

Course Plan

1. **(10/11) Introduction:** Presentation of the course, literature, classification of theories (rationalist, liberal, neo-mercantilist, constructivist etc) and purpose. Lecturer *Helge Hveem*.

NB: No teaching on Thursday 12th Nov.

2. **(17/11) Historical background of Norway's political economy and the foreign economy.**
Comparative small state and 'small state/big power' theory.
Literature: Hveem 1991; Katzenstein; Lange and Pharo; Mjøset; Sejersted.
Helge Hveem.
3. **(19/11) Comparative constitutional/institutional theory.**
Literature: Hall and Soskice; Persson and Tabellini; Rogowski.
Carl Henrik Knutsen.
4. **(24/11) The contemporary debate:** ideational/constructivist vs rationalist (neo-liberalism's rise and fall, Open Economy Politics, etc).
Literature: Claes and Fossum (part); Frieden and Rogowski; Lake; Mattli and Woods; Tranøy; Østerud.
Helge Hveem
5. **(26/11) The Norwegian petroleum sector** between markets and geopolitics: domestic and international factors.
Literature: Claes 2001; Claes 2003; Hveem, Knutsen and Rygh 2008; Mommer.
Dag Harald Claes.
6. **(01/12) Foreign investment and financial agency.**
Literature: Benito; Larimo, Narula and Pedersen 2002; Bloningen; Hveem, Knutsen and Rygh 2008 and 2009.
Helge Hveem and Carl Henrik Knutsen.
7. **(03/12) Foreign trade and shipping.**
Literature: Hveem 1996; Knutsen and Lie; Melchior; WTO.
Helge Hveem.
8. **(08/12) Economic integration, political dependency.** Norway and the European Union.
Literature: Caporaso; Claes and Fossum; Levi-Faur; Mattli and Woods; Østerud.
Dag Harald Claes.
9. **(10/12) The international and transnational 'do-good' agent?** Foreign aid and business' social responsibility.
Literature: Hveem, Knutsen and Rygh 2008 and 2009; Mattli and Woods; Melchior; Tvedt.
Helge Hveem.

10. (15/12) **Summing up, conclusion and course evaluation.**
Helge Hveem, Dag Harald Claes and Carl Henrik Knutsen.