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## **INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

Bachelor of Social Sciences

Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Law

### **Course information**

Bachelor Year 2                      21 HOURS

Spring Semester                      4 ECTS

Lectures (CM)

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### **Course description**

Trump's retreat from multilateral diplomacy, Brexit, and Russia's and China's challenge to the liberal world order have shown us lately the fragility of the international post-World War II international system. At the same time, the increased capacities of non-state actors to impact world politics challenges traditional conceptions of authority and legitimacy in the international political space. While order and authority are put into question, it appears nevertheless that the need for global cooperation has never been greater. The global financial, migration and environmental crises hint at the urgency and necessity of working together on a global scale to manage the most important challenges of our times. But how can the various actors cooperate today and govern the global space? What determines their interests and how can these be coordinated?

During the semester we will try to understand the origin, functioning and influence of international institutions and global governance. We will discuss in what way international institutions have impacted the traditional Westphalian order of world politics. We will analyze why states create and participate in international organizations; in what way intergovernmental organizations impact world affairs; as well as the place, power, and legitimacy of non-state actors in global governance. We will deepen those interrogations by discussing diverse sectors of global governance like global security and justice, human rights, and the environment.

### **Learning Objectives**

This class aims to develop students' understanding of

- key concepts, notions, and theories of international institutions

- changes in power and authority
- functioning of the central structures of global governance
- complexity of formal and informal decision-making
- multiplicity of actors and their means of influence
- challenges in global politics and possibilities of response to them

### Course Prerequisites

None. Everyone is welcome in this class; it is not required to have a profound background knowledge in international relations, but students are expected to read the texts provided for this class to develop their understanding of the role of international institutions in international relations.

### Methods of Instruction

This class is a lecture for large groups. Students are invited to listen to the lecture, take notes, ask questions, and develop their knowledge with additional key readings.

### Assessment and Final grade

Students will have to pass a written exam at the end of the semester which constitutes 100% of their grade. More detailed information will be provided during class.

### Course Schedule

#### I. From the Westphalian System to Global Governance

##### 1. Introduction & Overview

Recommended reading

- Beth A. Simmons & Lisa L. Martin, "International Organizations and Institutions", in Walter Carlsneas, Thomas Risse, Beth Simmons, (eds), *Handbook of International Relations*, Sage, 2001, pp. 192-210.

##### 2. Theoretical approaches to international institutions

Recommended reading

- Susan Park, "International Organizations in World Politics", in John Baylis et al., *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*, 8th edition, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2020, pp. 319-333.

#### II. Actors in Global Governance

##### 3. The UN System

Recommended reading

- Thomas G. Weiss, "How United Nations Ideas Change History", *Review of International Studies*, vol. 36, 2010, pp.3-23.

##### 4. Regional Organizations

Recommended readings

- Kelly-Kate S. Pease, “Regional Security, in *International Organizations: Perspectives on Global Governance*, Sixth edition, New York, Routledge, 2019, pp. 156-172.

#### 5. Non-State Actors

Recommended reading

- Thomas G. Weiss, D. Conor Seyle, Kelsey Coolidge, “The Rise of Non-State Actors in Global Governance. Opportunities and Limitations”, *One Earth Future Discussion Paper*, pp. 1-23, URL: [https://oneearthfuture.org/sites/default/files/documents/publications/GGWEISSFinalR6\\_0.pdf](https://oneearthfuture.org/sites/default/files/documents/publications/GGWEISSFinalR6_0.pdf)

### III. Issues in Global Politics

#### 6. International Security

Recommended reading

- Marrack Goulding, “The Evolution of United Nations Peacekeeping”, *International Affairs*, vol 69, no. 3, 1993, 45-464.

#### 7. International Security & Justice

Recommended reading

- Serge Sur, “The Evolving Legal Aspects of War”, in Yves Boyer and Julian Lindley-French, *The Oxford Handbook of War*, Oxford University Press, pp. 116-131.

#### 8. Human Rights

Recommended readings

- David P. Forsythe, “Introduction: Human Rights in International Relations, in: *Human Rights in International Relations*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2012, pp. 3-37.

#### 9. Environment

Recommended reading

- Frank Biermann, “Global Environmental Governance”, in: Khi V. Thai, Dianne Rahm, Jerrel D. Cogburn, *Handbook of Globalization and the Environment*, New York, CRC Press, pp. 137-154.

### IV. Global governance and its critics

#### 10. & 11. Conclusion: Legitimacy and efficiency of international institutions

Recommended readings

- John Ikenberry, “The Future of the Liberal World Order: Internationalism After America”, *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 90, no. 3, 2011, pp. 56-62, 63-68.

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