

REGIONALISM AND GLOBAL ORDER

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Wednesdays, 11:30-13:30, 13:30-14:15, B132

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Course description

The course aim is to introduce the students to contemporary debates about the changing world order, its origins, its dynamics and the prospective challenges it faces. In its second part the course focuses on the multidimensional phenomenon of regionalism, the role(s) which it plays in the global system and the variety of agendas and problems that are associated with it. The course will also give the students specific knowledge about some of the world's macroregions.

Course structure

Introductory session. Rules and requirements

Session 1. The concept of order in international relations. Historical forms of international order

Session 2. Liberal international order in the XX century

Session 3. American leadership in decline?

Session 4. The rise of "the rest"

Session 5. Regions and regionalisms in the global system

Session 6. Regional economic integration and free trade

Session 7. Regionalism and security. South America

Session 8. Regions and cultural identities. The Middle East

Session 9. (Post)imperial regionalism and spheres of influence politics. The Post-Soviet world

Session 10. Interregionalism and region building. Africa

Session 11. Regionalism diffusion, regionalism promotion and regional institutionalization. Southeast Asia

Course requirements & evaluation

The students are expected to attend all sessions unless otherwise agreed with the lecturer. For every session the students are expected to have read all the required readings and be prepared to discuss them in class. Reading and active participation will be essential to the student's final grade.

Each student will make at least one presentation based on the required readings and any additional sources he/she may choose. Note that **reading off the paper is not allowed** and will under no circumstances count as presenting. Based on the required readings every student is expected to prepare **one question for every session**. The question will be addressed by the presenter(s). Questions prepared by students are part of the final grade.

At the end of the course the student is expected to produce a final paper (**4,000** words min.) on one of the course topics. Apart from the required literature the paper should rely on additional independent research. Note that **plagiarism will result in automatic failure and expulsion from the course**. The deadline for submitting the essay is **May 15, 2017** for 2nd year students and **June 15, 2017** for 1st year students.

Grade composition:

- Questions and active participation – 40%
- Presentation – 30%
- Final paper – 30%

Course literature

Session 1. The concept of order in international relations. Historical forms of international order

Required reading

Bull, H. (1977). *The anarchical society: A study of order in world politics*. New York: Columbia University; pp. xxxii- xxxv, 3-21

Watson, A. (1992). *The evolution of international society a comparative historical analysis*. London: Routledge: pp. 238-250

Session 2. Liberal international order in the XX century

Required reading

Ikenberry, J.G. *Liberal Leviathan. The Origins, Crisis and Transformation of the American World Order*. Princeton University Press, 2011: pp. 159-219

Recommended reading

Keohane, R.O. *After Hegemony. Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. Princeton University Press, 1984

Session 3. American leadership in decline?

Required reading

Barnett, T. *America the Aggrieved Departs Center Stage*. Thomas P.M. Barnett, January 20, 2017. Available: <<http://thomaspmbarnett.squarespace.com/globlogization/2017/1/20/america-the-aggrieved-departs-center-stage.html>>

Kagan, R. *The World America Made*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012: pp. 7-8, 37-69

Recommended reading

Bremmer I. *Every Nation for Itself: Winners and Losers in a G-Zero World*. Portfolio, 2012

Layne, C. (2012) *This Time It's Real: The End of Unipolarity and the Pax Americana*. *International Studies Quarterly* (2012), 1–11

Session 4. The rise of “the rest”

Required reading

Acharya, A. *The End of American World Order*. Polity Press, 2014: pp. 1-11, 33-78

Recommended reading

Etzioni, A. (2013) *The Devolution of American Power*. *The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs*, 37:1

Zakaria, F. *The Post-American World*. W. W. Norton & Company, 2008

Session 5. Regions and regionalisms in the global system

Required reading

Farrel, M. The Global Politics of Regionalism: An Introduction. In Farrel M., Hettne B., Van Langenhove L. (eds.) *Global Politics of Regionalism*, Pluto Press, 2005: pp. 1-17

