

Global Governance and International Regime

全球治理與國際建制

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The international organizations are the core of the global governance and the approach to create the international regime. The primary goal of this course is to provide a broad understanding of the role and activities of international organizations within the modern international system. The practical aims are first, preparing students being able to work in or with international organizations and second generating the ideas of how Taiwan could promote its actual merits and survival rights through participation in international institutions and organizations.

The first step in understanding international organizations (IOs) will involve a brief analysis of the theory and practice behind their establishment and operation. Realism, liberal thoughts, critical tradition and theories in public management would be involved in order to set up a solid foundation for fact-searching.

In the second section of this course the relationships between states, inter-governmental, and non-governmental organizations will be explored in order to assess their relative importance and impact as instruments of international policy. By analyzing 12 different international organizations/institutions including the United Nations, students will be familiar with the necessity, effectiveness, problems and prospects of current IOs.

In the third part we will study IOs through understanding the major policy areas that they operate within. International Security, International Economics, Human Rights, and Environmental issues will be examined as well as some grassroots programs in which NGOs played an instrumental role.

Lastly, in attempting to understand the current role of IOs they will be examined in relation to the current Taiwan and China's status with a focus on whether the current system enables or hinders the operations of certain types of IOs? Further, do IOs hamper the activities of Taiwan? Should they? And how could Taiwan adopt IOs as means to regain its actual benefits and survival rights? Should we?

Course Material

1. (Required) Pease, Kelly-Kate S. "International Organizations: Perspective on Governance in the Twenty-First Century" New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2011
2. (Required) Lecture notes will be available for enrolled students in the E-Learning Forum.
3. (Required) Series of in-class and on-line handout articles during the semester.
4. (Recommended) Karns, Margaret P., Karen A. Mingst "International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance" Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2004
5. (Recommended) Bennett, A. Leroy "International Organizations: Principles and Issues" Englewood Cliffs: Prentice Hall, 1991
6. (Recommended) Diehl, Paul F. eds. "The Politics of Global Governance: International Organizations in and Independent World" Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2005

7. (Recommended) Ziring, Lawrence, Robert E. Riggs, and Jack C. Plano “The United Nations: International Organization and World Politics” Belmont: Thomson Wadsworth, 2005.

Course Grading

Your grade for this class will be based on the following assignments.

Attendance and Participation	20%
Mid-term Examination	30%
Final Examination	50%

1. Class attendance and participation (20%). The attendance is mandatory. You should complete the reading assignment before the class, and arrive prepared to discuss it. The instructor will check the attendance and evaluate students’ performance in every class. Also, attendance is not only about being there but the quality of being there matters. Coming to the class late, leaving early, come-and-go during the class, chatting, napping, eating, daydreaming and etc will seriously damage your final grade.

2. Mid-term examination (30%). The mid-term examination will be given in class. It will cover all of the readings and lectures through that date.

3. Final examination (50%). The final examination will be given in class. It will cover all of the readings and lectures through that date.

General Course Policy

1. The aim of this course is to help students being familiar with basic concepts of international organization instead of giving students hard time catching up with plenty readings and assignments. A handout or a session indicating how to prepare will be given one week before every exams and papers.

2. Cheating and Plagiarism. It is every student's responsibility to become familiar with the standards of academic integrity. Students caught submitting work that is not their own, or attempting to cheat on an exam, will be handed over to the administration for disciplinary action.

3. Makeup exams will not be given without a formal document submitted personally to me. Also, student must follow the same rule to deal with your absence, late papers or missed quizzes, if any.

4. Grade appeals must be made in writing. If you are unsatisfied with the grade you received on an assignment or exam, you may write a memorandum explaining your concerns and requesting that your grade be changed. You should submit it along with the graded assignment or exam to me and I will discuss it with you.

5. Study Groups and Team Presentation: We strongly encourage students to form study groups. This is a good way to compare notes and exchange ideas on central themes. In a world where vast amounts of information are transferred electronically with such ease, the personal exchange of ideas and the face-to-face intellectual interaction are becoming rare. The department provides the perfect realm for these exchanges. In addition to the social benefits of these interactions, research has shown that forming study

groups and making friends in class are two of the best predictors of good final grades for the course.

6. Class Order: The class atmosphere created by the instructor and students can be relaxing while constructive to the learning process and achievement. However, the class order must be maintained in order to assure the basic rights of students who care and instructor who made efforts to teach. I will enforce a minimum class order and this order includes not being late for the class more than 10 minutes, no chat or discussion without the consent of the instructor, and others.

Course Schedule

Week 1: Introduction of International Institution and Organization. Basic Ideas 、 Globalization 、 New World System 、 Diplomatic Struggle of Taiwan 、 Listing Classes Intro.

Week 2: Methodological Issues in the Field of International Organization: Theory, method, approach, science, social science, our mind, understanding and soul.

Week 3: State and its History: State as a modern phenomenon, its function, source, reason, cause, struggle, dominance, competitors and future. Why the world evolve as it is? How should we deal with the State system?

Week 4: Realism: The dominating theoretical paradigm in the field. Believe or not, we are realists. Classical and neo realism are evolved through crucial historical incidents. This lecture will cover a brief discussion of World War I and II. Reading : Pease, Ch 1, 2

Week 5: Liberalism: Are they nicer, kinder, optimistic, or naïve, innocent, stupid, “unrealistic”? Why is the liberalism so popular nowadays? Introduce the history of the bright theory and attitude toward human and the progress? Reading : Pease, Ch 3

Week 6: Marxism Perspective: The “third” way to understand the world politics and the history of human evolution. From social observation and theoretical experiment, to the urban revolution era, to drastic overturn of political order, and to the intellectual revolt. Reading : Pease, Ch 4

Week 7: Consensus and Establishment – Global Scale Organization: UN-1. Reading: Karns & Mingst Ch 4

Week 8: Consensus and Establishment – Global Scale Organization: UN-2. Reading: Karns & Mingst Ch 4

Week 9: Midterm Examination

Week 10: Changing Nation State System – NGO, Multinationals, Religions, ICBL, CITI Group, Roman Church. Reading: Handout, Bennett Ch 11

Week 11: Law and Order Under the Anarchy – International Law and Treaty. ICJ, Shanghai 6. Reading : Handout, Bennett Ch 8

Week 12: How to pursue world peace? Security system and international negotiation
Iraq 、 Somalia 、 Kosovo. Reading: Pease, Ch 5, 6

Week 13: Alliance and Regional Governance—Regional International Organizations
EU 、 APEC 、 ASEAN. Reading: Karns & Mingst Ch 5

Week 14: How to gain prosperity and growth? International politics of money, GATT,
IMF, OPEC. Reading : Pease, Ch 7

Week 15: How to fight poverty? Problem of LDCs and South North Gap, World Bank,
G77, G7. Reading : Pease, Ch 8

Week 16: How to promote universal living standard. Social, cultural and humanity issues,
UNICEF, Amnesty International, ILO. Reading : Pease, Ch 10. How to save the earth?
International environmental protection movements. IWC, Stockholm Conference, Kyoto
Protocol. Reading : Pease, Ch 9

Week 17: Cross-Strait Relations and International Circumstances, Legal Status of
Taiwan, US China Taiwan Triangle, Politics in Taipei, Taiwan's Diplomatic Attempts.
WTO, WHO, Allies and UN. Reading: Pease, Ch 10

Week 18: Final Examination