

M.A. in Politics (International Studies)
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IS 453 N: International Organization

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Course Description

International organization is a central and increasingly important means of conducting international relations. International organizations – universal and regional, governmental and non-governmental, multi-purpose and functional – constitute important elements of the current global governance structures. This course bases itself on the classic understanding of international organization as a *process* and aims to expose students to the diversity and complexity of forms in which this process manifests itself by using the examples of specific international organizations. Although the United Nations System continues to be regarded ideationally and functionally as the chief reference point in the universe of international organizations, the canvas of this course is spread widely to include multiple forms and multiple levels of international organization. The course is designed to cover both theoretical and conceptual aspects of the practice of international organization in general as well as the specificities such as origins, evolution, structures, functions, politics, effectiveness and critiques of selected international organizations. In examining the potential as well as the limitations of international organization, a mix of theoretical, historical, legal and political approaches will be used to understand specific themes.

Instruction and Evaluation Methods

The main mode of instruction will be class room lectures and discussions spanning approx. 30–35 hours. Class time is expected to be interactive in nature, for which students are required to go through the prescribed readings (which will be circulated in advance) *before* coming for class. Although primarily based on the prescribed readings, lectures may refer to additional sources as well. If required, students can meet the course instructor individually after class in her office room between noon and 1:00 p.m. on working days. A few books and journals for general reading are listed towards the end along with an indicative list of relevant and interesting websites.

Evaluation will be based on (i) best grade out of three *surprise tests* held in class accounting for 10% of the total grade; (ii) a *mid-semester examination* accounting for 40% of the total grade held in the second week of March and (iii) an *end-semester examination* accounting for 50% of the total grade held in the first week of May.

Lecture Themes and Readings

1. International Organization

1.1. Defining, Characterizing, Classifying

- » Inis L. Claude, Jr., “International Organization: The Process and the Institutions”, *International Encyclopaedia of Social Sciences*, vol.8 (London: Macmillan, 1964), pp.33–40.
- » Inis L. Claude, Jr., *Swords into Plowshares: The Problems and Progress of International Organization*, 4th edn. (New York: Random House, 1971), pp.3–17.
- » Ernst Haas, “International Organization”, *International Encyclopaedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, vol.11, (Amsterdam: Pergamon, 2011), pp.7819–24.
- » Michel Virally, “Definition and Classification of International Organizations: A Legal Approach”, in Georges Abi-Saab (ed.), *The Concept of International Organization* (Paris: UNESCO, 1981), pp.50–66.
- » Clive Archer, *International Organizations*, 3rd edn. (New York: Routledge, 2001), pp.30–111.
- » Stanley Hoffman, “The Role of International Organization: Limits and Possibilities”, *International Organization*, 10(3), 1956, pp.357–72.

1.2. Theoretical Approaches

- » Clive Archer, “Theories of International Organizations”, in Bhupinder S. Chimni and Siddharth Mallavarapu (eds.), *International Relations: Perspectives for the Global South* (Delhi: Pearson, 2012), pp. 358–72.
- » Volker Rittberger, “Theories of International Organizations”, in Volker Rittberger, Bernard Zangi and Andreas Kruck, *International Organization*, 2nd edn. (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012) pp.15–34.

1.3. Historical Legacy

- » Inis L. Claude, Jr., *Swords into Plowshares: The Problems and Progress of International Organization*, 4th edn. (New York: Random House, 1971), pp.21–56 [“The Development of International Organization in the Nineteenth Century”; “The Establishment of the League of Nations”].
- » Pierre Gerbet, “Rise and Development of International Organization: A Synthesis”, in Georges Abi-Saab (ed.), *The Concept of International Organization* (Paris: UNESCO, 1981), pp.27–49.
- » A. LeRoy Bennet, *International Organizations: Principles and Issues*, 6th edn. (New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1977), pp.24– 42 [“A Great Experiment – The League of Nations”].
- » Zara Steiner, “Introduction Essay”, in United Nations Library, *The League of Nations in Retrospect: Proceedings of the Symposium* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 1983), pp.1–15.
- » Gerhart Niemeyer, “The Balance Sheet of the League Experiment”, in David A. Key (ed.), *The United Nations as a Political System* (New York: John Wiley & Sons Inc., 1967), pp.27–49.

