

Contemporary International Relations PO4700

Syllabus 2011-12 Senior Sophister Course

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Lecture location

Michaelmas Term (Wks 1-3): Friday 10-11am, Arts Room 3074

Michaelmas Term (Wks 4-11)

Group 1: Friday 10:00, Arts Room 3074

Group 2: Tuesday 15:00, Arts Room 4050B

Hilary Term: TBC

Course Overview

Description

Although a 'common sense' view of world politics is often presented in non-academic contexts, there is little agreement among experts on what international relations is, and how we should think about the discipline. This module enables students to critically examine the conventional wisdom and as a result to gain a more critical understanding of international relations. Part I provides a survey of theoretical perspectives in international relations, moving beyond the classical division between realism and liberalism. It also integrates a focus on security to animate key theoretical claims and their application. In Part II, the course turns to the thematic domain of international human rights regimes to assess how international relations scholarship is adapting to, and making sense of, contemporary developments in this fast-moving arena.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module students should be able to:

- Describe the key assumptions which distinguish contemporary theories of international relations from each other

- Analyse the purpose, coherence and contradictions of contemporary theories of international relations as they apply to the issues of security and international human rights regimes
- Evaluate the contribution of different theories to understanding and explaining the significance of international human rights and the role of the United Nations in world politics

Course organisation

This course consists of an initial 50 minute lecture for weeks 1 to 3. The group will then be split into two and proceeds with a series of 50 minute smaller group-lectures for the remainder of the course. The lectures are valuable guides to the material and students are expected to attend them. However, deeper learning comes through your own reading. Lecture attendance is not sufficient to achieve mastery of the material. A passing grade will not be possible without demonstrating a knowledge of the materials in the course, both in the readings and lectures.

Smaller group lectures begin in week 4 of teaching, October 17th. Sign up lists for the two groups will be placed on the SS noticeboard, Dept. of Political Science, College Green (next to Starbucks, Dame Street). You should come to these smaller group lectures having read the required readings and prepared to discuss the questions listed at the beginning of each week's readings. ALL students are expected to prepare ONE study brief in advance of a smaller group lecture in Michaelmas Term (Wks 4-11) and TWO such study briefs in Hilary Term (see below for detailed information on study briefs). There is no limit on the number of study briefs that can be submitted and all briefs will receive feedback.

Students who have prepared a study brief for that week may be called upon to present aspects of their work, as well as indicate additional questions that they think should guide discussion of the topic. The study brief system is intended to raise the level of group learning as well as provide a chance for students to receive substantive feedback as the course progresses.

Study briefs

Each student will have to prepare a study brief prior to ONE lecture in Michaelmas Term and TWO lectures in Hilary Term. Study briefs should be 800-1000 words in length (minimum 800 words, maximum 1000 words). The study briefs should be word processed, doubled spaced, and in 12 point font. The briefs must be sent to me as an email attachment **a minimum of 48 hours** before the relevant lecture. My email address can be found on the front of this syllabus. Late submissions may be refused.

The purpose of the study briefs is threefold. Firstly, they must address ONE of the questions at the top of each week's readings, drawing explicitly on the principle points raised by the required readings. Secondly, they should pose **at least two additional questions** that arise in the course of writing your answer to the question. Thirdly, where possible, these questions should make reference to the general themes of the course (i.e. IR theory and security in term 1; and human rights in term 2).

In order to prepare your study briefs, therefore, you should read the relevant week's required readings, address one of the three questions at the top of that week's readings and pose at least **two additional questions** regarding your chosen topic.

I will provide feedback on your study briefs within two weeks of submission. This feedback will be qualitative and formative (i.e. will not form part of your formal assessment).

Assessment

Two essays account for 40% of the mark (20% per essay). The annual exam at the end of semester 2 accounts for 60% of the mark.

Essay topics are provided at the end of this outline.

ENSURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE PAPER SUBMITTED.

Essays **must** be submitted both via turnitin.com and in hard copy. The hard copies must be typed and printed, on one side of the paper only. Hand them in without plastic folders, binders etc, ensure that the cover sheet has been attached and correctly filled in, and make sure you've numbered the pages of your essay. Put your name on the cover sheet but nowhere else on the essay. There will be a drop box outside my office for hard copies (see front cover).

