

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

POS 6507 SECTION 06EE – Fall 2012

Department of Political Science – University of Florida

Place: Conference Room 216 And (or at times CBD 234) Time: T 8-10 periods

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DESCRIPTION

This course is a focused introductory discussion of extant works on theories and approaches to the study of international organizations (IOs) and institutions. The course seeks to explicate key theoretical presuppositions, assumptions, arguments, and methodologies of these works as well as explore just how and to what extent they are useful/successful in helping us grapple with the very difficult issue of IOs in world politics. Although the course is quite comprehensive in its coverage of many IR works no single course can ever be comprehensive enough in its scope. Yet the required readings will hopefully enable us to acquire a more or less integrated understanding of many important questions and tentative answers thereto. The purpose of the course is thus to equip the students with enough knowledge so as to enable them to both learn and critique theories of/approaches to world politics broadly defined as well as to form their own educated views and perspectives on world politics. By the end of the semester each student should be able, and is required, to produce a research paper dealing with some aspects of international organizations/institutions in world politics broadly defined (and not just in the sense of inter-state relations). A well crafted paper should be of a publishable quality. All students will be encouraged to present their papers at regional/national conferences as a way of getting feedback on their papers from other scholars.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Students are required to read and reflect on the weekly readings before coming to class and hence be prepared to fully discuss/critique/build on the readings as well as share their insights with their classmates.
2. Each student is required to formulate **two** discussion questions generated by the readings **each** week. These questions should be handed to the instructor at the beginning of each class.
3. Each student is required to write **ten 3-page** double-spaced summary/critique papers over the course of the semester. The essays are to be handed to the instructor at the beginning of class.
4. Each student is required to make **one 20-minute** presentation and lead the subsequent discussion on the topic addressed in one of his/her weekly summary/critique papers. The student making the presentation should email his/her paper to the instructor on **Monday** 1:00-5:00pm. The instructor will then forward the paper to the rest of the students who are expected to read it before class and be prepared to raise issues from it in the class discussion ensuing from the presentation.

5. A major component of the course evaluation will be a term research paper. Each student will produce a manuscript of high and publishable quality. Instructions for the paper will be explicated on the first day of class. The paper will be due on the exam date for this course as set by the university.

REQUIRED TEXTS

1. Neumann, Iver B. and Ole Jacob Sending. 2010. *Governing the Global Polity: Practice, Mentality, Rationality*. The University of Michigan Press. Available on reserve at Library West.
2. Hasenclever, Andreas, Peter Mayer, and Volker Rittberger. 2004. *Theories of International Regimes*. Cambridge University Press. Available on reserve at Library West.
3. See e-learning site for the course for the rest of weekly readings.

GRADING POLICY

- Class participation and submitting two questions every week: 14 sets of questions are required and together count for 15% of the final grade.
- Presenting one short paper and leading the ensuing discussion: 15% of the final grade.
- Each weekly paper: 1.5% of the final grade. Thus: ten required papers → 15% of the final grade.
- Research paper (roughly 6,000 words): 55% of the final grade.
This paper is expected to examine one particular (current or future) issue in International Organization. You are expected to draw on the insights of the various readings of the course:
 - A detailed prospectus of the paper (about 5 pages) is due at the beginning of class on **October 9**.
 - A draft of the completed paper is due on **November 13**.
 - **The finalized paper is due on the day of the presentations.**
 - The presentation will be graded, and will count for 15% of the final grade.
 - The finalized paper will count for the remaining 40% of the grade.

Note: Late papers will not be accepted except under justifiable circumstances.

The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus after the beginning of the semester if need be.

RULES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

- [6C1-4.041 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code: Scope and Violations.](#)
- **THERE IS A ZERO-PERCENT TOLERANCE ON PLAGIARISM.**

Weekly Reading Assignments and Outline of the Course

Week 1 / August 28: The Need for International Organizations/Institutions

1. Keohane, Robert. 1982. The Demand for International Regimes. *International Organization* 36 (2): 325-355.
2. Duffield, John. 2007. What are International Institutions? *International Studies Review* 9 (1): 1-22.
3. Abbott, Kenneth W. and Duncan Snidal. 1998. Why States Act Through Formal International Organizations. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 42 (1): 3-32.
4. Gruber, Lloyd. 2000. *Ruling the World: Power Politics and the Rise of Supranational Institutions*. Princeton University Press. Chap 1.

