



BARCELONA SUMMER SCHOOL IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS 2010 – 5th edition

PRESENTATION

The fifth edition of the Barcelona Summer School in International Politics will take place at the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) during June 28 – July 9. The objective of IBEI's Summer School is to offer different short courses on significant topics in international relations and international political economy, taught by experts of international prestige. The direction and coordination of the summer school will be provided by Carles Boix, visiting professor at the IBEI.

The summer school is aimed at graduate students, professors and researchers in the areas of political science, economics, and international relations and international studies who are interested in learning first-hand about the latest advances in research.

IBEI is a graduate teaching and research institution created in 2004 through the initiative of the five universities in Barcelona (the University of Barcelona, the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Pompeu Fabra University, the Open University of Catalonia, and the Technical University of Catalonia). IBEI supports research in all fields of international political economics, international relations, international security, foreign policy and comparative public policy.

Prices and discounts

The price of each course is **300 €**. However, there is a discount for early registration. Before **June 9th**, the price of each course will be **240 €**.

For **second course** (and successive) the price will be **225 €** each one of them.

Your registration will be confirmed once the payment has been confirmed.

Certification

At the end of each course you will get an IBEI's certificate of attendance, if you attend more than 80 % of the sessions.

Delivery of Courses

The course will take place in two hour sessions per day during one week. Besides this schedule, there will be time planned for personal interactions with professor where you can take the opportunity to comment your research or project with one of these prime academic figures of the International Relations field.

Further information and registration form can be found at www.ibeio.org / summer@ibeio.org

COURSES

Development and Democracy in Today's World

Instructor: Prof. Carles Boix (Princeton University - IBEI)

Democracy as a form of government has made impressive strides in the last decades. Currently there are around one hundred democracies – almost twice the number in 1989 and about three times as many as there were just after World War Two. Still, almost fifty percent of all sovereign states remain under authoritarian rule. Moreover, many democratic regimes are laboring under considerable strain: their elections are highly contested and are only imperfectly leading to good governance outcomes. This course explores both the causes and consequences of democratization: Under what conditions do countries democratize? What are the consequences of democracy for growth, welfare and redistribution? How can governments, policy-makers and international institutions promote the conditions that lead to democracy?

Date: June 28 - July 2 / **Time:** 9.00 – 11.00

The World Economy and International Politics

Instructor: Prof. Helen Milner (Princeton University)

This course is an advanced graduate colloquium on International Political Economy (IPE). It focuses on the key issues in international political economy, such as trade, monetary policy, foreign investment, globalization, development, foreign aid, and international institutions and cooperation. It examines how interests, institutions and international power interact in the world economy and in setting foreign economic policy. It focuses on theories of IPE, national security and IPE, globalization, international institutions and development.

Date: June 28 - July 2 / **Time:** 11.30 – 13.30

Globalization and Society

Instructor: Prof. Juan Díez Medrano (Universitat de Barcelona - IBEI)

This course analyzes how globalization and the transportation and telecommunications revolutions that underlie it are transforming society. The changing scales of economic and political activity and organization have had dramatic consequences on the experiences and opportunities of both corporate and individual actors. Networks (Castells) and Re-scaling (Brenner) are probably the two concepts that best synthesize these on-going transformations. The concept of “networks” captures the transformations in the organization of production and distribution of goods and services in capitalist economies and the emergence of new networks of solidarity between capitalists, workers, and other groups of citizens (expressed both as organization, mobilization, and inter-personal interaction) which transcend old nation-state boundaries. Global networks are also the highways on which flows of persons (old and new migrants ago) increasingly move between countries in search of new opportunities for economic advancement and personal self-fulfilment. The concept of “Re-scaling” encompasses the changing geographic scope of economic and social activity and the subsequent changes in the economic roles of cities, regions, and nation-states. The course not only provides an overview of the social transformations captured by the terms “Networks” and “Re-scaling” but also of their impact on the citizens’ experiences, patterns of consumption, and identity, and, consequently, on the reception that these changes have among the population.

