

Non-State Actors in World Politics

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Themes:

What are non-state actors? How do they influence international politics and domestic politics? Can we treat all non-state actors as similar in our theories of politics? What theoretical framework is most useful to analyze non-state actors? When and how do they matter? Can we understand international politics without attention to non-state actors?

The goal of the course is to provide students with an overview of international relations theory as it pertains to the study of non-state actors, such as international organizations, NGOs, transnational advocacy networks, and terrorist networks, as well as a working knowledge of some of the major issue areas surrounding the topic. By the end of the course, students should be able to describe and critique the relevant academic literature and engage in policy debates about the role of non-state actors in a variety of global issues.

Requirements

- 1) Participation: This course will be conducted in a seminar format, with students taking responsibility for leading much of the discussion. All students should be prepared to contribute to class discussion by informally bringing questions that stem from the readings. In addition, each student will be expected to prepare one or two more formal class presentations on the reading, with a statement to be distributed to everyone 24 hours before class begins (approx. 1 page). These statements should facilitate discussion, rather than summarize the reading.
- 2) Midterm: The midterm exam will be a take-home exam. The question(s) will be handed out in class and will be due the following week at the beginning of the class period. The exam will be distributed on October 17th and is due October 24th.
- 3) Final Paper: The final paper is on a course-related topic of your choice, applying the analytical tools you acquire in this course. Papers should be 10-15 pages in length, not including the bibliography. You are encouraged to consult with the instructor about your topic. You are required to pose a research question, develop a hypothesis, collect evidence that enables you to answer your question (or propose how you would do so if it is not feasible in the course timeframe), and present your findings in a coherent, well-argued paper. Submission of the paper is broken down into three deadlines. First, you must submit a paper topic and research question by October 31. Second, you must submit your hypothesis and an annotated bibliography on November 14. The final paper will be due on December 12. Please submit the paper to me electronically AND deliver a hard copy to my box in Brewster Hall.

Seminar Participation/Presentation: 25%

Midterm (take-home) Exam: 35%
Long Paper (10-15 pages): 40%

Finally, please familiarize yourself with the University's policy on cheating, plagiarism, and documentation. It is your responsibility to understand and abide by this policy. If you do not understand what constitutes cheating or plagiarism, please ask.

Texts

Available from Labryinth Books:

Daphne Josselin and William Wallace. 2001. *Non-state Actors in World Politics*. New York: Palgrave.

Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink. 1998. *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Additional required reading consists of a number of journal articles and book chapters. A number of these readings are easily accessible online and are not included in the course reader. When possible, links are included on the syllabus for online texts. You may be required to access the readings from a Yale University computer or through Yale's proxy server. Readings not available online or in the two required books are included in the course reader, available from Tyco Copy (<http://www.tycocopy.com/content/academicinfo/yale.aspx>).

The selected texts were chosen to represent the major positions and theories of non-state actors in politics today. They provide a wide range of views and differ in both the evidence they provide and their persuasiveness. As a whole, the selection is designed to demonstrate the diverse approaches to the study of non-state actors, and to encourage critical evaluation of existing academic literature. Keeping the following questions in mind when reading should help focus your attention on the big picture: What is the argument the author is trying to make and why might this be important? What are the strengths and weaknesses of the argument? How convincing do you find their evidence? What are some possible counter-arguments that could be made? What does this tell us about current events involving non-state actors?

1. September 12: Introduction and Defining Non-State Actors

2. September 19: Theories of International Relations and Non-State Actors I

Josselin, Daphne and William Wallace. "Non-state Actors in World Politics: a Framework." Chapter 1 in *Non-state Actors in World Politics*

Tarrow, Sidney. 2001. "[Transnational Politics: Contention and Institutions in International Politics](#)" *Annual Review of Political Science*. 4:1-20

Risse Thomas. 2001. Transnational actors, networks, and global governance. In *Handbook of International Relations*, ed.W. Carlsnaes, T. Risse, B. Simmons. London: Sage. (Course Packet)

3. September 26: Theories of International Relations and Non-State Actors II

Bull, Hedley. 1977. *The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics*. Chapters 1 and 2, pages 1-50. (Course Packet)

Keohane, Robert. 2001. [“Governance in a Partially Globalized World.”](#) *American Political Science Review* 95(1): 1-13.

John J. Mearsheimer. [“The False Promise of International Institutions.”](#) *International Security*. 19, 3. (1994/95) pages 5-49.

Keohane and Martin, [“The Promise of Institutional Theory”](#) *International Security*. 20.1. 1995. pages 39-51.

THE ACTORS

4. October 3: Sub-State Actors

Ted Robert Gurr. [“Peoples Against States: Ethnopolitical Conflict and the Changing World System.”](#) *International Studies Quarterly*. 38:3. 1994. 347-377.

