PSCI 657/GGOV 650: International Organizations and Global Governance

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Course Description: This course is an elective course in the Global Governance program at BSIA and the University of Waterloo Political Science Department. It is also designed to allow graduate students a better understanding of the conceptualization and practice of International Organizations (IO) with special attention to the dynamics of formal and informal institutions. In the first part of the course, we examine some major conceptual debates related to the motivation, formation and effectiveness of International Organizations. In the second part of the course, we apply this knowledge into specific areas of IOs.

Pre-Requisites: This is a course for graduate students only. It is intended for those students specializing in International Relations and Global Governance.

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Texts:
These core works will be supplemented by a wide variety of Readings, mainly from journals. Along with the rest of the Readings they are aimed to help students preparing for CRITICAL REVIEWS and SEMINAR/RESEARCH PAPERS.

The Text is available for purchase at the University of Waterloo bookstore.

**Course Requirements, Expectations, and Standards:**

**Assignments:**

*Assignment #1:*
CRITICAL REVIEW: 20% (with 10% for one page outline and class presentation and 10% for critical review itself) Students will submit a one page OUTLINE (core themes/findings) and CRITICAL REVIEW 4-5 pages (12 font, 1.5 line spacing) on one of the core conceptual chapters in the assigned text. The OUTLINE should be submitted via email to the class by 10 pm the day before the class it is to be presented. The CRITICAL REVIEWS will be handed in a week after the PRESENTATION.

*Assignment #2:*
RESEARCH PAPER: 40% (with 10% for in class presentation and 30% for paper). DUE AS HARD COPY on December 10. Students will prepare one 10-12 pages RESEARCH PAPER for one class in Part II of the course. The RESEARCH PAPER is intended to move students from criticism about other peoples’ work (with arguments about a body of literature/debates) to giving students an opportunity to investigate specific issues related to IOs. The writing assignment should include: a clear statement of and justification for your research question; and the research paper itself, 8-12 pages in length (12 font, 1.5 line spacing). The RESEARCH PAPER WILL USE AS A STARTING POINT ONLY ONE OF THE ISSUE-SPECIFIC CHAPTERS.

PARTICIPATION: 20%. PARTICIPATION in this course will be expected to achieve a number of objectives: comprehend readings that discuss the theory, development, roles and functions that international organizations play in the world; and participate regularly in seminar discussions, where quality participation is more highly valued than quantity participation. Students should attend class particularly when their peers present their RESEARCH PAPERS. While one class can be missed, after that marks for participation will be deducted.

**Tests & Examinations:**
**Test #1:**

TEST: 20%. TEST questions will be handed out in the week of October 17 to be submitted between October 31 and November 7. The TEST will be done as a take-home (with NO class on October 24) instead of an in-class test. Students will answer two questions, each worth 10%.

**Schedule:**

**Week 1– September 12: An Introduction to the course**

- Surveying the contours and trajectories of International Organizations
- The shift to altered forms of multilateralism – but more plurilateral, self-selective, and informal
- A crisis of traditional multilateralism – in the context of the Global Financial Crisis?
- Connections (and disconnections) with the advance of global governance
- A crisis of both global governance and diplomacy, with a return to national self-help

**Reading 1:** Weiss and Wilkinson – Introduction and ch 2 (Murphy)

*Other Readings of interest as an introduction to IO*


Patrick, Messy Multilateralism <http://valdaiclub.com/files/11399/>


Caution about over-reaction to the Trump agenda <http://opiniojuris.org/2017/02/01/why-you-shouldnt-panic-over-president-trumps-draft-executive-orders-on-funding-for-international-organizations-and-multilateral-treaties/>

Week 2– September 19

**Big picture perspectives, provoking debate, organizing material**

Out of step with changes on the ground, with support for formal organizations based on legitimacy but with an efficiency gap filled in part by informal organizations

**Reading 1**: Weiss and Wilkinson – Ch 2 (Ku), ch 3 (Barnett and Duvall), ch 4 (Held), ch 5 (Sell)

**Shifts in global summitry**


**Reading 7**: Felicity Vabulas and Duncan Snidal, “Organization without delegation: Informal intergovernmental organizations (IIGOs) and the spectrum of intergovernmental arrangements,” Review of International Organizations, 8, 2 2013 < http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11558-012-9161-x>

**Reading 8**: personal big power diplomacy at the G20 https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/jul/18/trump-and-putin-undisclosed-second-meeting-white-house-confirms
Students will also pick the general theme of their Critical Review/Research Presentation/Paper.

