

## International Politics and Society 2024 Syllabus

### Course Description

This course covers the most prominent theories and arguments in international relations and broader globalization scholarship. It places special emphasis on the evolution of social-scientific thinking over international affairs, in order to situate contemporary debates into their historical and geographical context. The varied material presented here is intended to go to first principles, rather than expose you to contemporary cutting-edge empirical research. Nonetheless, based on the material covered in this class, you will be able to situate more recent studies into the traditions from which they emerged and become a more sophisticated consumer—and possibly producer!—of international affairs scholarship.

### Assessment

Response Memos (60%): All students will write two ~2pg memos reacting to pre-agreed upon themes from classes 3-6. These memos are not summaries; students should address and criticise the core issues covered in the reviewed articles, aiming to raise 2-3 interesting questions through further reading, critique, comparison, and so on. Response papers are due a day before the relevant class and will form the basis of a short presentation in class and subsequent chairing of the discussion.

Review Paper (40%): At the end of the course, you are expected to employ the knowledge you have amassed to review a relatively recent book or small collection (circa 3) of thematically coherent articles on international relations or globalization. This review is intended to provide a springboard for exploring a theoretical issue or empirical puzzle that interests you. The review should be 3,000-4,000 words, excluding references. **Deadline TBC.**

### Summary Course Plan

<u>Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1	Foundations of international relations
2	The core theoretical perspectives
3	Power, hegemony and networks in the world polity
4	International institutions and international organisations
5	Domestic politics and international affairs
6	Climate change and the age of ‘polycrisis’

## Readings

The following preliminary list of readings will be revisited based on class interests.

### Globalization, international relations and their analytical foundations

- Singer, J. David. 1961. "The Level-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations." *World Politics* 14 (1): 77–92. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2009557>.
- Waltz, Kenneth N. 1979. *Theory of International Politics*. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley. [Chapter 1]
- Rodriguez, J. Luis, and Christy Thornton. 2022. "The Liberal International Order and the Global South: A View from Latin America." *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* 35(5):626–38. doi: [10.1080/09557571.2022.2107326](https://doi.org/10.1080/09557571.2022.2107326).
- Henderson, Errol A. 2017. "The Revolution Will Not Be Theorised: Du Bois, Locke, and the Howard School's Challenge to White Supremacist IR Theory." *Millennium* 45 (3): 492–510. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0305829817694246>.
- Helleiner, Eric, and Antulio Rosales. 2017. "Toward Global IPE: The Overlooked Significance of the Haya-Mariátegui Debate." *International Studies Review* 19(4):667–91. doi: [10.1093/isr/vix034](https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/vix034).

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### The core theoretical perspectives

- Realism: Keohane, Robert O., ed. 1986. *Neorealism and Its Critics*. New York: Columbia University Press. [Chapters 4 & 5 by Waltz]
- Liberalism: Keohane, Robert O. 1982. "The Demand for International Regimes." *International Organization* 36 (2): 325–55. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S002081830001897X>.
- Constructivism: Hurd, Ian. 1999. "Legitimacy and Authority in International Politics." *International Organization* 53 (2): 379–408. <https://doi.org/10.1162/002081899550913>.
- Feminism: Tickner, J. Ann. 2001. *Gendering World Politics: Issues and Approaches in the Post-Cold War Era*. New York: Columbia University Press. [Introduction and Chapter 1]
- Marxism: Wallerstein, Immanuel. 2004. *World-Systems Analysis*. Durham: Duke University Press. [Chapter 2]
- Post-colonialism: Seth, Sanjay. 2011. "Postcolonial Theory and the Critique of International Relations." *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 40 (1): 167–83. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0305829811412325>.

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### Power, hegemony, and networks in the world polity

- Mattern, Janice Bially, and Ayşe Zarakol. 2016. "Hierarchies in World Politics." *International Organization* 70 (3): 623–54. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818316000126>.
- Ikenberry, G. John. 2001. *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. [Chapters 1-3]
- Beckfield, Jason. 2010. "The Social Structure of the World Polity." *American Journal of Sociology* 115 (4): 1018–68. <https://doi.org/10.1086/649577>.
- Carpenter, R. Charli. 2011. "Vetting the Advocacy Agenda: Network Centrality and the Paradox of Weapons Norms." *International Organization* 65 (1): 69–102. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818310000329>.
- Farrell, Henry, and Abraham L. Newman. 2019. "Weaponized Interdependence: How Global Economic Networks Shape State Coercion." *International Security* 44 (1): 42–79. [https://doi.org/10.1162/isec\\_a\\_00351](https://doi.org/10.1162/isec_a_00351).

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### **International institutions and international organisations**

- Barnett, Michael N, and Martha Finnemore. 1999. "The Politics, Power, and Pathologies of International Organizations." *International Organization* 53 (4): 699–732.
- Babb, Sarah L, and Nitsan Chorev. 2016. "International Organizations: Loose and Tight Coupling in the Development Regime." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 51 (1): 81–102. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12116-016-9217-7>.
- Finnemore, Martha. 1993. "International Organizations as Teachers of Norms: The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization and Science Policy." *International Organization* 47 (4): 565. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818300028101>.
- Martin, Lisa L, and Beth A Simmons. 1998. "Theories and Empirical Studies of International Institutions." *International Organization* 52 (4): 729–57. <https://doi.org/10.1162/002081898550734>.
- Meyer, John W, David John Frank, Ann Hironaka, Evan Schofer, and Nancy Brandon Tuma. 1997. "The Structuring of a World Environmental Regime, 1870–1990." *International Organization* 51 (4): 623–51. <https://doi.org/10.1162/002081897550474>.
- Ruggie, John Gerard. 1982. "International Regimes, Transactions, and Change: Embedded Liberalism in the Postwar Economic Order." *International Organization* 36 (2): 379–415. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818300018993>.

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### **Domestic politics and international affairs**

- Chaudoin, Stephen, Helen V. Milner, and Xun Pang. 2015. "International Systems and Domestic Politics: Linking Complex Interactions with Empirical Models in International Relations." *International Organization* 69 (2): 275–309. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818314000356>.
- Frieden, Jeffrey A. 1991. "Invested Interests: The Politics of National Economic Policies in a World of Global Finance." *International Organization* 45 (4): 425–51. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818300033178>.
- Halliday, Terence C, and Bruce G Carruthers. 2007. "The Recursivity of Law: Global Norm Making and National Lawmaking in the Globalization of Corporate Insolvency Regimes." *American Journal of Sociology* 112 (4): 1135–1202. <https://doi.org/10.1086/507855>.
- Moravcsik, Andrew. 1997. "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics." *International Organization* 51 (4): 513–53. <https://doi.org/10.1162/002081897550447>.
- Putnam, Robert D. 1988. "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games." *International Organization* 42 (03): 427–60. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818300027697>.

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### **Climate change and the age of 'polycrisis'**

Readings TBC.