

Advanced Master in Legal Studies

Course: International Relations

Academic Year:
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Term: 2

Credits: 4

Language: English

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Course description

Knowledge:

The course is devoted to the study of central issues in International Relations Theory and to the study of elements and dynamics shaping the present international society. Such study will cover a number of theoretical approaches that have characterized the discipline since its beginnings and throughout its evolution during the 20th and 21st centuries. This will imply the analysis of mainstreams, theoretical contestations, and contemporary disciplinary debates –idealism vs realism, statism vs pluralism, neorealism vs neoliberalism, rationalism vs reflectivism, etc. The course will then propose the study of power structures in international society, and in particular the evolution of power conceptions. A series of lectures will be devoted to the study of international actors and authorities: the State, international organizations, and transnational companies, among others. Finally, there will be a systematic study of the contemporary international order and its transformations, mainly those related to new governing mechanisms in the field of global governance. The course will end by approaching some of the main challenges to the present international order, in the environmental, socioeconomic, and military areas.

Capacities and skills:

Identification and analysis of international issues. Correct use of theories and concepts. Political science skills. Case resolution. Writing specialized documents. Development of capacities related to the use of arguments through oral presentations and written assignments.

Previous requirements

There are no previous requirements to take the course, although background on Political Science will be helpful.

Methodology

The course will develop all along a term, with fifteen two-hour sessions. Each of them will consist of a lecture by the professor, a discussion about the required readings, and in some cases additional activities addressed to specific issues of the course. Depending of the nature of such activities, active participation of students will be required. Anyhow, readings for each session are compulsory as a basis for discussion.

Syllabus

Session 1	<p>Lecture 1. Origins of International Relations as a discipline: the subject matter of international society.</p> <p>The First World War and the problem of war as the core theme. The systemic and global perspective of International Relations. Concept of international society. The expansion of the European international society. Features of the contemporary international society.</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hollis, Martin, "The Growth of a Discipline", <i>Explaining and Understanding International relations</i>, Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1992, pp. 16-44. Bull, H., "The Concept of Order in World Politics" & "Does Order Exist in World Politics?", <i>The Anarchical Society. A Study of Order in World Politics</i>, London, Macmillan, 1995 (1st ed. 1977), pp. 2-50.
Session 2	<p>Lecture 2. International Theory: concept and issues.</p> <p>Concept of International Theory. Functions of International Theory. The three traditions of Western thought in International Theory. The Realist, Maquiavelian or Hobbessian tradition. The Rationalist or Grotian tradition. The Revolucionist or Kantian tradition.</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Wight, M., "Theory of international society", <i>International Theory. The Three Traditions</i>, Leicester/London, Leicester University Press for The Royal Institute of International Affairs, 1994 (1st ed. 1991), pp. 30-48. Hoffman, S., "An American Social Science: International Relations"(1977), in J. Der Derian (ed.), <i>International Theory. Critical Investigations</i>, New York, New York University Press, 1995, pp. 212-241.
Session 3	<p>Lecture 3. Theoretical approaches to International Relations: liberalism and realism; transnationalism; structuralism.</p> <p>The beginning of the discipline: Wilsonian idealism. Liberalism and institucionalism. Criticisms to idealism: the realist reaction. Power politics and political realism. The evolution of international society by the end of the sixties and in the seventies: oil crisis and decolonization. Pluralist criticisms to realist state-centrism. The international system and theoretical systemic proposals.</p>

	<p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carr, E.H., "The Beginnings of a Science", <i>The Twenty Years' Crisis. 1919-1939</i>, London, Macmillan, 1985 (1st ed. 1939), pp. 1-21. 2. Morgenthau, H.J. & Thompson, K.W., "Theory and practice of international politics", <i>Politics among nations: the struggle for power and peace</i>. New York, Knopf, 1985 (1st. ed. 1960). 3. Keohane, R.O. & Nye, J.O., "Realism and complex interdependence", <i>Power and interdependence: world politics in transition</i>, Boston: Little, Brown, 1977, pp. 23-37. 4. Wallerstein, I., "The rise and future demise of the world capitalist economy: concepts for comparative analysis" (1st ed. 1974), in R. Little & M. Smith, <i>Perspectives on World Politics</i>, London, Routledge, 1991, pp. 305-317.
<p>Session 4</p>	<p>Lecture 4. The evolution of International Relations Theory. Co-existence and controversy between neorealism and neoliberalism. Implications of the end of the Cold War for the grounds of International Relations Theory. Rationalism vs reflectivism.</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grieco, J.H., "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Institutionalism", in Ch.W. Jr. Kegley, <i>Controversies in International Relations Today. Realism and the Neoliberal Challenge</i>, New York, St. Martin's Press, 1995, pp. 151-171. 2. Keohane, R.O., "Institutional Theory and the Realist Challenge after the Cold War", in D.A. Baldwin (ed.), <i>Neorealism and Neoliberalism. The Contemporary Debate</i>, New York, Columbia University Press, 1993, pp. 269-300. 3. Neufeld, M., <i>The Restructuring of International Relations Theory</i>, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1995, cap. 3 ("Reflexivity and International Relations Theory"), pp. 39-69.
<p>Session 5</p>	<p>Lecture 5. Approches to the study of power. Power and politics in international relations. Power structure in international relations. Power transformations in contemporary international society.</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nye Jr., J.S., "Soft Power", <i>Foreign Policy</i>, n° 80, 1990, pp. 153-171. 2. Guzzini, S., "On the measure of power and the power of measure in International Relations", DIIS Working Paper, n° 28, 2009.

