

## **SAMPOL 214, POLITICAL ECONOMY**

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### ***Required Books:***

Bartels, Larry. 2010. *Unequal Democracy: The Political Economy of the New Gilded Age*. Princeton University Press. (~200 pp.)

Cassidy, John. 2009. *How Markets Fail: The Logic of Economic Calamities*. London: Penguin. (~200 pp.)

Cleaver, Tony. 2011. *Economics: The Basics*. New York: Routledge. (~50 pp.)

Davidson, Paul. 2009. *John Maynard Keynes*. Palgrave Macmillan. (~100 pp.)

Krugman, Paul. 2012. *End this Depression Now!* New York: W.W. Norton. (~230 pp.)

Rodrik, Dani. 2011. *The Globalization Paradox: Why Global Markets, States, and Democracy Can't Coexist*. Oxford University Press. (~200 pp.)

### ***Compendium of Selected Required Readings:***

Abel, Andrew B., and Ben S. Bernanke. *Macroeconomics*. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. New Jersey: Pearson Prentice Hall. Chapter 8: "Business Cycles," 282-300; Chapter 12: "Unemployment and Inflation," 444-70; Chapter 14: "Monetary Policy and the Federal Reserve System," 550-57; Chapter 15: "Government Spending and Its Financing," 573-600.

Becker, Gary. 1986 [1976]. "The Economic Approach to Human Behavior." In *Rational Choice*, ed. Jon Elster. New York University Press, 108-22.

Blanchard, Olivier. 2009. *Macroeconomics*. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. New Jersey: Pearson Prentice Hall. Chapter 8: "The Natural Rate of Unemployment and the Phillips Curve," 185-200; Chapter 24: "Should Policymakers Be Restrained?" 537-53; Chapter 25: "Monetary Policy: A Summing Up," 558-73.

De Grauwe, Paul. 2007. *Economics of Monetary Union*. 7<sup>th</sup> ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Chapter 8: "The European Central Bank," 162-191.

Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. Boston: Addison-Wesley. Chapter 8: "The Statics and Dynamics of Party Ideology," 114-41.

Foster, John Bellamy, and Fred Magdoff. 2009. [2008]. "The Financialization of Capital and the Crisis." In *The Great Financial Crisis: Causes and Consequences*. New York: Monthly Review Press, 91-109.

Friedman, Milton. 1962. *Capitalism and Freedom*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapter 2: "The Role of Government in a Free Society," 22-36.

Gilpin, Robert. 2001. *Global Political Economy: Understanding the International Economic Order*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapter 9: "The International Monetary System," 234-60.

Green, Donald P., and Ian Shapiro. 1994. *Pathologies of Rational Choice Theory: A Critique of Applications in Political Science*. Yale University Press. Chapter 2: "The Nature of Rational Choice Theory," 13-32.

Kalecki, Michał. 1998 [1943]. "Political Aspects of Full Employment" In *Collected Works of Michał Kalecki, Volume 1, Capitalism: Business Cycles and Full Employment*, ed. Jerzy Osiatyński. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 347-56.

Keech, William R. 1996. *Economic Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 3: "Models of Accountability and Opportunism: The Electoral Cycle," 47-65.

Kenen, Peter B., and Ellen E. Meade. 2008. *Regional Monetary Integration*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 3: "The European Monetary Union," 41-79.

Knoop, Todd A. 2008. *Modern Financial Macroeconomics: Panics, Crashes, and Crises*. Oxford: Blackwell. Chapter 2: "A Brief History of Financial Development," 35-56; Chapter 8: "Banking Crises and Asset Bubbles," 163-89.

Mayer, Tom. 2008. *Invitation to Economics*. Sussex: Wiley Blackwell. Chapter 5: "Important Economic Ideas: Often Misunderstood," 84-112.

Przeworski, Adam. 1990. *The State and the Economy Under Capitalism*. London: Harwood Academic Publishers. Part III: "The Rule of Capital," 65-96.

Shepsle, Kenneth A., and Mark S. Bonchek. 1997. *Analyzing Politics*. New York: Norton. Chapter 2: "Rationality: The Model of Choice," 15-34; Chapter 4: "Group Choice and Majority Rule," 49-81.

Stilwell, Frank. 2006. *Political Economy: The Contest of Economic Ideas*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Part IV: "The Critique of the Market: Marxian Economics," 95-144.

Sweezy, Paul M. 1987 [1982]. "Listen, Keynesians!" In *Stagnation and the Financial Explosion*, ed. Harry Magdoff and Paul M. Sweezy. New York: Monthly Review Press, 39-49.

Selected news clippings (to be distributed throughout the semester)