

School: Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy B.A

Introduction to International Politics

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Course No.:	Course Type :	Weekly Hours :	Credit:
273	Lecture	3	3

Course Requirements :	Group Code :	Language:
Exam	211027301	English

Prerequisites

Students who took one of the courses listed below will not be allowed to register to the course Introduction to International Politics (273):

850 - International Politics

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the academic discipline of International Relations (IR) or International Politics. In the first part of the course, we will discuss the following issues:

- What is international politics?
- The actors in international politics: nation-states, international organizations, NGOs and others
- The meaning and purpose of theory in the social sciences and in International Politics, and its limitations
- The major theoretical approaches or schools of thought in International Politics

We will devote most of the course to exploring two of the three major theoretical schools of thought in IR: Realism and Liberalism. (The third school of thought will be discussed next semester).

In discussing realism, we will explore the following issues:

- The major realist ideas across the ages: power (and its meaning), the national interest, and international anarchy
- The major classical realist philosophers
- Why do so many people dislike realism?
- Modern realism and its two major competing variants: offensive vs. defensive realism
- The theories of the balance of power and the balance of threat
- The theory of international systems

In exploring liberalism, we will discuss:

- The classical liberal philosophers and their modern followers
- The major themes of liberalism: democracy, free trade and international institutions
- The modern theory of the democratic peace
- The theory of commercial peace (peace through trade)
- International institutions and their contribution to peace

Course Goals

The goals of the course are the following:

To allow the students develop an understanding of the meaning and purpose of the academic discipline of International Relations (IR)

To help the students acquire the basic concepts, issues and ideas in International Relations

To provide the students with a good understanding of the two major theoretical schools of thought in International Relations: Realism and Liberalism

To develop a knowledge base for further more advanced studies in International Relations

Grading

The requirements of the course are:

- Attending at least 80% of the lectures
- Reading the required items in the course syllabus
- Taking an exam at the end of the course.

The exam will be 100% of the course grade.

Reading List

Program of the Course and the Reading Assignments

Some of the readings below are taken from the following three anthologies that are available in the library:

Phil Williams, Donald M. Goldstein and Jay M. Shafritz (eds.), *Classic Readings of International Relations*, 2nd edition (Fort Worth, Texas: Harcourt Brace College Publishers, 1999).

Robert Art and Robert Jervis (eds.), *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*, 5th edition (New York: Longman, 2000).

Richard Betts (ed.), *Conflict after the Cold War: Arguments on Causes of War and Peace*, 3rd edition (New York: Pearson/Longman, 2008).

Some of the recommended readings are taken from the two following textbooks, also available in the library:

Charles W. Kegley and Eugene R. Wittkopf, *World Politics: Trends and Transformation*, 9th edition (New York: St. Martin's Press, 2004).

Bruce Russett and Harvey Starr, *World Politics: The Menu for Choice*, 8th edition (Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2004).

1. Introduction: What is International Politics All About? Who Are the Actors in International Politics?

Required Readings:

Jessica Mathews, "Power Shift", *Foreign Affairs*, vol.76, no. 1 (January-February 1997), pp. 50-66.

John Rapley, "The New Middle Ages", *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 85, no. 3 (May-June 2006), pp. 95-103.

Recommended Readings (Optional):

Anne-Marie Slaughter, "The Real New World Order", *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 76, no. 5 (September – October 1997), pp. 183-197.

James N. Rosenau, "The Two Worlds of World Politics", in *Classic Readings*, pp. 580-587 (reading no. 56).

John H. Herz, "The Territorial State Revisited: Reflections on the Future of the Nation State", in *Classic Readings*, pp. 119-130 (reading no. 19).

Richard Mansbach, Yale H. Ferguson, and Donald E. Lampert, "Toward a New Conceptualization of Global Politics", in *Classic Readings*, pp. 191-202 (reading no. 23).

Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, "Transnational Activist Networks", in Art and Jervis, *International Politics*, pp. 547-553.

Russett and Starr, *World Politics*, chapter 3: "International Actors: States and Other Players on the World Stage", pp. 47-63.

Kegley and Wittkopf, *World Politics*, chapter 5: "Non-State Actors in the International System", pp. 135-185.

