

17.420

Advances in International Relations Theory

SYLLABUS

INSTRUCTOR:

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COURSE MEETING TIMES

Lectures: 1 session / week, 2 hours / session

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Active Seminar Participation;
2. Class Presentation – format to be announced; and
3. Final Examination (take home format) **or** Review/Research Paper.

COURSE BOOKS

1. Beitz, Charles R. *Political Theory and International Relations*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton UP, 1999.
2. Choucri, Nazli, ed. *Global Accord: Environmental Challenges and International Responses*. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 1995.
3. Katzenstein, Peter J., Robert O. Keohane, and Stephen D. Krasner, eds. *Exploration and Contestation in the Study of World Politics*. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 1999.
4. Mingst, Karen., and Jack Snyder, eds. *Essential Readings in World Politics*. NY: W.W. Norton & Co., 2001.
5. Waltz, Kenneth N. *Theory of International Politics*. Reading, Mass. Addison Wesley, 1979.
6. Rawls, John. *The Law of Peoples*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2001.

CALENDAR

| LEC # | TOPICS |
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| Part I: Foundations and Contexts | |
| 1 | Introduction: The Classics – Concepts and Contexts |
| 2 | Realism and Neo-realism |
| 3 | Liberalism and Neo-liberalism |
| 4 | Institutionalism and Neo-institutionalism |
| 5 | Constructivism and Contentions |
| Part II: New Challenges and Critical Applications | |
| 6 | Gaps in Theory: What's Missing? |
| 7 | Environmental Perspectives |
| 8 | Emergent and Evolutionary Dynamics |
| 9 | International Conflict and Warfare |
| 10 | Transformation of Structures and Processes |
| 11 | Globalization and IR Theory |
| 12 | Normative and Empirical Challenges – 21sts Century |