

IPS 204: Theories and Concepts in International Relations

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- **Course Description:** This course provides an introduction to the major concepts and theories in the field of International Relations (IR). By the end of the course, you should be familiar with some of the major debates in the field, and be comfortable using IR concepts and theories to understand and explain events in international politics. The course is a reading-intensive seminar, and the weekly meetings will be structured around student-led presentations and discussions of the assigned readings for the week. The student presentations should provide a brief overview of the main arguments of the readings and raise questions for group discussion. All students should prepare to participate in the group discussion by preparing discussion notes, which will be turned in at the end of each session of class. There are approximately 150-200 pages of required reading per week. The required readings are all in the course reader, which is available for purchase at the Stanford Book Store. A copy of the reader is also on reserve at Green Library. Some of the assigned articles are available on-line, through electronic resources such as JSTOR.
- **Requirements and Grading:** Grades for the course will be based on participation (40%), midterm examination (20%) and research paper (40%). Participation (40%) consists of class attendance, completion of the readings, active participation in discussion, class presentations, and the submission of weekly discussion notes. Discussion notes are questions, comments, critiques, or examples that serve as notes for you to use in the class discussions. They need not be elaborate, they need not be typed or consist of full sentences, and they will not be graded. They are designed primarily as

a means for you to actively engage with the readings and to prepare for the weekly discussion. The midterm exam (20%) will be a take-home exam and will consist of a 5-7 page essay that answers one of several questions to be handed out on October 27. The midterm will be due in class on November 3. The research paper (40%) will consist of a 20-25 page paper that uses a theory or theories of international relations to explain and understand a particular empirical problem or puzzle in international politics. The paper must be explanatory and analytical, rather than descriptive, and will require original research on a substantive topic of international politics. As you do your weekly readings, think about how you would use the theories and concepts introduced in the readings to analyze particular cases, issues or events in international politics. A sheet with further guidelines for the paper will be handed out before the midterm. Paper topics and a preliminary bibliography are to be submitted by November 17, and the paper is due December 8.

Course Outline and Syllabus

September 29

Week 1. International Relations as a Discipline: Classic Works

Key Concepts: *Social Science, International Politics, Levels of Analysis, Anarchy, Realism*

Stephen M. Walt, "International Relations: One World, Many Theories" *Foreign Policy* 110 Spring 1998: 29-44.

Kenneth N. Waltz, "Anarchic Orders and Balances of Power" in *Neorealism and Its Critics*, edited by Robert Keohane (New York: Columbia University Press, 1986): 99-130.

Hedley Bull, "Society and Anarchy in International Relations" in *Diplomatic Investigations: Essays in the Theory of International Relations*, edited by Herbert Butterfield and Martin Wight (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1966): 35-50.

David Singer, "The Levels-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations" *World Politics* 14 (1) 1961: 77-92.

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

Robert Putnam, "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games" *International Organization* 42 (3) Summer 1988: 427-460.

October 6

Week 2: Theorizing International Relations: Current Debates

Key Concepts: *Methodology/Rationalism/Constructivism/Organizational Approaches*

Peter J. Katzenstein, Robert O. Keohane and Stephen D. Krasner "International Organization and the Study of World Politics" *International Organization* 52 (4) Autumn 1998: 645-685.

James Fearon and Alexander Wendt, "Rationalism v. Constructivism: A Skeptical View" in *Handbook of International Relations* edited by Walter Carlsnaes, Thomas Risse and Beth A. Simmons (London: Sage Publications, 2002): 52-72.

John W. Meyer; John Boli; George M. Thomas; Francisco O. Ramirez "World Society and the Nation-State" *The American Journal of Sociology*, Volume 103, Issue 1 (Jul., 1997), 144-181.

Van Evera, Stephen. Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, pp. 1-24.

October 13

Week 3. War

Key Concepts: *War/Crisis/Survival of Leaders/Balance of Power*

Schelling, Thomas. "The Diplomacy of Violence" in *Arms and Influence* (1966). pp. 1-34.

Fearon, James. 1994. "Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes." *American Political Science Review* 90:715-735.

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce and Randolph Siverson. 1995. "War and the Survival of Political Leaders: A Comparative Study of Regime Types and Political Accountability." *American Political Science Review* 89:841-55.

Zeev Maoz, Bruce Russett "Normative and Structural Causes of Democratic Peace, 1946-1986" *The American Political Science Review*, Volume 87, Issue 3 (Sep., 1993), 624-638.