Kegley and Wittkopf, *World Politics*, chapter 8: "Does Globalization Spell the End of Borders as Boundaries?" pp. 265-302.

2. Competing Theoretical Approaches to IR: An Introduction

Required Reading:

Stephen Walt, "International Relations: One World, Many Theories", *Foreign Policy*, no. 110 (1998), pp. 29-46.

Jack Snyder, "One World, Rival Theories", *Foreign Policy*, no. 145 (2004), pp. 52-62.

3. The Realist School of Thought (1): The Classical Realists

Required Reading:

Hans J. Morgenthau, "Six Principles of Political Realism", in *Classic Readings of International Relations*, 2nd edition, edited by Phil Williams, Donald M. Goldstein and Jay M. Shafritz (Fort Worth, Texas: Harcourt Brace College Publishers, 1999), pp. 43-48 (reading no. 8).

Recommended Reading (Optional):

Thucydides, "Reflections on the Peloponnesian War", in *Classic Readings*, pp. 222-230 (reading no. 25).

Niccolo Machiavelli, "Recommendations for the Prince", in *Classic Readings*, pp. 30-35 (reading no.5).

Thomas Hobbes, "Relations among Sovereigns", in *Classic Readings*, pp. 35-38 (reading no.6).

Edward H. Carr, "The Realist Critique and the Limitations of Realism", in *Classic Readings*, pp. 39-43 (reading no.7).

4. The Realist School of Thought (2): Neo-Realism, the Balance of Power, International Systems Theory, and Defensive versus Offensive Realism

Required Reading:

John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (New York: Norton, 2001), pp. 1-54.

Recommended Reading (Optional):

Hans J. Morgenthau, "The Balance of Power", in *Classic Readings*, pp. 246-250 (reading no.29).

Kenneth N. Waltz, "The Anarchic Structure of World Politics", in Art and Jervis, *International Politics*, pp. 49-68.

Kenneth N. Waltz, "International Conflict and International Anarchy: The Third Image", in *Classic Readings*, pp. 231-233 (reading no. 26).

John J. Herz, "The Security Dilemma in the Atomic Age", in *Classic Readings*, pp. 234-237 (reading no. 27)

Kenneth N. Waltz, "The Stability of a Bipolar World", in *Classic Readings*, pp. 77-85 (reading no.13).

Karl W. Deutsch and J. David Singer, "Multipolar Power Systems and International Stability", in *Classic Readings*, pp. 85-88 (reading no.14).

A. J. F. Organski, "Criticism of Balance of Power Theory", in *Classic Readings*, pp. 250-254 (reading no.30).

Stephen Walt, "Alliance Formation and the Balance of World Power", *International Security*, vol. 9, no. 1985(4)), pp. 3-43.

Randall Schweller, "Bandwagoning for Profit: Bringing the Revisionist State Back In", *International Security*, vol. 19, no. 1 (1994), pp. 72-107.

5. The Liberal School of Thought (1): Introduction

Required Reading:

Francis Fukuyama, "The End of History?" *The National Interest*, no. 16, summer 1989, pp. 3-18

Recommended Reading (Optional):

Bruce Russett and John Oneal, *Triangulating Peace: Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations* (New York and London: Norton and Company, 2001), ch. 1, pp. 15-42.

Immanuel Kant, "Perpetual Peace", in Betts, *Conflict after the Cold War*, pp. 122-128.

Norman Angell, "The Great Illusion", in Betts, *Conflict after the Cold War*, pp. 271-272.

Geoffrey Blainey, "Paradise is a Bazaar", in Betts, *Conflict after the Cold War*, pp. 273-280.

Richard Rosecrance, "Trade and Power", in Betts, *Conflict after the Cold War*, pp. 319-332.

Michael Doyle, "Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs", in Art and Jervis, *International Politics*, pp. 97-109.

Woodrow Wilson, "Community of Power vs. Balance of Power", in Betts, *Conflict after the Cold War*, pp. 132-134.

Inis J. Claude, "Collective Security as an Approach to Peace", in *Classic Readings*, pp. 254-266 (reading no. 31).

6. The Liberal School of Thought (2): Democratic Peace Theory

Required Reading:

Azar Gat, "The Return of Authoritarian Great Powers", *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 86, no. 4 (July-August 2007), pp. 59-69.

