

Rutgers University

Department of Political Science

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International Organizations

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Time: Mon 9.15-10.35AM
Place: Remote/Webex
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Course Description:

This course surveys in historically and theoretically informed fashion the role of various international institutions in international relations. It addresses the fundamental question of the contribution of international institutions to world order. The course first traces the historical evolution of international organization before turning to international institutions since World War II. It then focuses on the following: the most important regional international organization, the European Union; the most important international organizations dealing with the issues of peace and security, the United Nations and NATO, and GATT/WTO.

Covid Remote Learning Statement:

Webex synchronous class. In event that attendance in class is not possible due to sickness or care responsibilities, you must email Professor Harrison to let me know.

Format of the Course:

The format of the course is lecture with discussion.

Course Requirements:

1. Regular class attendance and active class participation. In the event a student is absent from class, he/she is responsible for learning about any announcements made that day.
2. Study of all required books and electronic reserve readings. Students should make sure they complete the assigned reading before coming to class.

3. **NOTE AND WARNING** – *the mid-term exam for this class is later in the semester and is close to the class paper deadline.* You will need to plan accordingly throughout the semester and start work on the class paper especially early to allow you sufficient time to review for the mid-term.

4. A take home **mid-term set on 10/26 and due on 10/29 (week 9)** and a **final exam**. The exams cover the lectures, class discussions, and reading assignments. In addition, they cover any short articles from the press I may request you to read. The midterm and final will each consist of an in-class exam with medium-length questions.

5. The completion of a 6-8 page double spaced research paper on some aspect of international institutions. **The student is responsible for submitting a one-paragraph description of the proposed research topic in class by 10/1 (week 5).** The topic must meet with the approval of the instructor. **The paper is due on 11/19 (week 12).**

6. In order to earn credit for the course, all assignments must be completed in a satisfactory and timely manner.

7. Students are expected to be informed of important current events in international relations.

Grading:

The final grade for the course is based on the following:

Active class participation: 10%
Research paper: 30%
Mid-term exam: 20%
Final exam: 40%

Required Books:

Karen Mingst and Margaret Karns, The UN in the Twenty First Century, 4th edition

Mark Gilbert, Surpassing Realism: The Politics of European Integration since 1945

Amrita Narlikar, The World Trade Organization: A Very Short Introduction

**LIST OF
JOURNAL ABBREVIATIONS**

FA	<u>Foreign Affairs</u>
FP	<u>Foreign Policy</u>
GEP	<u>Global Environmental Politics</u>
IA	<u>International Affairs</u>
IS	<u>International Security</u>
JMAS	<u>Journal of Modern African Studies</u>
NI	<u>National Interest</u>
S	<u>Survival</u>
WPJ	<u>World Policy Journal</u>

**SCHEDULE OF
COURSE TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS**

Week 1 (9/3 and TUESDAY 9/8 (Monday is Labor Day):

- Topic a). **International Actors, International Organization, and the System of States I** ;
Inis Claude, Swords Into Plowshares, pp. 3-17 (available on two hour reserve);
Robert Kagan “The Power Divide”, *Prospect Magazine*, August 2002, pp.20-27.
- Topic b). **International Actors, International Organization, and the System of States I** ;
Inis Claude, Swords Into Plowshares, pp. 3-17 (available on two hour reserve);
Robert Kagan “The Power Divide”, *Prospect Magazine*, August 2002, pp.20-27.
- Topic c). **International Organization in the 19th century**; Inis Claude, Swords Into
Plowshares, pp. 21-40

Week 2 (Thursday 9/10 and Monday 9/14):

- Topic a). **Wilson, Idealism, and the League of Nations;** Inis Claude, Swords Into Plowshares, pp. 41-56 and Norman Rich, Great Power Diplomacy Since 1914, pp. 37-66
- Topic b). **The League of Nations;** Graham Ross, The Great Powers and the Decline of the European States System, 1914-1945, pp. 109-126; Arnold Wolfers, “Policies of Peace and Security After World War I,” in Arnold Wolfers, Discord and Collaboration, pp. 253-273; and Antony Best et al, International History of the Twentieth Century, pp. 198-209
- Topic c). **The European Coal and Steel Community;** Gilbert, pp. 1-56

