

University of Waterloo Political Science 389: **Global Governance**

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Classroom: OPT 309, Wednesday 1:30 – 4:20.

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The course examines global governance both as an analytical/normative approach and as a functional/issue-oriented/dynamic of practice in world affairs. A dualistic design of this nature allows the course to capture the conceptual aspects of global governance through a focus on the motivations and extension of agency, structures and processes at its core, while also gaining an understanding of the so-called global governance architecture and how this architecture has evolved and become more complex.

The course will also take into account the intellectual and operational backlash ("the crisis in global governance") while judging the claims for the continued relevance of global governance as both a theoretical lens and practical tool.

An appreciation of the totality of global life reinforces the need for taking stock of the central dynamics underpinning governance. Accordingly, a movement away from notions of hierarchy and the exaggerated privileging of the state-system is therefore essential. Though states remain pivotal ingredients of governance, there is a much wider reconstitution of "actorness" taking place in global life.

If exciting and valuable, global governance is also very much a conceptual framework and practice that is abstract, contested, ambiguous. Far from being static it must be flexible enough to understand and explain varying governance structures over time. The broad phases of the evolution of global governance coincide with the Post-World War II era, the post-Cold War era, the post-9/11 era and the Post-Global Financial Crisis (GFC) era. Diffusion of power has meant a shift to network-like/multi-nodal/informal institutional arrangements.

Required Text:

Margaret Karns and Karen Mingst, *International Organizations: The Politics and Process of Global Governance*, Lynne Rienner, 2010.

A number of this course's readings are journal articles that can be accessed via links provided in the outline or via the UW Library website.

Course Requirements:

Two tests – with short identity and give significance questions - 20% each

Paper – 60%- The essay assignment of 14-18 pages (12 point font). Topics will be handed out in week 2. This paper will be due in hard copy form (either in class or in departmental mail box) by 4:30 on November 14.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

All students in the program are expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offences, and to take responsibility for their actions. When the commission of an offence is established, disciplinary penalties will be imposed in accord with Policy #71 (Student Academic Discipline). For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students are directed to consult the summary of Policy #71 which is supplied in the Graduate Calendar (on the Web at <http://www.grad.uwaterloo.ca/ACMS/default.aspx?sectionID=5194>). If you need help in learning what constitutes an academic offence; how to avoid offences such as plagiarism, cheating, and double submission; how to follow appropriate rules with respect to —group work|| and collaboration; or if you need clarification of aspects of the discipline policy, ask your course instructor for guidance. Other resources regarding the discipline policy are your academic advisor, the Department Chair, and the Graduate Associate Dean.

Students who believe that they have been wrongfully or unjustly penalized have the right to grieve; refer to Policy #70, Student Grievance. (<http://www.grad.uwaterloo.ca/ACMS/default.aspx?sectionID=5194>). See also the following resource: Avoiding Academic Offences. (http://arts.uwaterloo.ca/arts/ugrad/academic_responsibility.html).

Week 1 – September 12 : Introduction to the Course and to Global Governance (GG)

The conceptual and operational motivations for global governance
The rich but ambiguous and contested conceptual meaning of global governance
An overview of agency and architecture of global governance
The multilateral/plurilateral bias of global governance
An overview of the practical constraints on global governance

Karns and Mingst – Ch 1 – pp. 3-34.

Additional Readings:

Klaus Dingwerth and Philipp Pattberg, “Global Governance as a Perspective on World Politics,” *Global Governance* 12 (2006): 185-203.

<<http://search.proquest.com.proxy.lib.uwaterloo.ca/docview/213733905/138B594D7DD36F18605/7?accountid=14906>>

Week 2 – September 19 : Connections and disconnections between GG & IR theory

Is global governance an appendage to IR, or a distinct discipline?

An overview of the theme of complexity in GG – more than international, transnational, interdependence
Fragmentation of global governance architectures
An overview of national/state perspectives on GG

Karns and Mingst – Ch 2 – pp 35-62; Ch 7 – 255-288.

Week 3 – September 26 : The evolution of the G20 as the core or apex of GG

The shift of multilateralism from formal to informal structures
Crises and concerts
The G20 as the new hub of GG?
Bridging the efficiency/legitimacy gaps in GG or creating new gaps?

Andrew F. Cooper, “The G20 as an improvised crisis committee and/or a contested ‘steering committee’ for the world,” *International Affairs*. 86: 3 (2010): 741–757.

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http://www.chathamhouse.org/sites/default/files/public/International%20Affairs/2010/86_3cooper.pdf>

Fen Hampson and Paul Heinbecker, “The “New” Multilateralism of the Twenty-First Century,” *Global Governance*. 17 (2011): 299–310.

<<http://search.proquest.com.proxy.lib.uwaterloo.ca/docview/889143826/138B597989677142902/4?accountid=14906>>

Week 4 – October 3 : The consolidation of plurilateralism via new clubs

The changing role of the global South in GG
Solidarity through the G77 to the special privileging through BRICS
The meaning of the BRICS for GG

Leslie Elliott Armijo, “The BRICS Countires (Brazil, Russia, India, and China) as Analytical Category: Mirage or Insight?” *Asian Perspective*. 31.4 (2007): 7-42.

