

IR 701
Fundamentals of International Relations
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Mon 10am-1pm; Fri 1-4 pm

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

This is an introductory lecture/seminar for master's degree students pursuing non-academic careers and seeking foundational knowledge of international relations. The emphasis will be on core IR concepts and how they relate to real world issues. The seminar will investigate topics explored at greater length in other 700 level courses in the IR Department: power politics, liberal internationalism, statecraft, diplomacy, international political economy, international organization, non-state actors, foreign policy, security and defense, and on. Two texts provide the basis for learning the language of international relations.

Prof. Grimes teaches the course on Fridays and Prof. Miller teaches the course on Mondays. The weeks in the syllabus include the dates for both teaching days. We will also have guest lecturers during the semester—the dates of their class visit are indicated in the syllabus.

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT

Office hours are the best means of contact. Emails are usually answered within 24 hours. However, do not expect to use email for discussions or for queries requiring lengthy answers.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION: 15%

Attendance is mandatory. The instructor has to be notified via email well in advance about any absences. More than two absences will result in your final grade being severely affected. **Late arrival to class is unacceptable** and will result in your final grade being severely affected.

PRESENTATIONS: 30%

There will be in-class team presentations on the readings each week. Presentations (consisting of a summary, critique, and policy example) will last around 2-15 minutes per student. Each student is expected to prepare a 2-page handout for distribution.

ROLE PLAYING EXERCISES: 15%

Cases are indicated at the end of the syllabus. Students will be divided into teams that present for and against the motion as well as arbitrate.

POLICY PAPER (10-15 PAGES): 40%

Written on a topic of the student's choice, with the instructor's approval (based on a 250 word abstract to be submitted by October 15) before proceeding. Papers should focus on a policy problem and present policy options and analysis of each. **This paper is due Friday, December 12 by 5pm.**

Late papers: The penalty for late submission of papers is a half letter grade reduction per day: e.g. from A to A-.

Please note: the exact format and details of presentations, role playing exercises and the final paper will be discussed in class.

GUEST LECTURES

We will have four guest lectures as indicated in the syllabus. Attending guest lectures is MANDATORY. We will notify you of the day/time/place of each lecture well in advance. If you absolutely cannot attend the lecture, you will need to notify your instructor 2 weeks in advance.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

All members of the University are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity; we have the same expectations of each other in this course. The CAS Academic Conduct Code can be found at <http://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/academic-conduct-code/>. If you have any questions as to how the Code pertains to your in this course please contact the instructor.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS (available at BU Bookstore and some web sites)

The textbooks provide background readings to the instructor's comments on weekly topics. Textbook material will not be discussed in detail in class but it will be assumed students have read the assignments understand the concepts presented.

Robert Jackson and Georg Sørensen, **Introduction to International Relations, 5th ed.** New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. ISBN: 9780199694747

The Jackson and Sorensen text has a website at which useful research materials for the course are located: www.oxfordtextbooks.co.uk/orc/jackson_sorensen4e/

John Ravenhill, **Global Political Economy, 3rd ed.**, Oxford University Press, 2011. ISBN 978-0-19-957081-2.

OTHER READINGS

All other readings are either available from blackboard or provided with URLs for you to link to.

Week 1 (Fri Sep 5, Mon Sep 8): Applied International Relations

Jackson & Sørensen, Ch. 1, Ch. 2

Steven M. Walt, "International Relations: One World, Many Theories," *Foreign Policy*, (Spring 1998), pp. 29-46

Week 2 (Fri Sep 12, Mon Sep 15): Power, Anarchy and International Relations

Jackson & Sørensen, Ch. 3

Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (1979), pp. 102-128

Hans Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations* (1948), Ch. 1-2

Website Documents:

The Melian Dialog from Thucydides

<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/melian.htm>

Week 3 (Fri Sep 19, Mon Sep 22): Liberalism and IR

Jackson & Sørensen, Ch. 4,5

Bruce Bueno de Mesquita and Alastair Smith, "Domestic Explanations of International Relations," *Annual Review of Political Science*, 15 (2012), pp. 161-81

Andrew Moravcsik, "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics" *International Organization* 51, 4, Autumn 1997, pp. 513-53

Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony*, 1984, pp. 182-216

Week 4 (Fri Sep 26, Mon Sep 29): Ideas and International Relations

Jackson & Sørensen, Ch. 8

Alexander Wendt, *Social Theory of International Politics*, 1999, pp. 22-44 (22)

