

**International Organizations
INTS 252/ PLSC 156
Fall 2006**

**Room: Luce 101
Time: Mon/Wed 2:30-3:45**

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Course Description:

Why do international organizations exist? What role do they play in solving global problems? Traditional international relations theories characterize the international system as anarchic and focus on interactions between nation-states. Since WWII, international organizations have become more prominent players in the international system. Debate continues in academic and policy communities over why international organizations exist, whether they matter in global politics, and when they can lessen global problems.

The goal of this course is for students to develop a theoretical as well as practical understanding of international organizations (IOs). Upon completion of the course, students should be able to articulate the leading explanations for why IOs exist, controversies surrounding IOs in the context of international relations theory, why they are thought to help solve global problems, and the major challenges IOs face in meeting their mandates. Students should also be able to apply theoretical arguments from the IR literature to several specific cases.

Course Texts:

Required and available at Labyrinth Books:
Diehl, Paul. *Politics of Global Governance*. **Third Edition**. Rienner 2005.
Barnett, Michael. *Eyewitness to Genocide: The United Nations and Rwanda*. 2002.

Additional required reading consists 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. 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>).

Grading and Requirements:

Students are required to attend class and be prepared to discuss the readings.

Midterm Exam: In-class exam covering material from first half of class. The format will be 10-12 short answers and 2-3 short essay questions. **October 25.**

Op-ed Assignment: In order to facilitate practical application of the literature covered in the first portion of the class, students are required to write an 800-1000 word op-ed on an

international organization that is currently in the news. The op-ed should make an argument about why the international organization is achieving or not achieving its stated goal. Grading will be based on the clarity of the position taken, concise writing, well reasoned support of the argument, and inclusion of concepts from the relevant literature covered in the course. The written assignment must be turned in at the beginning of class on the day that it is due AND submitted electronically prior to the start of class. Please use a 12 point standard font and at least one inch margins. **Due November 13.**

Final Exam: Cumulative in-class exam. The format will be 5-6 short answers and 2-3 longer essay questions. **December 19, 2pm.**

Participation:	15%
Mock Op-Ed:	20%
Midterm exam:	30%
Final Exam:	35%

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.

Course Readings and Schedule

Introduction

1. September 6: Course Introduction/ Empirical Puzzles Motivating Course

2. September 11: What are international organizations?

Jon Pevehouse, Timothy Nordstrom, and Kevin Warnke. "International Governmental Organizations. Chapter 1 of Diehl. Pages 9-23.

[Robert Keohane. *International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?* *Foreign Policy*. 1998. 110. pages 82-96 + 194\) \(Yale access only\)](#)

John Boli and George Thomas. "INGOs and the Organization of World Culture. Pages 62-96 of Diehl reader 2nd edition (Course Packet).

Why do international organizations exist?

3. September 13– The Problem of Cooperation Under Anarchy

John Mearsheimer. *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2001. Chapter 2. pages 29-54. (Course Packet)

Robert Axelrod and Robert Keohane. 1993. "Achieving Cooperation Under Anarchy: Strategies and Institutions." In *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*, edited by David A. Baldwin. New York: Columbia University Press (1993) 85-115. (Course Packet)

4. September 18– International Organizations in Theory I

Kenneth Abbott and Duncan Snidal – “Why States Act through Formal International Organizations” In Diehl, pages 9-55.

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

[Dan Nielson and Michael Tierney](#) “Delegation to International Organizations: Agency Theory and World Bank Reform” *International Organization*. 2003. 57:2. 241-276. (Yale access only)

5. September 20 –International Organizations in Theory II

John J. Mearsheimer. “The False Promise of International Institutions.” In Diehl, pages 60-91.

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

6. September 25– Civil Society and Nongovernmental Organizations

Keck and Sikkink “Transnational Advocacy Networks in International Politics: Introduction.” In *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. 1998. Pages 1-38. (Course Packet)

[Jessica Mathews](#). “Power Shift” *Foreign Affairs* 76, no 1. 1997. 50-66. (Yale access only)

[Anne Florini](#). “Is Global Civil Society a Good Thing?,” *New Perspectives Quarterly* (Spring 2004)

Do International Organizations Matter?

7. September 27- International Response to Global Problems

Stephen Krasner. “Globalization and Sovereignty.” In *States and Sovereignty in the Global Economy*, edited by D. Smith. Routledge (1999) 34-52. (Course Packet)

Anne Marie Slaughter. “[The Real New World Order.](#)” *Foreign Affairs*. 1997. Pages 183-197.

8. October 2-- Peace, Democracy, and International Organizations

O’Neal and Russett. 1999. “The Kantian Peace: The Pacific Benefits of Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations”, 1885-1992. *World Politics*. 52.1: 1-37. (no stable URL, electronic access through library/ jstor)

[Jon Pevehouse](#). 2003. “[Democracy from the Outside In?](#) International Organizations and Democratization” *International Organization*. 56.3: 515-550. (Yale access only)

9. October 4 -- Regulating International Trade: WTO

John Jackson “Designing and Implementing Effective Dispute Settlement Procedures. in Kreuger, Anne, Ed. *The WTO as an International Organization*. 1998. (Course Packet)

Keisuke Iida. “Is WTO Dispute Settlement Effective?” Diehl Chapter 13, pages 313-329.

[Joel Trachtman “Changing the Rules: Constitutional Moments of the WTO”](#). in *International Trade-Does it Make Sense? Harvard International Review*. 2004. 26.2.

10. October 9-- The IMF

Michael Barnett and Martha Finnemore. “Expertise and Power at the International Monetary Fund.” In *Rules for the World*. 2004. (Course Packet).