Coursework needs to be submitted via the plagiarism detector Turnitin; see www.turnitin.com. Every essay must be submitted through turnitin.com to receive a grade. To be sure that you are not inadvertently plagiarising, see the department's undergraduate handbook at:

http://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/undergraduate/handbook.php

This also gives guidelines about how to plan and write an essay, what the markers are looking for, what qualities a good essay possesses, and what factors can result in low marks.

Please note that plagiarism is unacceptable in any circumstances and both the Department and College takes all plagiarism cases very seriously. Offenders will be referred to tutors and plagiarized essays will be given a zero mark.

To submit via turnitin: the class ID is 4392356 and the password is security11

Please upload your papers in Microsoft Word.

If you haven't used www.turnitin.com before, select new users on the homepage, follow the instructions for setting up a student profile, login with your new personal password, and you will get to the page for uploading a paper for the class. Make sure you figure out how to do this in good time for the deadline.

Essay Deadlines

Essay 1: **December 2 2011** (Friday, week 10 of Michaelmas term)

Essay 2: **March 30 2012** (Friday, week 11 of Hilary term)

Please note all late work, unless excused in advance by the course lecturer, or justified by medical certificate, will be penalised at a rate of 5 marks per working day. Requests for extensions for MT or HT essays or special exam consideration on medical etc. grounds should be made by college tutors directly (not by students) to the course lecturer, Dr Pegram, in the normal manner).

Under no circumstances will work be accepted after the set work has been marked and handed back to other students, or after the end of Trinity lecture term. Requests for special consideration advanced at a later stage will not be accepted. Essays may, of course, be handed in earlier than the due date. All essays will be marked by Dr Pegram. **Turnitin essays should be clearly marked with the student's name.**

Essay Guidelines

Both essays should be around 2000 words and no more than 2500 words (excluding footnotes and bibliography). Basic paper conventions apply: (1) double spaced, (2) complete footnotes, (3) pages numbered, (4) proofread, and (5) full bibliography. Essays must state the word count.

A good paper will draw on course materials from the course to date, and consider alternative answers to the question as suggested by different topics in international politics and different approaches to IR theory. The Hilary Term essay should not be answered only or predominantly by reference to material covered in Michaelmas term: it must cover material from Hilary term.

Some of the topics under discussion in a course on international relations necessarily touch on topics covered in other courses or in the Irish and international media. That being said, essays should be written in response to the lectures and the material provided for this course. It is acceptable to cite material, particularly passages of scholarly work, contained in handouts provided for lectures in your essay, and even arguments or claims made in lectures. However, a satisfactory essay must demonstrate a knowledge of the required course readings.

The essays are short, so do not attempt to cover everything which could possibly be relevant – prioritise. Make sure you show knowledge of alternative theories and answers to the question, and a variety of course materials. The essay must demonstrate knowledge and engagement with the course readings contained in the syllabus. The ability to be concise is part of the job of writing a good essay. I may stop reading at 2500 words.

Correct citation is important. Please footnote all references at the bottom of each page (NOT Harvard system or end notes) and use the following formulations:

For books:

Booth, K. and N. J. Wheeler, *The Security Dilemma: Fear, Cooperation, and Trust in World Politics* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), p. 1 (OR pp. 1-3)

After first citation: Booth and Wheeler, *The Security Dilemma*, p. 1 (OR pp. 1-3)

For journal articles/periodicals:

Nye, Joseph, 'Neorealism and Neoliberalism', *World Politics*, vol. 40, no. 2, January 1988, 325-51

After first citation: Nye, 'Neorealism and Neoliberalism', p. 1 (OR pp. 1-3)

For chapters in books:

Linklater, Andrew, 'Neorealism in Theory and Practice', in Ken Booth and Steve Smith (eds.), *International Relations Theory Today* (London: Polity Press, 1995), p. 241 (OR pp. 241-262)

After first citation: Linklater, 'Neorealism in Theory and Practice', p. 241 (OR pp. 241-262)

FYI:

If the source is by more than two authors you can cite the first author followed by et al.

Ibid. is acceptable when citing the same source in the footnote that immediately follows. Otherwise, please cite as above.

Essay outlines

Students are welcome to submit an essay outline to me by email (pegamt@tcd.ie) by the end of Week 6 (Friday, 4 November) at the latest. They will be given back comments in Week 8. The outline should be around one side of A4 (excluding bibliography), and should include:

- Choice of essay question (see end of syllabus)
- A summary of your proposed argument (may be in bullet-point form)
- A short annotated bibliography (5-8 references)

Please note: the outline should be word processed, in size 12 font, and follow standard citation practices as above.