Week 2 /September 4: Studying IOs

1. Kratochwil, Friedrich and John Gerard Ruggie. 1986. International Organization: A State of the Art on the Art of the State. *International Organization* 40 (4): 753-775.
2. Kille, Kent J. 2003. International Organization: What Do We Know and How Do We Pass on Our Knowledge? *International Studies Review* 5: 426–432.
3. Rochester, J. Martin. 1986. The Rise and Fall of International Organization as a Field of Study. *International Organization* 40 (4): 777-813.
4. Whitman, Jim. 2005. *The Limits of Global Governance*. Routledge. Chap 8 (pp. 112-134).

Week 3/September 11: Globalization and Sovereignty

1. Krasner, Stephen. 1999. *Sovereignty: Organized Hypocrisy*. Princeton University Press. pp. 3-42.
2. Hay, Colin and David Marsh., eds. 2000. *Demystifying Globalization*. Palgrave-Macmillan. Chaps 1 and 2 (pp. 1-48).

Week 4/ September 18: The Commons, Power and Anarchy

1. Hardin, Garrett. 1968. The Tragedy of the Commons. *Science* 162 (December 13): 1243-48.
2. Ostrom, Elinor. 1990. *Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action*. Cambridge University Press. Chap 2.
3. Debrix, François. 1999. *Re-Envisioning Peacekeeping: The United Nations and the Mobilization of Ideology*. University of Minnesota Press. pp. 29-60 (Chapter 1).
4. Gruber, Lloyd. 2000. *Ruling the World: Power Politics and the Rise of Supranational Institutions*. Princeton University Press. Chap 2.

Week 5/ September 25: Global Governance

1. Neumann, Iver B. and Ole Jacob Sending. 2010. *Governing the Global Polity: Practice, Mentality, Rationality*. The University of Michigan Press. Introduction, Chaps 1, 2, 5.

Week 6/ October 2: GATT, WTO and IMF

1. Rose, Andrew K. 2004. Do We Really Know that the WTO Increases Trade? *American Economic Review* 94 (1): 98-114.
2. Goldstein, Judith, Doug Rivers, and Michael Tomz. 2007. Institutions in International Relations: Understanding the Effects of the GATT and the WTO on World Trade. *International Organization* 61: 37-67.
3. Przeworski, Adam, and James Raymond Vreeland. 2000. The Effect of IMF Programs on Economic Growth. *Journal of Development Economics* 62: 385-421.
4. Gould, Erica R. 2003. Money Talks: Supplementary Financiers and International Monetary Fund Conditionality. *International Organization* 57 (3): 551-586.
5. Barro, Robert J., and Jong-Wha Lee. 2005. IMF Programs: Who Is Chosen and What Are the Effects? *Journal of Monetary Economics* 52 (7): 1245-1269.

Week 7/ October 9: UN Security Council

1. Voeten, Erik. 2001. Outside Options and the Logic of Security Council Action. *American Political Science Review* 95: 845-58.
2. Thompson, Alexander. 2006. Coercion through IOs: The Security Council and the Logic of Information Transmission. *International Organization* 60 (Winter): 1-34.
3. Johns, Leslie. 2007. A Servant of Two Masters: Communication and the Selection of International Bureaucrats. *International Organization* 61: 245-75.
4. Debrix, François. 1999. *Re-Envisioning Peacekeeping: The United Nations and the Mobilization of Ideology*. University of Minnesota Press. pp. 61-95 (Chapter 2).

Week 8/ October 16: Human Rights Regimes

1. Moravcsik, Andrew. 2000. The Origins of Human Rights Regimes: Democratic Delegation in Postwar Europe. *International Organization* 54 (2): 217-52.
2. Vreeland, James Raymond. 2008. Political Institutions and Human Rights: Why dictatorships Enter into the United Nations Convention Against Torture. *International Organization* 62: 65-101.
3. Grugel, Jean and Nicola Piper. 2007. *Critical Perspectives on Global Governance: Rights and Regulation in Governing Regimes*. Routledge. pp. 1-23.