Stephen M. Saideman [“Discrimination in International Relations: Analyzing External Support for Ethnic Groups”](#) *Journal of Peace Research*. 39.1. 27-50.

Wayland, Sarah. [“Ethnonationalist networks and transnational opportunities: the Sri Lankan Tamil diaspora.”](#) *Review of International Studies*. 2004. 30: 405-426

5. October 10: Networks

Keck M, Sikkink K. 1998. *Activists Beyond Borders. Advocacy Networks in International Politics*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell Univ. Press, Chapters 1, 2 and 6.

Fiona Adamson. [“Globalization, Transnational Political Mobilization, and Networks of Violence”.](#) *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 18:1. 31-48.

6. October 17: International Organizations and International Non-governmental Organizations

Barnett, Michael and Martha Finnemore. 1999. [“The Politics, Power and Pathologies of International Organizations.”](#) *International Organizations*. 53.4: 699-732.

Willetts Peter, ed. 1996. *‘The Conscience of the World’: The Influence of Non-Governmental Organisations in the UN System*. Washington, DC: Brookings Inst. Introduction and Chapters 1 and 2, pages 1-62.

Boli J, Thomas J, eds. 1999. *Constructing World Culture: International Nongovernmental Organizations Since 1875*. Stanford, CA: Stanford Univ. Press Chapter 1, pages 13-49.

[Midterm Exam Distributed]

THE ISSUES

7. October 24: Globalization and Multinational Corporations

Evans, Peter. 1997. ["The Eclipse of the State? Reflections on Stateness in an Era of Globalization."](#) *World Politics*. 50.1: 62-87.

Graham Bird. 1996. ["The International Monetary Fund and Developing Countries: A Review of the Evidence and Policy Outcomes."](#) *International Organization*. 50.3: 477-511.

Coleman, William. 2001. "Policy Networks, Non-state Actors, and Internationalized Policy-making: a Case Study of Agricultural Trade." In Josselin and Wallace.

[Midterm Exam Due at Beginning of Class]

8. October 31: Development

William Easterly ["The Cartel of Good Intentions: The Problem of Bureaucracy in Foreign Aid"](#) *The Journal of Policy Reform*. 2002. pages 40-49.

Chabbott, Colette. 1999. "Development INGOs". Chapter 9 in Boli and Thomas, Eds. *Constructing World Culture*.

Cleary, Seamus. 1996. "The World Bank and NGOs" in Willetts, Ed. *The Conscience of the World*. Pages 63-97.

Sangeeta Kamat ["NGOs and the New Democracy - The False Saviors of International Development"](#) *Harvard International Review*

[Paper Topic and Research Question Due]

9. November 7: Human Rights

Thomas D. 1999. "The Helsinki Accords and Political Change in Eastern Europe." In Risse, Ropp and Sikkink, eds. *The Power of Human Rights: International Norms and Domestic Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Risse, Thomas. 2000. "The Power of Norms versus the Norms of Power: Transnational Civil Society and Human Rights" (177-210). In *The Third Force: The Rise of Transnational Civil Society*, ed. Ann Florini. *Carnegie*.

Keck and Sikkink 1998. "Human Rights Advocacy Networks in Latin America" *Activists Beyond Borders*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

10. November 14: Environmental Politics

Kal Raustiala ["States, NGOs and International Environmental Institutions."](#) *International Studies Quarterly*. 1997. 41. pages 719-740.

Rowlands, Ian H. 2001. "Transnational Corporations and Global Environmental Politics." In Josselin and Wallace, eds. *Non-state Actors in World Politics*.

Keck, Margaret and Katherine Sikkink. 1998. "Environmental Advocacy Networks" Keck and Sikkink, 121-168.

[Annotated Bibliography and Hypothesis Due]

[Fall Recess]

11. November 28: Violence, Terrorism, Organized Crime

Bloom, Mia. "Terror 101: The Transnational Contagion Effects of Suicide Bombing." In *Dying to Kill: The Allure of Suicide Terror*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2005. 120-141.

Juergensmeyer, Mark. "The Global Dimension of Religious Terrorism." In Hall and Biersteker, eds. 2002. 141-157.

Galeotti, Mark. 2001. "Underworld and Upperworld: Transnational Organized Crime and Global Society," in Joesslin and Wallace, eds. *Non-state Actors in World Politics*. 189-202.

Coker, Christopher. 2001. "Outsourcing War," in Josselin and Wallace, eds. *Non-state Actors in World Politics*. 203-217.

12. December 5: Non-State Actors in Context

Krasner, Stephen. "Power, Politics, Institutions, and Transnational Relations." In *Bringing Transnational Relations Back In: Non-State Actors, Domestic Structures and International Institutions*. Edited by Thomas Risse-Kappen. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Halliday, Fred. 2001. "The Romance of Non-state Actors." In Josselin and Wallace, Eds. *Non-State Actors in World Politics*. Pages 21-37.