Readings

Each week's readings contain a list of required readings. Recommended readings of particular value are also listed. Please ensure you have read the required readings.

Many readings are available electronically, through the TCD database/journal arrangements or otherwise on the web. Where possible a linkable URL as been provided in this syllabus, but the URLs of electronic journal articles etc are subject to change, so if the provided URL does not work, please follow the TCD library catalogue 'periodicals' search to find the journal in question and follow the link from there:

<http://atoz.ebsco.com/Titles/1324?lang=en&lang.menu=en&lang.subject=en>

Textbooks are valuable resources for this module. They are also a useful guide to the broader literature. However, over reliance on textbooks – or too few sources in general – for general reading and especially the assessed essays should be avoided. The following textbooks will be particularly useful throughout the course:

A. International Relations Theory

Brown, Chris and Kirsten Ainley, *Understanding International Relations*, 4th edition (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009)

Burchill, Scott and Andrew Linklater et al., *Theories of International Relations*, 3rd edition (Palgrave MacMillan, 2005)

B. Security

Booth, Ken and Nicholas J. Wheeler, *The Security Dilemma: Fear, Cooperation, and Trust in World Politics* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007)

Kolodziej, Edward A., *Security and International Relations* (Cambridge University Press, 2005)

C. International Human Rights Regimes

Freeman, Michael, *Human Rights: an Interdisciplinary Approach (Key Concepts)* (London: Polity Press, 2011)

Danchin, Peter G. and Horst Fischer, *United Nations Reform and the New Collective Security* (Cambridge University Press, 2010)

Questions for consideration

Heading each week's lecture/seminar readings, you will find questions. These questions are intended to guide you in your reading. They will also provide points to consider, where appropriate, in seminar discussions. Please think about these questions as you read and prepare for our meeting.

Websites

The following websites are useful sources of information:

News and Views

Democracy Now: www.democracynow.org

Al Jazeera: http://english.aljazeera.net/watch_now/

Russia Today: <http://rt.com/on-air/>

The Economist: <http://www.economist.com/>

IR Blogs

‘The Realist’: Daniel W. Drezner, Professor of International Politics at Tufts University:
<http://drezner.foreignpolicy.com/>

Stephen Walt, ‘*A realist in an ideological age*’:
<http://walt.foreignpolicy.com/>

‘The Liberal’: Anne-Marie Slaughter, Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University: <http://www.theatlantic.com/anne-marie-slaughter/>

Human Rights

United Nations Intellectual History Project (Jolly and Weiss): <http://www.unhistory.org/>

Global Policy Forum: www.globalpolicy.org

UN Watch: www.unwatch.org

List of International Human Rights Instruments:

<http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/instree/ainstls2.htm>

University of Minnesota Human Rights Library: <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts>

United Nations, human rights related resources: <http://www.un.org/rights>

United States Department of State, Human Rights Country Reports:
<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/hr/index.cfm?id=1470>

Foreign Policy magazine's links: <http://www.foreignpolicy.com/resources/links.php>

Amnesty International: <http://www.amnesty.org>

Human Rights Watch: <http://www.hrw.org>

UN homepage: <http://www.un.org>

Human Rights Information and Documentation Systems, International: <http://hurisearch.org>

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Michaelmas Term

A. International Relations Theory: Approaches to Security

Week 1: Welcome and Introduction to the Study of International Relations

Questions for consideration

1. Why study international relations?
2. What, if anything, is distinctive about international relations theory?

Required

A thorough reading of this Syllabus

Recommended

Smith, Steve, 'Introduction: Diversity and Disciplinarity in International Relations Theory', in Tim Dunne et al. (eds.), *International Relations Theories* (Oxford: OUP), pp. 1-14

Nicholson, Michael, 'What's the use of International Relations', *Review of International Studies*, vol. 26, no. 2, 2000, pp. 183-98:

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=33435>

Cox, Robert W., 'Social Forces, States and World Orders: Beyond International Relations Theory', *Millennium*, vol. 10 no. 2, 1981, pp. 126-55:

http://www.iiss.ee/files/7/IISS6001_Cox_Social%20forces_1981.pdf

Week 2: Liberalism and Realism during the *Pax Americana*

Questions for consideration

1. Which school of thought makes the most reasonable assumptions about international politics, Realism or Liberalism?
2. For Morgenthau, is morality relevant to understanding international relations?

