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Objectives

This course provides an introduction to the field of International Relations (IR) and serves as a drive belt for the International Relations Theory course. The objective is to present a set of concepts that serve to account for the main dynamics of international relations. IR is a very broad and complex field of study where it is relatively easy to get lost if you do not have a solid conceptual basis. Therefore, this course seeks to introduce students to a specific language and knowledge of a pattern of activities that sustain international society. In other words, it seeks to present a set of answers to the question "how does world politics work?"

By the end of the course they are expected to have learned about how the current international system was constructed and how it is replicated today; what are the fundamental patterns of conduct that sustain international society; What kind of information can we obtain to study international phenomena and what are the main challenges facing today's international society.

Organization

The course will be organized into two master classes and a tutorial class. The master classes will be in charge of Federico Merke and the tutorial classes by Connor Fernández and Agustina Jacobo. Generally speaking, each week will be dedicated to a particular topic that will be addressed in both master classes and tutorials. The master classes will be based on the mandatory bibliography requested to be read in these classes. The tutorial classes will be largely in the hands of students. They will be instances of construction of collective knowledge where a student (or two at most) will be in charge of making a presentation on a topic in question and that will serve for discussion in class. The tutorials will be a very important moment to clarify doubts and express concerns regarding the content of the subject.

Virtual classes will be synchronous through the Zoom platform. The link to the master classes and tutorials is available on the campus virtual of the subject.

Evaluation

This course will be evaluated by one (1) partial exam, (2) a final exam; (3) a presentation in a tutorial and (4) class participation. The partial exam and the final exam will each be worth 35% of the final grade. The presentation in the tutorial will be worth 20% and the participation in class will be worth 10% of the final grade.

Plagiarism and intellectual dishonesty

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The University of San Andrés requires strict adherence to the canons of intellectual honesty. The existence of plagiarism constitutes a serious dishonor, improper in university life. Its configuration not only occurs with the existence of a literal copy in the exams but whenever an abusive use of the intellectual effort of others is noticed. The Code of Ethics of the University considers punishable conduct the appropriation of intellectual work of others detracting from the contents of novelty and originality that can be expected in the required works. The alleged violation of these rules will lead to the formation of an Ethics Tribunal that, depending on the seriousness of the offense, will recommend disciplinary sanctions that may include warning, suspension or expulsion.

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Class schedule and bibliography

All course bibliography is available in the following Google Drive folder:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Enisczz7_JNiBwGFyOzm0LN6L9MfyKXC?usp=s_haring

Week of August 2: The Study of International Relations

Lake, David *et al* (2019) *World Politics*, New York: W.W. Norton, Introduction, "What is World Politics and Why do We Study it?"

Pevehouse, Jon and Joshua Goldstein (2017) *International Relations*, Boston: Pearson, Chapter 1, "The Globalization of International Relations".

Week of August 9: Actors and preferences in international politics

Lake, David *et al* (2019) *World Politics*, New York: W.W. Norton, Chapter 1, "What Shaped Our World?".

Wittek, Rafael, Tom AB Snijders, and Victor Nee, eds. (2013) *The Handbook of Rational Choice Social Research*, Stanford: Stanford University Press. Introduction.

Lake, David *et al* (2019) *World Politics*, New York: W.W. Norton, Chapter 2, "Understanding Interests, Interactions, and Institutions."

Week of August 16: International relations as strategic interaction

Lake, David *et al* (2019) *World Politics*, New York: W.W. Norton, Chapter 2, "Understanding Interests, Interactions, and Institutions."

Mingst, Karen and Iván Arreguín-Toft (2017) *Essentials of International Relations*, New York: W. W. Norton & Company. Chapter 4.

Koremenos, Barbara (2016) *The Continent of International Law*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 2.

Week of August 23: Power and the powerful

Bull, Hedley (2005) *La Sociedad Anárquica*, Madrid, Los Libros de la Catarata, chap. 9.

Beckley, Michael (2018) 'The Power of Nations', *International Security* 43(2): 7-44.

Moyer, Jonathan, Collin J. Meisel, Austin S. Matthews, David K. Bohl, and Mathew J. Burrows (2021) 'China-US competition measuring global influence', <https://drupalwebsitepardee.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/Documents/China-US+Competition+Report+2021.pdf>.

