



SAINT LOUIS
UNIVERSITY
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POLS-461 – International Relations: Theory and Practice
Spring Term 2008 – Mon., Wed. & Friday 13.00-13.50
Office hours: Tuesdays 1-4 p.m.
Instructor: Mario Ojeda Revah (ojedam@madrid.slu.edu)



Objective: An introduction to the principles of international relations, including the central concepts and theories used to understand international affairs. Topics covered include the causes of war and peace, economic relations among states, humanitarian intervention, terrorism and immigration. A survey of historical cases, as well as changes that have taken place since the end of the Cold War and, more recently, September 11.

Grade Scale:

A	93%-100%
A-	90%-92%
B+	87%-89%
B	83%-86%
B-	80%-82%
C+	73%-79%
C	67%-72%
C-	60%-66%
D	50%-59%
F	0%-49%

Course Credits: 3

Grade Components:

20%	Mid-term exam
30%	Paper and oral presentation
35%	Final
15%	Participation

Requirements: Students should complete the readings before the date for which they are listed in the course outline. Students will be graded on the basis of a mid-term exam, one paper (1.500 words), an oral presentation on the topic of the paper (which will be accompanied by a short one-page briefing on the presentation), and a final exam. Participation in class will also be evaluated.

Last day to drop this class and not receive a grade "W": 23rd. January 2008

Last day to drop this class and receive a grade "W": 02nd April 2008

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POLS-293 – PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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COURSE BOOK

Baylis, John and Smith, Steve (2001), *The Globalization of World Politics. An Introduction to International Relations* (Oxford Univ. Press: Oxford) (3rd Edition).

COURSE SCHEDULE

January 16 Introduction to course

PART I: THE WORLD IN THEORY

January 18 Issues at Work: Key Concepts in the International System

Reading: pp: 19-45 Baylis & Smith.

January 21 International Society: Emergence and Development

Reading: Part One (pp. 45-131) Baylis & Smith

January 23 & 25 Theoretical Maps: Realism

Reading: p. 161-185 Baylis & Smith

January 28 & 30 Theoretical Maps: Liberalism

Reading: p. 185-205 Baylis & Smith

February 1 & 4 Theoretical Updates: Neo-Realism & Neo-Liberalism

Reading: p. 205-225 Baylis & Smith

February 6, 8 & 10. Alternative Theories: Feminism, Marxism and Social Constructivism

Reading: p. 225-271 Baylis & Smith

PART II: THE ACTORS AND THE CONTEXT

Mon. 12th & Wed. 14th Feb.

Globalization: Agency Vs Structure

Reading: 297-325 Baylis & Smith

February 15 International Law

Reading: p. 349-369 Baylis & Smith

February 18 Diplomacy

Reading: 387-405 Baylis & Smith

February 20 Environmental Issues

Reading: 451-479 Baylis & Smith

February 22 Nationalism

Reading: 521-539 Baylis & Smith

Mon. 25th Feb.

MID-TERM EXAM

February 27 & 29 Culture Moves

Reading: 539-555 Baylis & Smith

March 1-9 Spring Break

March 10 & 12 Humanitarian Issues

Reading: 555-579 Baylis & Smith

March 14 & 17 European Integration

Reading: 579-594 Baylis & Smith

March 19 Poverty, Development and Hunger

Reading: 645-666 Baylis & Smith

March 24 Oral Presentations I

Report for ALL presentations due on this day to be handed in BEFORE class begins!!!

March 26 Oral Presentations II

March 28 Gender Issues

Reading: 669-685 Baylis & Smith

April 2 & 4 Religious Movements & International Terrorism

Reading: Handout - Gilles Kepel, 'The Revenge of God'
Samuel P. Huntington, 'The Clash of Civilizations'

April 7 & 9 United Nations and Human Rights

Reading: 405-421; 689-702 Baylis & Smith

PART III: THE POLITICS OF GLOBAL WELFARE

April 11 Globalisation, Part I

Reading: 709-723 Baylis & Smith

April 14 Globalisation, Part II

Reading: 727-740 Baylis & Smith

PART IV: GLOBAL CONFLICT AND ITS MANAGEMENT

April 16 After September 11th: A Brave New World?

Reading: Chomsky, Noam, 9-11

April 18 Case Study: War in Iraq

Reading: TBA

PART V: THE PROBLEMATIC TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

April 21 Chinese Foreign Policy

Reading Handout: Latest Articles

April 23 EU Foreign Policy

Reading Handout: Latest Articles

April 25 US Foreign Policy Perspectives

Reading Handout: Latest Articles

April 28 General Overview of the Course: Q's & A's

Wednesday 7th May

FINAL EXAM

[Time: 12:00-14:00 hrs.]

ESSENTIAL READING LIST:

For the duration of the course **follow current affairs**, policy developments, arguments etc. on what's going on in international politics.