Required

Burchill, S. and A. Linklater et al., *Theories of International Relations*, 3rd edition 2005, chapters 2 and 3

Mearsheimer, John, 'Back to the Future: Instability in Europe after the Cold War', *International Security*, vol. 15 (1990), 5-56: <http://smp.fsv.cuni.cz/Mearsheimer.pdf>

Jervis, Robert, 'Realism in the Study of World Politics', *International Organization*, vol. 52, no. 4, Autumn 1998, pp. 971-991:

<http://asrudiancenter.files.wordpress.com/2010/01/robert-jervis.pdf>

Tickner, J., 'Hans Morgenthau's Principles of Political Realism', *Millennium*, vol. 17, no. 3, 1988, pp. 429-40: <http://mil.sagepub.com/content/17/3/429.citation>

Recommended

Deudney, D. and Ikenberry, J. G., 'The Nature and Sources of Liberal International Order', *Review of International Studies*, vol. 25, no. 2, April 1999, 179-196:

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=33687>

Rosenau, James N., and Mary Durfee, *Thinking Theory Thoroughly: Coherent Approaches to an Incoherent World* (Westview Press, 2000), chapter 2

Kennedy-Pipe, Caroline, 'International History and International Relations Theory: A Dialogue Beyond the Cold War', *International Affairs*, vol. 76, no. 4, 2000, pp. 741-54:

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1468-2346.00162/abstract>

Hoffman, Mark, 'Critical Theory and the Inter-Paradigm Debate', *Millennium*, vol. 16, no. 2, 1987, pp. 231-50: <http://mil.sagepub.com/content/16/2/231.extract>

On liberalism

Moravcsik, Andrew, 'Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics', *International Organization*, vol. 51, no. 4, Autumn 1997, pp. 513-553:

<http://www.princeton.edu/~amoravcs/library/preferences.pdf>

Zacher, Mark W., and Richard A. Matthew, 'Liberal International Theory: Common Threads, Divergent Strands', in Charles Kegley (ed.), *Controversies in International Relations Theory: Realism and the Neoliberal Challenge* (Macmillan, 1995), pp. 107-140.

Beitz, Charles R., 'International Liberalism and Distributive Justice: A Survey of Recent Thought', *World Politics*, vol. 51, no. 2, January 1999, pp. 269-96 (review article):

<http://www.jstor.org/pss/25054076>

Keohane, Robert, 'International Liberalism Reconsidered', in John Dunn (ed.), *The Economic Limits to Modern Politics* (Cambridge: CUP, 1992), pp. 165-95

On Realism

Early realist tradition: T. Hobbes, *Leviathan*; N. Machiavelli, *The Prince*; Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*

Carr, E. H., *The Twenty Years Crisis* (1939, most recent edition: Palgrave Macmillan, 2001)

Krasner, S. D., *Sovereignty: Organized Hypocrisy* (Princeton UP, 1999)

Mearsheimer, J., *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (Norton, 2001)

Morgenthau, H., *Politics among nations: the struggle for power and peace* (1948, most recent edition: McGraw Hill, 1993)

Waltz, K., *Man, the State and War: A Theoretical Analysis* (1959, most recent edition: Columbia UP, 2001) especially chapters 6 and 7; also Waltz, K., *Theory of International Politics* (Addison-Wesley, 1979)

Walker, R. B. J., 'Realism, Change and International Politics Theory', *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 31, no. 1, March 1987, pp. 65-86: <http://www.jstor.org/pss/2600660>

Wohlforth, W., 'Realism', in C. Reus-Smit and D. Snidal (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of International Relations* (OUP, 2008), chapter 7

Week 3: Neorealism and Neoliberal Institutionalism

Questions for consideration

1. What are the strengths of Neorealism and why has it had such an impact on IR theory?
2. What is neoliberal institutionalism and where is this analysis cogent?

