class discussion. The second report is any article chosen from this syllabus. Alternatively, you can talk to me about choosing an alternative paper to review. This report will be due at the beginning of class when the paper is assigned.

3. Discussion Paper (10%). You will write a two-page single-spaced paper that discusses whether the European Union represents an n of 1 or if (and to what extent) it is possible to generalize from the study of the European Union. You can draw from a discussion by leading EU scholars in the field (http://aei.pitt.edu/54/01/N1debate.htm), but do NOT just summarize this debate. I expect you to develop your own argument and to be able to defend your position in class. The discussion may draw on specific policy or historical examples. The paper will be due in week 5.

4. Research Paper (45%). You will write a 15-page research paper which will be due to me by Friday, March 19th. The topic has to be cleared with me first. Do NOT wait until midterm to discuss the topic with me. You have three options:

- You can write a research proposal that proposes to resolve some of the limitations of the literature we have discussed in the class. The proposal has to identify a question or puzzle, discuss how you would try to answer that question (theoretical argument, hypotheses, and research design), lay out the necessary steps of the project, and suggest how this project would advance the literature.

- You can evaluate one of the theories we have discussed using one or multiple regional organizations, or alternatively, compare theories using case studies.

- You can use a conference paper you are currently writing. In this case, you are required to give a 10 minute presentation in class and then submit the revised version including a discussion of how you addressed the recommendations you received in class.

SCHEDULE:

Week 1: Historical Development and Debates
Week 2: Theories of International Cooperation
Week 3: Theories of Regional Integration
Week 4: Scope of Regional Integration
Week 5: Political Integration: The European Union
Week 6: Widening and Deepening in the European Union
Week 7: Economic Integration in North America: NAFTA
Week 8: Economic Integration in Asia: ASEAN
Week 9: Economic Implications of Regional Integration

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Week 10: Political Implications of Regional Integration

READINGS:

The readings will be drawn from a number of books and articles. I have not ordered any books through the UCSD bookstore and am leaving bargain-hunting and purchase decisions entirely up to you. If you decide not to buy, only the two main books (Nugent and Mansfield/Milner) are on reserve at IR/PS library. ILL takes time, so plan ahead and coordinate with your colleagues accordingly.

Week 1 Historical Development and Debates


Workshop: How to Write a Referee Report


Week 2 Theories of International Cooperation


Also recommended:


Week 3 Theories of Regional Integration


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Also recommended:


**Week 4 Scope of Regional Integration**


• Michael J. Gilligan, : Is there a Broader-Deeper Trade-off in International Multilateral Agreements?, *International Organization* 58: 459-484.

Also recommended:


**Week 5 Political Integration: The European Union**


Discussion Paper:

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Does the European Union Represent an n of 1? (http://aei.pitt.edu/54/01/N1debate.htm)

Alternative Background Readings:


**Week 6 Widening and Deepening in the European Union**


Also recommended:


**Week 7 Economic Regional Integration in Asia: ASEAN**


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Further Readings:


**Week 8 Economic Regional Integration in North America: NAFTA**


Also recommended:


**Week 9 Economic Consequences of Regional Integration**


Also recommended:


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Week 10 Political Consequences of Regional Integration


Also recommended:


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