Week 3– THE CLASS ON September 26 WILL HAVE TO BE MOVED FORWARD AS INDICATED OR RE-SCHEDULED TO ALLOW ANOTHER WEEK OF CRITICAL REVIEWS IN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10

Week 4– October 3

The Contest over the the primacy of International Organizations
  Are formal or informal organizations the primary choice?
  Are Regional Organizations an improvement, a substitute, or a complement to global institutions?
  Rising Powers and IOs

Reading 1: Weiss and Wilkinson – 16 (Gordenker) 17 (Peterson) 18 (Herz) and 19 (Rosamond)
Reading 2: Weiss and Wilkinson – 20 (Cooper and Thakur) 21 (Taylor) 22 (Knight) and 23 (Breslin and Ren)

Week 5– October 10 (Because of the UW study beak this class may be pushed back to October 12, or an extra class added)

Note: Critical Reviews start– with a critical focus on one of the embedded topics (more than one student can do one topic). These are short presentations no more than 10 minutes with discussion another 15. Up to 5 students can present in a week.

MODE OF OPERATION: Using the chapters in the Weiss and Wilkinson book, evaluating the merits of leading conceptual contenders in examining IOs
  · 1 page on the basic argument of the chapter
  · 1 or 2 pages on the strengths of the chapter
  · 1 or 2 pages on the weaknesses of the chapter
  · 1 or 2 pages EITHER how the conceptual contender stacks up against any other, OR in relation to any other theme we have discussed OR some form of general assessment.
  · no more than 5 pages in total (the outline is a precis of 1 page)
On the continued value and/or flaws of liberal internationalism in studying IOs

Reading 1: Weiss and Wilkinson – 7 (Jönsson) and 8 (Johnson and Heiss)


Reading 6: forum on the future of liberal internationalism https://issforum.org/roundtables/policy/1-6-liberal-internationalism

A critical analysis of the continued value and/or flaws of Realism in studying IOs

Reading 1: Weiss and Wilkinson – 6 (Charette and Sterling-Folker)


Reading 6: Is Trump a Realist http://nationalinterest.org/feature/donald-trump-realist-19810
A critical analysis of the continued value and/or flaws in constructivism/English School studying IOs

**Reading 1**: Weiss and Wilkinson – 10 (Park)
**Reading 6**: Has Trump borrowed from constructivism or critical theory? [https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/17/opinion/has-trump-stolen-philosophys-critical-tools.html]

A critical analysis of alternative conceptualizations of IOs
**Reading 1**: Weiss and Wilkinson – 9 (Tamm and Snidal), 11 (Cox), 12 (Germann), and 13 Zwingel, Prugl, and Caglar), 14 (Brassett) and 15
*Added references can be located if this topic is chosen*

Week 6– October 17

Critical Reviews TBC

Mid Term take home test handed out in the week of October 17 and handed in between October 31 and November 7 (to accommodate students who are presenting Research Papers on November 1).
Week 7– October 24 MID TERM (TAKE HOME NO CLASS)

Week 8— October 31

Note: Student presentations start on the RESEARCH PAPERS. Up to 4 students per week. A 20 minute presentation (with power point/visuals) followed by 20 minutes discussion.

Mode of Operation: This is a more open ended assignment. NO OUTLINE IS NEEDED BEFORE CLASS, but the writing assignment should include: a clear statement of and justification for your research question; and the research paper itself, 8-12 pages in length. Unlike the Critical Review the chapter taken from the assigned text is only the starting point for the assignment with other books/articles used. There is no set number of supplementary materials. However only cite the ones that you use extensively or with specific details.

