Course Description

This course asks three questions: First, what does it mean to talk about “governance” in world politics? Second, how does international governance come into being? Third, can international governance be “democratized”? The first two questions have long been at the heart of the academic study of international organization. The third question – can international governance be democratized? – is one that scholars have only recently begun to explore, particularly as civil society organizations have called for greater accountability and transparency in the operation of major international institutions such as the European Union, the World Trade Organization and the World Bank.
Requirements

The prerequisite for the course is a previous graduate-level course in international relations. There are three requirements:

1. Participation in Seminar Discussion (20%)

   Complete all of the readings for each week and come to the seminar ready to pose questions and offer comments about the readings.

2. Four Short Essays (40%)

   Write four essays about four different weeks’ readings. Each essay should be 4-5 pages in length (double-spaced). Please do not summarize the readings: Pick one or two themes that you would like to explore, and then critique/analyze the readings accordingly. Submit your essays by email, or put them in my mailbox, by 4 pm on the Tuesday of that week.

3. Term Paper or Final Exam (40%)

   You may choose to write a final exam or a term paper. The term paper should be approximately 20 pages long (double-spaced) and is due at our last seminar meeting. The topic should relate to the theme of international governance, and must be approved by me.

Readings

All of the readings are mandatory. The following books have been ordered by the CU bookstore (in addition, one copy of each book will be placed on short-term reserve at Norlin library):


Ben Rosamond, *Theories of European Integration* (St. Martin’s Press, 2000).


The other readings will be kept in the political science office (Ketchum 106) for your convenience. Please borrow them only to make your own copies, and return the originals immediately. In addition, several readings are available electronically (using a CU computer) by clicking on the titles below.

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**COURSE SCHEDULE**

**Part I: Introduction: What is International Governance?**

**Jan. 16: International Organization as a Field of Study: An Overview**


Jan. 23: On the Meaning of “Governance” and “Authority”


**Part II: Theories of International Governance**

Jan. 30: Early Functionalist and Integration Theories


Feb. 6: Regime Theories

Stephan Haggard and Beth A. Simmons, “Theories of International Regimes,” *International Organization* 41:3 (Summer 1987), pp. 491-517.


Feb. 13: Multilateralism, and International Legalization


Feb. 20: A Revival of Functionalism?


Feb. 27: Competing Views of European Integration


March 6: International Institutions and Economic Integration


March 13: International Organizations as Agents of the “World Polity”


March 20: The Concept of an “International State”


Part III: International Governance and Democracy

April 3: History: Democratizing the Westphalian State


April 10: Future: Democratizing the International State?

David Held, *Democracy and the Global Order*, chapters 5-12.


April 17: The European Union and Democracy


April 24: The WTO, the Bretton Woods Institutions and Democracy


May 1: Global Business Regulation and Democracy


