

POLITICS 65: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ
Social Sciences 2 Rm 167, Tu & Th 9.00 – 12.30pm

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Overview: This course introduces students to the study of international relations as a discipline and as a way of thinking and knowing about the world. We will take a thematic approach to engage with key concepts that are relevant to the study of international relations today, looking at issues such as: economy, security, violence and empire. In doing so we will survey the various theories of international relations and think critically about what these perspectives offer us in the contemporary political moment.

Required Texts:

An Introduction to International Relations Theory: Perspectives & Themes (3rd edition) by Jill Steans, Lloyd Pettiford, Thomas Diez and Imad El-Anis, (New York: Routledge, 2010).

All other readings are available on Ecommons.

Course Assignments:

Mid-term paper (4 – 5 pages)	35%
Final exam	40%
Participation	25%
<i>Optional reading response (2 – 3 pages)</i>	<i>10% of participation grade</i>

Attendance and participation:

I will pass around an attendance sheet at the start of every lecture. Lecture attendance is mandatory and any absence from lecture will negatively affect your participation grade. I expect you to come to class prepared. This means that you should come to class having already read the texts that we will be discussing on any given day. Active listening is part of effective participation, so any cell phones should be turned off during lecture and if you use a laptop for note-taking, please try and resist the temptation of the internet. Asking clarifying questions about lecture is a good way to show that you have been listening actively and that you are engaging with the course.

Disability Accommodations:

If you require special classroom or testing accommodations because of a disability you must submit your Accommodation Authorization Letter from the Disability Resource Center (DRC) to me by the end of the first week of class. The DRC can be reached at (831) 459-2089.

Academic Integrity:

I take the University's academic integrity policies very seriously. Please familiarize yourself with these policies, which can be found on the website:

http://www.ucsc.edu/academics/academic_integrity/undergraduate_students

Any violation of these policies will be handled accordingly.

Course Schedule:

Week 1: What is international relations? A historical and thematic introduction.

Tues 7/28: History of a discipline

An Introduction to International Relations Theory, pp. 1 – 21.

Thurs 7/30: Dominant approaches: realism v. liberalism

An Introduction to International Relations Theory, pp. 23 – 74.

Cynthia Enloe, "Margins, Silences, and Bottom Rungs: How to Overcome the Underestimation of Power in the Study of International Relations," in *The Curious Feminist: Searching for Women in a New Age of Empire*, (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004), pp. 19 – 42.

Week 2: Economy and Security

Tues 8/4: Marxism and International Political Economy

Mary Ann Tétreault & Ronnie D. Lipschutz, "People and Economy" in *Global Politics as if People Mattered*, (Boulder, CO.: Rowman and Littlefield, 2009), pp. 57 – 76.

Fred Halliday, "A Necessary Encounter: Historical Materialism and International Relations" in *Rethinking International Relations* (London: Macmillan, 1994), pp. 47 – 73.

An Introduction to International Relations Theory, "Structuralism," pp. 75 – 102.

Thurs 8/6: Security

Ken Booth, "Security and Emancipation," *Review of International Studies* 1991, 17(4): 313 – 326.

Roland Paris, "Human Security or Hot Air?" *International Security* Fall 2001, 26(2): 87 – 102.

Heidi Hudson, "'Doing' Security As Though Humans Matter: A Feminist Perspective on Gender and the Politics of Human Security," *Security Dialogue* June 2005, 36(2): 155 – 174.

Week 3: Violence

Tues 8/11: Gender and feminism

An Introduction to International Relations Theory, "Feminist perspectives," pp. 155 – 182.

Carol Cohn, "Sex and Death in the Rational World of Defense Intellectuals," *Signs* (Summer 1987), pp. 687 – 718.

Iris Marion Young, "The Logic of Masculinist Protection: Reflections on the Current Security State," *Signs* (Autumn 2003), pp. 1 – 25.

Thurs 8/13: Empire

Sherene Razack, *Dark Threats and White Knights: The Somalia Affair, Peacekeeping and the New Imperialism*, (Buffalo: University of Toronto Press, 2004), excerpts (will be uploaded on ecommons).

Sanjay Seth, "Postcolonial Theory and the Critique of International Relations," *Millennium* 2011, 40: 167 – 183.

Anne-Marie D'Oust, "Circulation of desire: The security governance of the international 'mail-order brides' industry," in Miguel de Larrinaga & Marc G. Doucet, eds., *Security and Global Governmentality: Globalization, governance and the state*, (New York: Routledge, 2010), pp. 113 – 131.

Week 4: Representations – what are we talking about when we talk about states?

Tues 8/18: Constructivism (Midterm paper due at the beginning of class)

An Introduction to International Relations Theory, "Social Constructivism" pp. 183 – 202.

Alexander Wendt, "Constructing International Politics," *International Security* 1995, 20(1): 71–81.

Thurs 8/20: Post-structuralism

An Introduction to International Relations Theory, "Postmodernism" pp. 129 - 154

Jenny Edkins, "Poststructuralism" in Martin Griffiths (ed.), *International Relations Theory in the Twenty First Century: An Introduction*, (New York: Routledge, 2007), pp. 88 – 98.

Cynthia Weber, "Performative States," *Millennium* 1998, 27: 77 – 95.

Week 5: A case study: the Global War on Terror

Tues 8/ 25: War on Terror

Richard Jackson, *Writing the War on Terrorism*, (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2005), pp: 1 – 8, 29 – 58.

The Guardian, "Guantanamo Bay: The Hunger Strikes – video animation", available online at <http://www.theguardian.com/world/video/2013/oct/11/guantanamo-bay-hunger-strikes-video-animation>

Jeremy Scahill, "Epilogue: Perpetual War" from *Dirty Wars: The World is a Battlefield*, (New York: Nation Books, 2013), pp. 513 – 522.

Thurs 8/27: Cumulative final exam.