<p>Session 6</p>	<p>Lecture 6. Actors and authorities in international relations (I): the State.</p> <p>The question of agency in international relations. The State, main actor in international relations. Transformations of sovereignty and territoriality.</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barkin, J. S. & Cronin, B., "The state and the nation: changing norms and the rules of sovereignty in international relations", <i>International Organization</i>, vol. 48, no. 1, Winter 1994, pp. 107-130. 2. Cutler, C., Haufler, V. & Porter, T. (eds.), "The Contours and Significance of Private Authorities in International Affairs", <i>Private Authority and International Affairs</i>, Albany: State University of New York Press, 1999, pp. 333-376.
<p>Session 7</p>	<p>Lecture 7. Actors and authorities in international relations (II): intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.</p> <p>Nature, origins, and evolution of international organizations. Challenges to the contemporary development of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mearsheimer, J. J., "The False Promise of International Institutions", <i>International Security</i>, Winter 1994/95, vol. 19, no. 3, pp. 5-49. 2. Kaldor, Mary, "Social Movements, NGOs and Networks", <i>Global Civil Society. An Answer to War</i>, Cambridge, Polity, 2003, pp. 78-108.
<p>Session 8</p>	<p>Lecture 8. Actors and authorities in international relations (III): other actors and authorities.</p> <p>International Political Economy and transnational companies. Transnational organized crime and criminal networks. Terrorism and terrorist groups.</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gilpin, Robert, "The State and the Multinationals", <i>Global Political Economy. Understanding the International Economic Order</i>, Princeton & Oxford, Princeton University Press, 2001, pp. 278-304. 2. Giraldo, Jeanne & Trinkunas, Harold, "Transnational crime", in Alan Collins (ed.) <i>Contemporary Security Studies</i>, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2nd ed., 2010, pp. 428-445.

<p>Session 9</p>	<p>Lecture 9. Actors and authorities in international relations (IV): the emergence of global civil society. Transnational social movements and their expression forms. Social forums and parallel summits. International coalitions and campaigns.</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carter, A., "Global civil society: acting as global citizens", <i>The Political Theory of Global Citizenship</i>, London: Routledge, 2002, pp. 77-98. 2. Sikkink, Kathryn & Keck, Margaret, "Transnational advocacy networks in international politics: Introduction", <i>Activists Beyond Borders: advocacy networks in international politics</i>, New York, Cornell University, 1998, pp. 1-39.
<p>Session 10</p>	<p>Lecture 10. The foundations of contemporary international order. Patterns of international order. The evolution of international order during the 20th century. Change and continuity in contemporary international order.</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cox, Robert W., "Social Forces, States, and World Orders: Beyond International Relations Theory" (1981), in R.W. Cox (with T. Sinclair, <i>Approaches to World Order</i>, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996, pp. 85-123. 2. Ikenberry, G. John, "Liberal Hegemony and the future of American postwar order", in T.V. Paul & J. A. Hall, John A. (eds.), <i>International Order and the Future of World Politics</i>, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999, pp. 123-145.
<p>Session 11</p>	<p>Lecture 11. Global governance and the proliferation of new norms and institutions. The evolution of international regimes. Legalization of international norms. The concept and reality of global governance. The proliferation of soft legalization.</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abbott, Kenneth W.; Keohane, Robert O.; Moravcsik, Andrew; Slaughter, Anne-Marie; Snidal, Duncan, "The Concept of Legalization", <i>International Organization</i>, vol. 54, no. 3, 2000, pp. 401-419. 2. Kenneth W. Abbott & Duncan Snidal, "The Governance Triangle: Regulatory Standards Institutions and the Shadow of the State", in Walter Mattli & Ngaire Woods (eds.), <i>The Politics of Global Regulation</i>, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2009, pp. 44-88.