Daniel L. Byman and Kenneth M. Pollack, "Let Us Now Praise Great Men: Bringing the Statesman Back In" in *International Security* 25 (4) Spring 2001 107-146.

Robert Jervis, *Perception and Misperception in International Politics* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1976): 217-282.

Wendt, Alexander. 1992. "Anarchy is What States Make of It." *International Organization* 46:391-425.

October 20

Week 4. Keeping the World at Peace: Alliances, Deterrence, Hegemony

Key Concepts: *Alliances/Deterrence/Hegemony/Multipolarity/Stability*

Kydd, Andrew "Trust Building, Trust Breaking: The Dilemma of NATO Enlargement" *International Organization* 55 (4) Fall 2001, pp. 801-828.

Gelpi, Christopher. 1997. "Crime and Punishment: The Role of Norms in International Crisis Bargaining." *APSR* 91(2). pp. 339-360.

Paul K. Huth. 1999. "Deterrence and International Conflict: Empirical Findings and Theoretical Debates" *Annual Review of Political Science* 2:25-48.

William C. Wohlforth. 1999. "The Stability of a Unipolar World" *International Security* 24 (1) Summer 1999: 5-41.

Walter LaFeber, "The Post September 11 Debate Over Empire, Globalization and Fragmentation" *Political Science Quarterly* 117 (1) Spring 2002: 1-17.

October 27

Week 5. Economic Interdependence and Violent Conflict: Is Trade the Way to Peace?

Key Concepts: *Trade/Liberalism/Organizations/War*

Immanuel Kant. 1795. *Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch*.

John R. Oneal and Bruce M. Russett. "The Classical Liberals Were Right: Democracy, Interdependence, and Conflict, 1950-1985" *International Studies Quarterly*, Volume 41, Issue 2 (June, 1997), 267-293.

Nathaniel Beck, Jonathan N. Katz and Richard Tucker. "Taking Time Seriously: Time-Series-Cross-Section Analysis with a Binary Dependent Variable" *American Journal of Political Science*, Volume 42, Issue 4 (Oct., 1998), 1260-1288.

Bruce Russett, John R. Oneal, and David R. Davis. "The Third Leg of the Kantian Tripod for Peace: International Organizations and Militarized Disputes, 1950-1985" *International Organization* 52, 3, Summer 1998, pp. 441-467.

Edward D. Mansfield and Jon C. Pevehouse. *Trade Blocs, Trade Flows, and International Conflict*. *International Organization* 54, 4, Autumn 2000, pp. 775-808

November 3

Week 6. Managing the Global Economy: The International Trade and Financial Architecture

Key Concepts: *Exchange Rates/Capital Controls/International Lending/Trade Policy/Institutions*

Ruggie, John Gerard. 1998. "Embedded Liberalism and the Postwar Economic Regimes" Chapter 2 in Ruggie, *Constructing the World Polity: Essays on International Institutionalization* (New York: Routledge): 62-84.

Keohane, Robert. 2001. "Governance in a Partially Globalized World: Presidential Address, American Political Science Association, 2000." *American Political Science Review* 95:113.

Judith Goldstein, Michael Tomz and Douglas Rivers. 2003. Does the GATT Work? Working Paper. Stanford University, Department of Political Science.

Bailey, Michael, Judith Goldstein, and Barry R. Weingast, "The Institutional Roots of American Trade Policy: Politics, Coalitions, and International Trade," *World Politics* 49, no. 3 (April 1997): 309-338.

Kenneth Scheve and Matthew Slaughter. 2001. "Labor Market Competition and Individual Preferences Over Immigration Policy" *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 83 (1): 133-145.

J. Lawrence Broz, "The Political Economy of International Bailouts: Congressional Voting on Bailout Legislation in the 1990s," Working Paper.

November 10

Week 7. Causes and Consequences of Globalization: Is the State Passé ?

Key Concepts: *Above/Below the State/Globalization/Integration*

David R. Cameron. "The Expansion of the Public Economy: A Comparative Analysis" *The American Political Science Review*, Volume 72, Issue 4 (Dec., 1978), 1243-1261.

Iversen T and Cusack TR, "The Causes of Welfare State Expansion - Deindustrialization or Globalization?" *World Politics* 52 (April 2000), 313-49.

