

Political Science 287/287W/487: Theories of Political Economy

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This course is something of an experiment. We will try to establish two things:

Books (marked *) have been ordered at the UR Bookstore but should be available used from your preferred e-purveyor as well. Other readings will be available on the course Blackboard page.

Section I: What Do Economists Study? How Do They Study It? And What Does that Have To Do With Political Theory

Robert Solow. 1997. "How Did Economics Get That Way and What Way Did It Get?" 126:39-58.

Milton Friedman. 1953. "The Methodology of Positive Economics." In T

Section III: Strategic Interaction

Roger Myerson. 2007.

Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA).

Robert Aumann. 2006. "War & Peace,"

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Class Schedule

We will to keep to this schedule of readings.

September

2 - Introduction

4 - Solow

9 - Friedman; Becker

11 - Schelling; Sen

16 - Becker; Sen

18 - Arrow

23 - Hayek; Arrow

25 - Coase

October

30 - Coase

2 - Akerlof; Stiglitz

7 - Myerson; Aumann

9 - Myerson; Aumann

14 - Fall Break, No Class

16 - Catch Up

21 - Schelling

23 - Schelling; Myerson

28 - Catch Up

30 - Hayek

November

4 - Hayek

6 - North

11 - North

13 - Ostrom

18 - Ostrom

20 - Sen

25 - Sen

27 - Thanksgiving, No Class

December

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