**The Politics and Economics of Global Energy**

 

Summer semester, 2017 school year (8 classes, 16 academic hours, 32 h. homework)

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**Basic course description**

This course puts a test on conventional theoretical approaches on global energy issues. It is based upon empirical evidence of the current trends on the global energy markets, unveiling policy issues in the study of energy that span across political science and international economics.

The course takes a very broad view and introduces students to energy as understood by scholars of international security and cooperation as well as economic and political development.

We investigate the major policy issues of the day: the development and current status of the global energy markets, with particular emphasis on Russia, EU, China and the USA.

The role of the international organizations is given the focal place, especially the historical importance, the current development and future relevance of OPEC.

The course attributes a special role to the influence on the industry of the technological progress in alternative energies and the “threat” of fracking to traditional gas producers.

“The Politics and Economics of Global Energy” is a non-technical course and assumes some basic knowledge of politics and economics but there are no prerequisites. It is designed for students with both academic and non-academic goals:

* First, students will be introduced to the important historical and contemporary scholarship on the subject, so that they will understand the development of the field across different disciplines and be able to pursue further research;
* Second, the course covers major policy issues with the goal of exposing students to comparative and conceptual analysis that cut across states and regions regarding resource security, market dynamics, state policymaking, national welfare and threat perceptions, and strategic interaction; and,
* Third, we will put special attention on the unique role of the energy sector in historical and contemporary Russian politics and economics.

**Course Materials**

Basic reading:

Daniel Yergin, The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money and Power (1991) is recommended, but it is more than 900 pages long and we simply won’t have the time for it all. However, this is the standard work on the history of the petroleum industry and if you continue on this subject, you will soon realize that every person who studies or works in energy has read this book.

**Grading**

There will be three sets of requirements for this course.

*Class attendance.*

You will be expected to attend classes.

The % of absences will lead to a proportionate downgrade in final evaluation. Say, you missed 20% of classes, your grade will be 2 points lower. 50% missed classes – satisfactory grade is the utmost possible grade. 70% missed classes – no grade possible.

*Participation*

You will be expected to participate in discussions (comments, questions, remarks). You can gain points to the overall evaluation by the quality (not the quantity) of your class activity. Each good comment can add points to your grade. By good comments you can compensate points lost by absences!

But, not in case of over 60% class absences, sorry.

*Written work.*

Each student will have the choice among three options: either to write a research paper (essay of 5-8 pages, TNR-12), or a policy memo (4-7 pages), or to prepare a PPP (of about 10-12 slides) for the in-class presentation on a topic agreed upon with the teacher.

This work will be the main item for final grade evaluation with added or discounted points from the class activity.

*Note on the policy memo:*

Students who are less interested in academic study could take this opportunity for practicing what will be expected of them in the private and public sectors: synthesizing great amounts of information that identifies the problems, threats and opportunities for decision-makers and lays out useful and realistic policy recommendations. Each memo will be addressed to a specific client of the student’s choosing—a head of a state-run oil company, the chief governmental regulator or an international institution or government agency (for example, for or against fracking), and will summarize the geopolitical and/or economic significance of the event or issue, critique alternative explanations for the event/issue, outline attendant policy options, and explain how to choose among them. The idea behind these memos is not to do extensive additional research but to analyze critically contending hypotheses and to tease out logistically consistent policy choices.

Grade upon:

Research Paper (Essay), or Policy Memo, or PPP - minus or plus points for Participation (in-class active discussion) and class attendance.

**Course Schedule**

*Major Changes to the syllabus* – While most of the syllabus is set, I am always happy to spend more time on subjects students are particularly interested in exploring. If there is something you want to spend more time on, please let me know.

*Minor Changes to the syllabus* – I may make minor changes to the syllabus.

**Course Topics**

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| № | Topic | Tot | Hours in a class | Home work |
|  | Lectrs | Semnrs |  |
| 1. | Introduction to energy. Tectonic shifts at the global energy markets  |  | 2 |  |  |
| 2 | Global institutions response to energy market challenges |  | 2 |  |  |
| 3 | OPEC adaptation policies |  | 2 |  |  |
| 4 | The EU Energy Union |  | 2 |  |  |
| 5 | Chinese wicked energy strategy |  | 2 |  |  |
| 6 | USA: a new global energy power |  | 2 |  |  |
| 7 | Russian resource curse |  | 2 |  |  |
| 8 | The future of energy |  | 2 |  |  |
| Tot |  |  | 16 |  | 32 |

**Litterature:**

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Andreas Goldthau and Jan Martin Witte, “The Roles and Rules and Institutions in Global Energy: An Introduction,” *Global Energy Governance: The New Rules of the Game,* (Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press), 2010, pp. 1-12. (12 pages)

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**Class 4. The EU and Europe**

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