

PL SC 9400

Introduction to International Relations

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This seminar is an introduction to the study of international relations (IR) at the graduate level. We will cover foundational work across the sub-sections of the IR field, paying particular attention to theories advanced and the various methods of evaluation favored for analyzing those theories. In the course of this broad survey we will consider traditional approaches, rational choice modeling, constructivism, and inductively generated arguments. We will begin with questions of epistemology, asking how we think we know what we know about international politics. We will then cover arguments about realism and liberalism. After that we will turn to questions of how best to encourage cooperation in an anarchic international system, and therein pay particular attention to the literature dealing with international organizations. We will then turn to questions about the similarities between the study of foreign policy and the study of international politics, asking whether traditional beliefs that these areas of inquiry are and should be distinct are false. We then explore research that crosses boundaries between international relations and comparative politics and discuss how forces of globalization influence economic policy making.

Six books are available for purchase at the university bookstore, although I remind you that you can almost certainly save a lot of money by buying them on line rather than in person. The six books are:

- 1) Barbara Koremenos, Charles Lipson, and Duncan Snidal, eds. 2003. *The Rational Design of International Institutions*. New York: Cambridge University Press. (ISBN: 0521533589)
- 2) Kleine, Mareike. 2013. *Informal Governance in the European Union*. Cornell University Press. (ISBN 0801452112)
- 3) Rathbun, Brian. 2012. *Trust in International Cooperation*. International Security Institutions, Domestic Politics and American Multilateralism. Cambridge University Press. (ISBN 9781107603769)
- 4) Van der Veen, Maurits. 2011. *Ideas, Interests, and Foreign Aid*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (ISBN: 052126409)
- 5) Findley, Nielson, Sharman. 2014. *Global Shell Games*. Cambridge University Press. (ISBN 9781107638839)
- 6) Kaplan, Stephen. 2013. *Globalization and Austerity Politics in Latin America*. Cambridge University Press (ISBN 9781107670761)

In addition, a large number of readings are available on line or can be borrowed from me for reproduction. I expect that all readings will be done before each class meets, and that students will come to class prepared to discuss the material from an informed standpoint.

You will be awarded a grade based on how well you perform across a number of written assignments and also on how well you contribute to our weekly discussions. You are expected to write four short papers during the course of the semester, one longer paper due at the end of

the semester, and to attend, and participate in, every class meeting. The breakdown of the grades is:

Book reviews:	40%
Mid-term Exam	15%
Review Essay:	25%
Seminar Lead:	10%
Participation:	10%

The four short papers are to be reviews of any six of the books we will read in class and whose title is labelled with an asterisk (*). You may select any four of these books. Reviews should follow the format of a review article along the lines of what you would find in a professional journal (see any recent issue of *Perspectives on Politics* for an example). In general an academic book review contains three sections: 1) a brief discussion of the major theory, method(s), and evidence in the book, to show what the book is trying to accomplish and what approach it is taking to do that; 2) a critique of the work on its own terms (e.g. does it answer the question it asks, is it internally coherent, is the evidence convincing, what improvements could be made); 3) a critique of the book from a broader perspective (e.g. is the question important or trivial, is the method the right one to use, does it tie into other work, does it contribute to theory or applied research in IR). These reviews are due in class the week we discuss the book. They should be around 1000 words in length. Reviews should be word processed, double spaced, and free of errors.

There will be an in-class midterm exam during the semester. It is similar to comprehensive exams. For the final paper you will be expected to take one of the following concepts and write a review essay about its importance in analysis of IR. In doing so you will describe which theory or theories offer expectations about, or based on, the concept. You will describe any methodological (measurement, estimation, case selection, etc) issues that arise with respect to the concept. You will recount any debates sparked by the concept. This review essay is to be about 5000 words in length, double spaced, utterly error free, and is due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16th. The concepts you can write about include: anarchy, cooperation, democracy, power, rationality, and security. If a different concept is of special interest to you, come talk to me.

One or two students will be assigned to lead each week's seminar. Seminar leaders will need to discuss the major research questions raised by the readings, the major theses of the authors, and their findings. The works of individual authors should be evaluated with respect to logic and cogency of argument, method, and evidence. The discussant is also responsible for providing an overview of the literature covered that week, raising topics for further discussion, and, if relevant, relating that week's readings to those of earlier weeks.

