Course: The United Nations and Global Governance
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Class Schedule: TBD (2X90 minutes in one day)

Course Description: An introduction to the history and organizational structure of the UN, its place and role within the international system of state and non-state actors, how it actually functions, how it is coping with major global issues, on UN reform issues and also on US-UN and Japan-UN relations.

Learning Objectives: To give students a clear grasp of the architecture of the international system and how it functions including its financing, to expose them to the challenges that the system faces today and to review the major global issues confronting the international community.

Career Relevance: To introduce students to the manner of interaction between the Member States governments and the UN, and to identify opportunities and career paths within the UN system.

Course Context: An understanding of the UN system is an important prerequisite for analysis of the global system as a whole. The course will be foundational to other courses in IR, and provide context in which other activities in the international system can be understood.

Delivery methods: A mixture of lectures, discussions, debates and student presentations.

Assessment: Class attendance (10%), class participation (20%), class presentation papers (20%), and final exam (50%).
Basic Reference books:
3 UN Charter (available online)
   (Other reading material listed in Syllabus and Readings)

Class Outline:
Week 1: Various approaches to understanding the UN, origins and structure of the UN, idealism & realism within the UN, globalization and nationalism

Week 2 – 3: Security Council, issues of war & peace, PKOs

Week 4: General Assembly (including financing of the UN) and Secretary-General

Week 5: Specialized Agencies, Funds and Programmes and other multilateral institutions

Week 6: Human rights and international criminal justice

Week 7: Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals

Week 8: Global issues (climate change, health, terrorism, etc)

Week 9: UN reform

Week 10: US and the UN, Japan and the UN

Week 11: Overview and Final Exam
Syllabus and Readings

Week 1  Various approaches to understanding the UN
         Origins and structure of the UN
         Idealism and realism within the UN
         Reading:  Jussi M. Hanhimaki: The United Nations:A Very Short Introduction
                  (second edition, 2015, Oxford University Press)
                  Thomas G. Weiss & Sam Daws: The Oxford Handbook on the United
                  Stephen C. Schlesinger: Act of Creation: The Founding of the United
                  Paul Kennedy: The Parliament of Man: The Past, Present and Future of
                  Mark Mazower: No Enchanted Palace: The End of Empire and the
                  Dan Plesch & Thomas G. Weiss: Wartime Origins and the Future United
                  Nations (2015, Routledge)

Week 2 & 3 Security Council
         Issues of war & peace
         PKOs
         Reading:  David Malone: The UN Security Council: From the Cold War to the 21st
                  Century (2004, Lynne Rienner Publishers)
                  Michael W. Doyle & Nicholas Sambanis: Making War & Building Peace
                  University Press)
                  Klauss Dodds: Geopolitics: A Very Short Introduction (Second Edition
                  2014, Oxford Press)
                  Ramesh Thakur: The Responsibility to Protect: Norms, Laws and the use
                  of Force in International Relations (2011, Routledge)

Week 4 General Assembly
         Financing of the UN
         Reading:  Joshua Muravchik: The Future of the United Nations: Understanding
                  the Past to Chart a Way Forward (2005, AEI Press)


Week 5

**Specialized Agencies, Funds and Programmes and Others**

Reading: *Oxford Handbook on the United Nations*

Week 6

**Human Rights and Criminal Justice**


Week 7

**Sustainable Development Goals**

Yves Berthelot: *Unity and Diversity in Development Ideas* - *Perspectives from the UN Regional Commissions* (2004, Indiana University Press)

Week 8

**Global Issues**

Climate Change, Health, Terrorism

UNU: *Usable Thoughts* (2010, UNU Press)
The UN Security Council

Week 9

**UN Reform**

Reading: *The UN Security Council*
Week 10  Japan and the UN
          US and the UN
Reading:  *The UN Security Council*
          *The United Nations System*
          Liang Pan: *The United Nations in Japan’s Foreign and Security