

**SNU/GSIS**  
**875.520: Understanding International Cooperation**  
**Fall 2015**  
**Tuesday 9:00-11:50 am**  
**Building 140-1, Room 101**

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### **I. Course Description**

This course offers a graduate-level introductory overview of the field of international relations. It is designed to introduce basic theories and important contemporary issues and problems in international relations. The first half of the course will examine major theoretical approaches and their critiques in the field of international relations. The second half of the course will discuss several contemporary issues and problems in international relations. The primary focus of the course lies in the understanding of international relations in a logical and positive way. While this course focuses on the abstract and theoretical frameworks of international relations, there will be frequent references to policy issues during the class.

### **II. Prerequisites and Background**

There are no prerequisites for this course, although some previous coursework in political science, international relations, or economics is helpful.

### **III. Course Format**

The format of this course will be based on a combination of lecture and seminar. The instructor's lecture slides will be uploaded to the course eTL after each class. The first part of the course will be lectured by the instructor and the second part will be based on the format of lectures, seminars, and students presentations. Thus, it is critical for students to actively contribute to class debates and discussions. In order to facilitate engaging classroom atmosphere, students are required to read the assigned materials before class. "Cold calls" may sometimes be used, although comments contributed will help one's grade (not hurt!).

### **IV. Textbooks and Reading Assignments**

There are no required textbooks for this course. The instructor will post the readings on the course eTL or distribute them electronically. Please check the course eTL periodically.

## **V. Grading Policy and Evaluation**

- 1) Attendance and class participation: 10%
- 2) Group presentation: 20%
- 3) Midterm exam: 35%
- 4) Final exam: 35%

### **A. Course Requirements**

#### **(1) Attendance and class participation: 10%**

Attendance at all classes is mandatory. Students' active class participation is strongly encouraged and expected. Not only quantity, but also quality of participation will be critically evaluated.

#### **(2) Group presentation: 20%**

All students are required to participate in one of the group presentations during the second half of the semester. Each team is expected to choose one specific policy case or historical/contemporary international affairs, which will fit well with the thematic topic of the given week, and to analyze the policy case or international affairs in order to support or criticize one of the reading assignments discussed in class. Every team member should contribute to the group presentation assignment. No free riders will be allowed.

The instructor will "randomly" assign students to each presentation team. Each group should prepare for ppt presentation and upload their presentation files to the course eTL 24 hours in advance (i.e., by Monday 9:00 am). No show-up for the week responsible for group presentation will result in a zero point for this assignment.

#### **(3) Midterm exam: 35%**

In-class midterm will be scheduled on October 20<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday). The midterm will consist of essay questions, and it will cover the course materials presented in the first half of the semester (from week 1 to week 7).

#### **(4) Final exam: 35%**

In-class final exam will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday). The final exam will consist of essay questions, and it will cover the entire course materials (from week 1 to week 14).

### **B. Make-up and Lateness Policies**

Except documented family or medical emergencies, there will be no make-up exams or assignment extension provided in this course. ***Routine doctor's appointment (e.g., flu or cold) does not qualify as medical emergencies.*** If students need to take a make-up exam for family or medical emergencies, it is students' responsibility to contact the instructor and schedule a make-up exam within a week from the originally designated exam or assignment due.

### **C. Laptop and Cell Phone Policy**

Students can use their own laptops for note taking in class, yet web browsing, on-line chatting, and/or other course-unrelated activities will NOT be allowed. No cell phone use

(including phone call, texting message, and/or phone applications) will be permitted during the class. Any violations will directly affect attendance and participation grades.

#### **D. Academic Honesty**

Any plagiarism or academic dishonesty will be severely punished. It will result in a failing grade and an official report to the Graduate School of International Studies. If students cite from other people's books, articles, or written/verbal materials, they should provide proper citations in writing materials for all quotations, paraphrases, and ideas taken from any source other than their own original thoughts. Regarding academic misconduct, please refer to the university's guideline on the principle of research ethics.

#### **E. Accommodation Policy**

Any student in this course who has a disability that may prevent him or her from fully demonstrating his or her abilities should contact the instructor personally as soon as possible to discuss accommodations necessary to ensure full participation and facilitate students' educational opportunities.