Academic Honesty

Academic integrity is fundamental to the activities and principles of a university. All members of the academic community must be confident that each person's work has been responsibly and honorably acquired, developed, and presented. Any effort to gain an advantage not given to all students is dishonest whether or not the effort is successful. The academic community regards breaches of the academic integrity rules as extremely serious matters. Sanctions for such a breach may include academic sanctions from the instructor, including failing the course for any violation, to disciplinary sanctions ranging from probation to expulsion. When in doubt about

plagiarism, paraphrasing, quoting, collaboration, or any other form of cheating, consult the course instructor.

Students with Disabilities

If you anticipate barriers related to the format or requirements of this course, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need to make arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please let me know as soon as possible. This sample statement is posted on the web at: <http://provost.missouri.edu/faculty/syllabus.html> and at <http://disabilityservices.missouri.edu/faculty/syllabus.php>. If disability-related accommodations are necessary (for example, a note taker, extended time on exams, captioning), please register with the Office of Disability Services (<http://disabilityservices.missouri.edu>), S5 Memorial Union, 573- 882-4696, and then notify me of your eligibility for reasonable accommodations. For other MU resources for students with disabilities, click on "Disability Resources" on the MU homepage.

Class Schedule: NOTE: The instructor reserves the right to alter the class and/or reading schedule at any time. Changes to reading assignments, deadlines, or test dates will be announced in a timely manner.

Schedule of Class Meetings:

Aug 26th Introduction

September 2nd EPISTEMOLOGIES OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Read: Bull, Hedley. 1966. "International Theory: The Case for a Classical Approach." *World Politics* 18(3):361-377. Available on JSTOR.
Singer, J. David. 1969. "The Incomplete Theorist: Insight Without Evidence." In Klaus Knorr and James Rosenau, eds. *Contending Approaches to International Politics*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Available on Print Reserves.
Most, Benjamin, and Harvey Starr. 1984. "International Relations Theory, Foreign Policy Substitutability, and "Nice" Laws." *World Politics* 36(3):383-406. Available on JSTOR.
Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce. 1985. "Toward a Scientific Understanding of International Conflict." *International Studies Quarterly* 29(2):121-136. Available on JSTOR.
Achen, Christopher, and Duncan Snidal. 1989. "Rational Deterrence Theory and Comparative Case Studies." *World Politics* 41(2):143-169. Available on JSTOR.
Hopf, Ted. 1998. "The Promise of Constructivism in International Relations Theory." *International Security* 23(1):171-200. Available on JSTOR.

September 9th INTERNATIONAL POLITICS WITH OR WITHOUT RATIONALITY

Read: Milner, Helen. 1998. "Rationalizing Politics." *International Organization* 52(4):759-786. Available on JSTOR.
Walt, Stephen M. 1999. "Rigor or Rigor Mortis? Rational Choice and Security Studies." *International Security* 23(4):5-48. Available on JSTOR.
Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, and James D. Morrow. 1999. "Sorting Through the Wealth of Notions." *International Security* 24(2):56-73. Available on JSTOR.
Martin, Lisa L. 1999. "The Contributions of Rational Choice." *International Security* 24(2):74-83. Available on JSTOR.

James Fearon and Alexander Wendt. 2002. "Rationalism v. Constructivism: A Skeptical View," in Walter Carlsnaes, Thomas Risse, and Beth Simmons, *Handbook of International Relations* Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications: pp.52-72. Available from instructor.

September 16th ANARCHY: REALISM AND NEOREALISM

Read: Morgenthau, Hans J. 1960. "A Realist Theory of International Politics." Chapter 1 in his *Politics Among Nations, 3rd Edition*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. Available on Print Reserves.
Waltz, Kenneth. 1979. "Political Structures." and "Anarchic Orders and Balances of Power." Chapters 5 and 6 in his *Theory of International Politics*. New York: McGraw Hill Publishing Company. Available on Print Reserves.
Schweller, Randall. 1994. "Bandwagoning for Profit: Bringing the Revisionist State Back In." *International Security* 19(1):72-107. Available on JSTOR.
Brooks, Stephen G. 1997. "Dueling Realisms." *International Organization* 51(3):445-477. Available on JSTOR.
Mearsheimer, John J. 2001. "Anarchy and the Struggle for Power." Chapter 2 in his *Tragedy of Great Power Politics*. New York: W. W. Norton and Company. Available on Electronic Reserves.

