Introduction to Political Economy

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International political economy helps us understand historical and current events in global economic and political relations. This gives us the insight we need to build a better world.

In this action-oriented course, students will develop sophisticated critical thinking skills for understanding events unfolding in the international political economy. We’ll start with the individual’s perspective as they contribute to an expanding global economy. From there, we’ll study the range of policy choices individuals collectively make in groups, as peoples, tribes, nations, and regions. This helps us frame policy makers’ choices as they pursue collective mass self-interests.

Studying in classrooms at the legendary Smithsonian Institution, located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., students will analyze the roles and impact of International Organizations (IOs) located within walking distance to their “National Capitol Region” classroom. We will align and link the historical development, governance structure, activities, and performance of major IOs, including the United Nations, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and World Trade Organization.

What are you doing this summer?
e3 D.C. is a unique education abroad program offering students the flexibility to choose from international work experience and academic coursework all offered through one summer program.

Application Deadlines

Internships: Nov. 8, 2017
Coursework Feb. 1, 2018