Required

Baldwin, David A., 'Neoliberalism, Neorealism and World Politics', in D. A. Baldwin (ed.), *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate* (Columbia UP, 1993), chapter 1

Jervis, Robert, 'Realism, Neoliberalism and Cooperation: Understanding the Debate', *International Security*, vol. 24, no. 1, Summer 1999, pp. 24-64:
http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/publication/579/realism_neoliberalism_and_cooperation.html

Taliaferro, Jeffrey W., 'Security-Seeking Under Anarchy: Defensive Realism Reconsidered', *International Security*, vol. 25, no. 3, Winter 2000-2001, pp. 152-86:
http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/publication/410/security_seeking_under_anarchy.html

Recommended

Kegley, C., *Controversies in International Relations Theory: Realism and the Neoliberal Challenge* (Macmillan, 1995), chapter 1

Grieco, J., 'Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Institutionalism', *International Organization*, vol. 42, no. 3, Summer 1988, pp. 485-507:
<http://www.jstor.org/pss/2706787>

Neorealism

Linklater, Andrew, 'Neorealism in Theory and Practice', in Ken Booth and Steve Smith (eds.), *International Relations Theory Today* (Penn State University Press, 1995), chapter 11

Waltz, Kenneth, 'Realist Thought and Neorealist Theory', *Journal of International Affairs*, vol. 44, no. 1, Summer 1990, pp. 21-37: <http://www.irchina.org/waltz/waltz1990.pdf>

Kratochwil, F., 'The embarrassment of changes: neo-realism as the science of Realpolitik without politics', *Review of International Studies*, vol. 19, no. 1, January 1993, pp. 63-80: <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=6300376>

Keohane, R., *Neorealism and Its Critics* (Columbia UP, 1986)

Waltz, Kenneth, 'Structural Realism After the Cold War', *International Security*, vol. 25, no. 1, Summer 2000, pp. 5-41: http://www.columbia.edu/itc/sipa/U6800/readings-sm/Waltz_Structural%20Realism.pdf

Waltz, Kenneth, 'The Emerging Structure of International Politics', *International Security*, vol. 18, no. 2, Autumn 1993, pp. 44-79: http://isites.harvard.edu/fs/docs/icb.topic162929.files/I_Great_Power_Rivalry/Waltz.pdf

Jervis, Robert, 'Realism, Game Theory and Cooperation', *World Politics*, vol. 40, no. 3, April 1988, 317-49: <http://www.jstor.org/pss/2010216>

Neoliberalism

Keohane, R., *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy* (1984, most recent edition: Princeton UP, 2005)

Milner, Helen, 'International Theories of Cooperation among Nations: Strengths and Weaknesses', *World Politics*, vol. 44, no. 3, April 1992, p. 466-94 (review article): <http://www.jstor.org/pss/2010546>

Keohane, R., *Power and Governance in a Partially Globalized World* (Routledge, 2002)

Keohane, R. And J. Nye, *Power and Interdependence*, 5th edition (Longman, 2001)

Ikenberry, John et al., 'Introduction: Unipolarity, State Behaviour and Systemic Consequences', *World Politics*, vol. 61, no. 1, January 2009, pp. 1-27: <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=2919340>

Week 4: War and Deterrence

*** NOTE: Week 4 and all subsequent weeks are small group lectures**

Questions for consideration

1. Why has security been so important for theorists of international relations?

2. Is more security better?
3. According to Stephen Walt, what is the security dilemma posed by Iran and the appropriate response?

Required

Buzan, Barry et al., *Security: A New Framework for Analysis* (Lynne Rienner, 1998), pp. 1-45

Kolodziej, Edward A., *Security and International Relations* (Cambridge University Press, 2005), Introduction and Chapter 3

Jervis, Robert, 'Cooperation under the Security Dilemma', *World Politics*, vol.30, no. 2, January 1978, pp. : <http://www.jstor.org/pss/2009958>

Howard, Michael, 'Reassurance and Deterrence', *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 61, no. 2, winter 1982-1983:
<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/37127/michael-howard/reassurance-and-deterrence-western-defense-in-the-1980s>

Walt, Stephen M., 'How not to contain Iran', *Foreign Policy*, March 5, 2010:
http://walt.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2010/03/05/how_not_to_contain_iran

Recommended

Booth, Ken and Nicholas J. Wheeler, *The Security Dilemma: Fear, Cooperation, and Trust in World Politics* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), Introduction and Conclusion

Robert Jervis, *Perception and Misperception in International Politics* (Princeton UP, 1976), chapter 3

Zagare, F., *The Dynamics of Deterrence* (University of Chicago, 1987)

Brown and Ainley, *Understanding International Relations*, 4th edition, chapters 5 and 6

Waltz, Kenneth, 'The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory', *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, vol. 18, no. 4, Spring 1988, pp. 615-28:
<http://www.columbia.edu/itc/sipa/S6800/courseworks/OriginsOfWar.pdf>