Week 3 (9/17 and 9/21):

- Topic a). **Founding of the EC;** Gilbert, pp. 56-84
- Topic b). **The EC’s Stagnation;** Gilbert, pp. 85-154
- Topic c). **The EC Rebounds and the Single European Act;** Gilbert, pp. 155-186

Week 4 (9/24 and 9/28):

- Topic a). **From Maastricht to the Euro;** Gilbert, pp. 187-237
- Topic b). **Eastward Enlargement and Constitutional Reform;** Gilbert, pp. 237-258 and Mark Gilbert, “A Fiasco But Not a Disaster,” WPJ 21, no. 1 (Spring 2004), pp. 50-59
- Topic c). **The 2007 Reform Treaty;** Mark Gilbert, “A Fiasco But Not a Disaster,” WPJ 21, no. 1 (Spring 2004), pp. 50-59

Week 5: (10/1 and 10/5):

- Topic a). **The 2011 Euro Crisis;** Matthias Matthijs and Mark Blythe “Why Only Germany Can fix the Euro: Reading Kindleberger in Berlin”, *Foreign Affairs*, November 17th, 2011;
- Topic c). **The EU’s future after the 2011 Euro Crisis I;** Radoslaw Sikorsky “Speech on Germany’s Role in Europe, November 28th 2011; BBC News website Euro Crisis Summary, January 2012.

Topic c). **The EU's future after the 2011 Euro Crisis II**; Radoslaw Sikorsky "Speech on Germany's Role in Europe, November 28th 2011; BBC News website Euro Crisis Summary, January 2012.

Week 6: (10/8 and 10/12):

Topic a). **The UN: Origins, Principles, and Structure**; Mingst and Karns, chaps. 1-3

Topic b). **Peacekeeping in the Cold War**; Mingst and Karns, chap. 4

Topic c). **The UN and Collective Security: the Gulf War**; Stanley Meisler, United Nations, pp. 257-277; John Stoessinger, Why Nations Go To War, pp. 157-183; and Boutros Boutros-Ghali, "Empowering the United Nations," FA 71, no. 5 (Winter 1992/93), pp. 89-102

Week 7 (10/15 and 10/19):

Topic a). **Humanitarian Intervention: Somalia**; Ramesh Thakur, "From Peacekeeping to Peace Enforcement: the UN Operation in Somalia," JMAS 32, no. 3 (1994), pp. 387-410; "Knowing When to Say No: the Development of US Policy for Peacekeeping," in William Durch, ed. UN Peacekeeping, American Policy, and the Uncivil Wars of the 1990s, pp. 35-67; and Niall Ferguson, Colossus: The Price of America's Empire, pp. 132-149

Topic b). **NATO: From Its Founding to Eastward Enlargement I**; Andrew Dorman and Adrian Treacher, European Security, pp. 7-19 and Kenneth Waltz, "Structural Realism After the Cold War," IS 25, no. 1 (Summer 2000) pp. 5-41

Topic c). **NATO: From Its Founding to Eastward Enlargement II**; Andrew Dorman and Adrian Treacher, European Security, pp. 7-19 and Kenneth Waltz, "Structural Realism After the Cold War," IS 25, no. 1 (Summer 2000) pp. 5-41

Week 8 (10/22 and 10/26):

Topic a). **Humanitarian Intervention: Bosnia**; Robert DiPrizio, US Interventions from Northern Iraq to Kosovo, pp. 131-149 and Charles Hauss, International Conflict Resolution, pp. 159-183

Topic b). **Humanitarian Intervention: Kosovo**; William Hagen, "The Balkans' Lethal Nationalisms," FA 78, no. 4 (July/August 1999), pp. 52-64; Henry Kissinger,

Does America Need a Foreign Policy?, pp. 256-273; Ivo Daalder and Michael O'Hanlon, "Unlearning the Lessons of Kosovo," FP, no. 116 (Fall 1999), pp. 128-140; and Giovanna Bono, "NATO's War Over Kosovo," in Michael Davis et alia, Humanitarian Intervention in the Post-Cold War World, pp. 222-240