Martha Finnemore and Kathryn Sikkink, "International Norm Dynamics and Political Change," *International Organization* 52(4) Autumn 1998, pp. 887-917 (30)

Michal Ben-Josef Hirsch, "Ideational Change and the Emergence of the International Norm of Truth and Reconciliation Commissions," *European Journal of International Relations* 12 July 2013, pp. 2-17 (15)

John Owen, "How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace," *International Security* 19(2), 1994, pp. 87-125 (38)

Week 5 (Fri Oct 3, Mon Oct 6): International Organizations and Civil Society

Michael N. Barnett and Martha Finnemore, "The Politics, Power, and Pathologies of International Organizations" *International Organization*, Vol. 53, No. 4 (Autumn, 1999), pp. 699-732.

Alastair Iain Johnston. "Treating International Institutions as Social Environments." *International Studies Quarterly* 45 (4) 2001: 47-515.

Audie Klotz, "Transnational Activism and Global Transformations: The Anti-Apartheid and Abolitionist Experiences," *European Journal of International Relations* 8(1), March 2002, pp. 49-76

Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics*, New York: Cornell University Press, 1998, Ch. 5 (33)

Website Documents for discussion:

International Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs): Pick an Organization:
http://www.lib.msu.edu/publ_ser/docs/igos/igoswww.htm

World Court Case Exercise

Week 6 (Fri Oct 10, Tues (substitute Mon) Oct 14): Domestic Politics and IR

Jackson & Sørensen, Ch. 10

Graham Allison and Phillip Zelikow, *Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis* 2nd Edition (Longman, 1999), Ch. 5.

William Grimes, "Institutionalized Inertia: Japanese Foreign Policy in the Post-Cold War World," in G. John Ikenberry and Michael Mastanduno, eds., *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2003.

Peter Gourevitch, "The Second Image Reversed: The International Sources of Domestic Politics" *International Organization* 32:4 (1978), pp. 881-912

Bruce Bueno de Mesquita on game theory and prediction

http://www.ted.com/talks/bruce_bueno_de_mesquita_predicts_iran_s_future

Websites for Discussion:

U.S. Foreign Policy Process

<http://fpc.state.gov/6172.htm>

<http://foreignaffairs.house.gov/>

<http://www.foreign.senate.gov/>

Cuban Missile Crisis +50

<http://www.foreignpolicy.com/cubanmissilecrisis>

Week 7 (Fri Oct 17, Mon Oct 20): Beliefs and IR

Robert Jervis, "Misperception and War," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 18:4 (Spring 1988, pp. 675-700 (25)

Manjari Chatterjee Miller, *Wronged by Empire*, (Stanford, University Press 2013), p. 7-34 (27)

Yuen Foong Khong, *Analogies at War* (1992), pp. 3-19 (13)

Scott M. Thomas, *The Global Resurgence of Religion and the Transformation of International Relations* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005), chapter 6

Judith M. Brown, *Nehru: A Political Life*, Yale University Press, pp. 244-271. (27)

Zhisui Li, *The Private Life of Chairman Mao*, Random House, New York, 1994, pp. 120-127, 261-271. (17)

Week 8 (Tues Oct 28 EVENING): Ethnic Conflict and International Relations (Prof. Michael Woldemariam)

Stathis Kalyvas, "The ontology of political violence: Action and identity in civil wars," *Perspectives on Politics* 3, September 2003, pp. 475-494. (19)

Timothy Shah and Monica Toft, "Why God is winning," *Foreign Policy* magazine, July/August 2006, pp. 39-43. (14)

Barry Posen, "The Security Dilemma and Ethnic Conflict," *Survival* 35 (1), 1993, pp. 27-47 (23)

Stuart J. Kaufman, "Symbolic Politics or Rational Choice? Testing Theories of Extreme Ethnic Violence," *International Security* 30, no. 4 (Spring 2006), pp.

Week 9 (Nov 3 EVENING): Global Political Economy and Commerce (Prof. Cornel Ban)

Ravenhill, Ch. 9, 11-13 (142)

Excerpt from Albert O. Hirschman, *National Power and the Structure of Foreign Trade* (University of California Press, [1945] 1980), pp. 13-34.

Excerpt from Benjamin J. Cohen and Eric M.P. Chiu, "Introduction," in *Power in a Changing World Economy: Lessons from East Asia* (Routledge, 2014), pp. 1-10.

