

World Politics: Actors, Processes and Theories

Chair of Political Science II

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Seminar Description:

To think about *World Politics* without deeper looking into states' interactions is basically impossible. Nowadays, the actors of International Relations (IR) are not just the states of the Bodian conception, but also other kinds of *institutions*. This seminar will analyze how (1) population, (2) religion, (3) transnational enterprises, and (4) political transnational movements/parties can be decisive at the international stage. The attendance of this seminar provides the analytical tools to scrutinize how countries relate among each other, how and why they create alliances, or which factors contribute to interstate conflict. Although referring to recent events, the classes will have a strong focus on classical theoretical texts. This seminar thus will encourage the use of analytical thinking about these topics, using theories, methods and previous empirical findings from the IR literature.

Seminar Goals:

1. The overall objective of this seminar is to provide a strong and solid knowledge on classical texts, theories and topics related with *World Politics*.
2. To improve critical and analytical thinking is expected from the participants of these classes (using theories and connecting them with real contemporary cases).

Seminar Expectations:

1. Class attendance is mandatory.
2. The readings are to be prepared in advance.
3. Active participation in class is important to improve the understanding of theories and perspectives presented.
4. The seminar will be taught in English.

Seminar Characteristics and Requirements:

1. This Seminar will be put together, with my guidance and previous presentation of the topics, group activities, paper analysis and in-class discussions.
2. The practical in-class activities count towards the final grade.
3. The seminar grade will highly depend on a final paper¹ (with 12 to 15 pages A4 - except title page, table of contents, and references -, font size 12, one space and a half) delivered by e-mail until midnight of 10.01.2014 or 27.01.2014 - second phase (the printed copy have to be signed and can be delivered after). The structure of the paper has to be discussed with me and implies the delivery of an A4 page with an abstract, research question and relevant literature to your final paper (this should be delivered until the 1st of November 2013).
4. The grades are calculated as followed:
 - *Final Paper* **70%**
 - *In-Class Presentation* **15%**
 - *Other Activities in Class* **15%**

Seminar Structure:

10.09.2013 - Syllabus, schedule's discussion, and other organizational aspects

17.09.2013 - Core Concepts

References:

- de Mesquita (2010) pp.1-22, pp.43-81;
- Deutsch (1968) pp.6-19;
- Jackson and Sørensen (2009) pp.1-57, pp.237-276.

24.09.2013 - Thinking About International Relations - Theories

Readings:

- Drezner (2011) YouTube Lecture;
- Jackson and Sørensen (2009) pp.279-304, pp.305-314;
- Rosenau (1990) p.14, pp.114-140, pp.266-268.

01.10.2013 - Thinking about International Relations - Texts I

Readings:

- Thucydides - "The Nature of State Interest";

¹The topic and structure of the paper shall be previously discussed with the instructor.

- Machiavelli - "The Means by which Rulers can Increase their States' Power";
- Grotius - "The Duty to Make Only Just Wars".

02.10.2013 - Thinking about International Relations - Texts II

Readings:

- Hobbes - "Human Nature and Conflict";
- Morgenthau - "State Interest Defined in Terms of Power";
- Schelling - "The Strategy of Conflict".

08.10.2013 - Population, Territory, and Resources

Readings:

- Cohen (2003) pp.11-61;
- Klare (2001) pp.27-50, pp.81-108, pp.213-231.

15.10.2013 - Money makes the world go round!

Readings:

- Bütthe (2008);
- Broz and Frieden (2001).

22.10.2013 - Religion

Readings:

- Charron (2010);
- Henna (2012);
- Sheikh (2012).

29.10.2013 - Social/Political movements

Readings:

- Böhmelt (2012);
- Dryzek (2012);
- Omelicheva (2009);
- Turner (1998).

05.11.2013 - End and beginning: Conflict I

Readings:

- de Mesquita (2010) pp.109-177;
- Fearon (1995).

