

International Relations Theory in the Cyber Age
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Course Requirements:

- (a) Active Seminar Participation – Critical Approach to Materials
- (b) Class presentation – format to be announced
- (c) Mid Term Essay – Choices of Questions –
Distributed March 14, due March 17, 2014
- (c) Final Essay -- Choices of Questions
Distributed May 9, due May 12, 2014

Graduate students can substitute Final Essay for Research paper

Readings

Assigned books – Ordered at the Coop and on Reserve at Dewey Library

- Choucri, Nazli, 2012. *Cyberpolitics in International Relations*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press,
- Joseph S. Nye. *The Future of Power* New York: Public Affairs. 2011

All other assigned readings are on the course website

Recommended readings are required for graduate students

Laptops

No Laptops in Class

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PART I;

STRUCTURE & PROCESS in INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

(1) The Classics – Concepts & Contexts
February 10, 2014

Required

North, Robert C. 1990. *War, Peace, Survival: Global Politics and Conceptual Synthesis*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. Chapter 1.

Williams, Phil. et. al. *Classic Readings in International Relations* New York: Harcourt Brace, 1999: pp. 71-92 and 105-118.

Jackson, Robert J. *Global Politics in the 21st Century*, Cambridge University Press, 2013, Chapter 3.

Joseph S. Nye. *The Future of Power* New York: Public Affairs. 2011. Chapter 1

Recommended

Mingst, Karen and Jack Snyder, eds. 2004. (2nd ed) *Essential Readings in World Politics*. NY: W.W. Norton & Co. pp. 4-20.

Mingst, Karen and Jack Snyder, eds. 2011. (4th ed) *Essential Readings in World Politics*. NY: W.W. Norton & Co. pp. 2-10

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(2) International Relations – Construction of Cyberspace
February 18, 2014

Required

Choucri, Nazli, 2012. *Cyberpolitics in International Relations*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, Chapter 1 and 2.

North, Robert C. 1990. *War, Peace, Survival: Global Politics and Conceptual Synthesis*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. Chapter 2 and 3

Jackson, Robert and Georg Sørensen, eds. 2013. *International Relations: Theories and Approaches*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapters 1 (“Why Study IR?”),

Joseph S. Nye. 2011. *The Future of Power* New York: Public Affairs.. Chapters 2 and 3

Abbott, Kenneth W. and Duncan Snidal, 2001. “Hard and Soft Law in Governance.” In L. Goldstein, Miles Kahler, Robert O. Keohane, and Anne-Marie Slaughter, eds. *Legalization and World Politics*. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, pp. 37-72.

Recommended

Kahler, Miles. 1999. “Rationality in International Relations.” In Peter J. Katzenstein, Robert O. Keohane, and Stephen D. Krasner, eds., *Exploration and Contestation in the Study of World Politics*, Cambridge, Mass., pp. 279-301.

Dodge, Martin & Rob Kitchen, *Mapping Cyberspace* 2001. London: Routledge, pp. 7-31 and Chapter 3

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(3) Cyberspace & the State System
February 24, 2014

Required

Jackson, Robert and Georg Sørensen. 2013. *International Relations: Theories and Approaches*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 2 ("IR as an Academic Subject").

Braman, Sandra. 2006. *Change of State*. Cambridge, Mass: The MIT Press, Chapters 1, and 2.

Joseph S. Nye. 2011. *The Future of Power* New York: Public Affairs. Chapters 4 and 5

Choucri, Nazli, 2012. *Cyberpolitics in International Relations*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, Chapter 3 and 5

North, Robert C. 1990. *War, Peace, Survival: Global Politics and Conceptual Synthesis*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. Chapter 4

Recommended

Clark, David D. 2004. "An Insider's Guide to the Internet." *MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, Version 2.0*. July 25, 2004. Cambridge, MA: Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Kratochwil, Friedrich. 1986. "Of Systems, Boundaries, and Territoriality." *World Politics* 39 (1):27-52.

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(4) Globalization & Emergent Dynamics
March 3, 2014

Required

Cerny, Philip G. 1995. "Globalization and the Changing Logic of Collective Action." *International Organization* 49 (4): 595-625.

Joseph S. Nye. *The Future of Power* New York: Public Affairs. 2011. Chapters 6 and 7

North, Robert C. 1990. *War, Peace, Survival: Global Politics and Conceptual Synthesis*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. Chapter 8

Choucri, Nazli, 2012. *Cyberpolitics in International Relations*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, Chapter 4

Gourevitch, Peter. 1978. "The Second Image Reversed: the International Sources of Domestic Politics." *International Organization* 32 (4): 881-912.

Skolnikoff, Eugene B. 1995. "Science and Technology: The Sources of Change." In Nazli Choucri, ed., *Global Accord: Environmental Challenges and International Responses*, Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, pp. 255-280.

Recommended

Kratochwil, Friedrich and Edward D. Mansfield. 1994. *International Organization: A Reader*. New York: HarperCollins College Publishers. Chapter 4.

Hess, Charlotte, and Elinor Ostrom eds. 2007. *Understanding Knowledge as a Commons: From Theory to Practice*. Cambridge, Mass: The MIT Press. Chapters 1 and 3.