Peter J. Evans, "The Eclipse of the State? Reflections on Stateness in an Era of Globalization," *World Politics* 50 (1) 1997: 62-87.

Emmanuel Wallerstein, "The Rise and Future Demise of the World Capitalist System," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 16 (4) September 1974: 387-415.

Stephen D. Krasner, "Westphalia and All That," in *Ideas and Foreign Policy: Beliefs, Institutions, and Political Change*, edited by Judith Goldstein and Robert O. Keohane (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1993): 235-264.

Garrett, Geoffrey and Barry Weingast. 1993. "Ideas, Interests and Institutions: Constructing the European Community's Internal Market" In *Ideas and Foreign Policy: Beliefs, Institutions, and Political Change*, ed. Judith Goldstein and Robert Keohane. Cornell Studies in Political Economy Ithaca: Cornell University pp. 173-207.

Roman Wacziarg and Alberto Alesina, "Is Europe Going Too Far?" Carnegie-Rochester Conference Series on Public Policy. (supplement to the Journal of Monetary Economics), vol. 51, no. 1, December 1999, pp.1-42.

November 17

Week 8. Environmental Regulation, International Law, Grass-Root Movements

Key Concepts: *International Regimes/Environment/Human Rights/Non-State Actors*

Downs, George, David Rocke and Peter Barsoom. 1996. "Is the Good News about Compliance Good News about Cooperation?" *International Organization* 50:379-406.

Mitchell, Ronald B. 1994. "Regime Design Matters: Intentional Oil Pollution and Treaty Compliance." *International Organization* 48:425-458.

David G. Victor, "Enforcing International Law: Implications for an Effective Global Warming Regime," *Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum* 10, no. 1 (Fall 1999): 147-184.

Daniel Thomas. 1999. "The Helsinki Accords and Political Change in Eastern Europe" in *The Power of Human Rights: International Norms and Domestic Change* edited by Thomas Risse, Stephen C. Ropp, Kathryn Sikkink, Steve C. Ropp (Cambridge University Press) pp. 205-234.

Paul Wapner, "Politics Beyond the State: Environmental Activism and World Civic Politics," *World Politics* 47 April 1995: 311-340.

Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders: Networks in International Politics* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1998): 1-38.

November 24

Week 9. The New Violence: Civil War, Terrorism and Intervention

Key Concepts: *Intervention/Civil War/Terrorism/Failed States*

Andrew Kydd and Barbara F. Walter, "Sabotaging the Peace: The Politics of Extremist Violence" *International Organization* 56, 2, Spring 2002, pp. 263-296.

Fearon, James and David Laitin. 2003. "Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War." *American Political Science Review* 97:75-90.

Michael Doyle and Nicholas Sambanis, "International Peace-Building: Theoretical and Quantitative Analysis" *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 94, No. 4 December 2000: 779-801.

Michael Gilligan, and Stephen John Stedman "Where Do the Peacekeepers Go?" New York University and Stanford. Working Paper, First draft: May 9, 2001.

Erik Voeten, "Outside Options and the Logic of Security Council Action" *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 95, No. 4 December 2001: 845-858.

Martha Crenshaw, "Theories of Terrorism: Instrumental and Organizational Approaches," in David C. Rapoport (ed.), *Inside Terrorist Organizations* (NY: Columbia University Press, 1988): 13-31.

December 1

Week 10. International Relations at the Turn of a Century: Some New Paradigms, Plenty of New Actors, and the Coming Anti-American Revolt

Key Concepts: *Culture Clash/NGOs/Feminism/Sociology of Knowledge*

Samuel P. Huntington, "Clash of Civilizations" *Foreign Affairs* 72 (3) Summer 1993: 22-49.

Graham E. Fuller, "The Future of Political Islam" *Foreign Affairs* 81 (2) March/April 2002: 48-60.

Alexander Cooley and James Ron, "The NGO Scramble: Organizational Insecurity and the Political Economy of Transnational Action" in *International Security* 27 (1), Summer 2002: 5-39.

J. Ann Tickner, "You Just Dont Understand: Troubled Engagements between Feminists and IR Theorists," *International Studies Quarterly*, Volume 41, Issue 4 (Dec., 1997), 611-632.

Ole Wæver, "The Sociology of a Not So International Discipline: American and European Developments in International Relations" *International Organization* 52, 4, Autumn 1998, pp. 687-727.