INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
AND GLOBAL POLITICS
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Course Time and Location
Tuesdays 4:00-5:30 p.m.
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Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 am
or by appointment
COURSE DESCRIPTION

The aims of this course are: (1) to introduce key theories and concepts of international relations; (2) to trace the origins and evolution of the modern state as the predominant actor in world politics; and (3) to explore the dynamics of “globalization” through the lens of several contemporary issues and problems.

REQUIREMENTS

Midterm exam (October 19): 20%
Essay (due on November 23): 40%
Final exam (final exam period): 40%

READINGS

The following required texts are available for purchase at the Agora Bookstore (145 Besserer St):


Thomas Friedman, The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005)

Tarak Barkawi, Globalization and War (Rowman and Littlefield, 2006)

Copies of all three books are also on reserve at Morisset Library.

Students are also expected to read the world news section in one of the following newspapers every day: New York Times or Guardian or Financial Times or Le Monde.

MID-TERM EXAM

The mid-term will be held in class on October 19. You will be responsible for the content of all lectures and required readings up to that date.

FINAL EXAM

The final exam will be held during the final exam period. You will be responsible for the content of all lectures and required readings in the course, including the Friedman and Barkawi books.

ESSAY

An essay analyzing the Friedman and Barkawi books is due in class on November 23. For details of the essay assignment, see http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~rparis/Essay_POL2103B.html.
DISCUSSION SECTIONS

You will be assigned to a T.A., who will hold optional meetings for students every two weeks to discuss the readings and lectures. You will be provided with a schedule of these meetings in class.

CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM

Cheating (using unauthorized materials or giving unauthorized assistance during an examination or other academic exercise) and plagiarism (using another's ideas or words without acknowledgment) are serious offenses in a university, and may result in a failing grade for a particular assignment, a failing grade for the course, and/or suspension for various lengths of time or permanent expulsion from the university. Please familiarize yourself with the university’s policies on academic fraud: http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/info/regist/fraud_e.html.

COURSE SCHEDULE

PART 1 – INTRODUCTION

Thurs, Sept 7  MAIN THEMES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR THIS COURSE


PART 2 – DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODERN STATES SYSTEM

Tues, Sept 12  THE IDEA OF SOVEREIGNTY

“How to Read Critically”
http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~rparis/critical.html

http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~rparis/Murphy.pdf

Thurs, Sept 14  THE SPREAD OF THE WESTPHALIAN MODEL

Tues, Sept 19  THE BALANCE OF POWER AND THE CONCERT OF EUROPE


Link to JSTOR (from a UOttawa computer)

Thurs, Sept 21  THE WORLD WARS AND THE TOTAL STATE

Susan Carruthers, “International History, 1900-1945,” in Baylis & Smith, chap. 3.

George Orwell, 1984 (read chapter 1 only).
http://www.online-literature.com/orwell/1984/1/

Tues, Sept 26  THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THE COLD WAR


Covenant of the League of Nations (read articles 8 and 10-17).
http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/leagcov.htm

Charter of the United Nations (read chapters 1, 6 and 7).
http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/un/unchart.htm

Thurs, Sept 28  THE POST-COLD WAR WORLD

Michael Cox, “From the Cold War to the War on Terror,” in Baylis & Smith, chap 6.

http://www.policypreview.org/jun02/kagan_print.html

PART 3 – THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Tues, Oct 3  REALISM

Tim Dunne and Brian C. Schmidt, “Realism” in Baylis & Smith, chap 7.

Link to JSTOR (from a UOttawa computer)
 Thurs, Oct 5  LIBERALISM


[Tuesday, Oct 10  DIGRESSION: NEOCONSERVATISM AND THE “BUSH DOCTRINE”


[http://www.frontpagemag.com/Articles/Printable.asp?ID=18654](http://www.frontpagemag.com/Articles/Printable.asp?ID=18654)


[http://mearsheimer.uchicago.edu/pdfs/A0037.pdf](http://mearsheimer.uchicago.edu/pdfs/A0037.pdf)


[Link](http://www.nytimes.com/)

 Thurs, Oct 12  CONSTRUCTIVISM


 Tues, Oct 17  MARXIST, FEMINIST AND POST-MODERNIST THEORIES

Stephen Hobden, “Marxist Theories of International Relations” in Baylis & Smith, chap 10.


 Thurs, Oct 19  MIDTERM EXAM

The exam will cover all of the lectures and required readings up to this day.

**PART 4 – GLOBALIZATION AND THE WESTPHALIAN SYSTEM**

 Tues, Oct 24  WHAT IS GLOBALIZATION?

Thurs, Oct 26  ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION

Jan Aart Scholte, “Global Trade and Finance” in Baylis & Smith, chap 27.

Glen Hodgson, “Trade in Evolution: The Emergence of Integrative Trade,” Export Development Canada (March 2004).
http://www.edc.ca/english/docs/Canadian_Benefits_030104_e.pdf

Tues, Oct 31  GLOBALIZATION AND POVERTY

Caroline Thomas, “Poverty, Development and Hunger” in Baylis & Smith, chap 29.

http://www.sciam.com/print_version.cfm?articleID=000E4C4C-F093-1304-ABA283414B7F0000

Thurs, Nov 2  NO LECTURE

Tues, Nov 7  THE INFORMATION REVOLUTION


Manuel Castells, “Toward a Sociology of the Network Society,”
Link to JSTOR (from a UOttawa computer)

Thurs, Nov 9  TRANSNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND NGOS


Link to JSTOR (from a UOttawa computer)

Tues, Nov 14  DIPLOMACY IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD (Guest lecture by Michael Kergin, Canada’s former ambassador to the U.S.)

Brian White, “Diplomacy” in Baylis & Smith, chap 17.

Tues, Nov 21  GLOBALIZATION AND CULTURE

Link to CSA (from a UOttawa computer)
Thurs, Nov 23  
**TRANSNATIONAL TERRORISM (ESSAYS DUE AT TODAY'S LECTURE)**


[Link to Scholars Portal](from a UOttawa computer)

Tues, Nov 28  
**FAILED AND FRAGILE STATES**


**PART 5 – CONCLUSION: LOOKING AHEAD**

Thurs, Nov 30  
**GLOBALIZATION AND ITS DISCONTENTS**


[http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~rparis/brooks.html](http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~rparis/brooks.html)

Tues, Dec 5  
**TOWARDS A POST-WESTPHALIAN SYSTEM?**


**FINAL EXAM: during the exam period**
(time and location will be announced in class)