

Northwestern University
240 Intro to IR - Spring 2017

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This course examines issues in contemporary international politics and considers various ways of thinking about international politics. Using recent disputes from international law, international security, and international political economy, it examines both the cases and the conceptual framing that makes them possible. This involves thinking in theoretical, practical, and historical ways about politics, economics, and social theory with a global perspective.

Required Texts

Ian Hurd, *International Organizations: Politics, Law Practice* (Cambridge University Press 2nd ed. 2013).

Jonathan Katz, *The Big Truck that Went By: How the World Came to Save Haiti and Left Behind a Disaster* (Palgrave 2013).

All other readings will be online or distributed in class.

Assignments

Mid-term Exam	40%
Final Exam	40%
Participation in Sections	20%

Schedule of Topics and Readings

I.

Tuesday March 28

Michael Hastings, "The Rise of the Killer Drones: How America Goes to War in Secret," *Rolling Stone*, April 16, 2012.

Jonathan Katz, *The Big Truck That Went By*, Chs. 1-6.

Thursday March 30 - States, Power, and Frames

The Lotus Case, The Permanent Court of International Justice excerpt in D. J. Harris *Cases and Materials on International Law* 4th ed. (Sweet & Maxwell, 1991), pp.253-257.

Trail Smelter Arbitration, excerpt in D. J. Harris *Cases and Materials on International Law* 4th ed. (Sweet & Maxwell, 1991), pp.243-246.

Shirley Scott, "States in International Law," Ch 2 of Shirley Scott, *International Law in World Politics* (Lynne Rienner, 2010 2nd ed.).

II.

Tuesday April 4 - Engines of World Politics

Hedley Bull, "The Concept of Order in World Politics," Ch. 2 of Bull, *The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics*. (Columbia University Press, 1977).

[this should be Ch 3, not Ch 2]

John Mearsheimer, "Anarchy and the Struggle for Power," Ch. 2 of Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*. (Norton, 2001).

B.S. Chimni, "International Institutions Today: An Imperial Global State in the Making," *European Journal of International Law* 15(1), 2004.

Karin Aggestam and **Annika Bergman-Rosamond**, "Swedish Feminist Foreign Policy in the Making: Ethics, Politics, and Gender," *Ethics and International Affairs*, 2016.

Thursday April 6 - Power and Choices

R. Charli Carpenter, “‘Women and Children First’: Gender, Norms, and Humanitarian Evacuation in the Balkans 1991-95,” *International Organization*, 2003, 57:661-694.

Chris Brown, “Tragedy, ‘Tragic Choices,’ and Contemporary International Political Theory,” *International Relations*, 21(5), 2007.

Ian Hurd, “Theory, Methods, and International Organizations,” Ch. 2 of *International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice*.

Malcolm X, “Harvard Law School Forum,” December 16, 1964.

III.

Tuesday April 11 - World Order

Keally McBride, “Colonialism and the Rule of Law,” in McBride *Mr. Mothercountry: The Man Who Made the Rule of Law* (Oxford, 2016).

Kenneth Waltz, “Anarchic Orders and Balances of Power,” in Waltz *Theory of International Politics* (McGraw Hill 1979).

John Gaventa, “Power and Participation,” Ch. 1 of Gaventa *Power and Powerlessness: Quiescence and Rebellion in an Appalachian Valley* (Univ of Illinois Press, 1980).

Debra Thompson, “Through, Against and Beyond the Racial State: The Transnational Stratum of Race,” *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 26(1), 2013.

Thursday April 13 - Methods and Questions

Bruce Russett, *Grasping the Democratic Peace*. Chs 1 and 2.

Alexander Wendt, “On Constitution and Causation in International Relations,” *Review of International Studies*, v.24, 1998.

Elmira Baysrali and **Lauren Bohn**, “Get In Formation,” *World Policy Journal* 33(4), 2016/17.

further reading

John R. Searle, "The Building Blocks of Social Reality," in Searle *The Construction of Social Reality*. Free Press, 1995.

Charles Taylor, "To Follow a Rule," in Craig Calhoun ed. *Bourdieu: Critical Perspectives* (University of North Carolina Press, 1993).

IV.

Tuesday April 18 - Syria event

Interview with Chris Philips, POMEPS on Soundcloud <https://pomeps.org/2017/02/27/syrias-international-politics-a-conversation-chris-phillips/>

Marc Lynch, "What's really at stake in the Syria Debate," Oct 2016 <https://warontherocks.com/2016/10/whats-really-at-stake-in-the-syria-debate/>

Ian Hurd, "The United Nations II - International Peace and Security," in *International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice*.