## VI. Course Schedule

	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>METHOD</b>	<b>ETC.</b>
Week 1 (September 1)	Introduction and Course Overview	Lecture	
Week 2 (September 8)	History and Foundations of International Relations	Lecture	
Week 3 (September 15)	Realism, Neorealism, and Its Critiques	Lecture	
Week 4 (September 22)	Liberalism, Neoliberalism, and Its Critiques	Lecture	
Week 5 (September 29)	<b>Korea's Thanksgiving Holiday</b>		<i>No Class</i>
Week 6 (October 6)	Constructivism and Socialization	Lecture	
Week 7 (October 13)	Domestic Politics and International Relations	Lecture/ Seminar	
Week 8 (October 20)	<b>Midterm Exam</b>		<i>In-Class Midterm</i>
Week 9 (October 27)	Security Dilemma and War	Lecture/ Seminar	
Week 10 (November 3)	International Cooperation	Lecture/ Seminar	
Week 11 (November 10)	International Trade	Lecture/ Seminar	
Week 12 (November 17)	Transnational and Transgovernmental Actors	Lecture/ Seminar	
Week 13 (November 24)	Gender and International Relations	Lecture/ Seminar	
Week 14 (December 1)	International Institutions: Design, Adaptation, and Compliance	Lecture/ Seminar	
Week 15 (December 8)	<b>Final Exam</b>		<i>In-Class Final Exam</i>

## <Course Schedule and Reading Assignments>

Note: I may make some minor changes regarding reading assignments and course schedule.

### **Week 1 (September 1): Introduction and Course Overview**

#### **PART I: THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

### **Week 2 (September 8): History and Foundations of International Relations**

Brian C. Schmidt, "On the History and Historiography of International Relations" in Walter Carlsnaes, Thomas Risse, Beth A. Simmons eds., *Handbook of International Relations* (London: Sage Publications, 2012), pp. 3-28.

Peter J. Katzenstein, Robert O. Keohane, and Stephen D. Krasner, "International Organization and the Study of World Politics," *International Organization* 52:4 (Autumn 1998), pp. 645-685.

Ole Wæver, "The Sociology of a Not so International Discipline: American and European Development in International Relations," *International Organization* 52:4 (Autumn 1998), pp. 687-727.

Tim Dunne, Lene Hansen, and Colin Wight, "The End of International Relations Theory?" *European Journal of International Relations* 19:3 (2013), pp. 405-425.

#### (Recommended):

Miles Kahler, "Inventing International Relations," in Michael W. Doyle and G. John Ikenberry, eds., *New Thinking in International Relations* (Westview Press, 1997), pp. 20-53.

Stephen Walt, "The Relationship between Theory and Policy in International Relations," *Annual Review of Political Science* 8 (2005), pp. 23-48.

### **Week 3 (September 15): Realism, Neorealism, and Its Critiques**

Hans J. Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1965), chapter 1.

Kenneth N. Waltz, *Theories of International Politics* (Reading, Mass.: Addison-Wesley Pub. Co., 1979), chapter 6, pp. 102-128.

Robert O. Keohane, "Realism, Neorealism and the Study of World Politics," in Robert O. Keohane, ed., *Neorealism and Its Critics* (New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 1986), chapter 1, pp. 1-26.

Jeffrey Legro and Andrew Moravcsik, "Is Anybody Still a Realist?" *International Security* 24:2 (Fall 1999), pp. 5-55.

(Recommended):

Kenneth N. Waltz, *Man, the State, and War: A Theoretical Analysis* (New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 1954), chapter 6, pp. 159-186.

John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (W.W. Norton & Company, 2001), chapters 1 and 2

#### **Week 4 (September 22): Liberalism, Neoliberalism, and Its Critiques**

Robert O. Keohane, *After Hegemony: Power and Discord in International Politics* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1984), chapter 4, pp. 49-64.

Michael Doyle, "Liberalism and World Politics," *American Political Science Review* 80:4 (December 1986), pp. 1151-1169.

Robert Axelrod and Robert O. Keohane, "Achieving Cooperation under Anarchy: Strategies and Institutions," in David Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate* (New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 1993), pp. 85-115.

Joseph Grieco, "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Institutionalism," in David Baldwin ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate* (New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 1993), pp. 116-140.

John Mearcheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions," *International Security* 13:3 (Winter 1994/5), pp. 5-49.

(Recommended):

Andrew Moravscik, "Taking Preference Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics," *International Organization* 51:4 (1997), pp. 513-554.