Rothschild, Emma, 'What is Security?' *Daedalus*, vol. 124, no. 3, 1995, pp. 53-98:
<http://www.jstor.org/pss/20027310>

Mingst, K. and J. Snyder (eds.), *Essential Readings in World Politics*, 2nd edition, (Norton, 2004), chapter 8 (Clausewitz, Schelling, Jervis, Posen and Fearon)

Background to accompany Stephen Walt: 'Neocon 101: Some basic questions answered', *The Christian Science Monitor*: www.faculty.rcc.edu/sellick/Neocon%20101.pdf (reprinted)

Week 5: Constructivism

Questions for consideration

1. What does Wendt mean when he says that ‘anarchy is what the states make of it’?
2. What cases illustrate the potential for a constructivist understanding of the problem of social change?

* **Guidelines for writing assigned essays will be discussed at this lecture.**

Required

Christian Reus-Smit, ‘Constructivism,’ in Scott Burchill et al., *Theories of International Relations*, 4th edition (Palgrave MacMillan, 3rd edition 2005), pp. 188-212

Krasner, Stephen D., ‘Wars, hotel fires, and plane crashes’, *Review of International Studies*, vol. 26, no. 1, 2000, pp. 131-36:

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=33423>

Wendt, A., ‘Anarchy is what states make of it: the social construction of power politics’, *International Organization*, vol. 46, no. 2, Spring 1992, pp. 391-425:

<http://www.jstor.org/pss/2706858>

Checkel, Jeffrey T., ‘The constructivist turn in International Relations theory’, *World Politics*, vol. 50, no. 2, January 1998, pp. 324-48: <http://www.jstor.org/pss/25054040>

Recommended

Brown and Ainley, *Understanding International Relations*, 4th edition, chapter 3

Onuf, Nicholas G., ‘Constructivism: a user’s manual’, in Vendulka Kubálková et al., *International Relations in a constructed world* (Sharpe, 1998), Chapter 3

Barnett, Michael N., *Dialogues in Arab Politics* (Columbia University Press, 1998)

Searle, John R., *The Construction of Social Reality* (Allen Lane, 1995)

Zehfuss, M., ‘Constructivism and identity: A dangerous liaison’, *European Journal of International Relations*, vol. 7, no. 3, September 2001, pp. 319-63:

<http://ejt.sagepub.com/content/7/3/315.abstract>

Wendt, Alexander, ‘Constructing International Politics’, *International Security*, vol. 20, no. 1, Summer 1995, pp. 71-81:

<http://faculty.maxwell.syr.edu/hpschmitz/PSC124/PSC124Readings/WendtConstructivism.pdf>

Fearon, J. and Alexander Wendt, 'Rationalism v. Constructivism: A Sceptical View', in Carlsnaes et al. (eds.), *Handbook of International Relations* (London: Sage Publications, 2002), chapter 3

Ruggie, John, 'What Makes the World Hang Together? Neoliberalism and the Social Constructivist Challenge', *International Organization*, vol. 52, no. 4, 1998, pp. 855-85: <http://www.indiana.edu/~gradipe/docs/ruggie02.pdf>

Finnemore, Martha, and Kathryn Sikkink, 'International Norm Dynamics and Political Change', *International Organization*, vol. 52, no. 4, Autumn 1998, pp. 887-917: <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=173303>

Finnemore, M., *National Interests in International Society* (Cornell UP, 1996)

Guzzini, S., 'A Reconstruction of Constructivism in International Relations', *European Journal of International Relations*, vol. 6, no. 2, June 2000, 147-82: <http://ejt.sagepub.com/content/6/2/147.abstract>

Week 6: The 'English School'

Questions for consideration

1. What are the key themes, purposes and concerns of the 'English School' of IR?
2. Is the 'English School' simply a variety of Realism?

Required

Linklater, Andrew, 'The English School', in S. Burchill and A. Linklater et al., *Theories of International Relations*, 3rd edition 2005, chapter 4

Copeland, Dale C., 'A realist critique of the English School', *Review of International Studies*, vol. 29, no. 3, 2003, pp. 427-41: <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=163111>

Little, Richard, 'The English School vs. American Realism: A meeting of minds or divided by a common language', *Review of International Studies*, vol. 29, no. 3, July 2003, pp. 443-60: <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=163113>

Bull, Hedley, 'Does Order Exist in World Politics?' in Karen Mingst and Jack Snyder (eds.), *Essential Readings in World Politics*, 2nd edition 2004, pp. 120-124

Recommended

'Classical' reading

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Week 8: Theorising the Post-Cold War era

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2. Does Huntington's thesis 'Clash of civilizations?' make any contribution to international relations theory?