<<http://www.asianperspective.org/articles/v31n4-a.pdf>>

Michael A Glosny, “China and the BRICs: A Real (but Limited) Partnership in a Unipolar World,” *Polity*. 42 (2010): 100–129.

<<http://web.ebscohost.com.proxy.lib.uwaterloo.ca/ehost/pdfviewer/pdfviewer?vid=3&hid=8&sid=c2e63281-85d3-491c-bbd4-ae6f6f5e2d5f%40sessionmgr15>>

Additional readings for Week 4 and 5:

Karns and Mingst – Ch 9 – 387-446

Jorge G. Castaneda, “Not Ready for Prime Time: Why Including Emerging Powers at the Helm Would Hurt Global Governance,” *Foreign Affairs*. (September/October 2010). <<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/66577/jorge-g-castaneda/not-ready-for-prime-time>>

Week 5 – October 10 : National Perspectives on the G20

How the US/EU relate to the G20
How the BRICS relate to the G20
How middle powers relate to the G20
How the small countries relate to the G20

Stefan A. Schirm, “Global politics are domestic politics: How societal interests and ideas shape ad hoc groupings in the G20 which supersede international alliances,” Paper prepared for *International Studies Association*. (2011). <<http://www.sowi.rub.de/mam/content/lsip/schirmg20isa2011.pdf>>

Andrew F. Cooper, “The G20 and Its Regional Critics: The Search for Inclusion,” *Global Policy*. 2.2 (May 2011). <<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com.proxy.lib.uwaterloo.ca/doi/10.1111/j.1758-5899.2011.00081.x/abstract>>

Reference should also be made back to Karns and Mingst –Ch 7 – 255-288.

Week 6 – October 17 : Clubs and networks in GG

The Changing fortunes of the traditional clubs – the IMF/World Bank/the OECD/The WTO through the lens of the G20
The creation/delegation of new clubs – the Financial Stability Board
Shifting from clubs to networks – the ascendancy of the Gates Foundation

Robert H. Wade, Emerging World Order? From Multipolarity to Multilateralism in the G20, the World Bank, and the IMF,” *Politics & Society* 39(3) 347–378. <<http://journals2.scholarsportal.info.proxy.lib.uwaterloo.ca/tmp/15058528951657939438.pdf>>

Amrita Narlikar and Diana Tussie, *The G20 at the Cancun Ministerial: Developing Countries and their evolving coalitions in the WTO*. <<http://rii.flacso.org.ar/web/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/g20-developing-wto.pdf>>

Week 7 – October 24 : 1st Test

Week 8 – October 31 : The UN - Promise, Problem and Prospects

The underlying strengths of the UN
Mobilization of GG – Global Conferences
The technical capabilities of specialized agencies
The loss of centrality for the UN with respect to the G20/IMF
The shift in celebrity advocacy

Karns and Mingst – Ch 4 – 95-144

Bruce Cronin, “The Two Faces of the United Nations: The Tensions Between Intergovernmentalism and Transnationalism” *Global Governance*, 8.1 (2002).
<<http://www.jstor.org.proxy.lib.uwaterloo.ca/stable/27800327>>

Week 9 – November 7 : Regional Organizations

Regional organizations as a signal for advances in GG
The unevenness of regional projects
The stalling of regional projects
The polarized nature of regional projects

Karns and Mingst – Ch 5 – 145-218

Philomena Murray, “Comparative regional integration in the EU and East Asia: Moving beyond integration snobbery,” *International Politics*. 47.3/4 (32010): 8–323.
<<http://www.palgrave-journals.com.proxy.lib.uwaterloo.ca/ip/journal/v47/n3/pdf/ip201013a.pdf>>

Week 10 – November 14 : The expansion of ‘actorness’ in GG **Paper due – hard copy (either in class or in departmental mail box by 4:30)**

The diverse world of NGOs/civil society
Breaking not bending sovereignty
NGOs in issue-specific context
Cooperation and competition with network/club multilateralism

Karns and Mingst – Ch 5 – 145-218

Jan Aart Scholte, “Civil Society and the Legitimation of Global Governance,” *Journal of Civil Society*. 3.3 (December 2007): 305–326.

<http://journals2.scholarsportal.info.proxy.lib.uwaterloo.ca/tmp/1755613567247936309.pdf>

Week 11 – November 21 : Extending GG to a range of issue-areas

Reinforcing the image of complexity through an issue-specific focus

The ongoing dilemmas of GG – a lack of consensus of meaning and necessity

The significant “mismatch” between pervasiveness of global problems (demand for global governance arrangements) /global governance challenges and the institutional capacities to adequately solve them (under-supply of efficient and effective global governance architectural arrangements)

Karns and Mingst – Ch 8 – 387-446; Ch 10 – 447 – 496; Ch 11 – 497 – 536; Ch 12 – 537-554.

John Gerald Ruggie, “Reconstituting the Global Public Domain — Issues, Actors, and Practices,” *European Journal of International Relations*, 10.4 (2004): 499–531

<http://journals1.scholarsportal.info.proxy.lib.uwaterloo.ca/tmp/12619403660449502801.pdf>

Week 12 – November 28 : 2nd Test