Topic I: If desired students can explore the themes (informality/the role of emerging powers) of Readings 2 in Week 4:
Weiss and Wilkinson – 20 (Cooper and Thakur) 21 (Taylor) 22 (Knight) and 23 (Breslin and Ren)

Week 9 – November 7. Students can explore the themes of Readings 1 in Week 4: Weiss and Wilkinson – 16 (Gordenker) 17 (Peterson) 18 (Herz) and and 19 (Rosamond)

Topic 2: How effective has the UN or regional organizations been in dealing with the ‘big’ issues – security, counter-terrorism, environment.
See also
http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/12/08/is_the_who_becoming_irrelevant


**Or: Topic 3:** A Critical analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of Universal and/or Regional IOS? Does regionalism strengthen or weaken Universal IOs.


[http://basc.berkeley.edu/pdf/articles/The%20Evolution%20of%20Regionalism%20in%20East%20Asia.pdf]

**Reading 4**: Acharya. 2007. “The Emerging Regional Architecture of World Politics,” World Politics. 59 (July) 629-652. [http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/world_politics/v059/59.4acharya.html](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/world_politics/v059/59.4acharya.html)

**Reading 5**: Regional/UN dynamic on migration  

**Topic 4**: Evaluation of specific regional or inter-regional projects

**Reading 1**: Weiss and Wilkinson – 18 (Herz) and and 19 (Rosamond)

  a.) The Americas


Reading 5: David Harris and Diego Azzi, “ALBA Venezuela’s answer to “free trade”: the Bolivarian alternative for the Americas.” Focus on Global South, Occasional Paper 3. http://www.focusweb.org/node/1087


Regional allies and Venezuela < http://www.reuters.com/article/us-cuba-venezuela-idUSKBN17D0AJ>

b.) Asia-Pacific


http://journals.s1.scholarsportal.info.proxy.lib.uwaterloo.ca/tmp/4786628629930526468.pdf


ASEAN in time of crisis < http://www.reuters.com/article/us-cuba-venezuela-idUSKBN17D0AJ>

Week 10 - November 14

Topic 5: Evaluation of possible trends in IOs from a non-state perspective
Reading 1: Weiss and Wilkinson – chs 25 (Scholte), 24 (May), 26 (Haworth and Hughes) 27 (Sinclair) 28 (McGann) 29 (Moran) 30 (Hoffman) and 31 (Madsen)


Week 11 - November 21

Topic 6: Evaluating the role of IOs in the security/humanitarian arena

Reading 1: Weiss and Wilkinson – Chs 32 (Williams and Bellamy) 33 (MacFarlane) 34 (Sidhu) 35 (Romaniuk) 36 (Forsythe) 37 (Goldstone) 38 (Chesterman) 39 (Weissman) 40 (del Castillo) and 41 (Raymond and Neumeier). Lots of additional literature including notes in the these chapters.

Week 12– November 28

Topic 7: Evaluating the role of IOs in the financial, trade or environmental arena

Reading 1: Weiss and Wilkinson – Chs 42 (Momani), 43 (Hockman), 44 (Marshall) 45 (DeSombre and Li), 46 (Strand) 47 (Hoffmann) 48 (Coate) 49 (Heubaum) 50 (Hulme and Turner) 51 (Clapp) 52 (Harman) 53 (Koser) and 54 (Carr)


Reading 7: Go back to Aseem Prakash and Nives Dolšak, International Organizations and the Crisis of Legitimacy < http://www.globalpolicyjournal.com/blog/12/06/2017/international-organizations-and-crisis-legitimacy>

Note: RESEARCH PAPERS to be handed in December 10.

Late Policy:

Late assignments will be subject to a penalty of 5 points out of a grade of 100 for the first five days (that is to say, until the Monday after the assignment is due), and 5 points per week after that unless an extension has been given on individual medical or compassionate grounds or on a collective basis.