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# Open International Political Economy: A Student-Authored Textbook

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## Me and my subfield

### Political Science

1. Political Theory
2. American Politics
3. Comparative Politics
4. International Relations
  - a. International Conflict
  - b. **International Political Economy (IPE)**: studies politics of international trade, multinational corporations, sovereign debt, and so on

Before open  
access:  
textbook  
frustrations

Why choose to author an  
open textbook?

# Open pedagogy – how far is too far?

Open pedagogy: teaching with OER materials  
but focusing on actively contributing to them

To author or adapt (more in appendix)

How much choice to allow my students?

- Topics – I choose, at least initially
- License – CC-BY-NC license
- Author names – opt-in with pseudonym option (FERPA waiver in appendix)
- Content – Open but base on my lectures
  - incorporate other OER
  - get creative

# Writing a textbook

(Individual) **Assignment 1**: low-stakes, small-scale  
trade concepts

see Mays and DeRosa (2017) for great overview

(Group) **Assignment 2**:

See Oakley et al. (2004) for group formation

Specify requirements for each group project (chapter)

Save in-class sessions for collaborative editing

(Individual) **Assignment 3**: submit an idea for interactive component

Mays, E., and R. DeRosa, 2017. [A Guide to Making Open Textbooks with Students](#). Rebus Community.

Oakley, B., et al., 2004. [Turning student groups into effective teams](#). *Journal of Student Centered Learning*, 2(1), pp.9-34.



Revising the  
textbook

# Appendix: FERPA waiver

I hereby give permission for the publication of my assignments in PSCI 4356 (International Political Economy). These include (1) Assignment 1 including a graphics component; (2) Assignment 2 which is a group project; and (3) any implementation of Assignment 3, my idea for an interactive component. I understand that this material will be published without bylines and with a Creative Commons license (CC-BY-NC) that prevents commercial gain in the sharing and adaptation of this work.

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# Appendix: To author or adapt?

Many open textbooks already exist.

Here are a few links to social science ones.

- [International Relations \(IR\)](#)
- [History of IR, A Non-European Perspective](#)
- [Environment, Climate Change, and IR](#)

Catalog of open textbook catalogs [here](#). Notice no IPE textbook.