Daniel Deudney and John Ikenberry, "The Myth of the Autocratic Revival: Why Liberal Democracy Will Prevail", *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 88, no. 1 (January-February 2009), pp. 77-93.

Azar Gat et al., "Which Way Is History Marching? Debating the Authoritarian Revival", *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 88, no. 4 (July-August 2009), pp. 150-159.

Recommended Reading (Optional):

Bruce Russett and John Oneal, *Triangulating Peace: Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations* (Norton, 2001), chaps. 2-3, pp. 43-124.

Zeev Maoz and Bruce Russett, "Structural and Normative Causes of Peace Between Democracies", *American Political Science Review*, vol. 87, no. 3 (1993), pp. 624-638.

Christopher Layne, "Kant or Can't? The Myth of the Democratic Peace", *International Security*, vol. 19, no. 2 (1994), pp. 5-49.

Raymond Cohen, "Pacific Unions: A Reappraisal of the Theory that 'Democracies Do Not Go to War with Each Other'", *Review of International Studies*, vol. 20, no. 3 (1994), pp. 207-223.

Edward Mansfield and Jack Snyder, "Democratization and War", *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 74, no. 3 (1995), pp. 79-97.

Sebastian Rosato, "The Flawed Logic of Democratic Peace Theory", *American Political Science Review*, vol. 97, no. 4 (2003), pp. 585-602. (*)

Zeev Maoz, "The Controversy over the Democratic Peace: Rearguard Action or Cracks in the Wall", *International Security*, vol. 22, no. 1 (1997), pp. 162-198.

7. The Liberal School of Thought (3): Commercial Peace Theory

Required Reading:

Dale Copeland, "Economic Interdependence and War: A Theory of Trade Expectations", *International Security*, vol. 20, no. 4 (1996), pp. 5-41.

Recommended Reading (Optional):

Richard Rosecrance, *The Rise of the Trading State: Commerce and Conquest in the Modern World* (New York: Basic Books, 1986), pp. 22-43, 155-162.

Neil Richardson, "International Trade as a Source for Peace", in *Controversies in International Relations Theory: Realism and the Neoliberal Challenge*, edited by Charles Kegley (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1995), pp. 281-294.

Bruce Russett and John Oneal, *Triangulating Peace: Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations* (Norton, 2001), chap. 4, pp. 125-156.

Katherine Barbieri, *The Liberal Illusion: Does Trade Promote Peace?* (Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press, 2005), chaps. 1-2, pp. 1-42.

Katherine Barbieri, "Economic Interdependence: A Path to Peace or a Source of Interstate Conflict?" *Journal of Peace Research*, vol. 33, no. 1 (1996), pp. 29-50.

Geoffrey Blainey, "Paradise is a Bazaar", in Betts, *Conflict after the Cold War: Arguments on Causes of War and Peace*, 3rd edition (New York: Pearson/Longman, 2008), pp. 273-280.

7. The Liberal School of Thought (4): Liberal Institutionalism

Required Reading:

John Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions", *International Security*, vol. 19, no. 3 (1994/95), pp. 5-49.

[You do not have to read pages 37-46]

Recommended Reading (Optional):

Kegley and Wittkopf, *World Politics*, chapter 15, "The Liberal Institutional Paths to Peace", pp. 569-609.

Robert Keohane, "Neoliberal Institutionalism: A Perspective on World Politics", in *International Institutions and State Power: Essays in International Relations Theory*, by Robert Keohane (Westview Press, 1989), pp. 1-20.

Joseph Grieco, "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Institutionalism", *International Organization*, vol. 42, no. 4 (1988), pp. 485-507.

David Baldwin, "Neoliberalism, Neorealism, and World Politics", in *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*, edited by David Baldwin (New York: Columbia University Press, 1993), pp. 3-28.

Lisa Martin and Robert Keohane, "The Promise of Institutional Theory", *International Security*, vol. 20, no. 1 (1995), pp. 39-51.

Robert Jervis, "Realism, Neoliberalism, and Cooperation: Understanding the Debate", *International Security*, vol. 24, no.1 (1999), pp. 42-63.

David Lake, "Beyond Anarchy: The Importance of Security Institutions", *International Security*, vol. 26, no. 1 (2001), pp. 129-160.