

PS 123B: International Organizations
Course Syllabus
Spring 2015

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TR 9:30AM-10:45AM
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will provide an overview of both the theory and functioning of international organizations in promoting international cooperation. This is an upper-level course and is designed for juniors and seniors who have already taken introductory courses in international relations.

ASSIGNMENTS and GRADING

Your grade in this course is based on the following:

Participation: 15%

Attendance at lectures, active participation in discussion sections, and demonstrated preparation and understanding of readings.

Weekly quizzes: 15%

Short quizzes will be administered each week in section. These will consist of simple questions on the week's readings. The two lowest quiz grades will be automatically dropped. Make-up quizzes are not permitted: students who do not attend the section or lecture in which the quiz is administered will be given an automatic zero grade for that week's quiz.

Midterm exam (Apr 30 in lecture): 30%

Final exam (June 9 @ 3:00—6:00pm): 40%

There will be no make-up exams. If you miss an exam, you will receive a grade of zero. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

TEXTS

Required texts:

Johns, Leslie. (2015) *Strengthening International Courts: The Hidden Costs of Legalization*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Vreeland, James. (2008) *The International Monetary Fund: Politics of Conditional Lending*. New York: Routledge.

For the Vreeland book, you should find a copy of the 1st edition, which was published in 2006—2008. A new 2nd edition will be available next fall. We obviously will not be using the new 2nd edition because it is not yet available. If you purchase your books from Amazon, be sure that you are buying a copy of the 1st edition, and not pre-ordering a copy of the 2nd edition.

Other required readings:

These will be made available on the course web-site:
<https://moodle2.sscnet.ucla.edu/course/view/15S-POLSCI123B-1>

TOPICS AND READINGS

Part I: Conceptual Issues in International Cooperation

Week 1: The Need for International Institutions (Mar 31 & Apr 2)

Lecture: Abbott, Kenneth W., and Duncan Snidal. (1998) “Why States Act Through Formal International Organizations.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 42 (1): 3-32. – Read pages 3—5 and 9—23 only.

Section: No discussion materials. Sections will be administrative.

Week 2: Reputation and Cooperation (Apr 7 & 9)

Lecture: McGillivray, Fiona, and Alastair Smith. (2000) "Trust and Cooperation through Agent Specific Punishments." *International Organization*. 54(4): 809—824.

News articles: see class website.

Milgrom, Paul R., Douglass C. North, and Barry R. Weingast. (1990) "The Role of Institutions in the Revival of Trade: The Law Merchant, Private Judges, and the Champagne Fairs." *Economics and Politics*. 2 (1): 1—23. – EDITED, see PDF on class website

Section: Downs, George W., and Michael A. Jones. (2002) "Reputation, Compliance, and International Law." *Journal of Legal Studies*. 31: S98—S114.

Quiz #1

Week 3: Compliance (Apr 14 & 16)

Lecture: Simmons, Beth A. (1998) "Compliance with International Agreements." *Annual Review of Political Science*. 1: 75—93.

Chayes, Abram and Antonia Handler Chayes. (1993) "On Compliance." *International Organization*. 47: 175—205.

Downs, George W., David M. Rocke, and Peter N. Barsoom. (1996) "Is the Good News About Compliance Good News About Cooperation?" *International Organization*. 50 (3): 379-406. – Read pages 379—384 and 387—392 only.

Section: Dai, Xinyuan. (2005) "Why Comply? The Domestic Constituency Mechanism." *International Organization*. 59 (Spring): 363-398. – Read pages 363—366 and 374—389 only.

Quiz #2

Week 4: Multilateralism, Bargaining, and Enforcement (Apr 21 & 23)

Lecture: Gilligan, Michael J. (2004) "Is There a Broader-Deeper Trade-off in International Multilateral Agreements?" *International Organization*. 58 (Summer): 459-484. – Read pages 459—461 and 475—477 only.