<p>Session 12</p>	<p>Lecture 12. Multilateralism and the transformation of international institutions.</p> <p>Contemporary evolution of multilateralism. The transformation of the main international institutions in the post-Cold War. The new birth of the Atlantic Alliance. The reform of the United Nations.</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ruggie, John Gerard, "Multilateralism: the Anatomy of an Institution", <i>International Organization</i>, vol. 46, no. 3, 1992, pp. 561-598. 2. Gareis, Sven Bernhard & Varwick, Johannes, "Reforms for the Twenty-first Century" & "Conclusions", <i>The United Nations. An Introduction</i>, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005, pp. 213-254.
<p>Session 13</p>	<p>Lecture 13. Environmental challenges: climate change and environmental degradation</p> <p>Global risks and environmental degradation: climate change and other environmental risks and problems. Environmental governance and international environmental regimes: normative and institutional tools for the protection of the environment.</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Andrew Hurrell & Benedict Kingsbury (eds.), "The international politics of the environment: An introduction", <i>The International Politics of the Environment</i>, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1992, pp. 1-47. 2. Meyer, John M. et al, "The Structuring of a World Environmental Regime, 1870-1990", <i>International Organization</i>, vol. 51, no. 4, 1997, pp. 555-589.
<p>Session 14</p>	<p>Lecture 14. Socioeconomic challenges: poverty and inequality.</p> <p>Beyond the North-South divide: the fragmentation of the periphery and the global socioeconomic polarization. World poverty and global socioeconomic inequalities. Strategies for the reduction of poverty and inequality. The Millenium Development Goals and beyond.</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thérien, Jean-Philippe, "Beyond the North-South Divide: The Two Tales of World Poverty" (1999), in R. Wilkinson (ed.), <i>The Global Governance Reader</i>, London: Routledge, 2005, pp. 218-238. 2. Woods, Ngaire, "Order, Globalization, and Inequality in World Politics", in A. Hurrell & N. Woods (eds.), <i>Inequality, Globalization, and World Politics</i>, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1999, pp. 8-35.

Session 15	<p>Lecture 15. Military challenges: new wars, arms proliferation and the privatization of security.</p> <p>New wars and contemporary armed conflicts. The current evolution of arms proliferation. The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in the post-Cold War. The privatization of security: private military and security companies.</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kaldor, Mary, "In Defence of New Wars", <i>Stability</i>, vol. 2, nº 1, 2013, pp. 1-16. 2. Singer, Peter Warren, "An Era of Corporate Warriors?" & "Why Security Has Been Privatized?", <i>Corporate Warriors: The Rise of the Privatized Military Industry</i>, New York: Cornell University Press, 2003, pp. 3-18 & 49-70.
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Activities and assessment		
<p>Apart from lectures, course activities will imply course and reading assignments, as well as active participation by students. The evaluation of the course will combine continuous assessment and a final examination, according to the following criteria:</p>		
Activities	%	Assessment guidelines
Course assignments	50%	Precision and pertinence of content will be highly valued in each of the assignments
Class participation	10%	Pertinence and originality of active participation will be highly valued
Final examination	40%	Quality of arguments and pertinence of answers will be highly valued
<p>In case students fail the course, an exceptional examination will take place so that they can be re-evaluated. Specific details on this evaluation will be given by the end of the course.</p>		

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<p>Bibliography:</p> <p>Alderson, Kal & Hurrell, Andrew (eds.), <i>Hedley Bull on International Society</i>, Londres: Macmillan, 2000.</p> <p>Avant, Deborah; Finnemore, Martha; Sell, Susan K. (eds.), <i>Who Governs the Globe?</i>, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.</p> <p>Ba, Alice D. & Hoffmann, Matthew J. (eds.), <i>Contending Perspectives on Global Governance. Coherence, Contestation and World Order</i>, Londres: Routledge,</p>

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- Baldwin, D.A. (ed.), *Neorealism and Neoliberalism. The Contemporary Debate*, Nueva York, Columbia University Press, 1993.
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- Kubalkova, N.; Onuf, N. & Kowert, P. (eds.), *International Relations in a Constructed World*, Armonk, M.E. Sharpe, 1998.
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Organization Reader, Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2001.

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Nicholson, M., *Causes and Consequences in International Relations*, New York, Cassell, 1996.

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O'Brien, Robert; Goetz, Anne Marie; Scholte, Jan Aart; Williams, Marc, *Contesting Global Governance. Multilateral Economic Institutions and Global Social Movements*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000.

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Required readings and other materials:

Required readings will be available for students at the beginning of the course. Additional materials may be required to prepare course activities. The professor will give indications about such activities and the required materials.