Date: June 28 - July 2 / **Time:** 16.00 – 18.00

The Political Economy of Development

Instructor: Prof. Daniel Posner (University of California Los Angeles)

This course provides an introduction to a political economy approach to the puzzle of why some countries are rich and other are poor, and why, among the latter, some have been able to achieve rapid rates of economic growth and others have not. This is perhaps the central question in the study of development, and we approach it by reviewing and explaining the logic behind the most important arguments that have been advanced to account for differences across countries in rates and levels of economic development. The course will be comprised of five lectures. We will begin in the first lecture at the simplest level with the problem of achieving order and prosperity in stateless societies. Then, in the second lecture, we will discuss a number of key factors that are hypothesized to affect economic growth rates: geography, factor endowments, human capital, technology, and social polarization. In the third lecture, we will bring in the state and explore its role as a protector against violence and predation, a guarantor of property rights, a coordinator of economic policies, and an investor in productive enterprise, and we will discuss how each of these roles contributes to economic development. But because a state that is strong enough to do such things is also strong enough to implement policies that run against the public interest, we will then take up a discussion in the fourth lecture of the ways in which the state can stand as an impediment to development. The fifth lecture will move beyond the state to the global economy to review current debates on the role of foreign aid in promoting development.

Date: July 5 - 9 / **Time:** 9.00 – 11.00

Explaining Ethno-Nationalist Civil Wars

Instructor: Prof. Lars-Erik Cederman (ETH Zürich)

Civil wars belong to the hottest topics in contemporary political science. This is not surprising given their salience in today's world, especially compared to the decline of interstate warfare. Influential studies of civil war onset highlight causes such as poverty, weak state institutions as well as peripheral and in accessible territory, but many topics remain quite controversial. In particular, scholars continue to debate the role of ethnicity and nationalism. This course introduces the participants to these debates. Focusing mostly on statistical studies, the course covers topics relating to political exclusion, economic inequality, trans-border ethnic kin and the duration and ending of ethno-nationalist conflicts.

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FACULTY

Carles Boix is Professor of Politics and Public Affairs at Princeton University, and Visiting Professor at IBEI. He teaches and does research on political economy and comparative politics. He is the author of *Political Parties, Growth and Equality* (Cambridge University Press, 1998), and *Democracy and Redistribution* (Cambridge University Press, 2003) and the co-editor of the *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics* (Oxford University Press, 2007). His current research projects include: the internal workings of dictatorships; the book *The Birth of Party Democracy*, which explores the political conditions that led to the emergence of various party systems and electoral institutions in advanced democracies in the 19th and 20th centuries; the

application of agent-based models to understand the formation of states; and the use of osteological evidence to trace the sources and evolution of inequality over time.

Lars-Erik Cederman is Professor of International Conflict Research at the ETH Zürich. He has since taught at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Oxford, UCLA, and Harvard. Prof. Cederman is editor of *Constructing Europe's Identity: The External Dimension* (Lynne Rienner, 2001) and the author of *Emergent Actors in World Politics: How States and Nations Develop and Dissolve* (Princeton University Press, 1997). He is also the author and co-author of articles in scholarly journals such as the *American Political Science Review*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, and *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. His main research interests include computational modelling, International Relations theory, nationalism, integration and disintegration processes, and historical sociology.

Juan Díez Medrano is a Professor of Sociology at the Universitat de Barcelona and Coordinator of the Research Program "Institutions and Networks in a Globalized World" at IBEI. He was formerly employed by the University of California, San Diego and the International University Bremen. He is the author of *Divided Nations* (1995), *Framing Europe* (2003), and articles published in *American Sociological Review*, *Theory and Society*, and *Comparative European Politics* among others. Other former professional activities include work as Program Specialist (P-3) for UNESCO. Also, as a staff member of the Spanish public opinion survey institute ASEP he has participated in the ISSP study. He is currently working on a comparative study among Western trade unions in the United States, Great Britain, France, Austria, and Germany, that focuses on their contrasting reactions to free trade agreements with less developed countries.

Helen V. Milner is Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University and the director of the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance. She has written extensively on issues related to international political economy, the connections between domestic politics and foreign policy, globalization and regionalism, and the relationship between democracy and trade policy. Some of her writings include *Resisting Protectionism* (1988), *The Political Economy of Economic Regionalism* (1997); and "Who Supports Global Economic Engagement? The Sources of Preferences in American Foreign Economic Policy" (*International Organization*, 2010). She is currently working on issues related to globalization and development, such as the political economy of foreign aid, the "digital divide" and the global diffusion of the internet, and the relationship between globalization and democracy.

Daniel N. Posner is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at UCLA. He studies ethnic politics and the political economy of development in Africa. His first book, *Institutions and Ethnic Politics in Africa* (Cambridge), explains why and when politics revolves around one dimension of ethnic cleavage rather than another. He is a founding member of the inter-university Laboratory in Comparative Ethnic Processes (LiCEP) and the founder and co-convenor of the Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE). His articles have appeared in the *American Political Science Review*, the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, the *British Journal of Political Science*, and the *Journal of Democracy*. He has been a National Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford and a Carnegie Scholar of the Carnegie Corporation of New York.