**Theories of Integration & International Cooperation**

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Why and how do people and states institutionalize cooperation with one another? How does this cooperation shape economic and political outcomes? Why and when does this cooperation collapse? Is the European Union a useful model of integration and cooperation, or unique from other regions? To explore these questions, we draw upon relevant theories of International Relations alongside contemporary issues including why Brexit happened, the Euro Crisis, the future of NATO, peacekeeping by African regional organizations, and the challenge of China in climate cooperation. Students will gain analytic frameworks that they can use to better understand current issues in global and regional politics, which will prepare them to identify problems and craft solutions.

Classes will consist of a mix of lecture, discussion, and group activities. It is thus essential for students to attend class prepared to participate, having read and reflected upon the required materials prior to the meeting. The required reading is indeed required, but these readings are non-academic and relatively short. All required readings will be made available on the course website.

**Grade Distribution:**

Class participation = 30 %

Mid-term (in class, closed book) = 19% Mix of multiple choice and short answer

Final exam (at home, open book) = 51%

**Schedule**

***Class 1: Introduction***

No required reading

***Class 2: Realism, liberalism, and constructivism***

Required:

Stephen Walt (1998) “International Relations: One World, Many Theories”, *Foreign Policy*

Optional:

None

***Class 3: Regionalism & regional integration***

Required:

The Myth of the Global: Why Regional Ties Win the Day. *Foreign Affairs*.

Optional:

Schneider, C. J. (2017). The political economy of regional integration. *Annual Review of Political Science*, *20*, 229-248.

Checkel, J. (2016). Regional identities and communities. In *The Oxford handbook of comparative regionalism*.

Rittberger, B., & Schroeder, P. (2016). The legitimacy of regional institutions. *The Oxford handbook of comparative regionalism*, 579-599.

Debre, M. J. (2021). The dark side of regionalism: how regional organizations help authoritarian regimes to boost survival. *Democratization*, *28*(2), 394-413.

***Class 4: The United Nations***

Required:

A Crisis of Faith Shakes the United Nations in Its Big Week. *Foreign Policy.*

Optional:

Competing and Winning in the Multilateral System: U.S. Leadership in the United Nations. CSIS.

The UN Turns Seventy-Five. Here's How to Make it Relevant Again. Council on Foreign Relations.

***Class 5: Challenges to international integration & cooperation***

Required:

The Right Way to Fix the EU. *Foreign Affairs.*

Optional:

What is deglobalization? *Chatham House.*

Walter, S. (2021). The backlash against globalization. *Annual Review of Political Science*, *24*, 421-442.

Vreeland, J. R. (2019). Corrupting international organizations. *Annual Review of Political Science*, *22*, 205-222.

Hobolt, S. B., & De Vries, C. E. (2016). Public support for European integration. *Annual Review of Political Science*, *19*, 413-432.

Mylonas, H., & Tudor, M. (2021). Nationalism: What We Know and What We Still Need to Know. *Annual Review of Political Science*, *24*, 109-132.

***Class 6: Trade***

Required:

It’s Time to Think for Yourself on Free Trade. *Foreign Policy.*

Optional:

What is wrong with the WTO? *Atlantic Council.*

As the European Union celebrates 60 years, can Asia use it as a model for economic integration? *The Conversation*

Goldstein, J. (2017). Trading in the twenty-first century: is there a role for the World Trade Organization?. *Annual Review of Political Science*, *20*, 545-564.

Baccini, L. (2019). The economics and politics of preferential trade agreements. *Annual Review of Political Science*, *22*, 75-92.

Kim, S. Y., Mansfield, E. D., & Milner, H. V. (2016). *Regional trade governance* (pp. 323-50). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

***Class 7: Monetary cooperation***

Required:

The IMF: The World’s Controversial Financial Firefighter, *Council on Foreign Relations*.

Optional:

Oatley, T. (2019). Cooperation, Conflict, and Crisis in the Contemporary International Monetary System, in International Political Economy.

McNamara, K. (2016). Regional monetary and financial governance. The Oxford handbook of comparative regionalism, 351-373.

***Class 8: In-class midterm***

***Class 9: Security cooperation***

Required:

Ukraine war follows decades of warnings that NATO expansion into Eastern Europe could provoke Russia. *The Conversation.*

Optional:

Walter, B. F., Howard, L. M., & Fortna, V. P. (2021). The extraordinary relationship between peacekeeping and peace. *British Journal of Political Science*, *51*(4), 1705-1722.

Haftel, Y. Z., & Hofmann, S. C. (2017). Institutional authority and security cooperation within regional economic organizations. *Journal of Peace Research*, *54*(4), 484-498.

African Mediators Outperform their non-African Counterparts-Here’s Why. *Political Violence at a Glance.*

***Class 10: Norms, human rights, and international law***

Required:

Why does the International Criminal Court not have more support? *The Economist.*

Optional:

Pevehouse, J. C. (2016). Regional human rights and democracy governance. In *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Regionalism*.

***Class 11: Development***

Required:

TBA

Optional:

Findley, M. G. (2018). Does foreign aid build peace?. *Annual Review of Political Science*, *21*(1), 359-384.

***Class 12: Borders and migration***

Required:

Why the arguments against immigration are so popular. *The Economist*.

Europe is bankrolling a force that routinely abuses African migrants. *The Economist*.

Optional:

World Migration Report (2022). International Organization of Migration.

Simmons, B. A. (2019). Border rules. *International Studies Review*, *21*(2), 256-283.

Lavenex, S., Jurje, F., Givens, T. E., & Buchanan, R. (2016). Regional migration governance. *The Oxford handbook of comparative regionalism*, 457-485.

***Class 13: Cooperation on climate & health***

Required:

Competition with China Can Save the Planet. *Foreign Affairs.*

Optional:

Haas, P. M. (2016). Regional environmental governance. *The Oxford handbook of comparative regionalism*, 430-56.

Hale, T. (2020). Transnational actors and transnational governance in global environmental politics. *Annual Review of Political Science*, *23*, 203-220.