Theoretical Aspects of International Relations (IO-601)
Monsoon Semester 2013

Class Schedule: Tuesday and Thursday; 11.30 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Course Teachers: Dr Shivaji Kumar (Section on Realism)
Dr J. Madhan Mohan (Sections other than Realism)

Course Evaluation

Section on Realism (Dr Shivaji Kumar) – 25%
Mid-Semester Examination – 25%

All Other Sections (Dr J. Madhan Mohan) – 75%
Mid-Semester Examination – 20%
Research Paper – 20%
End-Semester Examination – 35%

The aim of this course is to introduce students to various theoretical perspectives in International Relations. Students will be expected to read, assimilate and critically engage with original writings of major scholars in the field.

Unit One

Introduction

Core Reading


Further Reading


**REALISM**

**UNIT TWO**

**CLASSICAL REALISM**

**CORE READING**


**FURTHER READING**


UNIT THREE

NEOREALISM

CORE READING


FURTHER READING


UNIT FOUR

VARIANTS OF NEOREALISM: OFFENSIVE, DEFENSIVE, NEOCLASSICAL AND HEGEMONIC REALISM

CORE READING


Rose, Gideon, ‘Neoclassical Realism and Theories of Foreign Policy’, *World Politics* 51(1), pp. 144-72.

FURTHER READING


UNIT FIVE

CLASSICAL POLITICAL THEORY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

CORE READING


Hurrell, Andrew, ‘Kant and the Kantian Paradigm in International Relations’, *Review of International Studies*, 16(3), July 1990, pp. 183-205.

FURTHER READING


UNIT SIX

LIBERALISM

CORE READING


FURTHER READING


Richardson, James, L., ‘Contending Liberalisms- Past and Present’, *European Journal of International Relations*, 3(1), March 1997, pp. 5-34.


UNIT SEVEN

RATIONAL CHOICE THEORY

CORE READING


FURTHER READING


UNIT EIGHT

MARXISM

BACKGROUND READING


CORE READING


FURTHER READING


UNIT NINE

ENGLISH SCHOOL

CORE READING


FURTHER READING


UNIT TEN

CONSTRUCTIVISM

CORE READING


FURTHER READING


UNIT ELEVEN

FEMINISM

CORE READING


FURTHER READING


UNIT TWELVE

**NEO-MARXISM AND CRITICAL THEORY**

**BACKGROUND READING**


**CORE READING**


See the Special Issue (Vol. 33/S1/2007) of *Review of International Studies* on Critical International Relations Theory after 25 years, especially,

Rengger, Nicholas and Ben Thirkell-White, ‘Still critical after all these years? The past, present and future of Critical Theory in International Relations’, *Review of International Studies*, 33 (S1), April 2007, pp. 3-24.

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**FURTHER READING**


Hoffman, Mark, ‘Critical Theory and the Inter-Paradigm Debate’, *Millennium*, 16(2), pp. 231-249.


**UNIT THIRTEEN**

**POST-STRUCTURALISM AND POST-MODERNISM**

**CORE READING**


**FURTHER READING**


**UNIT FOURTEEN**

**IR THEORY AND THE THIRD WORLD**

**CORE READING**


**FURTHER READING**


**UNIT FIFTEEN**

**POST-COLONIALISM**

**CORE READING**


FURTHER READING


UNIT SIXTEEN

NORMATIVE THEORY AND INTERNATIONAL ETHICS

CORE READING


FURTHER READING


