



INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Term:	Fall 2022
ECTS credits:	5
Lessons per week:	Mondays 10:40 – 12:10 – Lecture; Wednesdays 10:40 – 12:10 – Seminar/discussions
Language:	English
Instructor:	Mgr. Clarissa do Nascimento Tabosa, PhD.
Form of study:	Lecture + class discussion

Prerequisites

None

Course description and objectives

The course aims at introducing the students to the study of International Relations (IR) and its main theories. The students will be presented with the discipline's historical origins, its purpose, its debates, as well as the main theoretical approaches developed within the discipline. Upon completion of the course students should be able to analytically apply the main theoretical approaches of IR to current affairs in world politics, to critically assess international relations' issues, and to independently conduct basic research in IR.

Office Hours: upon agreement by email

Course Requirements and Evaluation

10% - active participation and class preparedness

25% - 5 short writing assignments (analytical assessment of core IR readings)

25% Research project/group presentation: application of IR theories to international issues

20% Seminar activities (including short writing assignments done in class)

20% Final exam – oral test (as agreed with students)

Grading System

A – excellent: 100-93%

B – very good: 92-84%

C – good: 83-74%

D – satisfactory: 73-63%

E – sufficient: 62-51%

Fx – fail: 50-0%

Passing a course assumes that a student was not absent at more than 4 lessons.

Academic Integrity

Copy-pasting from sources without quotation marks, paraphrasing without references, or duplicating the work of other students is unacceptable and will be automatically treated as plagiarism.

According to BISLA guidelines, students are allowed to miss the maximum of four classes.

Expectations in the Classroom

Students are allowed to use their computers and phone to take notes. They are also encouraged to have their required readings opened and prepared for discussion. This policy is subject to change in case students use their devices for other purposes.

Texts

Mandatory readings

- Angell, N. (1911). *The Great Illusion: A Study of the Relation of Military Power in Nations to their Economic and Social Advantage* (3 ed.), New York and London: G.P. Putnam's & Sons. Pp. vii – ix; 29 – 48.
- Bull, H. (1977). *The anarchical society: A study of order in world politics*. New York: Columbia University: pp. xxxii- xxxv, 3-21
- Carr, E. (1946). *The twenty years' crisis, 1919-1939: An introduction to the study of international relations*. London: Macmillan : pp. ix-x (Preface to the first edition), 1-10
- Calkivik, A. (2017) *Poststructuralism and Postmodernism in International Relations*. Oxford University Press <online>
- Drzner, D. (2014). *Theories of International Politics and Zombies*. Princeton University Press. Chapter: **THE SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF ZOMBIES**.
- Drzner, D. (2014). *Theories of International Politics and Zombies*. Princeton University Press. Chapter: **THE SUPERGENDERED POLITICS OF THE POSTHUMAN WORLD**
- Keohane, R., & Nye, J. (1977). *Realism and complex interdependence*. In *Power and interdependence: World politics in transition*. Boston: Little, Brown. Pp. 20 – 31.
- Morgenthau, H. (1978). *Six principles of political realism*. In *Politics among nations; the struggle for power and peace* (5th ed., pp. 4-15). New York: Knopf.
- Nye, J. (2004). *Soft power: The means to success in world politics*. New York: Public Affairs. pp. xx-xii (Preface), 1-32
- Viotti, P., & Kauppi, M. (2012). *International Relations Theory* (Fifth Edition ed.). Longman: pp 1-12
- Viotti, P., & Kauppi, M. (2012) *International Relations Theory* (Fifth Edition ed.). Longman pp. 189-193, 199-209
- Waltz, K. (1979). *Theory of international politics*. Reading, Mass.: Addison-Wesley Pub.: pp. 161-183
- Wendt, A. *Anarchy is what States Make of it: The Social Construction of Power Politics*. *International Organization*, Vol. 46, No. 2
- Woodrow, Wilson. *The Fourteen Points*. Available at <https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=false&doc=62&page=transcript>
- Zalewski, M. (2010) *Feminist International Relations: Making Sense*. In: Shepherd, L. (eds) *Gender Matters in Global Politics: A feminist introduction to International Relations*. Routledge pp. 28-43



Recommended readings

- Fierke K.M. Constructivism. In: Dunne T., Kurki, M. Smith, S. (eds.) International Relations Theories. Discipline and Diversity. Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 187-202
- Keohane, R. (1984) After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in World Political Economy. Princeton University Press, Chichester, West Sussex
- Li, X. E. (2018) The Rise and Fall of Soft Power
<<https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/08/20/therise- and-fall-of-soft-power/>>
- Mearsheimer, J. J. (2013). "Structural Realism," in Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki, and Steve Smith, eds., International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity, 3rd Edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. 77-93.
- Morgenthau, H. (1948). Politics among nations; the struggle for power and peace (1st ed.). New York: Knopf: pp. 13-15, 21-29, 43-49, 50-51.
- Nye, J. (1990). Soft Power. Foreign Policy, (80), 153-171. doi:10.2307/1148580
- Ringmar, Erik. The Recognition Game: Soviet Russia Against the West. Cooperation and Conflict 2002 37: 115
- Sterling-Folker, J. (2013) Neoliberalism. In Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki, and Steve Smith, eds., International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity, 3rd Edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. 114 – 129
- Tickner, J. and Sjoberg, L. (2013). Feminism. In Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki, and Steve Smith, eds., International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity, 3rd Edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. 205 – 220.
- Viotti, P., & Kauppi, M. (2012). International Relations Theory (Fifth Edition ed.). Longman pp. 129-131, 137-156
- Wallerstein, I. (2000). The Rise and Future Demise of the World Capitalist System/ Essential Wallerstein. In The essential Wallerstein. New York: New Press pp. 71-102
- Waltz, K. (1964). The Stability of a Bipolar World. Daedalus, 93(3), 881-909.
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/20026863>

Topics

1. Introduction / What is a theory?
2. IR as an academic discipline
3. Idealism
4. Classical realism
5. Neorealism
6. Neoliberalism
7. READING WEEK
8. The English School
9. Marxism in IR
10. Constructivism
11. Post-structuralism in IR
12. Feminism in IR
13. Power in IR
14. Final Students' Evaluation/ Course evaluation

*******This syllabus is subject to change.*******