Lisa Martin. “Distribution, information, and delegation to international organizations: the case of IMF conditionality” in Hawkins, Lake, Nielson and Tierney, *Delegation and Agency in International Organizations*. 2006. Cambridge University Press. (Available late, please see Classes v*2 for instructions on access)

11. October 11 -- International Organizations and Development

Neumayer, Eric. “The Determinants of Aid Allocation by Regional Multilateral Development Banks and United Nations Agencies” in Diehl, Chapter 12, pages 290-311.

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

[William Easterly “The Cartel of Good Intentions: The Problem of Bureaucracy in Foreign Aid”](#) *The Journal of Foreign Policy Reform*. 2002. 223 – 250

12. October 16 --Security Institutions: Collective Security

Charles Kupchan and Clifford Kupchan – “The Promise of Collective Security.” *International Security*. 20, 1. 1995. 52-61. (no stable URL, electronic access through library/ jstor)

Lynn Miller. “The Idea and Reality of Collective Security.” In Diehl chapter 8, 197-227.

Alexander Thompson [“Coercion Through IOs: The Security Council and the Logic of Information Transmission”](#) *International Organization*, Volume 60, [Issue 01](#), Jan 2006, pp 1-34

13. October 18-- Security Institutions: NATO

[Celeste Wallander. “Institutional Assets and Adaptability: NATO After the Cold War.”](#) *International Organization*. 2000. 54.4. 705-735.

[Strobe Talbott. 2002. “From Prague to Baghdad: NATO at Risk”](#) *Foreign Affairs*. . 81:6.

14. October 23-- Midterm review

15. October 25-- MIDTERM EXAM

16. October 30 -- International Organizations and Democracy Promotion

Theodore Piccone. "International Mechanisms for Protecting Democracy". *Protecting Democracy: International Responses*. Pages 101-126. (Course Packet)

[Michael McFaul. Democracy Promotion as a World Value.](#) *The Washington Quarterly*. Winter 2004-5 28:1. pages 147-163.

[Diane Ethier. "Is Democracy Promotion Effective? Comparing Conditionality and Incentives"](#) *Democratization*. 2003. 10.1. Pages 99-120.

17. November 1-- International Organizations and the Environment

[Kal Raustiala "States, NGOs and International Environmental Institutions."](#)

International Studies Quarterly. 1997. 41. pages 719-740.

Adil Najam. "The Case Against a New International Environmental Organization." In Diehl, Chapter 16, 398-414.

18. November 6-- The United Nations

Karen Mingst and Margaret Karns "Historical Evolution of the United Nations" In *The United Nations in the Post-Cold War Era*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Westview Press. 2000. Chapter 2. (Course Packet)

[Sashi Tharoor. "Why America Still Needs the United Nations."](#) *Foreign Affairs*. September/October 2003.

[The United Nations Millennium Declaration.](#) General Assembly resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000.

19. November 8-- The United Nations

[Edward Newman and Roland Rich. *The UN Role in Promoting Democracy: Between Ideas and Reality*.](#) United Nations University Press. 2004. Chapter 1. (Also available through Yale library access to "ebrary").

[Inis Claude – "Collective Legitimization as a Political Function of the UN."](#) *International Organization*. 20. 3. 1966. 367-379.

Ian Johnstone. "The Role of the UN Secretary-General: The Power of Persuasion Based on Law." In Diehl chapter 5, 127-143.

20. November 13 – Peru and the OAS

[The Inter-American Democratic Charter](#). Organization of American States. September 11, 2001.

Andrew Cooper and Thomas Legler. 2005. [“A Tale of Two Mesas: The OAS Defense of Democracy in Peru and Venezuela”](#) *Global Governance* 11 (2005), 425–444.

[Op-Ed Assignment Due]

21. November 15– International Human Rights

David Forsythe. “Global Application of Human Rights Norms.” In *Human Rights in International Relations*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2000). Pages 55-83. (Course Packet)

Ramesh Thakur “Human Rights: Amnesty International and the United Nations.” (Course Packet). Pages 365-387.

[Ellen Lutz and Kathryn Sikkink](#). [“International Human Rights Law and Practice in Latin America”](#). *International Organization*. 2000.

FALL BREAK

22. November 27 – Humanitarian Intervention

Paul Diehl. “Forks in the Road: Theoretical and Policy Concerns for 21st Century Peacekeeping.” In Diehl, Chapter 10, 242-268.

Andrew Natsios. “NGOs and the UN System in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies: Conflict or Cooperation? In Diehl Chapter 15, pages 381-397.

23. November 29 – Humanitarian Intervention (cont.)

[Andrea Talentino](#) [“Intervention as Nation-Building: Illusion or Possibility?”](#) *Security Dialogue* 33:1. 2002. 27-43.

Michael Barnett. *Eyewitness to Genocide: The United Nations and Rwanda*. 2002. Chapters 1-2. Read Introduction if you have time.

24. December 4– Rwanda and the United Nations

Michael Barnett *Eyewitness to Genocide: The United Nations and Rwanda*. Cornell University Press. 2002. Chapters 3, 4, 5.

25. December 6 -- – Sudan and the Demand for Intervention

[David Mozersky and John Prendergast](#). [“Love Thy Neighbor: Regional Intervention in Sudan’s Civil War.”](#) *Harvard International Review*. 2004. 26.

[International Crisis Group](#). [“The EU/AU Partnership in Darfur: Not Yet a Winning Combination.”](#) Africa Report No 99. October 25, 2005.

December 11-15 FINALS WEEK