#### **Week 5 (September 29): Korea's Thanksgiving Holiday**

\*\*\* NO CLASS \*\*\*

#### **Week 6 (October 6): Constructivism and Socialization**

Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of It," *International Organization* 46:2 (Spring 1992), pp. 391-425.

John G. Ruggie, "What Makes the World Hang Together? Neo-Utilitarianism and the Social Constructivist Challenge," *International Organization* 52:4 (Autumn 1998), pp. 855-885.

Peter J. Katzenstein, "Introduction: Alternative Perspectives on National Security," in Peter J. Katzenstein, ed., *The Culture of National Security: Norms and Identity in World Politics* (New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 1996), chapter 1, pp. 1-

32.

James D. Fearon and Alexander Wendt, "Rationalism vs. Constructivism: A Skeptical View," in Walter Carlsnaes, Thomas Risse, and Beth Simmons eds., *Handbook of International Relations* (London: Sage Publications, 2012), pp. 52-72.

(Recommended):

Alexander Wendt, *Social Theory of International Politics* (New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 1999), pp. 1-44.

Vincent Pouliot, "The Logic of Practicality: A Theory of Practice of Security Communities," *International Organization* 62:2 (Spring 2008), pp. 257-288.

## **PART II: ISSUES AND PROBLEMS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

### **Week 7 (October 13): Domestic Politics and International Relations**

Peter A. Gourevitch, "The Second Image Reversed: The International Sources of Domestic Politics," *International Organization* 32:4 (1978), pp. 881-912.

James D. Fearon, "Domestic Politics, Foreign Policy, and Theories of International Relations," *Annual Review of Political Science* 1: (1998), pp. 289-313.

Robert Putnam, "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games," *International Organization* 42:3 (Summer 1988), pp. 427-460.

Christina L. Davis, "Linkage Diplomacy: Economic and Security Bargaining in the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, 1902-23," *International Security* 33:3 (Winter 2008/09), pp. 143-179.

(Recommended):

James D. Fearon, "Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes," *American Political Science Review* 88:3 (1994), pp. 577-592.

Jeffrey Frieden and Ronald Rogowski, "The Impact of the International Economy on National Policies: An Analytical Overview," in Robert O. Keohane and Helen V. Milner, eds., *Internationalization and Domestic Politics* (New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 1996), chapter 2, pp. 25-47.

\*\*\* *Student Presentations to be Added* \*\*\*

### **Week 8 (October 20): Midterm Exam**

### **Week 9 (October 27): Security Dilemma and War**

Robert Jervis, "Cooperation under the Security Dilemma," *World Politics* 30:2 (1978),

pp. 167-214.

Robert Powell, "Anarchy in International Relations Theory: The Neorealist-Neoliberal Debate," *International Organization* 48:2 (Spring 1994), 313-344.

Evan Braden Montgomery, "Breaking Out of the Security Dilemma: Realism, Reassurance, and the Problem of Uncertainty," *International Security* 31:2 (Fall 2006), pp. 151-185.

James D. Fearon, "Rationalist Explanations for War," *International Organization* 49:3 (Summer 1995), pp. 379-414.

Jack Snyder and Erica D. Borghard, "The Cost of Empty Threats: A Penny, Not a Pound," *American Political Science Review* 105:3 (August 2001), 437-456.

(Recommended):

Robert Powell, "Absolute and Relative Gains in International Relations Theory," *American Political Science Review* 85:4 (1991), pp. 1303-1320.

\*\*\* Student Presentations to be Added \*\*\*

**Week 10 (November 3): International Cooperation**

Stephen Walt, *The Origins of Alliances* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1987), chapter 1, pp. 1-16.

Thomas Christensen and Jack Snyder, "Chain Gangs and Passed Bucks: Predicting Alliance Patterns in Multipolarity," *International Organization* 44:2 (Spring 1990), pp. 137-168.

James D. Fearon, "Bargaining, Enforcement, and International Cooperation," *International Organization* 52:2 (Spring 1998), pp. 269-305.

Christopher Hemmer and Peter J. Katzenstein, "Why is There No NATO in Asia? Collective Identity, Regionalism, and the Origins of Multilateralism," *International Organization* 56:3 (2002), pp. 575-607.

(Recommended):

Lisa L. Martin, "Institutions and Cooperation: Sanction During the Falklands Islands Conflict," *International Security* 16:4 (1992), pp. 143-178.