We will work with the online database:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/pardeecenterifs/viz/FBICDataVizFinal_16195805654860/FBIInteractiveDataViz

Week of August 30: The politics of power

Shimko, Keith (2014) *International Relations*, Boston: Cengage Learning, Chapter 3, "Power Politics".

Week of September 6: the least powerful

Bull, Hedley (1984) 'The Revolt Against the West', in Hedley Bull and Adam Watson, eds., *The Expansion of International Society*, Oxford, Clarendon Press, 217-228.

Buzan, Barry and George Lawson (2015) *The Global Transformation*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, chapters 6 and 7.

Week of September 13: the war

Lake, David *et al* (2019) *World Politics*, New York: W.W. Norton, chapters 3 and 5. Pevehouse, Jon and Joshua Goldstein (2017) *International Relations*, Boston: Pearson,

Chapter 5, "International Conflict".

The Economist (2018) *The Future of War*, Special Report, January 18th.

Week of September 20 to October 1: midterm exams

Week of October 4: Safety

Williams, Paul (2008), 'Security Studies: An Introduction', in Paul Williams, ed. *Security Studies*, London, Routledge, Chapter 1.

Hurd, Ian (2018) 'The UN Security Council', in Alexandra Gheciu and William C. Wohlforth, eds, *The Oxford Handbook of International Security*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Lake, David *et al* (2019) *World Politics*, New York: W.W. Norton, chapter 5.

Week of October 11: diplomacy

Bull, Hedley (2005) *La Sociedad Anárquica*, Madrid, Los Libros de la Catarata, capítulo 7.

Balzacq, Thierry, Frédéric Charillon and Frédéric Ramel (2020) *Global Diplomacy*, Chapter 3, "Multilateral Diplomacy".

Voeten, Erik (2013) 'Data and Analyses of Voting in the United Nations', in Bob Reinalda, ed. *The Routledge Handbook of International Organization*, London: Routledge: 54-66

Week of 18 October: international law

Bull, Hedley (2005) *The Anarchic Society*, Madrid, Los Libros de la Catarata, chapter 6
Guzman, Andrew (2008) *How International Law Works*, Oxford: Oxford University Press,

Chapter 2.

Lake, David *et al* (2019) *World Politics*, New York: W.W. Norton, chapter 11.

Week of October 25: the global market and economic development

Lake, David *et al* (2019) *World Politics*, New York: W.W. Norton, chapters 7 and 10

Week of 1 November: democracy and human rights

Lake, David *et al* (2019) *World Politics*, New York: W.W. Norton, chapter 12.

Krasner, Stephen (2020 'Learning to Leave With Despots', *Foreign Affairs*, 99(2), March/April.

Week of November 8: caring for the planet

Lake, David *et al* (2019) *World Politics*, New York: W.W. Norton, chapter 13
Colgan, Jeff D., Jessica F. Green, and Thomas N. Hale (2021) "Asset Revaluation and the

Existential Politics of Climate Change", *International Organization* 75(2): 586-610.

Aklin, Michaël, and Matto Mildemberger (2020) "Prisoners of the Wrong Dilemma: Why Distributive Conflict, Not Collective Action, Characterizes the Politics of Climate Change", *Global Environmental Politics* 20(4): 4-27.

Week of November 15: review and balance of the course

Week from November 22 to December 10 (November 22 and December 8 are holidays): final exams.

The selection of bases included below is for illustrative purposes. There is a huge variety of databases, most of which are freely accessible on the Internet. The objective of working with databases in this course is to serve as a first incentive to explore what databases exist and are available; to reflect on how suitable they are to measure different aspects of reality; and to identify potential uses of them in the analysis of international politics.

General *dataCorrelates of War (COW)* country code

Country coding widely accepted and used in international relations databases.

<http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/cow-country-codes>

Note: In Stata you can standardize country names, regions, and codes (including CoW encoding with the `kcountry` command, which can be installed via the following code: `net install kcountry.pkg`)

State System Membership of *Correlates of War (CoW)* <http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/state-system-membership> Rulers and Chancellors

In some countries the data begin in the nineteenth century.

<http://rulers.org/>

Multidisciplinary bases

Quality of Government Dataset – Standard Database (QOG)

Database that collects information from more than 100 databases, including many of those listed in this guide. In this way, it offers about 2500 variables from all states between 1946 and 2016.

<http://qog.pol.gu.se/data/datadownloads/qogstandarddata>

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Power, War and Peace

CoW Wars

It includes the wars that occurred between 1816 and 2007. Includes 4 bases: interstate wars; intrastate; between non-State units; and between a State and a non-State unit outside its territory.

