

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
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ECONOMICS 342H1 L0101/L9101: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AFTER 1945
Winter, 2021 (Tuesday 10:00 AM -1:00 PM Online)

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ECO342H1S L0101/L9101 is a completely online course.

We will communicate exclusively through our ECO342H1S page on Quercus at the University of Toronto website, except for instances when you need to email me personally. I will post readings and complete lecture notes in advance so that you can prepare for our official online meeting times on Tuesdays: seminar discussions from 10:10 to 11:00 AM EST and a lecture discussion from 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM EST. We will video record the lecture discussion for future viewing so please read the Video Recording Statement below. You will also submit your one-page reading reviews and 15-page essays as Turnitin assignments on our Quercus page. Finally, you will acquire the exam questions from and submit your exam answers online to Turnitin assignments on our Quercus page for the midterm (9:00–10:00 AM on Friday, March 5) and the 3-hour final exam (during the final exam period April 13-23). See *Academic Integrity* and *Turnitin* statements below. I think that you will enjoy the course and the opportunity to improve your writing skills, but please note that we will vigorously pursue all cases of suspected academic infractions.

You must have access to a laptop or desktop computer with a strong, stable internet connection. Use this url: <https://oneseach.library.utoronto.ca/ic-help-desk-knowledge-base> if you need technical support. A phone is not an acceptable substitute as some required components may not be accessible on smartphones. High speed broadband access (LAN, Cable or DSL) is highly recommended. You are responsible for ensuring that you maintain regular backup copies of your files, use antivirus software (if using your own computer), and schedule enough time when completing an assignment to allow for delays due to technical difficulties. Computer viruses, crashed hard drives, lost or corrupted files, incompatible file formats, faulty internet, and similar mishaps are common issues when using technology, and are not acceptable grounds for a deadline extension.

<u>Evaluation</u>	3 * 1-Page Seminar Reviews (5% each)	15%
	Seminar Participation (a potential mark per 11 seminars)	11%
	Midterm Exam Online March 5: 9:00 – 10:00 AM	12%
	15 page essay due March 23	25%
	Final Exam Online (3 hours) Final Exam Period (April 13 - 23)	38%

This course surveys the interplay of exchange rates, international trade, and growth in the Bretton Woods and post-Bretton Woods eras of the post-World War II boom, the inflation of the 1970s, and the slower growth of the 1980s and 1990s. There are no textbooks, though we have significant readings from Eichengreen (2008). Instead we rely on readings that are I will post on the website.

The following explanation of procedures and evaluation of the course should clarify your responsibilities in the course. Please read it carefully, since this is particularly important in our present circumstances. I will answer questions on this outline in the first hour of the first lecture. If you have any issues, you need to ask me then. Please take advantage of this, since there will be no excuses later for claiming that you did not understand the requirements of the course.

Both the one-hour midterm (Friday, March 5, 9:00 – 10:00 AM) and the 3-hour final exam (during the final examination period, April 13-23) will be online as Turnitin assignments within our Quercus page. I will post each exam at the designated start time for you to download and write the answers off-line to avoid connectivity issues; you will submit your answer text to Turnitin by the designated finish

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time. This procedure is no different than a timed exam in an examination hall other than that you acquire your exam questions online and submit your answer as a text file online. You will have a choice of 2 out of 3 essay-type questions for the midterm and of 5 out of 8 essay-type questions on the final. You must answer these questions in your own words and are not to consult with other sources on pain of academic penalty. Turnitin will generate a similarity report of your answers relative to those of other students, to our notes, readings, and video lectures, and to other online material so that writing in your own words is essential. Because this is an online course where you don't have to physically write in an examination room, I expect everyone to write the midterm and final at the appointed time. I will accept no excuse for missing an exam other than incapacity in a hospital that is documented by a medical note. The make-up for missing the midterm for such a reason is writing 7, rather than 5, of the 8 questions on the final in 4, rather than 3 hours. If you were to miss the final for some legitimate documented reason, you would write a make-up final, but unfortunately the questions will be much harder since I will have already used the fairest questions for the rest of the class. In short, do not miss an exam.