12.11.2013 - End and beginning: Conflict II

Readings:

- Deutsch (1968) pp.137-171;
- Vazquez (2000) pp.371-406.

19.11.2013 - Internal vs. External I

Readings:

- Smith and Hadfield (2012) pp.13-34, pp.113-139;
- Redd (2005).

26.11.2013 - Internal vs. External II

Readings:

- Fortna (2004);
- Rotberg (2006).

03.12.2013 - Strategic Behavior

Readings:

- Gray (1999);
- Powell (2000) pp.149-196, pp.283-289.

Readings:²

1. Books

- Cohen, Saul B. (2003) *Geopolitics of the World System*, Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.
- Deutsch, Karl W. (1968) *The Analysis of International Relations*, Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall.
- de Mesquita, Bruce Bueno (2010) *Principles of International Politics*, Washington, D.C: CQ Press.

²All the readings are available on ILIAS.

- Drezner, Daniel W. (2011) *Theories of International Politics and Zombies*, Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Gray, Colin S. (1999) *Modern Strategy*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Jackson, Robert and Sørensen, Georg (2009) *Introduction to International Relations - Theories and Practices*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Klare, Michael T. (2001) *Resource Wars*, New York: Henry Holt and Company.
- Luard, Evan (1992) *Basic Texts in International Relations*, London: Macmillan.
- Rosenau, James (1990) *Turbulence in World Politics*, New York: Harvester Wheatsheaf.
- Powell, Robert (2000) *In the Shadow of Power: States and Strategies in International Politics*, Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Smith, Steve and Hadfield, Amelia (eds.) (2012) *Foreign Policy: Theories, Actors, Cases*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Vasquez, John (2000) "Reexamining the Steps to War", in Midlarsky, Manus I. (ed.) *Handbook of War Studies II*, Michigan: Michigan University Press.

2. Articles

- Böhmelt, Tobias (2013) "A Closer Look at the Information Provision Rationale: Civil Society Participation in States? Delegations at the UNFCCC", *Review of International Organizations* 8 (1): 55-80.
- Broz, Lawrence and Frieden, Jeffry (2001) "The Political Economy of International Monetary Relations", *Annual Review Of Political Science*, 4, 317-343.
- Büthe, Tim (2008) "Politics and Institutions in the Regulation of Global Capital: A Review Article", *The Review of International Organizations*, June 2008, 3:2, 207-220.
- Charron, Nicholas (2010) "Déjà vu All Over Again: A Post-Cold War Empirical Test of Huntington's Civilizational Theory", *Cooperation and Conflict*, 45 (1): 107-127.
- Dryzek, John (2011) "Global Civil Society: The Progress of Post-Westphalian Politics", *Annual Review of Political Science*, 15:101-119.
- Fearon, James (1995) "Rationalist Explanations for War" *International Organization* 49, 3: 379-414.
- Fortna, Virginia (2004) "Interstate Peacekeeping: Causal Mechanisms and Empirical Effects", *World Politics*, 56-4, 481-519.
- Henne, Peter (2012) "The Two Swords: Religion-State Connections and Interstate Disputes", *Journal of Peace Research*, 49 (6): 153-768.
- Omelicheva, Mariya (2009) "Global Civil Society and Democratization of World Pol-

itics: A Bona Fide Relationship or Illusory Liaison?", *International Studies Review*, 11, 109-132.

- Redd, Steven (2005) "The Influence of Advisers and Decision Strategists on Foreign Policy Choices: President Clinton's Decision to Use Force", *International Studies Perspectives*, 6, 335-363.
- Sheikh, Mona (2012) "How Does Religion Matter? Pathways to Religion in International Relations", *Review of International Studies*, 38: 02, April, 365-392.
- Turner, Scott (1998) "Global Civil Society, Anarchy and Governance: Assessing an Emerging Paradigm", *Journal of Peace Research*, 35, 1 (Jan., 1998),25-42.