September 23th PROBLEMS OF COOPERATION IN IR

Read: Hardin, Garrett. 1968. "The Tragedy of the Commons." *Science* 162(3859):1243-1248. Available on JSTOR.
Axelrod, Robert. 1984. "The Problem of Cooperation." Chapter 1 in his *The Evolution of Cooperation*. New York: Basic Books. Available on Print Reserves.
Grieco, Joseph M. 1988. "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation." *International Organization* 42(3):485-507. Available on JSTOR.
Krasner, Stephen D. 1991. "Global Communications and National Power." *World Politics* 43(3):336-366. Available on JSTOR.
Morrow, James D. 1994. "Modeling the Forms of International Cooperation." *International Organization* 48(3):387-423. Available on JSTOR.
Fearon, James D. 1998. "Bargaining, Enforcement, and International Cooperation." *International Organization* 52(2):269-305. Available on JSTOR.

September 30th INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS I: HEGEMONS, REGIMES AND IOS

Read: Krasner, Stephen D. 1982. "Structural Causes and Regime Consequences." *International Organization* 36(2):185-205. Available on JSTOR.
Axelrod, Robert, and Robert O. Keohane. 1985. "Achieving Cooperation Under Anarchy." *World Politics* 38(1):226-254. Available on JSTOR.
Snidal, Duncan. 1985. "The Limits of Hegemonic Stability Theory." *International Organization* 39(4):579-614. Available on JSTOR.
Haas, Peter M. 1989. "Do Regimes Matter?" *International Organization* 43(3):377-403. Available on JSTOR.
Mearsheimer, John J. 1994/1995. "The False Promise of International Institutions." *International Security* 19(3):5-49. Available on JSTOR.
Downs, George, David M. Rocke, and Peter N. Barsoom. 1996. "Is the Good News About Compliance Good News About Cooperation?" *International Organization* 50(3):379-406. Available on JSTOR.

October 7th In-Class Midterm Exam

October 14th INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS II: STRUCTURING INSTITUTIONS

Read: *Koremenos et al., entire.

- October 21st INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS III: DOMESTIC POLITICS
Read: Putnam, Robert D. 1988. "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two--Level Games." *International Organization* 42(3): 427--60. Available on JSTOR.
 *Kleine, Mareike. 2013. *Informal Governance in the European Union*. Cornell University Press. pp. TBD.
 Mansfield and Pevehouse 2008 Democratization and the Varieties of International Organizations. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52(2) 269-94. Available on JSTOR.
 Keohane, Robert O. Stephen Macedo, and Andrew Moravcsik. 2009. "Democracy Enhancing Multilateralism. *International Organization* 63(1):1-31. Available on JSTOR.
 Nelson Stephen. 2014. Playing Favorites: How Shared Beliefs Influence the IMF's Lending Decisions. *International Organization*. 68(2): 297-328. Available on author website.
- October 28th FOREIGN POLICY DECISION-MAKING: INSIGHTS FROM POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY
Read: *Rathbun, entire
- November 4th FOREIGN AID POLICY: IDEAS, INSTITUTIONS, INTERESTS
Read: *van der Veen, entire
 Dietrich, Simone. Donor Political Economies and the Pursuit of Aid Effectiveness. Forthcoming *International Organization*. Available through instructor.
- November 11th No Class
- November 18th NON-STATE ACTORS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
Read: *Global Shell Games, entire
- November 23rd No Class – Thanksgiving Break
- December 2nd INTERNATIONAL NORMATIVE CHANGE: CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES
Read: Martha Finnemore and Kathryn Sikkink. 1998. "International Norm Dynamics and Political Change," *International Organization* 52, 4: 887-917. Available on JSTOR.
 Neta Crawford, *Argument and Change in World Politics: Ethics, Decolonization, and Humanitarian Intervention*. 2002. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002: pp. 82-130, 387-398.
 David A. Lake and Wendy Wong. 2009. "The Politics of Networks: Interests, Power, and Human Rights Norms," in Miles Kahler, ed., *Networked Politics*; Cornell University Press. Available on Print Reserves.
 Jeffrey T. Checkel. 2005. "International Institutions and Socialization in Europe: Introduction and Framework," Frank Schimmelfennig. 2005. "Strategic Calculation and International Socialization," and Alastair Iain Johnston. 2005. "Conclusions and Extensions: Toward Mid-Range Theorizing and Beyond Europe," *International Organization*, 59, 4, pp. 801-826, pp. 827-860, and pp. 1013-1044. Available on JSTOR.
- December 9th GLOBALIZATION AND ECONOMIC POLICY
Read: *Globalization and Austerity Politics in Latin America, entire
- December 16th Final Review Essay Due