<http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/COW-war>

Militarized interstate disputes (MID) of CoW

Database on conflicts in which one or more states threatened, mobilized or used force against one or more states between 1816 and 2010.

<http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/MIDs>

Composite Index of National Capability (CINC) de CoW

Data available between 1816 and 2010

<http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/national-material-capabilities>

CoW Alliances

Databases of Alliances between States, between 1816 and 2012

<http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/formal-alliances>

UCDP/PRIO Armed Conflict Database

Armed conflicts, international and internal, between 1946 and 2016

<https://www.prio.org/Data/Armed-Conflict/UCDP-PRIO/>

International Crisis Behavior (ICB)

Security crisis between 1918 and 2013.

<https://sites.duke.edu/icbdata/>

Global Peace Index

<http://visionofhumanity.org/indexes/global-peace-index/>

SIPRI Military Expenditures Database

www.sipri.org/databases/milex

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Norwegian Initiative on Small Arms Transfer (NISAT)

Trade in small arms, between 1992 and 2014.

<http://nisat.prio.org/>

Diplomacy and institutionsUnited Nations Treaty Collection

https://treaties.un.org/Pages/Overview.aspx?path=overview/overview/page1_en.xml CoW

Diplomatic Exchange <http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/diplomatic-exchange>

CoW Intergovernmental Organizations <http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/IGOs>

Affinity Index Includes

information up to 2002. Continued on the Affinity of Nations Score.

<http://pages.ucsd.edu/~egartzke/datasets.htm>

UN General Assembly Voting Data / Affinity of Nations Score

<https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=hdl:1902.1/12379>

Global Diplomacy Index

<https://globaldiplomacyindex.lowyinstitute.org/>

Good Country Index

<https://goodcountry.org/index/results>

Freedom in the World <http://www.freedomhouse.org/report-types/freedom-world>

Failed States Index

<http://fundforpeace.org/fsi/>

Polity IV Project

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Database of classification of political regimes according to their level of democracy between 1800 and 2010.

<http://www.systemicpeace.org/polity/polity4.htm>

Varieties of Democracy

Different measures of democracy for states between 1900 and 2016.

<https://www.v-dem.net/en/data/data-version-6-2/>

Worldwide Governance Indicator

Governance indicators by country, between 1996 and 2015.

<http://info.worldbank.org/governance/wgi/index.aspx#home>

Human Rights Treaties and other instruments

Information on all international treaties and international or regional human rights legal instruments.

<http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/treaties.htm>

CIRI Human Rights Data Project

Government respect for 15 internationally recognized human rights by 195 countries, between 1981-2010. A (free) user must be created to access the data.

<http://www.humanrightsdata.com/>

PEW Research Center – Global Attitudes and Trends

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

Economy, Trade and Development

World Databank – World Development Indicators & Global Development Finance

World Bank databases that provide quantitative information on basic indicators of economic development: population, GDP, GDP per capita, poverty, Gini index, etc. (in total, it has 1,260 indicators) for all countries of the world (and some territorial dependencies) since 1960.

<http://databank.worldbank.org/data/home.aspx>

Human Development Index

<http://hdr.undp.org/en/statistics/>

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GINI Index

<http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SI.POV.GINI/>

Index of Globalization

<http://globalization.kof.ethz.ch/>

Fraser Institute's Economic Freedom Index

<http://www.freetheworld.com/reports.html>

International trade in CoW

Database on total foreign trade by country and bilateral trade.

<http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/bilateral-trade/international-trade-1870-2009-v3-0>

OECD Data

OECD Membership Database.

<https://data.oecd.org/>

OECD database – DAC and CRS (Official Development Cooperation)

Databases with information on official development cooperation flows from the 23 DAC donors, some OECD members, Arab countries, multilateral organizations and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Information can be broken down into recipient countries, type of cooperation and policy sector supported. 1960-2010 (for the DAC database) and 1995-2010 (for the CRS database).

DAC: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/oecdstat-faq.htm> CRS:

<http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?datasetcode=CRS1> **Environmental Performance Index**

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

WRI's CAIT Climate Data Explorer

A set of databases that includes, inter alia, States' historical greenhouse gas emissions, future projections, and contributions submitted under the UNFCCC. <http://cait.wri.org/>