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Questions for consideration

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2. What contributions does Neo-Gramscian thought make to IR theory?

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Week 10: Critical Perspectives on Security

Questions for consideration

1. In what ways is the concept of security contested by Critical Security Studies?
2. What is the appropriate focus of ‘security’: states, human beings, or something else?

Assignment for study brief:

Visit the Global Security Matrix:

<http://www.watsoninstitute.org/globalsecuritymatrix/explore.html>

1. Complete your own Security Matrix, ranking all the possible threats according to the provided scale. Provide a written explanation for your choices.

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Week 11: The Global 'War on Terror'

Questions for consideration

1. Does international relations theory provide explanations for US and UK military action in response to the attacks?
2. Will terrorism in the West fundamentally change international relations theory?

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B. International Human Rights Regimes

Week 1: Human Rights in International Relations

Questions for consideration

1. What are 'human rights'? How does the concept feature in international relations theory?
2. Which is more important: hard law or soft law? Regardless, is soft law an important feature of international relations?

Introductory

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Required

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Week 2: The United Nations, Human Rights and Reform

Questions for consideration

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2. Does the UN play an effective role in the promotion and protection of human rights? Which criticisms do you find most compelling and why?

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Week 3: The Regional Application of Human Rights Norms: Africa, Americas and Europe

Questions for Consideration

1. Does a regional approach to human rights offer good opportunities for the effective enforcement of human rights?
2. What are some of the social, political, cultural, historical differences among the regions that may explain the different challenges for the realization of human rights?

Required

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Week 4: The United Nations and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)

Questions for Consideration

1. How has the UN promoted NHRI diffusion across contrasting political regimes? What explains this enthusiasm for the NHRI project?
2. How can rights advocacy by NHRIs in international arenas (the UN) secure substantive results at the domestic level?

Required

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Week 5: NGOs and Human Rights: Transnational Advocacy Networks

Questions for Consideration

1. How are transnational advocacy networks shaping the emerging global discourse on human rights and, more broadly, challenging international relations theory?
2. Contrasting Keck and Hafner-Burton, what assessment can reasonably be made of the contribution of international human rights instruments to positive human rights outcomes worldwide?

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Week 6: International Criminal Courts

Questions for Consideration

1. How accurate is it to say we are moving toward the universal enforcement of human rights?

2. What explains US longstanding opposition to the ICC?

Required

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Week 8: Human Rights and Foreign Policy

Questions for Consideration

1. In general, are states paying more or less attention to human rights through foreign policy? Why?
2. What human rights issues are of current concern in international policy-making? How might these issues be addressed in the future by states?

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Week 10: The application of 'Responsibility to Protect': Contrasting Libya and Syria

Questions for Consideration

1. How novel is the idea of R2P within the existing international collective security regime? Is the charge of 'humanitarian imperialism' by its critics valid?
2. Do the Libyan and Syrian internal conflicts offer grounds for coercive intervention under Pillar 3 of R2P? What explains differences in outcome across these two cases?

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Week 11: The Future of Human Rights in a Non-Western World

Questions for Consideration

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2. How are ‘emerging powers’ (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) using human rights critiques against Western states, and what changes are seen over time?

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Week 12: Overview and Conclusion

C. Essay Questions

Michaelmas Term

In an essay of around 2000 words answer **ONE** of the following questions:

1. What is the relationship between different theories of IR and American power?
2. How 'new' is neo-realism?
3. Compare and contrast the strengths and limitations of 'offensive' versus 'defensive' realism as an explanation for state aggression?
4. In what ways is Marxist theorising still relevant to international relations?

Hilary Term

In an essay of around 2000 words answer **ONE** of the following questions:

1. Does the UN always reflect the policies of its most powerful members (the 'Permanent 5' or P5)? Based on this assessment, what are the prospects for enlargement of the UN Security Council?
2. How are transnational advocacy networks shaping the emerging global discourse on human rights and, more broadly, challenging international relations theory?
3. Is the selective application by international criminal tribunals against less powerful states an inherent feature of the international system?
4. How novel is the idea of R2P within the existing international collective security regime?