

# Paper Proposal Guidelines

## International Political Economy

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**Due:** 12:00am (midnight, Eastern Standard Time) on July 20, 2012

### 1 Introduction

Students are expected, before they write their final paper, to submit a research paper proposal. This proposal will be 1<sup>1/2</sup> to 2 pages in length (double space, 12pt font, 1 inch margins, Times New Roman). Include a separate page for citations (see citation style below). Base your proposal on the following:

- Discuss the research question that drives your paper
- Discuss where the paper fits in the literature you have read for this class or other international relations/politics courses
- Discuss what you are arguing. What is your contribution to the existing literature? Are you applying an argument from one reading to another literature? What relationships do you expect to hold? If possible at this point, describe a hypothesis or two.
- Discuss the broader merit of this research project

Students will be notified if the paper topic they have chosen is appropriate by July 23. I will respond with comments and advice.

### 2 Citations

Students will be expected to cite sources when taking material from other readings. Plagiarism will receive severe punishments, and will result in *at least* a grade of **0** for the paper, if not worse (see the syllabus). You will be expected to use in-text citations and have a references page that follows the style described below. I will give examples for articles, books, and chapters in what follows (please ask me for further citation styles if necessary):

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## 2.1 In-Text Citation

- **Article:** (Hiscox 1999) or Hiscox (1999)
- **Book:** (Tomz 2007) or Tomz (2007)
- **Chapter in Edited Book:** (Frieden & Lake 2000) or Frieden & Lake (2000)

## References

Frieden, Jeffrey A. & David A. Lake. 2000. "Introduction: International Politics and International Economics." In *International Political Economy: Perspectives on Global Power*, ed. Jeffrey A. Frieden & David A. Lake. 4th ed. New York: W.W. Norton and Company Chapter 1, pp. 1–16.

Hiscox, Michael J. 1999. "The Magic Bullet? The RTAA, Institutional Reform, and Trade Liberalization." *International Organization* 53(4):669–698.

Tomz, Michael. 2007. *Reputation and International Cooperation: Sovereign Debt across Three Centuries*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press.