Week 9/ October 23: Theories I

1. Stein, Arthur. 1982. Coordination and Collaboration: Regimes in an Anarchic World. *International Organization* 36 (2): 299-324.
2. Ruggie, John G. 1992. Multilateralism: The Anatomy of an Institution. *International Organization* 46 (3): 561-98.
3. Barnett, Michael and Martha Finnemore. 1999. The Politics, Power, and Pathologies of International Organization. *International Organization* 53: 699-732.

4. Lisa Martin and Beth Simmons. 1998. Theories and Empirical Studies of International Institutions,” *International Organization*. 52 (Autumn): 729-57.
5. Susan Strange. 1982. Cave! Hic Dragones: A Critique of Regimes Analysis. *International Organization* 36: 479-96.

Week 10/ October 30: Theories II

1. Hasenclever, Andreas, Peter Mayer, and Volker Rittberger. 2004. *Theories of International Regimes*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1-6.

Week 11/ November 6: Theories III

1. Downs, George, David Rocke, and Peter Barsoom. 1998. Managing the Evolution of Multilateralism. *International Organization* 52: 397-420.
2. Shanks, Cheryl, Harold Jacobson, and Jeffrey Kaplan. 1996. Inertia and Change in the Constellation of International Governmental Organizations, 1981-1992. *International Organization* 50: 593-628.
3. Johnston, Alastair Ian. 2001. Treating International Institutions as Social Environments. *International Studies Quarterly* 45 (4): 487-515.
4. Koremenos, Barbara, Charles Lipson, Duncan Snidal. 2001. The Rational Design of International Institutions. *International Organization* 55 (4): 761-99.

Week 12/ November 13: Rules and Compliance

1. Chayes, Abram and Antonia Handler Chayes. 1993. On Compliance. *International Organization* 47: 175-205.
2. Downs, George, David Rocke, and Peter Barsoom. 1996. Is the Good News about Compliance Good News about Cooperation? *International Organization* 50: 379-406.
3. Mitchell, Ronald. 1994. Regime Design Matters: Intentional Oil Pollution and Treaty Compliance. *International Organization* 48: 425-58.

Week 13/ November 20: Delegation and Agency

1. Haftel, Yoram Z. and Alexander Thompson. 2006. The Independence of International Organizations: Concept and Applications. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 50 (2): 253-75.
2. Koremenos, Barbara. 2008. When, What and Why Do States Choose to Delegate? *Law and Contemporary Problems* 71 (1): 151-91.
3. Lake, David A. and Mathew D. McCubbins. 2006. “The logic of Delegation to International Organizations.” In: *Delegation and Agency in International Organizations* by Hawkins, Darren G., David A. Lake, Daniel L. Nielson, and Michael J. Tierney, eds. Cambridge University Press. pp. 341-68.
4. Vaubel, Robert, 2006. Principal-Agent problems in International Organizations. *The Review of International Organizations* 1 (1): 125-38.

Week 14/ November 27: IOs Performance

1. Weaver, Catherine. 2008. *Hypocrisy Trap: The World Bank and the Poverty of Reform* Princeton University Press. Chapters 1-2 (pp. 1-43).
2. Weiss, Thomas G. 1982. International Bureaucracy: The Myth and Reality of the International Civil Service. *International Affairs* 58: 287-306.
3. Alter, Karen J. 2008. Agents or Trustees? International Courts in their Political Context. *European Journal of International Relations* 14 (1): 33-63.
4. Hafner-Burton, Emilie. 2008. Sticks and Stones: Naming and Shaming the Human Rights Enforcement Problem. *International Organization* 62: 689-716.
5. Joachim, Jutta, Bob Reinalda and Bertjan Verbeek. *International Organizations and Implementation: Enforcers, Managers, Authorities?* Routledge. Chap 13 (pp. 177-90).

Week 15/ December 4: IOs and Domestic Politics

1. Pevehouse, Jon C. 2002. Democracy from the Outside-In? Regional Organizations and the Transition to Democracy. *International Organization* 56 (3): 515-49.
2. Cortell, Andrew and James Davis. 1996. How Do International Institutions Matter? The Domestic Impact of International Rules and Norms. *International Studies Quarterly* 40: 451-78.
3. Kelley, Judith. 2004. International Actors on the Domestic Scene: Membership Conditionality and Socialization by International Institutions. *International Organization* 58 (4): 425-57.

Exam Week: Student Term Paper Presentations Tuesday December 11th : 8-10 periods