Hurrell, A. *On Global Order. Power, Values and the Constitution of International Society*. Oxford University Press, 2007: pp. 239-261

Recommended reading

Buzan B. & Waever O. *Regions and Powers. The Structure of International Security*. Cambridge University Press, 2003

Session 6. Regional economic integration and free trade

Required reading

Duina, F. The Social Construction of Free Trade. Princeton University Press, 2007: pp. 3-28, 185-209

Recommended reading

Larner W. & Walters W. (2002) The Political Rationality of “New Regionalism”: Toward a genealogy of the region. *Theory and Society*, 31:3

Session 7. Regionalism and security. South America

Required reading

Hurrell, A. An emerging security community in South America? In Adler A., Barnett M. (eds.) *Security Communities*. Cambridge University Press, 1998: pp. 228-264

Recommended reading

Dominguez J.I. *Regional Economic Institutions in Latin America: Politics, Profits, and Peace*. In Kahler, M. & MacIntyre A. (eds.) *Integrating Regions. Asia in Comparative Context*. Stanford University Press, 2013

Session 8. Regions and cultural identities. The Middle East

Required reading

Hinnebusch, R. *The International Politics of the Middle East*. Manchester University Press: pp. 54-72

Legrenzi, M. & Calculi M. Regionalism and Regionalization in the Middle East. International Peace Institute, March 2013.

Recommended reading

Barnett, M. N. (1998). Dialogues in Arab politics: Negotiations in regional order. New York: Columbia University Press.

Harders, C. & Legrenzi M. (eds.) Beyond regionalism? Regional cooperation, regionalism and regionalization in the Middle East

Kamrava, M. (2005). The modern Middle East: A political history since the First World War. Berkeley: University of California Press

Session 9. (Post)imperial regionalism and spheres of influence politics. The Post-Soviet world

Makarychev A. Russia-EU: Competing Logics of Region Building. DGAPanalyse 1 | March 2012

Sakwa, R. Eurasian Integration: A Project for the 21st Century? In Samokhvalov V. & Lane D. (eds.) The Eurasian Project and Europe. Regional Discontinuities and Geopolitics. Pallgrave Macmillan, 2015

Recommended reading

Dragneva, R. & Wolczuk, K. European Union Emulation in the Design of Integration. In Samokhvalov V. & Lane D. (eds.) The Eurasian Project and Europe. Regional Discontinuities and Geopolitics. Pallgrave Macmillan, 2015

Kazharski A. & Makarychev A. (2015) Suturing the Neighborhood? Russia and the EU in Conflictual Intersubjectivity. *Problems of Post-Communism*, 62:6

Session 10. Interregionalism and region building. Africa

Required reading

Haastrup, T. (2013) EU as Mentor? Promoting Regionalism as External Relations Practice in EU–Africa Relations. *Journal of European Integration*

Söderbaum, F. African Regionalism and EU-African Interregionalism. In Telò M. European Union and New Regionalism. Regional Actors and Global Governance in a Post-Hegemonic Era: pp. 185-202

Recommended reading

Borzel, T., Goltermann, L., Lohaus, M., & Striebinger, K. (eds.). Roads to Regionalism: Genesis, design, and effects of regional organizations, Ashgate, 2012

**Session 11. Regionalism diffusion, regionalism promotion and regional institutionalization.
Southeast Asia**

Required reading

Camroux, D. (2010) Interregionalism or Merely a Fourth-Level Game? An Examination of the EU-ASEAN Relationship. *East Asia* (2010) 27:57–77

Jetschke, A. & Murray Ph. (2012) Diffusing Regional Integration: The EU and Southeast Asia. *West European Politics*, 35:1

Wong, R. (2012) Model power or reference point? The EU and the ASEAN Charter. *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 25:4

Recommended reading

Acharya, A., & Johnston, A. Crafting cooperation: Regional International Institutions in Comparative Perspective. Cambridge University Press, 2007

Börzel T. & Risse T. Diffusing (Inter-) Regionalism. The EU as a Model of Regional Integration. KFG Working Paper No. 7, September 2009