

Principles of International Relations

DISS 122

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Course Description: This course is a comprehensive introduction to principles of international relations. The focus will be on assessing international relations in historical, theoretical and empirical perspectives. The first part of the course will cover the history of international relations ranging from ancient worlds to the present. Then, the second part will cover the theories of international relations. After the midterm exam, the subsequent part will deal with global structures followed by the last part which will examine various issues in international relations. During this second half of the semester, students will be asked to make group presentations on designated issues.

Course Requirements: This course will be taught through a combination of lectures, discussions, presentations, video clips and exams. It is expected that every student will do all the reading and actively participate in discussions. Upon completion of the course, students are expected to obtain required knowledge of international relations and build up their debate skills.

Evaluation: The grade will be based on the following:

Midterm examination	35%
Final examination	35%
Group presentation	20%
Attendance & participation	10%

Course Material: John Baylis, Steve Smith, and Patricia Owens, *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*, Oxford University Press, international sixth edition, 2014.

All other readings will be available on *Blackboard*. Also, you may find the following sources useful for the course. They are easily accessible online at library.korea.ac.kr.

Journals and Magazines

Foreign Affairs
Foreign Policy
International Organization
International Security
International Studies Quarterly
World Politics

Think Tanks

Center for Strategic and International Studies: www.csis.org
Council on Foreign Relations: www.cfr.org
The Brookings Institute: www.brookings.edu
Ilmin International Relations Institute: www.iiri.or.kr

Course Outline:

PART I. Introduction to International Relations

- Week 1-1 (3/2) Introduction
- Week 2-1 (3/7) Special Guest Lecture: Global Issues and International Relations Theories
- Week 2-2 (3/9) Early International Society
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 2
- Week 3-1 (3/14) World War I, II and Cold War
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 3
- Week 3-2 (3/16) Post-Cold War
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 4, 5

PART II. Mainstream Approaches and International Regimes

- Week 4-1 (3/21) Realism I: The Dominant Theory of IR
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 6

* Further Reading: Hans J. Morgenthau. (2006) "A Realist Theory of International Politics," In *Politics among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*, 7th edition, McGraw-Hill, chapter 1.
- Week 4-2 (3/23) Realism II: Neo-Realism
-- Available on *Blackboard*

* Further Reading: John J. Mearsheimer. (2001) "Anarchy and the Struggle for Power," In *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, W.W. Norton, chapter 2.
- Week 5-1 (3/28) Liberalism: Concepts and Its Variants
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 7

* Further Reading: Michael W. Doyle. (1986) "Liberalism and World Politics," *The American Political Science Review*, Vol. 80, No. 4, pp. 1151-1169.
- Week 5-2 (3/30) International Regimes and Cooperation
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 15
- Week 6-1 (4/4) International Organizations and Transnational Actors
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 19
- Week 6-2 (4/6) Global Security and International Conflict
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 12

* Further Reading: Charles Kupchan and Clifford Kupchan. (1995) "The Promise of Collective Security," *International Security*, Vol.20, No.1, pp. 52-61.

PART III. Alternative Approaches

- Week 7-1 (4/11) Alternative Theories I: Constructivism
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 9
* Further Reading: Alexander Wendt. (1992) "Anarchy is What States Make of it: The Social Construction of Power Politics," *International Organizations*, Vol. 46, No. 2, pp. 391-425.
- Week 7-2 (4/13) Alternative Theories II: Marxism and Radical Approaches
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 8
- Week 8-1 (4/18) Alternative Theories III: Post-colonialism
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 10
- Week 8-2 (4/20) Reading Period (No Class)
- Week 9-1 (4/25) Midterm Examination

PART IV. Global Structures

- Week 9-2 (4/27) The United Nations
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 16
* Further Reading: Sashi Tharoor. (2003) "Why America Still Needs the United Nations," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 82, No. 5, pp. 67-80.
- Week 10-1 (5/2) International Law
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 14
- Week 10-2 (5/4) Special Session
-- Challenges for Global Governance
- Week 11-1 (5/9) International Political Economy I: In an Age of Globalization
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 11
* Further Reading: Benjamin J. Cohen. (2007) "The transatlantic divide: Why are American and British IPE so different?" *Review of International Political Economy*, Vol. 14, No. 2, pp. 197-219.
- Week 11-2 (5/11) International Political Economy II: Global Trade and Finance
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 21
* Further Reading: John H. Jackson. (2008) "The Case of the World Trade Organization," *International Affairs*, Vol. 84, No. 3, pp. 437-454.
- Week 12-1 (5/16) Regionalism
-- Baylis et al. Ch. 17

PART V. Issues in International Relations (Group Presentations)

Week 12-2	(5/18)	Issues in IR I
Week 13-1	(5/23)	Issues in IR II
Week 13-2	(5/25)	Issues in IR III
Week 14-1	(5/30)	Issues in IR IV
Week 14-2	(6/1)	Issues in IR V
Week 15-1	(6/6)	<u>Memorial Day (No Class)</u>
Week 15-2	(6/8)	Wrap-up: Diplomatic Challenges for the ROK, the US and China
Week 16-1	(6/13)	<u>Reading Period (No Class)</u>
Week 16-2	(6/15)	<u>Final Examination</u>