Make sure you know what's going on. Please read daily press for current events (to be discussed and analyzed in class).

Online, for example:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

www.guardian.co.uk
www.ft.com
www.oxfordtextbooks.co.uk/orc/baylis_smith3e/
www.foreignaffairs.org
www.foreignpolicy.com
www.theglobalsite.ac.uk
www.history.ac.uk/ihr/resources
<http://bcsia.ksg.harvard.edu>

as well as in the library:

Financial Times (First section)
Herald Tribune
The Economist
European Voice
El País

Books:

Hoffmann, Stanley, **The State of War. Essays on the Theory and Practice of International Politics**, New York: F. A. Praeger Publishers, 1966.

Linklater, Andrew, **The Transformation of World Politics: Ethical Foundations of the Post-Wesphalian Era**, London: McMillan, 1990.

Little, Richard and Buzan, Barry, **International Systems in World History: Remaking the Study of International Relations**, Oxford: Oxford Univ. Press, 2000.

Halperin, Morton H., **Bureaucratic politics and foreign policy**, Washington: Brookings Institution, 1974

Kepel, Gilles, **The Revenge of God. The Resurgence of Islam, Christianity and Judaism in the Modern World**, Pennsylvania: Penn State, 1994.

Huntington, Samuel P., **The Clash of Civilisations and the Remaking of World Order**, London: Touchstone, 1998.

Said, Edward W., **Covering Islam: How the media and the experts determine how we see the rest of the world**, New York: Vintage, 1997

Young, Oran R., George J. Demko and Kilaparti Remakrishna (eds), **Global Environmental Change and International Governance**, London: University Press of New England, 1996

Walzer, Michael (ed.), **Toward a Global Civil Society**, Oxford: Berghahn Books, 1995.

Walzer, Michael, **Just and Unjust Wars. A Moral Argument with Historical Illustrations**, New York: Basic Books, 1977.

Frost, Mervyn, **Ethics in International Relations. A Constitutive Theory**, Cambridge. Cambridge Univ. Press, 1996.

Frieden, Jeffrey A. and David A. Lake, **International Political Economy: Perspectives on Global Power and Wealth**, New York, St. Martin's, 1991

Viotti, Paul R., **International Relations Theory: Realism, Pluralism, Globalism**, New York: MacMillans, 1993

Hutchings, Kimberly, **International Political Theory**, London: Sage, 1999.

Knutsen, Torbjorn L., **A History of International Relations Theory**, Manchester: Manchester Univ. Press, 1997.

Neufeld, Mark, **The Restructuring of International Relations Theory**, Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1995.

Doyle, Michael W. and John G. Ikenberry, **New Thinking in International Relations theory**, Boulder: Westview Press, 1997

Kegley, Charles W., **International Terrorism: Characteristics, Causes, Controls**, New York: St. Martins, 1990.

Keohane, Robert O., **Power and interdependence: World politics in transition**, Boston, Toronto: Little Brown, 1977.

Robinson, William I., **Promoting Polyarchy. Globalization, US Intervention, and Hegemony**, Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press.

Hirst, P. and Thompson, G., **Globalization in Question**, Cambridge: Polity Press, 1999.

Held, D. and McGrew, A., **Globalization/Antiglobalization**, Cambridge: Polity Press, 2002.

O'Neill, Michael, **The Politics of European Integration. A Reader**, London: Routledge, 1996.

Preston, Christopher, **Enlargement and Integration in the European Union**, London: Routledge, 1997.

Other topical international politics readings just arrived in the library:

Colley, John, *Unholy Wars: Afghanistan, America, and international terrorism*, Pluto, 2002.

Chomsky, Noam, *9-11*, New York: Seven Stories Press: 2001.

Rogers, Paul, *Losing control: Global security in the 21st century*: Pluto Press, 2002.

Boulden, Jane (ed), *Dealing with conflict in Africa: The United Nations and Regional Organisations*, London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2003

Bennis, Phyllis, **Calling the shots: How Washington dominates today's UN**, Arris Publishing Ltd; May 2003

Gray, John, *Al Qaeda and what it means to be modern*, London: Faber & Faber, 2003

Kegeley, Charles W. jr., *International Terrorism – Characteristics, Causes, Controls*, New York: St. Martins Press, 1990

Whittaker, David J., *The Terrorism Reader* (2nd ed.), London: Routledge, 2003

Classroom Philosophy:

- You are required to attend each class session prepared to participate and think critically during lecture and discussion sessions. I will value creativity and criticism.
All required assignments are to be submitted **on time**. Essays that are handed in late will be marked down.
- Attendance is a must. 15% of your final grade will be given on your participation in class.
- Anyone who has problems to attend class or deliver work on time should speak to the Professor beforehand. We all have problems, but talk to me!
- Punctuality is needed. Tardiness is at best a rude disruption to your fellow classmates who are punctual.