2. The United Nations System

2.1. The Idea of the UN

- » Inis L. Claude, Jr., *Swords into Plowshares: The Problems and Progress of International Organization*, 4th edn. (New York: Random House, 1971), pp.57–80 [“The Origins of the United Nations System”].
- » Leland M. Goodrich, “From League of Nations to United Nations”, *International Organization*, 1947, 1(1), pp.3–21.
- » H.G. Nicholas, *United Nations as a Political Institution*, 5th edn., (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1975), pp.14–40 [“Covenant and Charter”].
- » C.S.R. Murthy, “United Nations”, in Bhupinder S. Chimni and Siddharth Mallavarapu (eds.), *International Relations: Perspectives for the Global South* (Delhi: Pearson, 2012), pp.373–88.

2.2. Principal Structures of the UN

- » David M. Malone, “Security Council”, in Thomas Weiss and Sam Daws (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), pp.117–35.
- » M.J. Peterson, “General Assembly”, in Thomas Weiss and Sam Daws (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), pp.97–116.
- » Edward Newman, “Secretary-General”, in Thomas Weiss and Sam Daws (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), pp.175–92.
- » C.S.R. Murthy, “Role of the U.N. Secretary-General in Post-Cold War Era” In M.S. Rajan (ed.), *United Nations at 50 and Beyond* (New Delhi: Lancers Books, 1996), pp.297–319.
- » Ian Hurd, *International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011), pp. 161–85 [“The International Labor Organization”].

2.3. The UN in Action

2.3.1. Peace and Security

- » Lynn H. Miller, “The Idea and the Reality of Collective Security”, in Paul F. Diehl (ed.), *The Politics of Global Governance: International Organizations in an Interdependent World* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2001), pp.171–201.
- » Keith Krause, “Disarmament”, in Thomas Weiss and Sam Daws (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), pp. 287–99.
- » Mats Berdal, “The UN After Iraq”, *Survival*, 46(3), 2004, pp.83–101.
- » C.S.R. Murthy, “United Nations Peacekeeping in Intrastate Conflicts: Emerging Trends”, *International Studies*, 38(3), 2001, pp.207–27.

- » Ramesh Thakur, “Humanitarian Intervention”, in Thomas Weiss and Sam Daws (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), pp. 387–403.
- » Oliver Richmond, “UN Peace Operations and the Dilemmas of the Peacebuilding Consensus”, *International Peacekeeping*, 11(1), 2004, pp.83–101.
- » Necla Tschirgi, *Escaping Path Dependency: A Proposed Multi-Tiered Approach for the UN’s Peacebuilding Commission*, Working Paper, (Ottawa: Centre for International Policy Studies and the Norwegian Institute for International Affairs, 2010).

2.3.2. Human Rights

- » David P. Forsythe, “United Nations and Human Rights” in Ramesh Thakur and Edward Newman (eds.), *New Millennium, New Perspectives: The United Nations, Security, and Governance* (Tokyo: UNU Press, 2000), pp.220–41.
- » Margaret P. Karns and Karen A. Mingst, *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*, 2nd edn., Boulder: Lynne Rienner, pp.447–95.
- » Bertrand G. Ramcharan, “Norms and Machinery”, in Thomas G. Weiss and Sam Daws (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), pp. 439–62.

2.3.3. Development

- » Kenneth Dadzie, “The United Nations and the Problem of Economic Development” In Adam Robert and Benedict Kingsbury (eds.), *United Nations, Divided World: UN’s Role in International Relations*, 2nd edn. (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1994), pp. 139–57.
- » Oav Stokke, *The UN and Development: From Aid to Cooperation* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2009), pp.481–510.
- » Richard, Jolly, “Human Development”, in Thomas Weiss and Sam Daws (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), pp.634–49
- » Aram Ziai, “The Millennium Development Goals: Back to the Future?”, *Third World Quarterly*, 32(1), 2011, pp.27–43.

2.3.4. Ideas

- » Thomas G. Weiss, *Thinking about Global Governance* (New York: Routledge, 2011), pp.43–65 [“How UN Ideas Change the World”].

2.4. Reforming the UN

- » Edward C. Luck, “How Not to Reform the United Nations”, *Global Governance*, 11(4), 2005, 407–14.
- » Edward C. Luck, “Principal Organs”, in Thomas G. Weiss and Sam Daws (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), pp.653–74.

- » C.S.R. Murthy, “Reforming the UN Security Council: An Asian View”, *South Asian Survey*, 5(1), 1998, pp.113–24.
- » Ramesh Thakur, “Reforming the United Nations: Changing with and for the Times”, *International Peacekeeping*, 10(4), 2003, pp. 40–61.

