

## **International Politics (DCC 5040) Fall 2013**

International University of Japan  
Schedule: Tuesday, 10:30a.m.-12 p.m. & 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.  
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### **Introduction**

This course seeks to help students understand the comprehensive view of international politics. The course takes a special focus on how states behave, why and under what conditions states compete or cooperate, and how international institutions and norms influence and are influenced by state behavior. For this purpose, the course introduces the major theoretical perspectives for international relations. Students are expected to understand and evaluate competing theories and approaches and to apply different perspectives to substantive issues in contemporary international relations.

In the course, after we begin with the basic questions of the meanings of “states,” “politics,” “power,” and “theory,” we will examine different theoretical approaches to international relations, with special focus on the realist, liberal, and constructivist paradigms. Throughout the course, we will examine contemporary issues, including terrorism and global environmental change, through the analytical “lenses” of these different perspectives. Students are strongly encouraged to introduce into class discussion any additional topics of concern to them.

### **Course Requirements and Grading System**

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| 1) <b>Active participation in class</b> (attendance, preparation, and discussion) | <b>20%</b> |
| 2) <b>Mid-term exam on Nov.5</b> (closed-note)                                    | <b>25%</b> |
| 3) <b>In-Class Presentation (or in-class writing exercises)</b>                   | <b>15%</b> |
| 4) <b>Final examination</b> (closed-note)   | <b>40%</b> |

**Penalty for Academic Integrity Violations (cheating, plagiarism, etc): an “F” grade for the particular assignment, in which the violation takes place.**

### **Policies**

Students are expected to come to class **on time**, to attend all the sessions, to complete assigned readings on time, and to submit all the papers on time. Delay in paper submission will affect your grade negatively. If you need to be absent from the class or if you are unable to turn a paper in on time, you should contact the instructor in advance.

### **Guide for Reading:**

- Be sure to read all the required readings each week.
- Think of the following questions as you read. What are the authors' main questions? What are the authors' assumptions? What are the critical concepts? What are the authors' theoretical and empirical findings? With whom are the authors engaged in debate?
- Those who have never studied international politics or social sciences are strongly advised to read up on each week's topic with the following textbooks:
- **John Baylis, Steven Smith, and Patricia Owens eds., *Globalization of World Politics*, fourth edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.**
- Paul R. Viotti and Mark V. Kauppi, *International Relations Theory: Realism, Pluralism, Globalism, and Beyond*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1999.**

### **Weekly Schedule**

#### **Week 1 and 2 Introduction (Sovereign State, Nation, Power) and Realism (Power, Balance of Power)**

- Hans J. Morgenthau, *Politics among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*, sixth edition, New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985, Chapter 1-3. Chapter 11-14.
- Kenneth N. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*, Massachusetts: Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, 1979, Chapter 1, 4, 5, and 6. (especially chapter 5 & 6).
- X (George Kennan), "The Sources of Soviet Conduct," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 25, No. 4, 1947, pp. 566-582.

#### **Recommended:**

- John Maynard Keynes, "The Economic Consequences of the Peace," November 1919.
- E.H. Carr, *The Twenty Years' Crisis*.

#### **Week 3 Liberalism (Neoliberal Institutionalism and Economic Liberalism)**

- Dunne, Timothy, "Liberalism," in Baylis, Smith & Owens, *Globalization of World Politics*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.
- Robert O. Keohane and Joseph Nye, *Power and Interdependence*, third edition, New York: Longman, 2001, Chapter 1-2.
- Robert O. Keohane, *After Hegemony*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1983, pp.31-109.

#### **Week 4 Liberalism (The Democratic Peace)**

- Michael Doyle, "Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs," in Michael E. Brown, Sean M. Lynn-Jones, and Steven E. Miller, eds., *Debating the Democratic Peace* Cambridge: MIT Press, 1996. pp. 3-57.
- Immanuel Kant, "Idea for a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Purpose" and "Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch," in *Kant: Political Writings*.

- Christopher Layne, "Kant or Cant: The Myth of the Democratic Peace," in Michael E. Brown, Sean M. Lynn-Jones, and Steven E. Miller, eds., *Debating the Democratic Peace*, Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press, 1996, pp. 157-201.

### **Week 5 Social Constructivism**

- Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of It," *International Organization*, Vol. 46, No. 2, Spring 1992, pp. 391-425.
- Alexander Wendt, *Social Theory of International Politics*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999. Chapter 1 & 6.

### **Week 6 Mid-Term Exam (1.5 hours) & Critical Approaches: Post-Structuralism, Neo-Gramscianism, and Feminism**

- David Campbell, "Poststructuralism," in Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki and Steve Smith, eds., *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007, pp. 203-228.
- Cynthia Enloe, *Bananas, Beaches and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics*, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1990, pp.1-18.
- Recommended:** - Robert W. Cox, "Gramsci, Hegemony and International Relations: An Essay in Method," *Millennium*, Vol. 12, No. 2, Summer 1983, pp. 162-175.

### **Week 7 International Political Economy**

- Robert Gilpin, *Global Political Economy: Understanding the International Economic Order*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001, Introduction and Chapter 1-4.
- David Harvey, *A Brief History of Neoliberalism*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2007, Chapter 3-4.

### **Week 8 Non-State Actors: International Governmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations**

- Inis L. Claude, "The Development of International Organization in the Nineteenth Century," "The Establishment of the League of Nations," and "The Origins of the United Nations," in *Swords Into Plowshares*, New York: Random House, 1971, pp.21-82.
- Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, "Transnational Advocacy Networks in International Politics: Introduction," *Activist Beyond Borders*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1998, pp. 1-38.

**Week 9 Terrorism and UN PKO (Lecture by Ms. Etsuko Okada, Researcher at the Secretariat of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters, Cabinet Office)**

- Clarence Augustus Martin, *Understanding Terrorism: Challenges, Perspectives, and Issues*, Third Edition, London: SAGE, 2009, pp. 35-96.
- Siegfried S. Hecker, "Toward a Comprehensive Safeguards System: Keeping Fissile Materials out of Terrorists," *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Vol. 607, Confronting the Specter of Nuclear Terrorism, September, 2006, pp. 121-132.
- Suthaharan Nadarajah and Dhananjayan Sriskandarajah, "Liberation Struggle or Terrorism? The Politics of Naming the LTTE," *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 26, No. 1, The Politics of Naming: Rebels, Terrorists, Criminals, Bandits and Subversives, 2005, pp. 87-100.

**Week 10. Environmental Issues**

- John Vogler, "Environmental Issues," in Baylis, Smith, and Owens, eds., *The Globalization of World Politics*, pp. 350-369.
- Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis, *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*, New York: Longman, 2006, Part 4. "The Environment and Climate Change." (Garrett Hardin, "The Tragedy of the Commons"; David G. Victor, "International Cooperation on Climate Change: Numbers, Interests, and Institutions"; N. Gregory Mankiw, "One Answer to Global Warming: A New Tax.")
- Antony Froggatt and Michael A. Levi, "Climate and Energy Security Policies and Measures: Synergies and Conflicts," *International Affairs*, Vol. 85, Issue, 6, Nov. 2009, pp. 1129-1141.