

Understanding International Cooperation (To be Updated)

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[Purpose of the Course]

This course is designed as an advanced introduction to contemporary theories, debates, and major scholarly traditions in international relations. The main purpose of the course is to examine and assess contending theories of international relations and to logically answer some major international questions of contemporary relevance. The ultimate goal is to enhance students' capacity to think critically about the basic forces that drive foreign policies and international politics, thereby improve their ability to evaluate important real-world issues.

[Requirements and Grading]

Professional behavior, group presentations, and attendance account for 30% of the grade. It is expected that everyone will come prepared to discuss the reading materials in an informed and critical manner. There will be two in class exams (70%). Sleeping, chatting, or reading improper materials during the class will be penalized. All digital devices are banned in the classroom. If a student misses more than two classes for the entire course, and is late for the class more than 4 times without prior permission, he or she will fail the class.

Students will often be called upon to participate whether they have raised their hands or not (i.e. "cold calling"). The instructor considers cold calling as an oral examination.

Week 1: Organizational Meeting and Introduction

이근, “국제정치를 보는 눈,” *세상을 보는 눈* 1.6 (이슈투데이, 2002)

Stephen Walt, “International Relations: One World, Many Theories,” *Foreign Policy*, Spring 1998

Week 2: Anarchy and International Politics

Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*, ch. 13

Helen Milner. "The Assumption of Anarchy in International Relations Theory: a Critique." *Review of International Studies* 17, no. 1 (1991): 67–85.

Barry Buzan, "The Timeless Wisdom of Realism?" in Smith et al eds, *International Theory: Positivism and Beyond* (Cambridge University Press, 1997)

Week 3: Structural Realism

Kenneth Waltz, "Structural Realism after the Cold War," in John Ikenberry ed., *America Unraveled* (Cornell University Press, 2002)

Robert Keohane, ed., *Neorealism and Its Critics* (Columbia University Press, 1986) Chaps 1-5, 7 (written by Kenneth Waltz)

Week 4: Security Dilemma

Robert Jervis. "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma." *World Politics* 30, no. 2 (1978): 167–214

Thomas Christensen, "China, the US-Japan Alliance, and the Security Dilemma in East Asia," *International Security*, Vol. 23, No. 5 (Spring, 1999), pp. 49-80

Week 5: Hegemonic Stability and Power Transition

Stephen Krasner, "State Power and the Structure of International Trade," *World Politics*, 28 (3), 1976, pp. 317-347

Richard Ned Lebow and Benjamin Valentino, "Lost in Transition: A Critical Analysis of Power Transition Theory," *International Relations*, 23 (3), 2009, pp.389-410

Week 6: Anarchy, Hierarchy, and China

David Kang, "Hierarchy and Stability in Asian International Relations," in *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific*, edited by John Ikenberry and Michael Mastanduno (Columbia University Press), 2003, Chapter 4, pp. 163-190

Thucydides Trap: <https://www.hks.harvard.edu/faculty-research/policycast/graham-allison-whether-chinas-rising-global-power-will-inevitably-lead>

Week 7: International Cooperation and Neoliberal Institutionalism

Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony: Power and Discord in International Politics* (Princeton University Press, 1984), Section II

Joseph Grieco, "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Institutionalism," in Baldwin ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism* (Columbia University Press, 1993)

Week 8: Mid-term Exam

Week 9: Are International Organizations Merely Servants of States?

John Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions," *International Security*, Winter 1994/5, pp. 5-49

Michael Barnett and Martha Finnemore, "The Politics, Power, and Pathologies of International Organizations," *International Organization*, September, 1999

David Williams, "Constructing the Economic Space: The World Bank and the Making of Homo Economicus," *Millennium*, 28, 1, 1999, pp. 79-99

Week 10: Liberalism

Robert Putnam, "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games," *International Organization*, Summer 1988

Andrew Moravchik, "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics," *International Organization*, Autumn 1997, pp. 513-54

Daniel Deudney and John Ikenberry, "The Nature and Sources of Liberal International Order," *Review of International Studies*, April 1999, pp. 179-98

Week 11: Democratic Peace and Constructivism

Christopher Layne, "Kant or Cant: The Myth of the Democratic Peace," *International Security*, Fall 1994

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

John Gerard Ruggie, "What Makes the World Hang Together? Neo-Utilitarianism and the Social Constructivist Challenge," *International Organization*, Autumn, 1998, pp. 855-886

Week 12 Liberal International Order:

John Ikenberry, "The Liberal International Order and its Discontents," *Millennium*, Vol.38, Issue 33,

John Ikenberry, "The end of liberal international order?" *International Affairs*, Volume 94, Issue 1, January 2018, Pages 7–23,

John Ikenberry, *After Victory* (Princeton University Press, 2001), Chapter 7.

Week 13: Nuclear Weapons and International Relations

Robert Powell, "Nuclear Deterrence Theory, Nuclear Proliferation, and National Missile Defense," *International Security*, Vol. 27, No. 4 (Spring, 2003), pp. 86-118 (33 pages)

Kenneth N. Waltz, "Structural Realism after the Cold War," *International Security*, Volume 25, Number 1, Summer 2000, p. 5-41

Terence Roehrig, "The U.S. Nuclear Umbrella over South Korea: Nuclear Weapons and Extended Deterrence," *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 132, No.4, December 2017

Week 14: Technology and the Emergence of Platform International Order

Nick Srnicek, *Platform Capitalism* (Polity, 2017)

Scott Malcomson, "The Real Fight for the Future of 5G," *Foreign Affairs* (November 14, 2019)

Adam Segal, "When China Rules the Web," *Foreign Affairs* (September/October, 2018)

Paul Scharre, "America Can Win the AI Race," *Foreign Affairs* (April 4, 2023)

Week 15: Final Exam