Ian Bremmer, "State Capitalism Comes of Age," *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2009.

Website Documents for Discussion:

Joseph Stiglitz, "The Overselling of Globalization"

http://cgt.columbia.edu/files/papers/2005_Overselling_Globalization.pdf

World Trade Organization "Final Agreement"

http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/ursum_e.htm#Agreement

World Trade Organization Dispute Settlement

http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/reser_e/dispu_settl_e.htm

European Union Trade Policy

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/trade>

Week 10 (Fri Nov 7, Mon Nov 10) WTO Exercise and Global Finance

Ravenhill, Ch. 5-6 (80)

WTO Dispute Settlement Exercise

Web Resources for Discussion:

Ngairé Woods, "Bretton Woods Institutions"

<http://www.globaleconomicgovernance.org/wp-content/uploads/UN%20Woods%20Final.pdf>

Finance and International Relations

Ravenhill, ch. 7-8, 10 (96)

Cohen, Benjamin J., 2006. "The Macrofoundations of Monetary Power," in David Andrews, ed., *International Monetary Power* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press), pp. 31-50.

"Issue Brief," CFR Global Governance Monitor <<http://www.cfr.org/global-governance/global-governance-monitor/p18985#!/finance>>

Website Documents for Discussion:

Council on Foreign Relations, Global Governance Monitor (Finance)

<http://www.cfr.org/global-governance/global-governance-monitor/p18985#/Finance/Overview%20Video/>

International Monetary Fund, "What the IMF Does"

<http://www.imf.org/external/work.htm>

Bank for International Settlements

<http://www.bis.org/about/history.htm>

Week 11 (Fri Nov 14, Mon Nov 17): Environment and International Relations (Prof. Adil Najam)

Ravenhill, Ch. 14. (30)

Daniel Bodansky, *The Art and Craft of International Environmental Law*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2011. Ch. 1, 2, 6, 8, 12 (115)

Website Documents for Discussion:

Council on Foreign Relations Global Governance Monitor (Climate Change)

<http://www.cfr.org/global-governance/global-governance-monitor/p18985#/Climate%20Change/Overview%20Video/>

<http://www.uncsd2012.org/>

<http://www.iisd.org/>

<http://epi.yale.edu/>

<http://www.unep.org/>

<http://www.c2es.org/>

Week 12 (Thurs Nov 24 EVENING): Non-Traditional Security (Prof. Noora Lori)

Readings TBD

Week 13 (Mon Dec 1, Fri Dec 5): Ethics and International Relations

Francis Fukuyama, "The Imperative of State Building," *Journal of Democracy*, Vol.15, No. 2, April 2004, pp 17-31. (available on JSTOR)

Richard Falk, "In Defense of Just War Thinking," *The Nation*, 6 December 2001,
<http://www.thenation.com/article/defense-just-war-thinking#>

Amartya Sen, "The Idea of Justice," *Journal of Human Development* 9(3), Nov 2008,
<http://www.sjsu.edu/people/anand.vaidya/courses/phil292/s1/Sen%20The%20Idea%20of%20Justice%20.pdf>

Martha Nussbaum, "On Capabilities and Human Development"
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AoD-cjduM40> (10 minutes)

Edward Luck, "The Responsibility to Protect: Growing Pains or Early Promise," *Ethics and International Affairs* 24(4), 2010.
http://www.carnegiecouncil.org/publications/journal/24_4/response/001.html

Preventing Conflicts in Africa: Early Warning and Response, Meeting Notes, International Peace Institute, 7 August 2012,
<http://www.ipinst.org/publication/meeting-notes/detail/368-preventing-conflicts-in-africa-early-warning-and-response.html>

World Court Cases (tentative selection*)

Whaling in the Antarctic (Australia v. Japan)

<http://www.icj-cij.org/docket/index.php?p1=3&p2=3&code=aj&case=148&k=64>

Frontier Dispute (Burkina Faso/Niger)

<http://www.icj-cij.org/docket/index.php?p1=3&p2=3&code=bf&case=149&k=f9>

WTO Tribunal Cases (tentative selection*)

DISPUTE DS464: United States — Anti-dumping and Countervailing Measures on large residential washers from Korea

http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/cases_e/ds464_e.htm

DISPUTE DS476

European Union and its Member States — Certain Measures Relating to the Energy Sector

http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/cases_e/ds476_e.htm

*Note: These cases can move quickly through the system and if already adjudicated by the time the class meets, a different case will be used.