The 15-page essay (i.e., 15 double spaced pages with normal margins and 12-point type, not including bibliography) analyzes primary and secondary sources specified by me investigating an issue discussed in the course. You will submit your essay to Turnitin at our course site on Quercus. The penalty for lateness is 2% (of 100%) per business day up to the last day of class. Late essays are not eligible for remarking. The Faculty of Arts and Science Writings Centres are online this term at <https://writing.utoronto.ca/writing-centres/arts-and-science>. You may wish to consult them for help with your writing.

Each student will submit 3 one-page (12 point type, double-spaced, normal margins or there is a 1 mark deduction off the top) written, not point form, reviews of designated pages of an assigned author to a Quercus Turnitin assignment by 9:00 AM on the Tuesday of the relevant seminar for a potential 5 marks each. Note that there are two different readings each seminar; you are to review only one of them. You will sign up for the articles for your three reviews in either group A or group B in the Reviews tabs under People in Quercus. Students will sign up for Review 1 initially and the later reviews in subsequent months. Note that there will be only enough review choices as students so that you need to sign up for a review immediately or risk having not available choice. Please submit your review as doc. or docx. files (easier for me to edit) to the Assignment page for your group. Your review must be entirely on the pages that you are supposed to read; there should be no reference to ideas beyond those readings, although you may consult my notes or other sources to clarify your understanding. The purpose of these reviews is to improve your ability to convey the essence of a reading, not merely to summarize various points, which is why I will deduct 1 mark of the 5 marks for any review that is more than one page or without the proper format. Nik and Borianna, our TAs, and I will carefully edit your review to give feedback on improving your writing, which you can apply in your 15-page essay. The reviews will also help you understand the thinking of three of our authors as an added bonus. (See the *Academic Integrity Statement* below for proper sourcing and writing on reviews and the essay).

You must participate in the Tuesday 10:10 – 11:00 AM seminar discussions to earn ½ or 1 mark per seminar depending on your questions and comments for a potential total of 11 marks over the 11 seminars. We will assign 1/2 for a question or comment relevant to the material and another ½ mark for a comment that actually helps with the understanding of other students. There are, of course, 0 marks for no comment. Your seminar group will be the seminar group that you signed up for to submit your review. You will not receive marks for participating in the lecture discussions, but these will be vital for your understanding.

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VIDEO RECORDING STATEMENT

This course, including your participation, will be recorded on video and will be available to students in the course for viewing remotely and after each session.

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For questions about the recording and use of videos in which you appear, please contact your instructor.

TURNITIN STATEMENT

“Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to Turnitin.com for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University’s use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site.”

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY STATEMENT AND SITE

All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated following procedures outlined in the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters. If you have questions or concerns about what constitutes appropriate academic behaviour or appropriate research and citation methods, please reach out to me. Note that you are expected to seek out additional information on academic integrity from me or from other institutional resources (for example, the [University of Toronto website on Academic Integrity](#)).

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

The University of Toronto is committed to equity, human rights and respect for diversity. All members of the learning environment in this course should strive to create an atmosphere of mutual respect where all members of our community can express themselves, engage with each other, and respect one another’s differences. U of T does not condone discrimination or harassment against any persons or communities.

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OUTLINE OF LECTURES, SEMINARS, AND READINGS (POSTED ON WEBSITE)

January 12 **European Growth, 1945 -1992: An Overview**

‘Post-war Growth: An Overview’. Nicholas Crafts and Gianni Toniolo (1996), *Economic Growth in Europe since 1945*, pp. 1-37

January 19 Seminar: Crafts & Toniolo (1996), pp.8-16; pp. 17-25

Lecture: **Bretton Woods Regime: 1945-1971**

‘The Bretton Woods System’. Barry Eichengreen. *Globalizing Capital*, 2008, Ch. 4, pp. 91-122

January 26 Seminar: Eichengreen (2008), pp. 91-104; pp. 104-118

Lecture: **Reconstruction of Europe: 1945 -1970**

‘Conclusions’. A.S. Milward (1984) *The Reconstruction of Western Europe: 1945-51*, pp. 356-85.
‘Remedies’. J.M. Keynes (1919), *Economic Consequences of the Peace*, , ch. VII

February 2 Seminar: Milward (1984) ‘Argument’, pp. 366-85; J.M. Keynes (1919), pp. 261-82.

Lecture: **Export-led Growth**

‘Balance of Payments Constrained Growth Models: History and Overview’. A. P. Thirlwall (2012) in *Models of Balance of Payments Constrained Growth*, Elias Soukiakis and Pedro Andre Cerquera, pp. 11-43.