Blaydes, Lisa. (2004) “Rewarding Impatience: A Bargaining and Enforcement Model of OPEC.” *International Organization*. 58 (Spring): 213-237. – Read pages 215—218 only for lecture.

News articles: see class website.

Section: Blaydes (2004) – Read pages 213—215 and 218—222. Skim pages 228—236.

Quiz #3

Week 5: Review Session (Apr 28) / Midterm Exam (Apr 30)

Lecture: Review session

Week 5, Thursday: Midterm Exam (Apr 30)

Section: No section meetings. TAs will hold extra office hours early in the week for midterm prep.

Part II: The Impact and Functioning of International Organizations

Week 6: GATT/WTO (May 5 & 7)

Lecture: Van den Bossche, Peter. *The Law and Policy of the World Trade Organization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- WTO law and principles: section 1.3 (pages 35—44)
- WTO dispute settlement: sections 3.1-3.2 (pages 173—182)
- General exceptions: sections 7.1-7.2 (pages 596—624)

Pelc, Krzysztof J. (2009) “Seeking Escape: The Use of Escape Clauses in International Trade Agreements.” *International Studies Quarterly*. 53: 349—368.

Section: Goldstein, Judith, Doug Rivers, and Michael Tomz. (2007) “Institutions in International Relations: Understanding the Effects of the GATT and the WTO on World Trade.” *International Organization*. 61: 37—67. --- Read pages 37—47 and 63—64 only.

Quiz #4

Week 7: UN Security Council (May 12 & 14)

Lecture: Thompson, Alexander. (2006) "Coercion Through IOs: The Security Council and the Logic of Information Transmission." *International Organization*. 60 (Winter): 1—34. --- Read pages 1—4 and 6—26 only.

Johns, Leslie. (2007) "A Servant of Two Masters: Communication and the Selection of International Bureaucrats." *International Organization*. 61: 245—275. --- Read pages 245—248 and 261—271 only.

News articles: see class website.

Section: Hurd, Ian. (2005) "The Strategic Use of Liberal Internationalism: Libya and the UN Sanctions, 1992—2003." *International Organization*. 59: 495—526.

Quiz #5

Week 8: IMF (May 19 & 21)

Lecture: "Backgrounder: The International Monetary Fund" Council on Foreign Relations, Oct. 9, 2013

Vreeland (2008)

- Chapter 1: pages 5—11 and 20—25
- Chapter 2: all
- Chapter 3: pages 50—67
- Chapter 4: pages 73—74 and 84—94

News articles: see class website.

Section: Materials on the Greek debt crisis:
- "Backgrounder: The Eurozone in Crisis" Council on Foreign Relations, Feb. 11, 2015
- "Backgrounder: The Role of the European Central Bank" Council on Foreign Relations, Sept. 12, 2012
- More news articles: TBD. See class website.

Quiz #6

Week 9: Peacekeeping & Election observation (May 26 & 28)

Lecture: Fortna, Virginia Page. (2004) “Does Peacekeeping Keep Peace? International Intervention and the Duration of Peace after Civil War.” *International Studies Quarterly* 48(2): 269—292.

Fortna, Virginia Page. (2004) “Interstate Peacekeeping: Causal Mechanisms and Empirical Effects.” *World Politics* 56(4): 481—519.

Hyde, Susan D. (2011) “Catch Us if You Can: Election Monitoring and International Norm Creation.” *American Journal of Political Science* 55 (2): 356—369.

News articles: see class website.

Section: Simpsen, Alberto, and Daniela Donno. (2012) “Can International Election Monitoring Harm Governance?” *Journal of Politics* 74(2): 501—513.

Quiz #7

Week 10: Legalization (Jun 2 & 4)

Lecture: Johns (2015)
- Chapter 1: pages 1—7
- Chapter 2: all
- Chapter 3: all

Section: Johns (2015)
- Chapter 4: all

Quiz #8

Final Exam on Tuesday, June 9, 3:00—6:00pm