

Course Information	
Course Title	World Politics
Teaching Language	English
Teaching Methods	Face-to-face
Type of Class Arrangement (A-H)	A2
Course Description	<p>Course Description This course introduces you to the basics of International Relations. We will learn about the history of international politics, the various perspectives in and on international relations, and the main actors and structures. We will analyze and reflect on some of the most important questions in the world today, revolving around war, human nature, democracy, alternatives to power politics, problems of socioeconomic development, globalization, sovereignty, international law, humanitarian intervention, proliferation of WMD and transnational terrorism, and the global commons. The class will be composed of lectures in which you will be introduced with the basic theoretical perspectives in a historical perspective, supplemented with discussions in which we will actively discuss the theory and attempt to relate their practice on the defining issues of contemporary international relations.</p>
Course Syllabus	<p>Learning Objectives: By the end of the course, students will be able to: one, have developed a critical understanding of contending theoretical and conceptual approaches in international relations; two, demonstrate knowledge of the historical transformations of the international political and economic systems and the role of important actors within these processes; three, critically engage with contemporary themes and debates in IR in an empirically and theoretically informed manner; and finally four, build up an interdisciplinary understanding of the relationship between international politics, history and economics. Method of Instruction: The class aims to connect lectures with active class discussions. The lectures will provide you with the basic theoretical perspectives and their practical applications. In the discussion sessions on the other hand, we will engage in lively class debates around the topic of that week. COURSE OUTLINE International History, Perspectives, and Controversies Session I: What is a theory? The levels of Analysis Problem, Scientific Understanding and Positivism International Relations Theory, Paul R. Viotti and Mark V. Kauppi, ch.1 1-5, 13-21 Session II: The Emergence of Nation-states and Modern International System: A Historical Analysis Understanding International Conflicts, Joseph S. Nye ch. 2, 33-54 Classical Realism and Power Politics Session III: The Realist perspective in international relations Viotti and Kauppi ch.2 Of Natural Condition of Mankind, Thomas Hobbes, Excerpts Six Principles of Political Realism, Hans Morgenthau, 4-15 Thucydides, The Melian Dialogue, Excerpts Session IV: The concept of Power, Balance of Power Theory and World War I Robert Art and Kenneth Waltz, The Uses of Force, 135-148 Nye, Ch. 3, 59-81 Discussion: Do we live in a state of anarchy? Do realist assumptions accurately capture the dynamics of world politics? Is human nature necessarily 'flawed' and aggressive? Does power politics shape national foreign policies? Session V: International Relations Liberal Perspective Viotti and Kauppi ch.3 Liberalism and World</p>

Politics, Michael W. Doyle, 233–246 Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics, Andrew Moravcsik, 246–254 Session VI: The Failure of Collective Security and World War II Nye ch.4, 85–108 Perception and Misperception in International Politics, Robert Jervis, 257–268 Structural Theories: Neorealism Session VII: Neo-Realism Explaining War, Kenneth N. Waltz, 130–143 Session VIII: Deterrence, Containment and the Cold War Nye ch.5, 112–149 Midterm International Political Economy Session IX: Laissez-Faire Economics and Marxist Critiques Three Ideologies of Political Economy, Robert Gilpin, 25–53 Session X: China and Asian Tigers in International Political Economy today Viotti and Kauppi, ch. 4 International Political Economy II Session XI: Globalization and complex interdependence: The dimensions of globalization The Nature of Political Economy, Robert Gilpin, 281–297 The Crisis of 2008: Structural Lessons for and from Economics, Daron Acemoglu, 1–13 Nye ch.7, 191–213 Complex interdependence and the Role of Force, Robert O. Keohane and Joseph S. Nye 199–213 International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work? Robert O. Keohane 119–126 Discussion: How did the global economic order come about and whose interests does it serve? Is fair trade a viable alternative to free trade? Why are some countries rich and many other countries so poor? Epistemological critiques to Mainstream IR Theories Session XII: Constructivism Viotti and Kauppi, 427–432 Anarchy is What States make of it: The Social Construction of Power Politics, Alexander Wendt 434–454 A Critique of Morgenthau’s Principles of Political Realism, J. Ann Tickner, 15–25 Constructivism, Ian Hurd, 298–313 Global Concerns Session XIII: New Social Movements, Environment, and the International Law Transnational Activist Networks, Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, 551–557 Human Rights of World Politics, Howard and Donnelly, 558–571 The Tragedy of the Commons, Garret Hardin, 525–531 Cornucopians and Neo-Malthusians, Thomas Homer Dixon, 539–542 International Law: The Trials of Global Norms, Steven Ratner, 589–594 Discussion: Can technology make our development trajectory sustainable? How to mitigate global warming? A New World Order? Post COVID Era? Session XIV: Transnational Terrorism and Democratic Peace Perpetual Peace, Immanuel Kant, 415–422 Regime Change in the Middle East: Problems and Prospects, Daniel Byman, 25–46 Diamond, L. “Democracy in Decline,” Foreign Affairs (July/August 2016). Session XV: The End of History or the Clash of Civilizations? What kind of world do we envision for the future?

Course Assessment

Course Requirements Weekly Readings: It is crucial to follow weekly readings to be able to understand concepts and participate in-class discussion. All the required readings will be listed in the syllabus are going to be available on the course website. In-class Midterm Exam (%30): At the end of the first module, there will be an in-class exam on Tuesday, July 8th, consisting true - false, short - answer, and short essay questions. Before the midterm we will have a review session. Class Participation (15%): Interactive class environment is vital for a better learning experience. 15% of the grade is going to come from participation in class. Team Presentation (20%): Group presentations are crucial to experience team learning and verbal communication. In the second part of the course, students are required to prepare a presentation in teams of three. Each student needs to form a team, and pick one of the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th sessions, to present. There will be more specific information about the presentation assignment. Final Exam (35%): There will be an in-class exam. The final exam will consist of true - false, short answer, short essay, and longer essay questions. Before the final exam, we will have a review session.

Course Books Reading materials is prepared as a reader by the instructor

Recommended Reading
Course Books and

and will be sent to you online. BIBLIOGRAPHY Acemoglu, Daron. "The Crisis of 2008: Structural Lessons for and from Economics." *Equilibri* 13, no. 1 (2009): 29-44. Art, Robert J., and Kenneth Neal Waltz. *The Use of Force: Military Power and International Politics*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2009.

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