‘Why did the Tariff-Growth Correlation Change after 1950?’, Clemens, Michael A. and Jeffrey G. Williamson (March, 2004), *Journal of Economic Growth*, Vol. 9, No. 1, pp. 5-56.

February 9 Seminar: Thirlwall (2012): pp. 11-20, 41-43; Clemens *et al* (2004): pp. 5-12, 30-31.

Lecture: **Convergence and Catch-up: Solow Growth Model**

‘A Contribution to the Empirics of Economic Growth’., N. Gregory Mankiw, David Romer and David N. Weil. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Vol. 107, No. 2 (May, 1992), pp. 407-437.

February 23 Seminar: Mankiw et al, pp. 407-415; pp. 415-429

Endogenous Growth and Technological Change

‘The Rise and Fall of American Technological Leadership: The Postwar Era in Historical Perspective’. Richard R. Nelson and Gavin Wright (December, 1992), *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. XXX, pp. 1931-1964.

‘Adam Smith, Allyn Young, and the Division of Labor’. Ramesh Chandra (Sep., 2004), *Journal of Economic Issues*, Vol. 38, No. 3, pp. 787-805

March 2 Seminar: Nelson and Wright (1992): pp. 1950-1962; Chandra (2004), pp. 787-805.

Savings and Investment

‘The Golden Age of European Growth Reconsidered’. Peter Temin (April, 2002). *European Review of Economic History*, Vol. 6, No. 1, pp. 3-22.

Lucas, Robert E. Jr. (1988), ‘On the Mechanics of Economic Development’. *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 22, pp. 3-42.

MARCH 5 MIDTERM 9:00-10:00 AM ONLINE

March 9 Seminar: Temin (2002): pp. 9-19; Lucas (1988), Sections 3 and 6, pp. 12-17 and 35-39

Japan

“The Post-war Japanese Economy, 1945-73”. Yukata Kosai (1997) in Kozo Yamamura (ed.) *Economic Emergence of Modern Japan*, 1997, Chapter 4, pp. 159-202

“Postwar Recovery (1945 – 1964)”. David Flath, *The Japanese Economy*, (2005), pp 71 - 92.

March 16 Seminar: 1950-1962; Kosai (1997): pp. 159-170; Flath (2005): pp. 85-92

Dollar Crisis and Collapse of Bretton Woods

“Battle for Sterling’ and ‘Crisis of the \$’. Barry Eichengreen. *Globalizing Capital* (2008) 122-134

“The Bretton Woods International Monetary System: A Historic Overview”. Michail D. Bordo (1993) in Michael D. Bordo and Barry J. Eichengreen, *A Retrospective on the Bretton Woods system: lessons for international monetary reform* (1993), pp. 4-97.

March 23 Seminar: Eichengreen (2008), pp. 122-134; Bordo (1993), pp. 73-85

The Oil Crisis and Inflation

“Black Gold: The End of Bretton Woods and the Oil-Price Shocks of the 1970s”., David Hammes and Douglas Wills, *The Independent Review*, Vol. 9, No. 4 (Spring 2005), pp. 501-511

“The International Role and Fate of the Dollar”, Robert Triffin (Winter, 1978),. *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 57, No. 2, pp. 269-86.

March 30 Seminar: Hammes and Wills (2005), pp. 501-511; Triffin (1978): pp. 269-79

Developing Countries: Import Substitution or Export-led?

“Brave New World’ and ‘Asian Crisis’, Barry Eichengreen. *Globalizing Capital*, 2008, 185-198

“Trade can be Good for Development”. Joseph E. Stiglitz and Andrew Charlton in *Fair Trade for All: How Trade Can Promote Development, Initiative for Policy Dialogue Series C*, 2005, p.11-40

April 6 Seminar: Eichengreen (2008): pp.185-198; Stiglitz (2005): pp. 11 -22

Brexit and Trump: Migration and Convergence

“A Dual Policy Paradox: Why Have Trade and Immigration Policies Always Differed in Labor-Scarce Economies?”. Timothy J. Hatton and Jeffrey G. Williamson in Jeffrey G. Williamson *et al*, *The New Comparative Economic History*, 2014, pp. 217-240.

“Migration continent Europe”, Tomáš Sobotka. *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*, Vol. 7, *Impact of migration on demographic change and composition in Europe* (2009), pp. 217-233