3. Governing the Global Political Economy

3.1. Bretton Woods Institutions (World Bank & IMF)

- » Ngaire Woods, “Bretton Woods Institutions”, in Thomas Weiss and Sam Daws (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), 233–53.
- » Jong-Il You, “The Bretton Woods Institutions: Evolution, Reform and Change”, in Deepak Nayyar (ed.), *Governing Globalization: Issues and Institutions* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002), pp.209–37.
- » James Raymond Vreeland, *The International Monetary Fund: Politics of Conditional Lending* (New York: Routledge, 2007), pp.5–36 [“What is the IMF?”].
- » Katherine Marshall, *The World Bank: From Reconstruction to Development to Equity* (New York: Routledge, 2008) pp.59–92 [“Nuts and Bolts: How the World Bank Functions”].

3.2. World Trade Organization

- » Bernard M. Hoekman and Petros C. Mavroidis, *The World Trade Organization: Law, Economics, and Politics* (New York: Routledge, 2007), pp.1–27.
- » Bernard M. Hoekman and Michel M. Kostecki, *The Political Economy of the World Trading System: The WTO and Beyond*, 2nd edn., (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), pp.49–73 [“The World Trade Organization”].
- » John H. Jackson, *The World Trade Organization: Constitution and Jurisprudence* (London: Royal Institute of International Affairs, 1998), pp.12–100.

4. Organizing Regionally

- » Louise Fawcett and Andrew Hurrell (eds.), *Regionalism in World Politics: Regional Organizations and International Order* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995), pp.9–36, 122–168.
- » Margaret P. Karns and Karen A. Mingst, *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*, 2nd edn. (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2010), pp. 145–218 [“Regional Organizations”].

5. Global Civil Society and International Non-governmental Organizations

- » David Armstrong, “The Emergence of Global Civil Society”, in David Armstrong, Lorna Lloyd and John Redmond, *International Organization in World Politics*, 3rd edn. (London: Palgrave, 2004), pp.251–65.

- » B.S. Chimni, “International Institutions Today: An Imperial Global State in the Making”, *European Journal of International Law*, 15(1), 2004, pp.1–37.
- » Thomas G. Weiss, Tatiana Carayannis and Richard Jolly, “The “Third” United Nations”, *Global Governance*, 15, 2009, pp.123–42.

6. Inter-organizational Interaction and Issues of Coherence

- » Ernst B. Haas, “Why Collaborate?: Issue-Linkage and International Regimes” In Friedrich Kratochwil and Edward D. Mansfield, *International Organization: A Reader* (New York: Harper Collins College Publishers, 1994), pp. 364–84.
- » James N. Rosenau, “Governance in the Twenty-first Century”, *Global Governance*, 1(1), 1995, pp.13-43.

7. International Organization: The Discipline

- » Friedrich Kratochwil and John Gerard Ruggie, “International Organization: A State of the Art on an Art of the State”, *International Organization*, 40(4), 1986, pp.753–75.
- » Rochester, J. Martin., “Rise and Fall of International Organization as a Field of Study”, *International Organization*, 40(4), 1986, pp. 777–813.
- » Bob Reinalda, “International Organization as a Field of Research Since 1910”, in Bob Reinalda (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of International Organization* (New York: Routledge, 2013), pp.1–23.

General Readings

Books

- » Clive Archer, *International Organizations*, 3rd edn. (London: Routledge, 2001).
- » David Armstrong, Lorna Lloyd and John Redmond, *International Organization in World Politics*, 3rd edn. (London: Palgrave, 2004).
- » Inis L. Claude, Jr., *Swords into Plowshares: The Problems and Progress of International Organization*, 4th edn., (New York: Random House, 1971).
- » K.P. Saksena, *The United Nations and Collective Security: A Historical Analysis* (Delhi: D.K. Publishing House, 1974).
- » Leland M. Goodrich, et al., *Charter of the United Nations: Commentary and Documents* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1969).
- » Margaret P. Karns and Karen A. Mingst, *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*, 2nd edn. (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2010).
- » Michael Barnett and Martha Finnemore, *Rules for the World: International Organizations in Global Politics* (Delhi: Atlantic Publishers, 2004).
- » Paul F. Diehl (ed.), *The Politics of Global Governance: International Organizations in an Interdependent World* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2001).
- » Paul Kennedy, *The Parliament of Man: The Past, Present and Future of the United Nations* (New York: Random House, 2006).
- » Thomas G. Weiss and Sam Daws (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007).
- » Volker Rittberger, Bernard Zangi and Andreas Kruck, *International Organization*, 2nd edn. (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012).

Journals

- » *Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organizations* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers).
- » *International Organization* (Massachusetts: Cambridge University Press).
- » *International Studies* (New Delhi: Sage Publications).
- » *American Journal of International Law* (Washington D.C.: The American Society of International Law).

Websites

- » www.un.org [Official website of the United Nations]
- » www.globalpolicy.org [Global Policy Forum]
- » Official websites of international organizations.

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