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PART II

THEORIES of INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

(5) Realism and Neorealism
March 10, 2014

Required

Keohane, Robert O. 1986. "Theory of World Politics: Structural Realism and Beyond." In Robert O. Keohane, ed., *Neorealism and Its Critics*, New York: Columbia University Press, pp. 158 – 203.

Jervis, Robert. 1999. "Realism in the Study of World Politics." In Peter J. Katzenstein, Robert O. Keohane, and Stephen D. Krasner, eds., *Exploration and Contestation in the Study of World Politics*, Cambridge, Mass., pp. 331-351.

Grieco, Joseph M. 1988. "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Institutionalism." *International Organization* 42 (3): 485-507.

Mingst, Karen and Jack Snyder, eds., Fourth Edition, 2011. *Essential Readings in World Politics*. NY: W.W. Norton & Co. pp. 26-49

Recommended

Ashley, Richard. K. "The Poverty of Neorealism." In Keohane, Robert O., ed. 1986. *Neorealism and its Critics*. New York: Columbia University Press, pp. 255-300.\

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(6) Institutionalism and Neo Institutionalism
March 17, 2014

Required

Keohane, Robert O. 1988. "International Institutions: Two Approaches." *International Studies Quarterly* 32: 379-96. Reprinted in Oran R. Young, ed., 1996, *The International Political Economy and International Institutions, Volume I*, Brookfield, Vermont: Edward Elgar Publishing Co., pp. 289-306.

Martin, Lisa L. and Beth A. Simmons. 1999. "Theories and Empirical Studies of International Institutions." In Peter J. Katzenstein, Robert O. Keohane, and Stephen D. Krasner, eds., *Exploration and Contestation in the Study of World Politics*, Cambridge, Mass., pp. 89-117.

March, James G. and Johan P. Olsen. 1999. "The Institutional Dynamics of International Political Orders." In Peter J. Katzenstein, Robert O. Keohane, and Stephen D. Krasner, eds., *Exploration and Contestation in the Study of World Politics*, Cambridge, Mass., pp. 303-329.

Shepsle, Kenneth A. 1989. "Studying Institutions: Some Lessons from the Rational Choice Approach," *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 1 (2): 131-47.

Choucri, Nazli, Stuart Madnick and Jeremy Ferwerda. 2013. "Institutions for Cyber Security: International Responses and Global Imperatives." *Information Technology for Development*, DOI: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/02681102.2013.836699#.UyHkK17NqjE>

Recommended

Kratochwil, Friedrich and Edward D. Mansfield. 1994. *International Organization: A Reader*. New York: Harper Collins, Ch. 3.

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(7) Constructivism & Its Contentions
March 31, 2014

Required

Cox, Robert W. 1986. "Social Forces, States and World Orders: Beyond International Relations Theory." In Robert O. Keohane, ed., *Neorealism and Its Critics*, New York: Columbia University Press, pp. 204-254.

Ruggie, John Gerard. 1999. "What Makes the World Hang Together? Neo-utilitarianism and the Social Constructivist Challenge." In Peter J. Katzenstein, Robert O. Keohane, and Stephen D. Krasner, eds., *Exploration and Contestation in the Study of World Politics*, Cambridge, Mass., pp. 215-245.

North, Robert C. 1990. *War, Peace, Survival: Global Politics and Conceptual Synthesis*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. Chapter 3.

Mingst, Karen and Jack Snyder, eds. 2011. (4th ed) *Essential Readings in World Politics*. NY: W.W. Norton & Co. Chapter pp. 64-88..

Recommended

Ostrom, Elinor. 1998. "A Behavioral Approach to the Rational Choice Theory of Collective Action: *Presidential Address, American Political Science Association, 1997.*" *American Political Science Review* 92 (1):1-22.

Kratochwil, Friedrich and Edward D. Mansfield, eds. 1994. *International Organization: A Reader*, New York: HarperCollins College Publishers, Selections by Duncan Snidal and Alexander Wendt, pp. 61-94.

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(8) The Theory of Lateral Pressure
April 7, 2014

Required Reading

Choucri, Nazli, 2012. *Cyberpolitics in International Relations*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, Chapter 8

Choucri, Nazli and Robert C. North. 1995. "Growth, Development, and Environmental Sustainability: Profile and Paradox." In Nazli Choucri, ed., *Global Accord: Environmental Challenges and International Responses*, Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, pp. 67-132.

North, Robert C. 1990. *War, Peace, Survival: Global Politics and Conceptual Synthesis*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. Chapter 6

Pollins, Brian M. and Randall L. Schweller. 1999. "Linking the Levels: The Long Wave and Shifts in U.S. Foreign Policy, 1790-1993." *American Journal of Political Science* 40 (2): 431-464.

Midlarsky, Manus I. 1989. *Handbook of War Studies*. New York: Unwin Hyman. pp 289-304 and pp, 308-326.

Choucri, Nazli et. al. 2007 *Mapping Sustainability: Knowledge e-Networking and the Value Chain*. The Netherlands: Springer: Chapter 19.