Thursday April 20 - War, Law, and Intervention

Gareth Evans and **Mohamed Sahnoun**, "The Responsibility to Protect," *Foreign Affairs*, 2002.

Thomas Franck, "'What, Eat the Cabin Boy?' Uses of Force that are Illegal but Justifiable," in Franck *Recourse to Force: State Action Against Threats and Armed Attacks* (Cambridge University Press, 2002).

Tania Karas, "'Warehouse of Souls': How the EU Abandoned Greece," *World Policy Journal* 33(4), 2016/17.

Matthew Karp, "The New World Order," *Boston Review* Oct. 3, 2016. <http://bostonreview.net/books-ideas/matthew-karp-new-world-order>

further reading

Beate Jahn, "Humanitarian Intervention - What's in a Name?" *International Politics*, 49(1), 2012.

Robert Knox, "Civilizing Interventions? Race, War and International Law," *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 2013, 26(1).

Mark Mazower, "Humanity's Law," in Mazower *Governing the World: The History of an Idea*. Penguin, 2012.

V.

IPE: Trade, finance, power

Tuesday April 25 - International Trading System

Adam Smith, from *Wealth of Nations*, Bk.I, Ch. 1-2. Originally published 1776. Knopf.

Friedrich List, “England” and “The System of Exchange,” from List, *The National System of Political Economy*. J.B. Lippincott, 1856.

Ian Hurd, “The World Trade Organization,” Ch. 3 in *International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice*.

On trade classification: <https://www.bna.com/snuggies-blankets-not-n57982083700/>

Thursday April 27 - Finance

Dani Rodrik, *The Paradox of Globalization*, Ch. 3.

Branko Milanovic, Ch. 1 of *Global Inequality: A New Approach for the Age of Globalization*.

VI.

Tuesday May 2 - Globalization and Power

Karl Marx and **Freidrich Engels**, *The Communist Manifesto*

Ayelet Shchar, Intro and Ch. 2 of *Birthright Lottery*.

Susan B. Glasser, “Trump Takes on the Blob,” *Politico*, March 2017.

Thursday May 4 - midterm

VII.

Tuesday May 9 - State of Nature or Global Empire

Thomas Hobbes, "Of the natural condition of mankind..." From his *Leviathan* (Pt.I, Ch.13), originally published 1658. Edited by C.B. Macpherson. Penguin, 1968.

John Locke, from *Second Treatise of Government*, Chaps. 8 and 9. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing.

Immanuel Kant, "Perpetual Peace: A Philosophic Sketch," excerpt from John A. Vazquez, *Classics of International Relations*, 3rd ed. Prentice Hall 1996. First published 1795.

Siba Grovogui, "Regimes of Sovereignty: Rethinking International Morality and the African Condition," *European Journal of International Relations*, 2002, 8(3): 315-338.

Thursday May 11 - International Organizations

Charter of the United Nations

Ian Hurd, "The United Nations I - Law and Administration," Ch. 5 in *International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice*.

VIII.

Tuesday May 16 - International Law

Shirley Scott, "The Logical Structure of International Law," Ch. 5 of Shirley Scott, *International Law in World Politics* (Lynne Rienner, 2010 2nd ed.).

Ian Hurd, "The International Court of Justice," Ch. 8 in *International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice*.

ICJ Whaling case materials

Thursday May 18 - Jonathan Katz: Haiti, cholera, and international law

Jonathan Katz, *The Big Truck that Went By*, Ch. 7-Afterword.

Mara Pillinger, Ian Hurd, and Michael Barnett, "How to Get Away with Cholera: The UN, Haiti, and International Law," *Perspectives on Politics*, 14(1), 2016.

IX.

Tuesday May 23 - US and the World

G. John Ikenberry, "Crisis of the Old Order," Ch. 1 in Ikenberry, *Liberal Leviathan: The Origins, Crisis, and Transformation of the American World Order* (Princeton University Press, 2011).

Interview with Mohamedou Slahi.

Benjamin Allen Coates, "Introduction," in Coates *Legalist Empire: International Law and American Foreign Relations in the Early Twentieth Century* (Oxford 2016).

Thursday May 25 - Human Rights

Universal Declaration of Human Rights, <http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/index.shtml>.

Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, <http://www.hrweb.org/legal/cat.html>.

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, 1948.

Ruti Teitel, "Introduction," Ch. 1 of Teitel *Humanity's Law* (Oxford 2011).

Ian Hurd, "The International Criminal Court," Ch. 9 in *International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice*.

further reading

Sam Moyn, "Human Rights in Heaven," ssrn.

X.

Tuesday May 30 - reading week

Thursday June 1 - reading week

June 5 - exam week