\*\*\* Student Presentations to be Added \*\*\*

**Week 11 (November 10): International Trade**

Ronald Rogowski, "Political Cleavages and Changing Exposure to Trade," *American Political Science Review* 81:4 (December 1987), pp. 1121-1137.



Michael J. Hiscox, "Class vs. Industry Cleavages: Inter-Industry Factor Mobility and the Politics of Trade," *International Organization* 55:1 (Winter 2001), pp. 1-46.

Kenneth Scheve and Matthew Slaughter, "What Determines Individual Trade-Policy Preferences?" *Journal of International Economics* 54 (2001), pp. 267-292.

Christina L. Davis, "International Institutions and Issue Linkage: Building Support for Agricultural Trade Liberalization," *American Political Science Review* 98:1 (February 2004), pp. 153-169.

(Recommended):

Michael Bailey, Judith Goldstein, and Barry Weingast, "The Institutional Roots of American Trade Policy," *World Politics* 49:3 (April 1997), pp. 309-338.

Michael J. Hiscox, "The Magic Bullet? The RTAA, Institutional Reform, and Trade Liberalization," *International Organization* 53:4 (Autumn 1999), pp. 669-698.

\*\*\* Student Presentations to be Added \*\*\*

**Week 12 (November 17): Transnational and Transgovernmental Actors**

Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1998), chapter 1, pp. 1-38.

Thomas Risse, Stephen Roppe, and Kathryn Sikkink, *The Power of Human Rights: International Norms and Domestic Change* (New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 1999), chapter 1, pp. 1-38.

Kal Raustiala, "States, NGOs, and International Environmental Institutions," *International Studies Quarterly* 41:4 (December 1997), pp. 719-740.

Daniel Drezner, "The Global Governance of the Internet: Bringing the State Back In," *Political Science Quarterly* 119:3 (2004), pp. 477-498.

(Recommended):

Sidney Tarrow, "Transnational Politics: Contention and Institutions in International Politics," *Annual Review of Political Science* 4 (2001), pp. 1-20.

\*\*\* Student Presentations to be Added \*\*\*

**Week 13 (November 24): Gender and International Relations**

J. Ann Tickner, *Gendering World Politics* (New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2001), chapter 1, pp. 9-35.

Dara Kay Cohen, "Female Combatants and the Perpetration of Violence: Wartime

Rape in the Sierra Leone Civil War,” *World Politics* 65:3 (July 2013), pp. 383-415.

Valerie M. Hudson, Mary Caprioli, Bonnie Ballif-Spanvill, Rose McDermott, and Chad F. Emmett, “The Heart of the Matter: The Security of Women and the Security of States,” *International Security* 33:3 (2008/2009), pp. 7-45.

Deborah Jordan Brooks and Benjamin A. Valentino, “A War of One’s Own: Understanding the Gender Gap in Support for War,” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 75:2 (2011), pp. 270-286.

Isobel Coleman, “The Global Class Ceiling,” *Foreign Affairs* 89:3 (May/June 2010), pp. 13-20.

(Recommended):

Isobel Coleman, “The Payoff from Women’s Rights,” *Foreign Affairs* 83:3 (May/June 2004), pp. 80-95.

\*\*\* *Student Presentations to be Added* \*\*\*

#### **Week 14 (December 1): International Institutions—Design, Adaptation, and Compliance**

Lisa L. Martin and Beth A. Simmons, “Theories and Empirical Studies of International Institutions,” *International Organization* 52:4 (Autumn 1998), pp. 729-758.

Barbara Koremenos, Charles Lipson, and Duncan Snidal, “The Rational Design of International Institutions,” *International Organization* 55:4 (Autumn 2001), pp. 761-800.

Michael Barnett and Martha Finnemore, “The Politics, Power, and Pathologies of International Organizations,” *International Organization* 53:4 (Autumn 1999), pp. 699-732.

Alastair Iain Johnston, “Treating International Institutions as Social Environments,” *International Studies Quarterly* 45:4 (2001), pp. 487-515.

(Recommended):

Beth A. Simmons and Allison Danner, “Credible Commitments and the International Criminal Court,” *International Organization* 64:2 (April 2010), pp. 225-256.

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#### **Week 15 (December 8): Final Exam**

**Enjoy your winter break! ☺**