Recommended

Haas, Peter M. 1989. "The Fourth Image Reversed: Epistemic Communities and Knowledge Based Bargaining as a Response to Uncertainty," prepared for delivery at the 1989 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, August 30-September 3, 1989.

Waltz, Kenneth N. 1979. *Theory of International Politics*. Reading, Mass.: Addison-Wesley, Chapters 6

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PART III
CHALLENGES of the CYBER AGE

(9) International Conflict & Warfare
April 14, 2014

Required

North, Robert C. 1990. *War, Peace, Survival: Global Politics and Conceptual Synthesis*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. Chapter 7

Choucri, Nazli, 2012. *Cyberpolitics in International Relations*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, Chapter 6.

Choucri, Nazli, Robert C. North, and Susumu Yamakage. 1992. *The Challenge of Japan Before World War II and After*. New York: Routledge. Parts I and IV.

Levy, J.S. 1989. "The Causes of War: A Review of Theories and Evidence." In P.E. Tetlock, J.L. Husbands, R. Jervis, P.C. Stern, and C. Tilly, eds., *Behavior, Society, and Nuclear War, Vol. 1*, New York: Oxford University Press.

Mueller, Milton L. *Networks and States*, 2010. Cambridge, MA.: MIT Press, Chapter 8.

Recommended

Mingst, Karen and Jack Snyder, eds. 2004. *Essential Readings in World Politics*. Second Edition. NY: W.W. Norton & Co. pp. 142-148.

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(10) International Collaboration – 21st Century
April 28, 2014

Required

Choucri, Nazli, 2012. *Cyberpolitics in International Relations*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, Chapter 9

March, James G. and Johan P. Olsen. 1999. "The Institutional Dynamics of International Political Orders". In Katzenstein, Peter J., Robert O. Keohane, and Stephen D. Krasner, eds., 1999, *Exploration and Contestation in the Study of World Politics*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press, pp. 303-329.

Waltz, Kenneth N. 1979. *Theory of International Politics*. Reading, Mass. Addison-Wesley, Chapter 9.

North, Robert C. 1990. *War, Peace, Survival: Global Politics and Conceptual Synthesis*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. Chapter 9

Mueller, Milton L. *Networks and States*, 2010. Cambridge, MA.: MIT Press, Chapters 1 and 10

Recommended

Choucri, Nazli and Robert C. North. 1995. "Global Accord: Imperatives for the Twenty-First Century." In Nazli Choucri, ed., *Global Accord: Environmental Challenges and International Responses*, Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, pp. 477-507.

North, Douglass C. 1990. "Institutions and a Transaction-Cost Theory of Exchange." In James E. Alt and Kenneth A. Shepsle, eds., *Perspectives on Positive Political Economy*, New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 182-194.

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(11) Contending Authority - Principles & Practice
May 5, 2014

Required

Cowey, Peter and Milton Mueller. 2009. "Delegation, Networks and Internet Governance", in Miles Kahler ed. *Networked Politics: Agency, Power and Government*, Ithaca: CORnell University Press, Chapter 9.

Choucri, Nazli, 2012. *Cyberpolitics in International Relations*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, Chapter 8.

Caral, J., 2004. "Lessons from ICANN: Is self---regulation of the Internet fundamentally flawed?" *International Journal of Law and Information Technology*. Vol. 12 (1) 1-31.

Hall, R.B. and T. J., Biersteker. 2003. "The Emergence of Private Authority in Global Governance." In Hall, R.B. and T. J., Biersteker (eds.), *The Emergence of Private Authority in Global Governance*. Cambridge University Press, Chapter 1.

Mueller, Milton, and Mawaki Chango. 2008. "Disrupting Global Governance: The Internet Whois Service, ICANN, and Privacy." *Journal of Information Technology and Politics* 5(3): 303---325.

Recommended

Kratochwil, Friedrich and Edward D. Mansfield, eds. 1994. *International Organization: A Reader*, New York: HarperCollins College Publishers, pp. 328-343

Ostrom, Elinor. 1995. "New Horizons in Institutional Analysis. *American Political Science Review* 89(1):174-178.

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(12) Alternative Futures: 21 Century Challenges
May 12, 2014

Required

Choucri, Nazli, 2012. *Cyberpolitics in International Relations*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, Chapter 10

Joseph S. Nye. *The Future of Power* New York: Public Affairs. 2011. Chapter 6

Braman, Sandra. 2006. *Change of State*. Cambridge, Mass: The MIT Press, Chapter 3

Haas, Peter M. with Jan Sundgren. 1995. "Evolving International Environmental Law: Changing Practices of National Sovereignty." In Nazli Choucri, ed., *Global Accord: Environmental Challenges and International Responses*, Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, pp. 401-429.

Choucri, Nazli and Robert C. North. 1995. "Global Accord: Imperatives for the 21st Century." In Nazli Choucri, ed., *Global Accord: Environmental Challenges and International Responses*, Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, pp. 477-508

Recommended

Modelski, George (1996) "Evolutionary Paradigm for Global Politics", *International Studies Quarterly*.