Topic c). **Bush, the UN, and the Invasion of Iraq**; Ivo Daalder and James Lindsay, America Unbound, pp. 129-144; Rashid Khalidi, Resurrecting Empire, pp. 152-175; Niall Ferguson, Colossus: The Price of America's Empire, pp. 149-166; and Bernard Finel et alia, "The Perils of Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Weapons," in Michael Brown, ed., Grave New World, pp. 38-61

Week 9 (10/29 and 11/2):

Topic a). Mid term Exam

Topic b). **NATO: A European Security Identity and Post-9/11**; Paul Cornish, "NATO: The Practice and Politics of Transformation," IA 80, no. 1 (2004), pp. 63-74; Economist, "Survey: NATO," April 24, 1999, pp. 3-18 and Cathal Nolan and Carl Hodge, "'The Healthy Bones of a Single Pomeranian Grenadier': The Atlantic

Topic c). Spare capacity – no reading

Week 10 (11/5 and 11/9):

Topic a). **The UN and Environmental Protection**; Mingst and Karns, chap. 7.

Topic c). **Global Warming and Kyoto**; Elizabeth DeSombre, "Ozone Depletion and Climate Change," chap. in DeSombre, The Global Environment and World Politics, pp. 95-118; Daniel Bodansky, "Bonn Voyage: Kyoto's Uncertain Revival," NI, no. 65 (Fall 2001), pp. 45-55; and Jon Hovi *et al*, "The Persistence of the Kyoto Protocol," GEP 3, no. 4 (2003)

Topic c). **The UN and Human Rights**; Mingst and Karns, chap. 6

Week 11 (11/12 and 11/16):

Topic a). **Reform of the UN**; Mingst and Karns, chap. 7; Paul Kennedy "The Promise and Perils of the Twenty First century" in Paul Kennedy *The Parliament of Man: The Past, Present and Future of the United Nations* pp.243-280.

- Topic b). **The UN, NATO and the 2011 Libya Intervention.** Special reading to be circulated by Prof Harrison.
- Topic c). **A Realist Critique of International Institutions;** John Mearsheimer, “The False Promise of International Institutions,” IS 19, no. 3 (Winter 1994/95), pp. 5-49

Week 12 (11/19)

- Topic a). **Interdependence and Neo-liberal Institutionalism;** Robert Keohane, “International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?,” FP no. 110 (Spring 1998), pp. 82-96
- Topic b). **GATT and the Post-War Trade Regime;** Robert Gilpin “The Politics of International Trade” in Robert Gilpin *The Political Economy of International Relations*, pp.171-230.
- Topic c). **The WTO: Creation and Functions;** Narlikar pp.1-41; Robert Gilpin, The Challenge of Global Capitalism, pp. 99-113; Razeen Sally, “The WTO in Perspective,” in Brian Hocking and Steven McGuire, eds., Trade Politics, 2d ed., pp. 105-119

Week 13: (11/23)

THANKSGIVING

Week 14: (11/30 and 12/3):

- Topic a). **Interdependence and Neo-liberal Institutionalism;** Robert Keohane, “International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?,” FP no. 110 (Spring 1998), pp. 82-96
- Topic b). **GATT and the Post-War Trade Regime;** Robert Gilpin “The Politics of International Trade” in Robert Gilpin *The Political Economy of International Relations*, pp.171-230.
- Topic c). **The WTO: Creation and Functions;** Narlikar pp.1-41; Robert Gilpin, The Challenge of Global Capitalism, pp. 99-113; Razeen Sally, “The WTO in Perspective,” in Brian Hocking and Steven McGuire, eds., Trade Politics, 2d ed., pp. 105-119

Week 15 (12/7 and 12/10):

- Topic a). **The WTO: Decision Making, Mandate and Dispute Settlement:** Narlikar, pp. 42-98;
- Topic b). **The WTO: The Doha Development Agenda and the Burden of Governance;** Narlikar pp.99-138; and Bruce Moon, “From Seattle and Doha to Cancun,” in Brian Hocking and Steven McGuire, eds., Trade Politics, 2d ed., pp. 23-35;
- Topic c). **Recent Developments in the WTO;** *The Economist* July 8th 2006 “World Trade Under Attack”, pp.69-70